

Michael John Laabs

Michael John Laabs, age 47, passed away Sunday, July 1, 2000, from a fall while climbing McDonald Peak in the Mission Mountains. He was born October 13, 1952, in San Bernardino, California to Jack and Connie (Snippen) Laabs.

Michael attended grade, junior, and Catholic high schools in Great Falls. He also graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in Philosophy. Michael married Debbie Hermanson on June 2, 1974; or as he recalls: "it was the year of the 1974 Chevy pickup." They were blessed with three sons: Kelly Montana, Matthew Tanner and Joseph Jennings. Raising this family was a full-time learning experience for all involved. Construction and organizing choose Mike or Mike chose it upon graduating from college. He successfully worked in this field until the time of his death. Michael said he was lucky, but I know that those around him would remark of his integrity, knowledge, capabilities, and many of his clients grew to love him.

The need for Michael to give something back grew and formulated in his assistance in the remodel and expansion of the Samaritan House in Kalispell. He called on clients and friends and was warmed by their generosity. A huge project in itself, it was only a portion of Mike's contribution to

family, friends, and strangers. Constantly active, Michael enjoyed hiking, climbing, skiing, reading and any challenges; both mental and physical.

Michael had two beliefs he instilled in his sons: to always try and do the right thing and to leave the world a better place. Memorials and donations made by those wishing to do so, if done with either of these principles in mind, would certainly extend Michael's goals during his life. He would blush, make a joke, and his heart would be warmed.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, John "Jack" Laabs. He is survived by his wife, Debbie of Bigfork; three sons: Kelly Montana, Matthew Tanner, and Joseph Jennings; his mother, Connie Laabs of Great Falls; two brothers: Pat Laabs and wife Tracie of Great Falls, and Bobby Laabs and wife Mary of Raleigh, North Carolina; one sister, Mary Kaye Laabs Johnson and husband Tom of Sandy, Utah; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, July 6, at 3 p.m. at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork with Father Richard Sodja as Celebrant. There was a Wake Service at St. Catherine's on Wednesday, July 5, at 7 p.m. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Samaritan House, P.O. Box 592, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Alice C. Labombard, 76

Alice C. Labombard, 76, died June 15, 2000, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born Feb. 15, 1924, in Amsterdam, N.Y., to William Nel-

son and Francis Bojnowski Mabee.

No services will be held. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

John 'Jack' LaBonty, 79

John "Jack" LaBonty, 79, passed away Dec. 23, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born June 7, 1921, in Munising, Mich., to Ernest and Stella Brown LaBonty.

His first love was his music. He played the drums in many combos including the "Company Brass," "Big Mountain Dixie Land Band," the "Hungry Four" and the "Bus Foy's Jazz Band," throughout the Flathead Valley. He performed regularly at the Elks Lodge in Kalispell up until two months before he died.

While playing was in his heart, he found himself working for General Sheet Metal for many years. Then in 1966, he went to work for the Flathead County Sheriff's office as a deputy sheriff. He worked his way up through the department until retiring in 1984 as a captain. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran, serving six



years; he served during World War II.

He was a member of the Kalispell Elks Lodge #725 and the V.F.W.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vi LaBonty in 1997, and his parents.

He is survived by sons, John and wife, Sharon LaBonty, of Glasgow, Dennis LaBonty of Logan, Utah; daughter, Linda LaBonty-Snyder and husband David of St. Ignatius; stepdaughter Shirley Miller of Kalispell; sisters, Betty, Dorothy, Dot, Elaine, and Connie; and brother, Bobby; 11 grandchildren, Tom and Suzanna LaBonty of California, Eva LaBonty of Oregon, Andre' and Liz LaBonty of Nebraska, Bruce Miller, Wallis Bianchi, Royce Miller, Lexie Beck, Lee Miller, and Aimee Miller.

Memorial services will be held today at 3 p.m. at the Kalispell Elks Lodge.

Those who wish may make memorial contributions in his name to the charity of their choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Edna LaBrie, 79

Edna LaBrie, 79, of Whitefish, died at her home on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000.

She was born Edna Lorraine Munson in Dodson, on Sept. 25, 1920. She attended college at Northern Montana College.

She married Clarence Joseph LaBrie on Nov. 21, 1940, in Chinook. They moved to Whitefish in 1941, and had four children.

She was active in many volunteer organizations including the North Valley Hospital Guild, Women of the Moose, V.F.W. Auxiliary and St. Charles Parish.

In her earlier years she was an excellent golfer and loved to bowl and participated in several organized leagues. At that time she also enjoyed the outdoors with many hunting, fishing, huckleberry picking and mushroom hunting expeditions.

Her recent enjoyments included visiting her children, socializing with her many close friends in Whitefish, and beating them at cribbage (both the children and friends). She liked traveling and some of her fondest memories were traveling around the United States and Montana with her husband when he was state commander for the V.F.W.

She will be remembered for her wonderful laugh and willingness to help anyone in need.

She is survived by son Ronald and wife, Merrilyn, in Scottsdale, Ariz.; daughters, Carol LaBrie and husband, Roger Edwards, in Gresham, Ore., Kay and husband, Mark Mathews in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Lorrie Woods and husband, John, in Columbia Falls; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Clifford Munson of Dodson, Irvin Munson of Vancouver, Wash., Garfield Munson of Helena, Olan Munson of Spokane; and sisters, Margaret Peterson of Lacey, Wash., Iva Mae Paulson of Kennewick, Wash., and Wilma O'Donnell of Billings.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, in 1994.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A rosary will follow at 7 p.m. A Mass of the Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. Burial will follow at Whitefish Cemetery.

The family asks that contributions may be sent to the Whitefish Historical Society.

Virginia La Dow

Virginia LaDow, 90, a resident of Fredonia, Kan., died Oct. 12, 2000 at Beverly Health and Rehab in Fredonia, Kan.

She was born April 3, 1910, in Fredonia, Kan., to B. E. and Mary I. (Neuman) LaDow. She attended school at the Fredonia Sunshine School, a private school founded by her father "Barney" LaDow. He felt that the old Mound School was structurally unsafe. She attended the Fredonia Junior High School and graduated from Fredonia High School.

She spent many hours serving as her father's chauffeur, as he would never drive. She often told of being the first civilian to drive the west side of the Going-to-the-Sun mountain highway. Mr. Douglas, the construction engineer was living in one of the B. F. LaDow cabins on Lake McDonald while overseeing the road building. He invited B. E. LaDow to drive the road. She was, of course, the driver. At one point she had to drive across two boards which crossed a sheer drop-off, later to be bridged. She refused to drive back and Mr. Douglas had to drive the car down.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant brother; and her devoted brother, Byron E. LaDow Jr.

She is survived by her brother, Jesse A. LaDow and wife, Jean of Kalispell; a nephew, Dave LaDow and wife, Marg of Seattle; nieces, Janet LaDow Payne and husband, Dr. Tom Payne of St. Paul, Minn., Mary Beth LaDow Alpher and her husband, Josh of Winchester, Mass.; Jeanne McCollister Zeliff of Topeka, Kan.; Ruth LaDow McColister and her husband C. D. McCollister of Alpine, Texas; and many grand nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were Oct. 17 at the Fredonia City Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be given to an Animal Humane Society of choice. HH

John Leroy 'Roy' Landon, 76

John Leroy "Roy" Landon, 76, died Sept. 18, 2000, of a rare muscle disease at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 25, 1923, in Wolf Point, to Carol and Meryl Pewonka Landon the oldest of nine children.

He married Verna Norris on Aug. 7, 1946, in Polson. He spent the majority of his working years in the logging business, working for Rex Brown Lumber Co. for 16 years, before starting his own logging company, Landon Logging. He also worked as a long haul truck driver. In his younger years, he worked for the railroad and in the Bremerton shipyards.

He served in World War II for three years, receiving a bronze star medal. Upon returning home from the war, he became an airplane pilot. He was a member of the Eagles for 58 years. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge #1922 in Kalispell for 25 years. He loved music, playing the guitar and accordion, and in his younger years he formed and played in a band. He enjoyed watching football and golf on television and became an avid woodworker in his later years making many toys for his grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents Carol and Meryl Landon; and two sisters, Alyce and Sylvia.

He is now survived by his wife of



54 years, Verna Landon; his six children, Gale Noteboom, John Landon Jr., Doug Landon and his wife Sherri, all of Kalispell, Sheila Thompson and her husband Chuck of Bigfork, Diane Loomis and her husband Dave of Kewaunee, Wis., and Ginger Smith of Missoula; 12 grandchildren, Ellen Koester, Rob Noteboom, Linda Dreier, Dawn Green, Pete Yates, Jackie Smith, Bobby Smith, Patrick Landon, Nathan Landon, Desiree Landon, Jonathan Thompson and Christina Thompson; 10 great-grandchildren, Michael Williams, Timmy Koester, R.J. Boon, Becca and Rylan Dreier, Brooke and Megan Noteboom, Maryah Green, Tess Tucker and Cameron McGillis; his brothers and sisters, Don Landon, Nadine Christie and Grace Watters, all of Kalispell, Frank Landon, Jim Landon and Marvin Landon, all of Oregon; with several nieces and nephews; and an uncle, Jim Pewonka, and his wife, Mary, of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Jack Shannon of Bethany Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens with military honors by the Veterans of the Flathead.

The family suggests memorials be given to Myositis Association, 755 Cantrell Ave. Suite C. Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ann M. Landsberger, 80

Ann M. Landsberger, age 80, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2000, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.

Ann was born April 11, 1920, in Linton, N.D., to Baldasar and Ludgardia Frison. She was raised in Linton, N.D., where she attended and graduated from school.

She married Florian J. Landsberger Feb. 25, 1946. Ann and her husband moved to Condon, Mont., in 1972.

After raising a family of seven, she went to work at the Holland Lake Lodge in the Swan Valley where she finally retired at the age of 74. In 1994 Ann moved to Missoula.

She was preceded in death by her husband Florian. She is

survived by her seven children, Larry Landsberger of Thayne, Wyo., Louise Parr of Hughes Springs, Texas, Les Landsberger of Denver, Colo., LaVonne Goldade of East Missoula, Lyle Landsberger of Moore, Okla., Lynn Farra of Seeley Lake, and Luke Landsberger of Lincoln; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews and a sister, Alice Foskuhl.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2000, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Rev. Patrick Crane as celebrant. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lester Henry Larrivee, 77

Lester Henry Larrivee, 77, died on Dec. 3, 2000, in Homer, Alaska, at the South Peninsula Hospital Long Term Care.

A celebration of eternal life will be held Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Homer Fishing Hole. A reception will follow at the Long Term Care Center at the South Peninsula Hospital. His ashes will be buried with military honors in Montana in June 2001.

He was born on July 23, 1923, in Eureka. He graduated from Hot Springs High School.

He served in the U.S. Air Force as a flight engineer until retiring after 23 years of service. In the Air Force he earned a Purple Heart.

He also worked for Boeing, in ranching and in resort and restaurant management. He moved to Alaska in July 1999 and lived in Homer.

He was a member of the Elks; the VFW where he was also in the honor guard; Eagles; the American Legion; and the Catholic Church.

His interests include fishing, hunting, boating, mechanics, reading and being with people.

His family writes, "Lester loved people and sharing stories of his rodeo and ranching days, fishing and his military career. He was a good father and loved doing activities with his children and grandchildren."

He is survived by his wife Helen Larrivee; his brother Pete Johnson; his sisters, March Tupper and Thelma Kirby; his children, Larry Larrivee, Noel Larrivee, Mike and Diane Larrivee, Joey and Bruce Meyer, Bobbi Larrivee, Dale Bothell and Shirley Tuck; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He loved the fireplace at Long Term Care. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the South Peninsula Hospital Long Term Care, c/o Propane Fuel Fund, 4300 Bartlett St., Homer, AK 99603. The fund was established to keep the flame for all to enjoy.

Arrangements are under the direction of Homer Funeral Home.

Floyd George Larson, 74

Floyd George Larson, 74, former editor of the Daily Inter Lake, died quietly Feb. 4, 2000, in Butte, following a prolonged illness.

He was born March 14, 1925, in Westby, to Scandinavian immigrants Harold and Sigrid Evelyn Larson.

He served as an x-ray technician in Europe during World War II, and after the war, he graduated from The University of Montana with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism.

After working as a reporter for the Ronan Pioneer from 1952 to 1962, he worked as editor of the Daily Inter Lake in Kalispell, from 1962 to 1972. He also worked as a wire editor for the Evening Herald in Manchester, Conn., from 1972 to 1977, and was editor of the

Pullman Herald from 1978 to 1988.

After retiring from the Herald, he served on the Pullman City Council from 1989 until this month. He was an active member of the Republican party for many years and was also a longtime member of the Lions Club.

He could be seen grilling hamburgers every year at the Pullman Fourth of July celebration. He was also active with the Pullman Senior Center.

Above all, he was a caring family man who made everyone who knew him feel welcome and who always had a strong sense of good humor and a positive outlook to life.

His wife Barbara died in 1993.

He is survived by his son Erick Larson of Seattle; nephew Neil Niko-

laisen of Chandler, Ariz.; stepchildren, Susan DeBree of Butte, Bruce Kidder of Carnation, Wash., and Tom Kidder of West Newbury, Vt.; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a grandnephew.

He had a keen sense of civic responsibility, an astute political awareness and a deep devotion to his friends and family. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

A graveside service will be held at the Mountain View Cemetery in Ronan at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, with a reception to follow at the United Methodist Church in Ronan.

Remembrances may be made to the Pullman City Library or to the Lions Club International Foundation.

Eva Sanders Lasater, 96

Eva Sanders Lasater, 96, a very special mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother, was reunited with her beloved husband and four of her five children who passed on before her. She slipped away peacefully on April 14, 2000, surrounded by loving family and friends.

She was born on September 3, 1903 in Quitman, Miss. to John Franklin and Julia Ann Quinnelly Sanders.

She married Forest Theodore Lasater in the Salt Lake Temple on August 13, 1924. They had five children. After 71 years of marriage, her husband passed away on Oct. 2, 1995.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and faithfully served in many callings throughout her

life.

She was devoted to, and lovingly served her family. Her family, friends and neighbors were known to "drop by" at dinner time and enjoy her legendary cooking... and there was always room for one more place around the table. She loved gardening and had a "green thumb," and her family always enjoyed fresh fruits and vegetables. She also was known for her beautiful roses and other flowers.

She shared her love of music, and passed that love, and her musical talents on to her family. Our home was always filled with the joy of music. Eva played the mandolin and guitar, and encouraged her children to play piano and other musical instruments, as well as sing. Some of our most cherished memories were gathering around the piano and

singing as a family. She also enjoyed needlework and other crafts.

She was employed for years at the Hotel Utah.

This elect lady is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Lasater Aldous (widow) Salt Lake City; grandchildren Gary W. Lasater and wife Jan, Jill Lasater Valentine and husband Rick, and Scott J. Lasater and wife Carrie, all of the Denver area, Terry C. Lasater and wife Jolene of Panola, Texas, Shane S. Aldous and wife Sandra, and Bradley L. Aldous, of Salt Lake City; 15 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be today at noon at the Monument Park Third Ward Chapel in Salt Lake City. Interment is at the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Alvera L. Lawrence, 69

Alvera L. Lawrence, 69, of Whitefish, died Friday, July 21, 2000, at the North Valley Extended

Care in Whitefish.

No public services are planned at this time. A memorial service

will take place later in the summer.

Joyce G. Hansen Lauterjung, 59

Joyce G. Hansen Lauterjung, 59, died on Nov. 5, 2000.

She was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on Dec. 4, 1940. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1958. She was married to Jerry Hennessy who died in August 1960.

She most recently lived in Kent, Wash., and moved to Texas to be with her son, Kevin Lauterjung, when she became ill in September of this year.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1960; by her son, Daniel Hennessy and her parents, Carl and Florence Hansen, who owned Flowers by Hansen until retiring in December of 1967.

She is survived by three sons,

Dennis Hennessy of San Diego, Kevin Lauterjung of San Antonio, and Mark Lauterjung of Toledo, Ohio; her two sisters, Lona Hansen Dougan of Potsdam, N.Y., and Mary Hansen VanWechel of Chattaroy, Wash.; two granddaughters, two grandsons and four stepgrandsons, seven nieces, three nephews, numerous great-nephews and nieces and one great-great-nephew.

"We all loved her deeply and will miss her very much."

A memorial service was held in San Antonio, Texas. A memorial service will be held for family and friends at Conrad Memorial Cemetery at the graveside of her parents in the summer of 2001.

Mikail Lazar, 72

Mikail Lazar, 72, a Whitefish resident, died at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000, of natural causes.

He was born Aug. 10, 1927, in Masontown, W.Va., the son of George and Justine Lazar.

He entered the U.S. Navy during World War II and served as a Storekeeper 1st Class from 1945-1949. He married Donna Prichard on Oct. 5, 1946, in Washington, D.C.

He worked as an electrician for Nordeen Electric in Whitefish, and purchased the business in 1971. He owned and operated it as Lazar Elec-

tric until 1983. He then went to work for School District 44 as the maintenance supervisor, and he retired in 1989.

He was a past master of the Whitefish Masonic Lodge, a Whitefish volunteer fireman for 21 years, and a member of the Moose Lodge.

He enjoyed golf, assembling golf clubs, hunting, fishing, woodworking and was a jack of all trades.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Lazar, at the family home in Whitefish; a daughter, Michelle Larson and husband, David, in Kalispell; two brothers, Tom Ross in Massil-

lon, Ohio, and Alex Lazar in Norwood, Mass.; a granddaughter, Courtney Larson; three stepgrandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Monday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

The family suggests memorial contributions can be made to either the Whitefish Lake Gold Club Tree Fund or Junior Golf Foundation, Box 666, Whitefish, MT 59937, or to the Whitefish Volunteer Fire Department, Box 1154, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Marilyn "Peety" Lazo, 65, passed away May 8, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Aug. 10, 1934, in Kenton, Mich., to Fred Thomas and Mae Today Mallen. Her father was employed by a government agency in early years and later became a union carpenter. Until the age of 7 she was raised by her father and her grandparents after her mother became ill and unable to care for the children. She grew up and completed her high school education in Michigan.

After graduation, she left for Chicago, where she attended secretarial school. She continued to take classes of many kinds throughout her life and has always achieved good grades. She was an accomplished writer and enjoyed letter writing.

In 1954, she married Reese Dengler. They had one son Reese L. Dengler III, who is now an aerospace engineer at Boeing Aircraft in Kent, Wash. They were divorced in 1963.

Some years later, she married Javier Lazo who was a musician and teacher. They divorced when he took employment in the Canary Islands and she found the living conditions intolerable there.

She worked as a secretary for the major part of her working years. She spent several years in Glacier National Park as secretary to the chief naturalist. She even worked as secretary to former President George Bush on one of his visits to the park. She lived and worked in many states including Illinois, Colorado, Florida, Pennsylvania, California, and the Canary Islands. She was a skilled seamstress who made many of her own clothes. She loved the outdoors and has hiked many of the trails and peaks of Glacier National Park.

She was a former member of the Toastmistress Club. She was raised in the Catholic faith, but also studied Zen Buddhism, and spent a month-long retreat at a monastery in California.

She is survived by her son, Reese Dengler of Kent, Wash.; two sisters, Jean Alanen of Crystal Falls, Mich., and Eileen Zomparelli of La Mesa, Calif.; long-time friend and partner, Gordon Pouliot of West Glacier; and Marge Fisher, also a long-time friend of Whitefish.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Chrysta Bourne officiating. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ortiz E. Lean, 75

Ortiz E. Lean, 75, of Kalispell and formerly of Coon Valley, Wis., died unexpectedly on July 4, 2000 while on holiday in Washburn, Wis.

He was born Oct. 31, 1924 to Ole E. and Marie Hegge Lean. He volunteered early and served honorably in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He later studied biology at the University of Montana. He married Eleanor Sue Way on August 1, 1952 in LaCrosse, Wis. Mr. Lean farmed in the Coon Valley, Wis., area for 23 years while raising six children. He also served in the Soil Conservation Service and was very active in bringing to fruition the nation's first watershed project located in the Coon Creek catchment basin of southwestern Wisconsin.

He later resettled outside of Glacier National Park in Kalispell where he was an apartment owner/manager and home remodeling contractor. He was very active and vigorous with his many pursuits through to his last day. He enjoyed many hobbies including fishing, skiing, bicycling, hiking, hunting, gardening, and conversing. He was a good carpenter. He read avidly pursuing his interests in religion, health and psychology. He was a very proud and loving husband, father and grandfather.

His most precious gift was his grandchildren whom he loved dearly. He will be sadly missed by all.

He leaves behind his wife, five daughters, Dr. Holly Henseler, D.V.M. and her husband Gerald of Pahrump, Nev., Peggy Way and her husband Ronald of Coon Valley, Wis., Jackie Kramer and her husband Thomas of Trempealeau, Wis., Sally Sturnvoll and her husband Dean of Oakton, Va., Kari Doerr and husband Thomas of Loveland, Colo., and one son Dr. James Lean, M.D. and his wife Katrine of Washburn, Wis.; 14 grandchildren, Heather Henseler; Jessi and Abbi Way; Krystal and Christopher Kramer; Ryan, Ashley, Brittany, and Haley Sturnvoll; Alex, Justin, and Jeremy Doerr, Haakon and Hans Lean; two sisters, Maxine Rude and husband Leonard Sr., and Freida Gruber and husband Rudolph; and nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Coon Valley Lutheran Church. Rev. Jack Mithelman will officiate with military rites by the Coon Valley American Legion Post 116.

Friends may call at the church on Monday from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service. The Seland Funeral Home of Coon Valley is assisting the family.

Jonathan Scott Leavitt, 37

Jonathan Scott Leavitt, 37, passed away on Saturday, July 29, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on Dec. 22, 1962, in Great Falls, to Jonathan and Irene Roehl Leavitt. He graduated from Haranatha Christian School in Boise, Idaho.

He married Mary C. Castillo on May 29, 1993, at Mountain Fellowship Church in Somers. He loved hunting, hiking, yard work, fishing, traveling, mobile airplanes, recreational vehicles, and listening to music. He worked as a delivery driver for Fun Beverage.

He was a caring and wonderful husband, father, and beloved son, brother and a truly trusting friend.

He was a proud Christian who loved life and fought a difficult battle with cancer, never giving up hope. He always thought of his family needs, and his faith in our lord, gave his family their strength.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ruth and Roswell Leavitt, Sam and Lydia Roehl and his stepfather Sonny Bruner.

He is survived by his wife Mary C. Leavitt of Kalispell; daughter Autumn N. Leavitt of Kalispell;



mother Irene Bruner of Boise, Idaho; father Jon Leavitt of Kalispell; stepmother Margo Leavitt of Kalispell; sister Linda Ellis and husband, Dennis, of Kalispell; stepsisters, Kelly Morrow and husband, Bob, of Kalispell, Tracy Wilson and husband, David of Seattle; in-laws Mary and Joe Barrantes of San Antonio, Texas; sister-in-law Monique Barrantes of San Antonio, Texas; seven nieces and nephews, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be from noon until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Christian Center Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. John Weaver officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

Suzan Marie Ledbeter, 21

Suzan Marie Ledbeter, 21, of Troy, died Dec. 19, 2000, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident.

She was born Oct. 1, 1979, in Bentonville, Ark., to Mark and Cheryl Callison Gurwell.

She married Robert Ledbeter on May 16, 1998.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Ledbeter; parents including Cheryl and Steve Irgang; fathers and mothers-

in-law including Kurt and Sandra Miller, all of Troy; six brothers including Casey Melcher and Gene Irgang of Troy; and two sisters including Jozett Antolin of Libby.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Troy Christian Fellowship in Troy. Interment will be at the Troy Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Shaylee Anne Ledbeter, 1

Shaylee Anne Ledbeter, 1, of Troy, died with her mother on Dec. 19, 2000, from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident.

She was born Dec. 12, 1999, in Libby, to Robert and Suzan Gurwell Ledbeter.

Survivors include her father

Robert Ledbeter; her grandparents including Cheryl and Steve Irgang and Kurt and Sandra Miller, all of Troy; nine uncles, and five aunts.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. at Troy Christian Fellowship in Troy. Interment will be at the Troy Cemetery.

Clarene O. Ledum, 56

Clarene O. Ledum, 56, formerly of Libby, died on Dec. 9, 2000, at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle.

She was born Feb. 10, 1944, at Williston, N.D., to Carl and Martha Nepstad; she later attended beauty school in Kalispell. She moved to Libby in 1965 to work as a beautician. She married Larry Ledum in August 1966. When in Libby, she was a member of Christ Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her hus-

band; two daughters; two brothers; three half-sisters; her mother-in-law; two grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be Thursday from 1-8 p.m.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Reathel E. Lehl, 77

Reathel E. Lehl, 77, of Polson, died at her home on June 22, 2000.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Dennis Whittekiend and her parents.

She is survived by her four children including Gloria Whittekiend and her husband, Jim, and Richard Lehl and his wife, Roxie, all of Kalispell; two grandchildren; four great-

grandchildren; and four sisters.

A memorial service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

Cremation and arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to the Mission Valley Animal Shelter.

Ilah Lou Leighty, 73

Ilah Lou Leighty, 73, died March 12, 2000, at her home in Troy. She was born in Spokane, Wash., on Sept. 25, 1926, the daughter of Lewis and Emma Butts Smith.

She married Bruce Leighty on Sept. 4, 1944, in Austin, Texas. She lived in the Rexford and Eureka areas during her first few years of marriage and then resided in the Troy area for over 50 years. She had worked for a theater, a candy factory, Sprouse Reitz, and Woolworth's dime store in Spokane. She drove school bus for the Sylvanite Ranger Station in Yaak. She also kept books for Leighty Brothers Logging.

Her hobbies included home decorating, collecting antique bottles, flowers, reading, and doing puzzles. She loved knitting, crocheting, motorbiking, and fishing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a son and a sister.

Survivors include one son, Howard Leighty, and a brother, Leffard Smith, both of Troy; a brother; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be Thursday from 1-8 p.m. Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Church of God in Troy with Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Burial will follow at Troy Cemetery.

2000 Phyllis Caroline Leghorn Lemire, 87

Phyllis Caroline Leghorn Lemire, 87, died of natural causes on Feb. 5, in a Kalispell long-term care facility.

Born on a wheat ranch near Davenport, Wash., on Oct. 26, 1912, she grew up in Yakima, Wash., where she graduated from Davis High School in 1931. She spent the next three years assisting at a local kindergarten.

In 1933, she left home to attend Ellensburg Normal School and graduated in 1936. A three-year certificate was all that was required to teach at that time.

Her first teaching position was in Toppenish, Wash., on the Yakima Indian Reservation, where she taught primary school for six years. During her time there, she adopted and raised a black bear cub which had been orphaned when his mother was killed by a hunter.

In 1942 she moved to Wenatchee, Wash., teaching art in the junior high until the end of the school term in 1944. When World War II broke out, as part of the war effort, she went to work in the B-29 tracing department at the Boeing plant in Seattle.

She married James Leghorn in 1945. They lived in Seattle, Leavenworth, Yakima, and Sunnyside, Wash., until they finally settled in Prosser, Wash., in 1957, where she taught art at Housel Middle School until her retirement in 1975.

She received her fifth year certification and bachelor of arts degree

from Central Washington State College (formerly Ellensburg Normal School) in 1963. Her children were her life's greatest joy and her dear friends were treasures she cherished.

She is best known for her paintings and photography which reflect her profound appreciation and love for the beauty in nature. Appropriately, "Phyllis" means "a green bough." She delighted in puffy white clouds against the blue sky of a sunny day, the surf rolling up on a tide-swept beach, the soft green of spring on the Horse Heaven hills, the grace of a seagull soaring over the water, and delicate pink rosebuds.

She was a collector of driftwood, rocks, shells and other natural objects which she studied with an artist's eye. Throughout her life, she sketched and painted using many different media, but watercolor miniatures became her most satisfying endeavor in later years. She loved to paint old barn scenes and ranch landscapes, seascapes and mountains.

Her paintings have hung in numerous galleries and appeared in many art shows and auctions including the National Western Art Show and Auction in Ellensburg, Wash.; the Oregon Trail National Art Show in Portland; the Penticton Art Show and Auction in British Columbia; and most notably, the C.M. Russell Western Art Show and Auction in Great Falls. Her

work has also been shown in many one-woman shows through the years.

She was a past state president of the National League of American Pen Women, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; the Larson Gallery Guild; and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Prosser.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister, Sue Kirschenmann.

She is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Kuhr and her husband, John, of Kalispell; a son, James Leghorn and his wife, Sheri, of Lynden, Wash.; two grandsons, John Keil and David Keil, both of Seattle; a nephew, Mark Kirschenmann and his wife, Toni, of Yakima; a grandniece, Sydney Kirschenmann, and a grandnephew, Adam Kirschenmann, both of Yakima.

Family graveside services will be held at Tahoma Cemetery in Yakima, Wednesday at 11 a.m. A memorial service will be held at a later time at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Prosser.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 1228 Sheridan Ave., Prosser, WA 99350.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley C. Lennick, 72, of Columbia Falls, died at her home on Aug. 13, 2000.

She was born March 15, 1928, in Hazen, N.D., the daughter of Gus and Olga Buchman Krieger.

She met and later married Art Lennick on Dec. 1, 1944. They farmed in the Glenn Ulin area for 15 years. They moved to the Columbia Falls area in 1957, where her husband worked for the Anaconda Company.

She worked at Todd's Cafe and later for the Columbia Falls School District 6. She then worked at the B&B Grocery for the next 24 years, retiring in 1990.

She will be remembered for her devotion to her family as well as the hundreds of crochet afghans, pot holders and the like that she distributed to her beloved family and friends.



She truly loved the Lord and practicing her devotion to Christianity daily. She was an active member of the Fellowship Alliance Church of Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Art Lennick, and her parents.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Garfield and Mary Lennick of Medford, Ore., Mervel and Verlie Lennick of Cut Bank; Rodney and Renee Lennick of Columbia Falls; daughter and son-in-law Audrey and Larry Larson of Filer, Idaho; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will begin Thursday at the Columbia Mortuary with funeral services to be at the Fellowship Alliance Church of Columbia Falls at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Harley Bennett officiating. Graveside committal will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in her name to the Fellowship Alliance Church of Columbia Falls.

Bess Levensgood, 93, died Friday morning, Feb. 18, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell. She moved to the Flathead in February 1999, to be near her son, Chris Levensgood, and his family.

She was born on Aug. 16, 1906, in Augusta, the second oldest child of Frank and Sadie Welch Payne. When she was a child, the family moved several times. They moved from Augusta to Plains in 1909 by covered wagon, and later lived briefly in Stevensville, Ronan and Roy. She lived in Lewistown from 1916 to 1923, and then moved to Whitehall.

One of her early memories from Plains was the 1910 Wallace Fire in Idaho and western Montana. She said the days remained as dark as night, the chickens on the family ranch would not leave the roost, and the livestock refused to leave the barn.

She graduated from high school in Whitehall in 1925. She married Harold Levensgood on Oct. 4, 1926, in Butte. Harold Levensgood worked on the railroad and they lived in various locations in Montana early in their marriage, including Whitehall and Butte. In 1937 they moved to Anaconda, where Harold worked for the BA&P railroad, and they made their home there.

Bess Levensgood was a devoted wife and mother of three sons. She had a home business for several years, where she developed and marketed her own blend of houseplant soil under the trademarked name, "Flourish." She wrote and published several magazine articles on growing houseplants.

She was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church. She was a charter member and very active in

the Anaconda Saddle Club, where she served as club historian for many years and won several state awards for her Saddle Club scrapbook.

She and her husband were trail riders, which continued until she was nearly 80 years old. She loved horses and trail riding, houseplants and antiques. She enjoyed her family and friends. In later years, she wrote a history of the Payne family and her early years in western Montana.

Memorials can be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 319 Main St., Anaconda, MT 59711.

She is survived by two sons and three daughters-in-law, Rich and Jan Levensgood of Moscow, Idaho, Chris and Arlene Levensgood of Somers, and Lillian "Greg" Levensgood of Kingston, Wash.; 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Muriel Scott of Burley, Idaho, and Dorothy Mears of Redmond, Wash.; a brother, Derald Payne of Redmond, Wash.; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, in 1996, her son Hall in 1988, and three brothers, Eldah, Howard and Bernard.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Anaconda, 11 a.m. Wednesday, with Pastors Paul and Teresa Peterson officiating. Interment will follow in New Hill Cemetery, where she will be buried next to her husband, Harold. Visitations and wake will be held Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at the Anaconda Chapel of KT Riddle Funeral Homes. Additional visitation will be held as the church Wednesday from 10 a.m. until service time.

Services are under the care of the KT Riddle Funeral Homes in Anaconda.

Edward Eugene Lewis, 87

Edward Eugene Lewis, 87, former Bad Rock resident, died Nov. 29, 2000, in Yakima, Wash.

He was born Jan. 23, 1913, in Bad Rock, youngest son of S.W. and Anna Dieken Lewis.

He was married to Martha Taylor on Jan. 10, 1940, in Kalispell.

They resided in Bad Rock until moving to Yakima where he owned, trained and raced

horses in the Montana and Washington circuits.

Survivors include his wife, Martha; a daughter; a son Larry Lewis and wife, Linda, of Kalispell; six grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Marlene and husband, Jay Kilpatrick, of Lakeside; and one brother-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his three sisters and four brothers.

Gilman 'Gil' Lieberg, 83

Gilman "Gil" Lieberg, 83, died on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born June 11, 1916, in Wheelock, N.D., to Alfred and Anna Lieberg.

When he was a young man in Calico Rock, Ark., he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. He moved to Williston, N.D., in January 1944. In May 1944, he went to work for the Great Northern Railway, which later became Burlington Northern.

He married Jean Schneider on Aug. 21, 1944. In 1958, they moved to Havre, where he worked for the railroad until he retired in 1976. They moved to Bigfork after his retirement.

He loved hunting, fishing and bowling.

He will be deeply missed by all his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his

mother and father, four brothers, and five sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jean, in Bigfork; three sons, Richard and his wife, Patty, of Havre, Jerald Lieberg of Friend, Neb., Robert and his wife, Chris, of Burlington, Iowa; one daughter, Mary Louise Frampton of Arden Hills, Minn.; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; one brother, Art, of Larimore, N.D.; and one sister, Beatrice Viall of Ray, N.D.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at Community United Methodist Church of Bigfork, with the Rev. Jan Witman officiating. Cremation will follow the funeral.

The family requests memorials to the Bigfork QRU or a charity of the donor's choice.

Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Harry L. 'Linc' Lincoln, 94

Harry L. "Linc" Lincoln of Helena, died Aug. 31, 2000, at Rocky Mountain Care Center where he had resided since a fall in July.

He was born on July 28, 1906, in a sod house in Gove, Kan., to Thomas and Florence Ball Lincoln. After many moves the family arrived in Kalispell, in 1924, where he finished his education.

He started working in a freight room of Montgomery Ward and came to Helena in 1938 as an assistant manager.

In 1941, he met Cora Mae Murray. They were married in Helena on April 19, 1942. They moved to Butte later that year to manage

Commercial Investment Trust (CIT Corp). They moved to the Phoenix office in 1948, then to Helena. They also lived in Bozeman and Townsend. He was a 50-year member of Mason, Algeria Shrine, Elks and volunteered for Score. He was a lifetime member of Helena Trail Riders. While in Butte at Nine Mile, W.A. Clark's summer home, he helped organize the Butte Saddle Club.

He was preceded in death by his three brothers, Tom, Ray and Bob Lincoln.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Cora Mae; son, Mike and wife, Mary, and three grandchil-

dren, Stephanie, Tyler and Ashley, all of Kalispell; stepdaughter Betty McGreer and family of Portland, Ore.; sister-in-law Dolly Lincoln of Somers; nephews, Bill Lincoln and his wife, Kari, and family of Lakeside, Bob Lincoln, his wife, Tami, and family of Somers; niece, Rae Marie Martinson and her husband, Bill, and family of Spokane; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Sept. 5 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Helena.

Memorials may be sent to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210-2472.

Richard H. 'Dick' Lindsley, 68

Richard H. "Dick" Lindsley, 68, of Columbia Falls, died early Friday morning, Feb. 18, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of heart failure.

He was born Nov. 13, 1931, in Arnegard, N.D., to Ervin and Floy Lindsley.

In the winter of 1951, he moved to Columbia Falls, where he met and married the love of his life Delores "LaVerne" Chapman on July 11, 1953. During the months following he joined the U.S. Army serving from 1953 to 1955, in the Armor Division.

He worked at Arco Aluminum in Columbia Falls, retiring after 38 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and one brother.

A devoted, loving husband and father, he is survived at the family home in Columbia Falls, by his wife LaVerne; his three dedicated daughters, Jacqueline Sharpe of Everett, Wash., Colette McNeil of Whitefish, and Debra Anderson of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren, Josh, Doug, Jeremy, Jeremiah, Nicole, Kaleena and Khara; two sisters, Shirley and Patsy; three brothers, Bob, Ervin and Lyle; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Betty and Leo Smith of Columbia Falls; along with many nieces and nephews, some of to whom he was a father figure.

We will always remember him for his love of life, his great smile and humor. A sports enthusiast, he was



an avid golfer, baseball coach for many years and took special pride in his love of coaching the Bambinos. He loved watching both the Wildcats and Kats sports, especially basketball, attending the boys divisional game the afternoon of his death.

He was also a proud supporting member of the community in many ways; he was an EMT for the Columbia Falls Ambulance Association for many years and an active member of the Columbia Falls Lion's Club for the past three years, currently serving as vice president. He also enjoyed attending the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls.

Leaving his imprint on the hearts of all, he will be sorely missed by those lives were blessed by his touch.

Visitation will begin on Tuesday morning at the Columbia Mortuary. A celebration of his life will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the mortuary followed by graveside committal services at the Woodland Cemetery with the Rev. Ray Davis officiating.

Memorials may be given in Dick's name to: The American Heart Association; the Columbia Falls Lions Club; or to the Columbia Falls High School Booster Club RE: Boys/Girls Basketball.

Frank Alden Littlefield, 60

Frank Alden Littlefield, age 60, passed away May 20, 2000, at his home in Evergreen.

Frank was born March 15, 1940, in Whitefish, Mont., to Frank and Rosie Littlefield. He grew up in Whitefish where he attended the local schools. Frank worked as a carpenter throughout the Flathead Valley, and was an avid hunter, fisherman and camper. His second love to the outdoors was his hobby of woodcrafts.

He is preceded in death by his

parents, a son and daughter, and one brother. He is survived by a son, Dennis Littlefield of Minnesota; sisters, Joyce Carrico and her husband Sam of Kalispell, and Norma Houff and her husband Gary of Hungry Horse, Mont., and numerous nephews and nieces.

Cremation has taken place and a private family service will be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Harold A. Lipp

Harold A. Lipp, died on Oct. 19, 2000, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 24, 1935, the son of Mathais W. and Anne Salle Lipp. He entered the Army in 1958, serving in Alaska. He worked as a farmer, truck driver and in construction. He was a member of VFW and the Teamsters Union.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and one brother-in-law.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law; four sisters; and friend Ed Cabrel of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Strasburg, N.D., with Rev. Leonard Eckroth officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery under the direction of Myers Funeral Home. Military honors were provided by the Strasberg VFW and the Linton American Legion.

Robert 'Bob' Lips, 84

Robert "Bob" Lips, 84, of Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell, passed away on Thursday, May 18, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

He was born on July 31, 1915, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Edward and Anna Lips. He had an older brother and a younger sister.

On April 29, 1939, he married his high school sweetheart Betty Rosser.

In 1977, he retired after a long career as a tow boat captain on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. They moved to Florida and resided there until her death in 1996.

In 1997, he relocated to Kalispell

to be near his daughter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and his brother.

He is survived by his daughter, Judy McBeth and her husband, Mac, of Kila; grandson Michael McBeth of Kila; his granddaughter, Patti Gardner and her husband, Gary; great-grandchildren, Gabriella and Garrett Gardner of Boise, Idaho; his sister; and nieces and nephews.

No memorial services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

Bernice Ann Loehr, 86

Bernice Ann Loehr, 86, died on Nov. 22, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born Aug. 24, 1914, in Carlinville, Ill., to Brunk and Marie Astroth Goesmann.

Survivors include a daughter, Judith Larson of Kalispell;

a son, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for Nov. 29, 2000, at 10:30 a.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Marschell Marie Logan, 61

Marschell Marie Logan, age 61, died Saturday, June 24, 2000, of renal failure in Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Marschell was born Nov. 16, 1938, in Kalispell, to Morgan and Alene Gilbert Stotts. She graduated from high school in Kalispell, and lived in Chariton, Iowa, 17 years, where she worked as a certified nurse assistant. Marschell was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She married Charles Logan on June 4, 1960, in Prairie City, Iowa.

She is survived by her husband,

Charles Logan, of Chariton; her parents, Morgan and Alene Gilbert Stotts of Kalispell; her son and daughter-in-law, Fredrick Charles and Lisa Logan of Chariton; two grandchildren; and three brothers, Michael Stotts and Richard Stotts, both of Kalispell, and James Stotts of Las Vegas.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 29, in Walters-Coburn Funeral Home in Colfax, Iowa, with the Rev. David McNeeley officiating. Her remains are being cremated. The Walters-Coburn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Pauline Ellen Long, 70

Pauline Ellen Long, 70, passed away on Nov. 17, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Feb. 21, 1930, in Bozeman, the daughter of Henry and Minnie Adams Parsons.

She moved to Kalispell in 1982 to be with her children. She loved the outdoors, especially fishing and gardening, however, she loved her family the most.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a daughter, Fay.

She is survived by two daughters, Janie Bounting and Sherry Hanson and husband, Rock, all of Kalispell; two sons, Edward and wife, Tracy Long, and James and wife, Lee Johnson, all of Kalispell;

one sister, Mae Donahue and husband, Marvin, of Belgrade; six brothers, Clarence Parsons and wife, Shirley, of Billings, George Parsons and wife, Rusty, of Forsyth, David Parsons and wife, Barbara, of Bozeman, Richard Parsons of Kalispell, Clifford Parsons and wife, Myrtle, of Hermiston, Ore., and John Parsons and wife, Dixie, of Belgrade; 17 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held later in the spring. Cremation has taken place.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Doris C. Loranz, 77

Doris C. Loranz, 77, after a long battle with cancer, went to her Lord on April 4, 2000.

She was born Sept. 18, 1922, at home to William and Clementine Craft, the youngest daughter of eight children, in Starford, Pa. She graduated from Spangler High School in Starford. After graduation she worked various jobs.

She moved to Washington, D.C., and worked for the War Department from 1943 to 1945. In 1945, she met her future husband, Ed Loranz. After the war, when he returned home, she married Edward John Loranz on Feb. 23, 1946.

They made their home in Helena for more than 40 years. In that time, she worked for the Department of Agriculture, the VA hospital at Fort Harrison, and also at Shodair Hospital.

After she and Ed retired, they

moved to Kalispell, until he passed away on Jan. 30, 1987. She moved to Townsend in 1991, and made many close and wonderful friends.

She was a member of Faith Baptist Church; American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 42; and the Order of the Eastern Star, Esther Chapter No. 3.

She lived her life for her husband, Eddy, and for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and her husband, and infant son, Thomas John Loranz.

Survivors include, twin daughters, Patricia Loranz-Bahny of East Helena, and Sandra (Vic) Anderson of West Yellowstone; a son, Charles Edward (Marlie) Loranz of Bozeman; 10 grandchildren, Russell (Leslie) Bahny of Kalispell, Lisa Bahny of Bozeman,

Chris (Sharla) Anderson of Belgrade, Monte (Stacy) Anderson of Townsend, Angie, Danya, and Kristie Loranz of Bozeman, and Bruce, Paul and Mark Johnson of Baldwin, Mo.; great-granddaughters, Kaitlyn Bahny of Kalispell, and Matie and Annie Anderson of Townsend; two sisters, Winifred McHenry of Colver, Pa., and Lois Price of Crofton, Md.; two brothers, Herbert Craft Cordova of Tennessee, and William Craft of Erie, Pa.; numerous nieces and nephews; and a good friend, John Wayne Ben.

Cremation has taken place. Connors Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Connors Funeral Home. Friends and family will gather at the Legion Club in Townsend, after the memorial.

Robert 'Bob' Loween, 65

Robert "Bob" Loween, 65, passed away July 7, 2000, at his home in Kalispell, after a long, brave struggle with cancer.

He was born March 10, 1935, in Hibbing, Minn., to Oscar and Marcella Thompson Loween. He attended schools in Minnesota and also attended the University of Montana.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict from 1952 to 1956. After his returned he married Linda Zimmerman on Oct. 19, 1957, in Seattle.

He worked for the Boeing Company of Seattle in the late 50s and through the 60s. He was involved with several space programs during his employment including the Apollo Project. He also worked as a real estate appraiser in the valley over the past 17 years.

He was preceded in death by his father Oscar and a sister, Jane Ashenbrenner.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; daughter Laura Hay and her husband, Jon; sons, Mark Loween and wife, Tammie, and Michael Loween and wife, Kathy; five grandchildren, Justin, Joshua, and Jeremy Loween and Breanna and Brian Hay, all of Kalispell; his mother, Marcella; sisters, Delores "Dodo" Morton and husband, Willard, of Kalispell, Judy Jorgensen of Medford, Ore.; and numerous uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Kalispell Christian Church, 1075 Foy's Lake Road with the Rev. Lloyd Barrie of the World Wide Church of God



officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Home Options/Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to Wings, c/o Radiation Therapy, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, 310 Sunnyside Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Trevor Lozeau, 51

Trevor D. Lozeau, who found incredible strength through his love and faith in the Lord, was called to be with him on May 13, 2000.

He was born in Missoula on April 6, 1949, to Howard and Claudia Lozeau. He moved with his family to Kalispell in 1951. Lozeau attended schools in Kalispell, graduating with honors from Flathead High School in 1967.

He continued his education at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, where he received a B.A. in mathematics and minor in theology in 1971.

In 1969 he married Linda Morton in Kalispell. They were blessed with two children.

After graduating from college, he began a career with the Social Security Administration, beginning in Billings and then as a manager in the Denver office. The office in Fort Collins, Colo., was the high point of his career.

He was diagnosed with M.S. in May, 1977. He retired with disability from the Missoula office in

1981. In October, 1989, he became a resident of Brendan House, where he resided until the disabling effects of M.S. took him away.

While healthy he was an avid golfer and enthusiastically enjoyed many outdoor activities.

He is survived by his parents, Howard and Claudia, and his brother, Randy, of Kalispell; his sister Valerie, of Tigard, Ore.; his son, Jeff, and daughter-in-law, Nicole, his daughter, Lori, and their mother, Linda, all of Kalispell; his grandchildren Alexi and Paige, nephews Chad, Dale and Jason, and many relatives and close friends.

"Family, relatives and friends, grieve not for me, because now I am finally free."

Memorial services will be held at the Salvation Army Church at 110 Bountiful Drive, near Brendan House, on Tuesday at 4 p.m., with a reception following.

The family requests donations be made in his name to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, P.O. Box 1847, Great Falls, MT 59403-1847.

John S. 'Jack' Loy, 83

John S. "Jack" Loy, 83, died on July 12, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Edmonton, Alberta, on March 25, 1917, to Walter and Lucia Smith Loy. The family moved to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and then to Kalispell in 1928. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1935.

He married Mabel Hanberg in Kalispell in June of 1941. He worked in Columbia Falls at Superior Buildings Company until 1982. At that sawmill he worked at many jobs including machinist and saw filer at which he was highly respected.

He and his wife lived in Columbia Falls until 1982. Then

they retired to Lake Blaine until 1998 when they moved to Kalispell. Over the years, he built four homes for his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is now survived by his wife, Mabel Loy of Kalispell; two sons, Jim Loy of Bozeman, and Dave Loy of Eureka; one brother, Bill Loy of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 827 Ninth Street West in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Jerry Buchanan officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be today from noon to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Kathleen L. 'Kay' Luding, 85

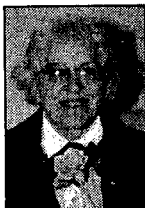
Kathleen L. "Kay" Luding, 85, of Fort Collins, Colo., died July 13, 2000, at Blue Grouse Health Care Center.

Cremation is planned and a memorial service will be held later in Montana. Goes Funeral Care is handling the arrangements.

She was born Nov. 22, 1914, in Whitefish, to Frederick Carl Bangeman and Lucille Prescott Bangeman. She lived most of her life in Whitefish, Martin City, and West Glacier, and moved to live nearer to her daughter in Fort Collins in 1997.

She married B. Ross Luding in 1935 in Whitefish. He died in 1979.

She attended and received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Montana. For 33 summers she managed Sperry Chalet, a back-country hiker's chalet in Glacier National Park in



Montana. She taught home economics and music as well.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and will be best remembered for her self-assured independence and her unconditional love for everyone.

She is survived by her son, Lanny Ross Luding and his wife, Patricia, of West Glacier; one daughter, Barbara and her husband, Gordon Warrington, of Fort Collins, Colo.; four grandchildren, Dianne Luding of West Glacier, and Maria Denton of White Plains, Mo., Michael Warrington of Sherwood, Ore., and Kevin Warrington of Littleton, Colo.; two great-grandchildren, Geneva and Logan Warrington of Sherwood, Ore.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two sisters.

The family requests that any memorial donations be made to the Glacier Fund for the Sperry Chalet in care of Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Dr., St. B, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Roy A. Lund, 85

Roy A. Lund, 85, of Eureka, died April 3, 2000, at Mountain View Manor from natural causes.

He was born Oct. 23, 1914, at Strandquist, Minn., to John and Elida Benjlof Lund.

He married Myrtle Lee on August 28, 1938, in Newfolden, Minn.

They moved from Newfolden to Oregon in 1942, where he worked in logging. He and his wife moved to Troy in 1954, where he owned a logging truck and hauled logs. They

moved to Eureka in 1964 where he continued hauling logs until he retired in 1984.

He was preceded in death by his wife Myrtle in 1999.

He is survived by his four children, including daughter Kathy Snedigar and her husband Roland of Fortine, nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Private family services are planned. Local arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home of Eureka.

William D. "Bill" Lundberg, age 78, passed away on July 6, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

William was born on Aug. 12, 1921, in Billings to Oscar William and Alta Dow Lundberg. He attended grade school and high school in Billings. While attending Montana State College, he entered the service as an infantry platoon leader and company commander in the European Theater of Operations. Bill was awarded the Bronze Star and Silver Star for personal gallantry. He was honorably discharged in 1946, returned to Montana State College and graduated in 1947 with a bachelor's of science degree in industrial engineering.

Bill was employed in the oil industry with an affiliate of Exxon. Later, Bill worked for a Canadian oil firm in Calgary, Alberta. Bill completed his oil industry career as an executive

vice president and chief executive officer of Home Petroleum Corporation of Houston, Texas. Bill spent 26 years in foreign service in the oil industry, retiring after serving a consulting assignment in western Australia for a group of companies. Bill retired to Bigfork, Mont., in 1981.

He was preceded in death by his first wife who dies in August 1992.

He is survived by his present wife, Annette Lundberg of Bigfork, Son Bill Lundberg and wife Patty of Woodland Park, Colo.; daughter, Karen Simmons and husband Gary of Molalla, Ore.; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 10, at Bethany Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Jack Shannon officiating. Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of cremation and arrangements.

Conrad "Con" Frederick Lundgren, 84, passed away May 22, 2000, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 31, 1915, in Bottineau, N.D., to Dan and Marie Rothe Lundgren. He attended Sweetgrass High School and graduated in 1933.

After receiving a bachelor of science in geological engineering from the Montana School of Mines in 1940, he worked briefly in several mines before joining the Army. He served in the Army Air Corps as a captain from 1942 to 1946.

After returning home from the war, he joined his father, two brothers, and a partner to purchase the Belton Mercantile. In 1963, they also purchased the Four Seasons Motor Inn in Kalispell.

He met and married his first wife, Betty Gibb, in West Glacier after moving there in 1946. She passed away in 1951.

He married Jean M. Rutherford (the former Jean McConochie of Lewistown) in May 1955, and became a father to her children, Gail and Robert.

He demonstrated an abiding interest in his community, serving on the District Six school board and the Flathead Electric Co-Op board. He was first the director and later became the chairman of the board of the Flathead Electric Co-Op.

In 1961, he was elected to the Montana House of Representatives. He served six, two-year terms, and was speaker pro-tem for a session.

He also served on the board of Pacific Power and Light from 1964 to 1986 as the only board member from Montana. He was president of the Kalispell Rotary from 1977 to 1978, and a 33-year member of that organization. He was named a

Paul Harris Fellow three times by Rotary. He served on many boards including the Kalispell Regional Hospital from 1973 to 1983; the Kalispell Golf Association; the Montana Taxpayers Association (chairman of the board 1980-1982); Montana Historical Society (governor's council 1989-1993); and the Glacier/Waterton Peace Park Association.

He served with many fraternal organizations including the Elks, Shriners, Masons, and Lions. He was member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

He liked to hunt geese, ski, hike, golf, and numerous other outdoor activities. He was an uncommon, common man.

He is survived by his daughter, Gail Richey of Marina Del Ray, Calif.; his son, Bob Lundgren and his wife, Kathy, of Kalispell; sister, Alida Powers of Beaumont, Texas; three brothers, Dan Lundgren and his wife, Corrine, of Kalispell, Ev Lundgren and his wife, Margaret, of West Glacier, and Chuck Lundgren and his wife, Alice, of Billings; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 1, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Doug Nemitz officiating. A reception will immediately follow the service in the reception hall at the church and all friends are invited to attend. The family will have a private burial. Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 31, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Con be sent to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901 or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Wilbur 'Will' Alonzo Lyford, 72

Wilbur "Will" Alonzo Lyford, 72, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a brief illness.

He was born March 14, 1927, in Kalispell to A.R. "Lon" and Ruth Lyford.

The oldest of four boys, he attended Kalispell schools and then served in the U.S. Navy. In 1948, after a medical discharge from the Navy, he returned to Kalispell.

In the summer of that year, while working as a cab driver, he met his wife of 49 years, Alvena Leubner. She was hired as a dispatcher for the cab company. They married on July 16, 1950.

In their early married life he worked as a telegrapher for Great Northern Railroad, which took him from Havre to Sandpoint, Idaho. He also drove a freight truck out of Portland, Ore., built camper trailers in Hillsboro, Ore., and worked in a cannery in Salem, Ore.

In 1953, they moved back to the Kalispell area and he went to work on the Hungry Horse Dam. He later joined his father in the family plumbing business. He remained a part of Lyford Plumbing and Heating until he and his brothers sold the business in 1989.

In 1991, he began working for Garden City Plumbing and continued until May 1999, when he retired for health reasons.

Among his notable accomplishments in the plumbing business, he was instrumental in the completion of such projects as the Kalispell Regional Hospital, the Immanuel Lutheran Home, First Interstate Bank, the original First Federal Bank, various schools around the state, the Crystal Lakes Golf Resort in Fortine, Kintla Lodge on Big Mountain, and his last job — the Belton Chalet renovation in West Glacier.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother as well as a



loyal friend to many, many people.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1981, and by his mother in 1993.

He is survived by his wife, Alvena; three children, A.J. "Lon" and wife Debbie of Anchorage, Alaska, Cassandra Bowen and husband, Steve, of Kalispell, and Roxanne Mellstead and husband, Brian, of Sandusky, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Ron, Bob and Jerry; and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

He was a true friend to countless many. He could be counted on at any time, to help anyone with anything. Many have said about him, "he's never met a stranger." He has also been described as a man "full of heart."

In the early '60s he was a 4-H leader, teaching young people the finer points of electricity.

He was a past member of the Evergreen Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge and the Odd Fellows, and was a current member of the Moose Lodge.

As a member of the Moose Lodge, he held various offices and most recently served two terms as governor. He also earned one of the highest honors available to Moose members in the Fellowship Degree.

He was multi-talented with many hobbies. In years past he enjoyed fly-tying. He was an avid model railroader; he also enjoyed fishing, boating, camping and was a phenomenal craftsman with wood.

He will be remembered by those who knew and loved him as a man who accepted only one outcome of his efforts — perfection, no matter what the endeavor.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today at Central Christian Church at Second Ave. East and Third St., Kalispell. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Cremation has already taken place.

Memorials may be made to Moose Lodge Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 5286, Kalispell, MT 59903-5286 or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Loretta Fae Buck Lynch, 61

Loretta Fae Buck Lynch, 61, died on July 30, 2000.

She was born in Kalispell, on July 19, 1939, to Howard and Beulah Chapman Buck. She attended schools in Kalispell and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1957.

She married Dennis Lynch in June of 1959.

She was preceded in death by her father, Howard, and her

brother, Howard Jr.

She is survived by her husband; her mother; two sisters; a brother; five children; 10 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial fund has been set up to benefit the Special K Ranch and the American Cancer Society in her name at First Interstate Bank of Billings.