

## Frederick Louis Phiscator, 73

Frederick Louis Phiscator, 73, died Aug. 31, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 4, 1927, in St. Joseph, Mich., to Chester

and Martha Phiscator.

No services are planned here at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Eleanor Plaisted, 77

Eleanor Plaisted, 77, passed away July 31, 2000 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Nov. 11, 1922 in Paxton, Neb., the seventh child of Aaron and Grace Reichman Schrotberger.

She married Roy Thomas Plaisted on Sept. 12, 1945 in Oberlin, Neb. To this union came two daughters, Valerie and Lucinda.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy, in 1977, her parents, three sisters and three brothers.

She is survived by her two daughters, Lucinda Plaisted, and



Valerie Plaisted-Harmon and husband Bob, all of Kalispell; one grandson, Thomas Plaisted-Harmon of Kalispell; two sisters, Helen Wamsley of Sutherland, Neb., and Evelyn Goedert and husband Ray of North Platte, Neb.; sisters-in-law, Lorna Schrotberger of Grant, Neb., Ena Schrotberger of Rifle, Colo., Gloria Saner of North Platte, and numerous nieces and nephews from many states.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Glacier Memorial Gardens with Rev. Jim Hunter of the Hot Springs Bible Church officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Russell W. Polsen, 51

Russell W. Polsen, 51, died in a car accident March 15, 2000, near Swan Lake.

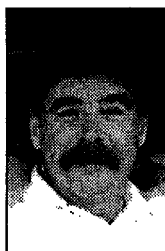
He was born in Providence, R.I., on Oct. 22, 1948, to Russell H. and Dorothy Regan Polsen.

He enjoyed surfing, riding motorcycles and was a bartender and a cook when he was younger. He moved to Montana in 1975 to the Swan Lake area with his wife, Virginia. In Montana, he worked in cattle ranching, logging, in the oil fields, as a horseshoer, and as a Montana State Brand Inspector. Along with training horses, he also rode bareback broncs in rodeos. He was a sales rep for S & S Campers until the time of his

death.

He enjoyed hunting, riding horses and reading. He was a history buff, he enjoyed people, and touched their lives in many ways. He was the greatest father to his two daughters, and a loving husband and friend. His belief in Christ was a source of great strength to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his aunt Evelyn. He is survived by two daughters, Noelle



Polsen and Jamie Polsen of Bigfork; and Virginia Polsen of Bigfork; one sister, Sharon Burns; one brother, Mike Polsen; one cousin, Normalee Farris; and a special nephew, Mark Burns, all of California.

Memorial services will be held Monday at 3:30 p.m. at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Ron Pierce and the Rev. Jim Holman officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Swan Chapel in Swan Lake.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Ann C. Poloson, 93,

Ann C. Poloson, 93, of Plains, died on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000, at Clark Fork Hospital in Plains.

She was born on Aug. 5, 1906, in Spokane to Adolph and Petra Hendrickson. The family lived in Alberta, Canada, until 1923 when she returned to the United States. In 1954, she married Fred Poloson. She and Fred followed construction for several years and then moved to Columbia Falls, where they were in the steel fabrication and blacksmithing business for 22 years. In 1986 they moved to Phillipsburg and then to Plains in 1994.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 60 years and also several other civic organizations.

She is survived by her husband of

46 years, Fred Poloson, at the family home in Plains; one son, Phil and his wife Audie Funk of Petersburg, Ala.; two daughters, Helen Blackwell and her husband Rick of Sprague, Wash., and Phyllis Rigg of Waterville, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Lonepine Hall in Lonepine, Mont. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Murray Memorial Cemetery in Lonepine. A potluck luncheon will follow at the Lonepine Hall.

Arrangements are under the direction of Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service in Plains.

## Charles 'C.W.' Potter, 87

Charles "C.W." Potter, 87, died on Sunday, March 12, 2000.

He was born August 15, 1912, in Mineral Point, Wis., to Clarence and Elizabeth Potter. He graduated from Galena High School in 1930, and graduated from the Wisconsin Mining School in 1933. He received his bachelor's degree in mining engineering from the Missouri School of Mines in 1934.

He married Thelma Mae Winters on Feb. 18, 1936, and that same year started working as a mine sampler at the Anaconda Co. in Butte. From 1940-1946 he served as a mine geologist and then returned to Galena, Ill., where he worked as an assistant manager at the Galena Manufacturing Co.

He and his wife returned to Butte in 1948 where he again worked as a mine geologist and as an oil and gas exploration geologist for the Anaconda Co. He was resident manager of the company's Heddleston project, and business manager for the Anaconda-Butte Geological Department. He then became the assistant manager of the Anaconda Company Land



& Lease Department in 1972.

He retired in 1974, and he and his wife moved to their residence on Swan Lake, where he was able to fulfill his passion for fishing. Charles was a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge and an original member of the Swan Lake Gun Club.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma, at the family home; a son, John Charles Potter and wife Sheri, of Crawfordville, Fla., a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Okken and her husband Walter, of Lakeside; one sister, Kay Prachthausen, of Bradenton, Fla.; and five grandchildren, Kathy Wright and husband Perry of Lakeside, Carol Ross and husband Scott of Kalispell, Curtiss Potter and wife Debbie of Ann Arbor, Mich., Nancy Hirsch of Alexandria, Va., and Ellen Miller and husband of Seattle; and great-grandson, Jon Parkman Ross of Kalispell.

Charles, Dad, Grandpa, you are loved by so many and we will continually miss you until we are together again.

Cremation has taken place and a private ceremony will take place at a later date. Donations may be given to Hospice or Shodair Crippled Children's Hospital in Helena.

## Amber Dawn Prestbye, 18

Amber Dawn Prestbye, 18, died Sept. 10, 2000, as a result of a car accident in Kalispell.

She was born in Fairbanks, Alaska on July 5, 1982, to Carol Prestbye. She was raised in Alaska for her first eleven years then she moved to Kalispell to live with her grandparents. She graduated in the class of 2000 from Flathead High School. She enjoyed snowboarding.



She is preceded in death by her mother, Carol Prestbye, in 1993.

She is survived by her grandparents, Arnold and Beulah Prestbye, of Kalispell; and one uncle, Richard Prestbye, of Columbia Falls.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen with Rev. Bob Nilsen officiating. The family suggests memorials be made in her name to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Theodore Bernard Priestley, 24

Theodore Bernard Priestley, 24, died March 15, 2000, in Columbia, S.C., of leukemia.

He was born July 9, 1975, in Las Vegas, to Theodore A. Priestley and Shirley E. Priestley. He attended schools in Las Vegas.

He worked at Albertson's as a non foods manager where he was employed since the age of 16.

He is survived by his fiance Kristina Unruh of Las Vegas; his parents, Theodore and Shirley Priestley of Kalispell; sisters,



Tammy Priestley of Salt Lake City, and Angela Clark of Henderson, Nev.; brothers, Brig Priestley of Las Vegas, Tim Priestley of Salt Lake City, Bryan Clark, Andrew Clark, Jared Clark, all of Kalispell, and Joseph Clark of Henderson.

He was an avid sports enthusiast and would often go without sleep so he could play. He was blessed to have found his soul mate and have her by his side this last year.

He was loved and adored by all that knew him. We will miss him deeply.

He was buried in Las Vegas on March 21.

Memorials may be made to the American Leukemia Foundation.

## Ronald Joseph 'Red' Pritzkau, 84

Ronald Joseph "Red" Pritzkau, 84, died May 2, 2000, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born May 25, 1915, in Napoleon, N.D., the son of German emigrants who migrated from Russia to North Dakota in 1880. They homesteaded near Napoleon, where they raised several children. He graduated from Napoleon High School in 1934.

With jobs being scarce during the Depression, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and worked in a camp near Northwood, N.D., where he met his wife, Henrietta Schol. They were married Jan. 18, 1937. He worked as a farmhand for his wife's parents.

When asked to return to the CCC, he transferred to Missoula, leaving his wife and three children in North Dakota. When the CCC was disbanded, he decided to stay in Montana. His wife and children came by train to Missoula, and Montana became their new home.

He then went to work for Northern Pacific Railroad as a fireman. He continued this job until joining the Navy, serving until the war was over.

After the war, he went to work for H.O. Bell in Missoula as an auto mechanic. Always looking for greener pastures, he moved to Plains in 1947, working for Vacura Motors, then Camas Prairie in 1948, working in a lumber camp. The family moved to Hot Springs in 1949, and he set up his own mechanic shop. By this time his family had grown to include six children.

He then followed an opportuni-

ty to work for the Forest Service in Thompson Falls. The job was discontinued and he went to work for an auto shop downtown. He worked as a mechanic for many years, and the family grew to include three more children.

He was an avid fan of the Thompson Falls Blue Hawks, never missing a basketball or football game.

In 1968, he moved the family to Seattle where he worked at a Ford garage until retirement.

He and his wife enjoyed their retirement, traveling and visiting their many children, grandchildren and friends. In 1987, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Spanaway, Wash., with many family members and friends in attendance.

They moved to an adult apartment following his heart surgery five years ago from which he never fully recovered.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Janice in 1959, and his oldest grandchild who was killed in an accident in 1998.

He is survived by his wife Henrietta of Kalispell; eight children, Myrna, John, Gary, Kaye, Carol, Nancy, Laurie and Peggy; and brother Philo Pritzkau of Leeds, Mass.; 22 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed for his constant sense of humor.

Visitation will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Home in Thompson Falls. The Rev. Gaylund Olson will officiate at graveside services on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Thompson Falls City Cemetery.

## Lillian 'Lilly' Mae Probert, 86

Lillian "Lilly" Mae Probert, 86, passed away on May 1, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She had been a resident of Brendan House for the past year and a half.

She was born on April 15, 1914, in Goodwin, S. D., to Hattie and Dudley Davis. When she was five the family came to Kalispell by covered wagon. She attended school, both at Batavia and the westside schools in Kalispell.

She married Raymond Howard Probert on Aug. 21, 1931, in Kalispell.

She liked nothing better than family get-togethers. She would put a turkey in the oven and enjoy having her children and grandchildren around her. She loved camping, fishing, picking huckleberries, gardening, bingo and playing cards.

She had worked at a potato farm; made wreaths at Christmas time; and had worked for a while at the Hacienda Restaurant.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Adelia Dee Voight in 1974 and her husband Raymond in 1980.

She is survived by eight children, Ruth Willett and husband, Jerry, of Homer, Alaska, Raymond Probert Jr. and his wife, Charlotte, of Deer Lodge, Edwin Probert and his wife, Brenda, Donald Probert and his wife, Darlene, Duane Probert, all of Kalispell, Charlotte Pederson and Jimmie Gene Probert, both of Reno, Nev., Kenneth Probert of Spokane, Wash., loving granddaughter Arlene Weyrauch, 45 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral home with the Rev. David Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Ellen E. Prouty, 83

Ellen E. Prouty, 83, of Billings, died Friday, June 16, 2000, at home of an extended illness.

She was born in a blizzard Dec. 29, 1916, to Seeley and Rose Johnson Hammond on their homestead in Garfield County. She attended a one-room elementary school, Timber Creek, and then high school in Brockway.

She worked at many occupations during her life and retired as manager of Telco Answering Service in Kalispell.

Her husband, Howard, preceded her in death in 1988. Together they enjoyed square dancing and raising horses.

Survivors include her sister, Catherine "Katie" Sailaz, and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside memorial service will be later in August at White Pine Cemetery west of Thompson Falls. Arrangements were made by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## Carl Pullen, 85

Carl Pullen, 85, of Memphis, Tenn., died April 3, 2000, in Methodist North Hospital in Memphis.

His parents were Tom and Martha Pickard Pullen.

He was a retired accountant with the Department of Agriculture.

Survivors include his wife

Mildred "Babe" Gorton Pullen of Cordova, Tenn., a former resident of Kalispell; and R.G. and Irene Gorton Walter of Kalispell; a daughter, a brother and sister; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Burial was April 6, 2000 in Bethpage Cemetery in Humphreys County, Tenn.

## Bernadine Carol Pyles, 62

Bernadine Carol Pyles, 62, passed away Thursday, June 29, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born on Nov. 11, 1937, in Laona, Wis., to Richard Russell and Irene Matilda Grumann Snyder. She grew up in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.



until finishing her schooling.

On June 11, 1954, she married Thomas J. Pyles in Martin City, and began her full time job as a wife and mother. She was involved in a variety of activities, including volunteering at the Salvation Army Church in Kalispell, leader of the Girl Scouts, official scorekeeper of the Superior Sod softball team, and playing bingo with the Bingo Babes on Wednesdays. She also enjoyed crafts, and was a very good at tying flies for her husband to field test.

She was a member of the Home League at the Salvation Army; a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary; and a former member of TOPS.

Her family was more special to her than anything. She was mom to more than just her own family, and drove the official family taxi everywhere. They will miss her presence very much

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her loving husband of 46 years Thomas J. Pyles of Martin City; six children, Linda Trumble and her husband, Gary, of Kent, Wash., Susan Reel of Martin City, Thomas Pyles Jr. and his wife, Beth, of Millersville, Md., Brien Pyles of Martin City, Audrey Snyder and her husband, Roy, and Russ Pyles and his wife, Lisa, of Columbia Falls; nine grandchildren, Gary Trumble Jr., Steven Trumble, Ivanna Reel Nooner, Tiffany Reel, Rachel Pyles, Stephanie Pyles, Jonathan Snyder, Savannah Snyder, and Cody Snyder; one great-grandchild, Brendan Trumble; two brothers, Arvid Snyder and Richard Snyder Jr., both of Kalispell; and two sisters, Sally McIlhargey of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Betty Frodsham of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Memorial services will be held Monday at 3 p.m. at the new Salvation Army Church, 110 Bountiful Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901 with Lt. Monty Jones officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Salvation Army Church in Kalispell.

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

## Frances Black Pagano, 92

Frances Black Pagano, 92, died on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was the daughter of Gaylord and Mamie Lee (Benham) Black.

Pagano is survived locally by a daughter, Joan P. Salansky of Lakeside; a granddaughter, Marie Canaday and her husband

Greg of Kalispell and a grandson, Mark Salansky and his wife Jonna of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at Johnson Mortuary on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Vic Langhans officiating.

Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

## Dorothy Ellen Palmerton, 80

Dorothy Ellen Palmerton, 80, went home to be with the Lord on Sept. 22, 2000, surrounded by her family.

The youngest of five children, she was born on Aug. 18, 1920, in Denver, Colo., to Joseph Andrew Whitlatch and Eva Martha Brown Whitlatch.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Duane Palmerton, in 1948, and her husband, Clarence Worden Palmerton, on Sept. 19, 1999.

She spent the early years of her childhood in Roberts, Idaho, before the family moved to Ronan, where she graduated from high school in 1938.

She married Clarence Worden Palmerton on July 18, 1940, in Pablo. They spent the early years of their marriage in Deer Lodge before moving to Libby in 1947.

She began working in the early 1950s, mostly as a cook at the various restaurants in Libby, the longest being the Hi-Note Cafe.

She is survived by four sons, Daniel Palmerton and wife Peggy of Portland, Ore., Darrel Palmer-

ton and wife Reenie of Libby, Ken Palmerton of Mesa, Ariz., and Randy Palmerton of Libby; three daughters, Joanne Rosander and husband Cisco of Portland, Ore.; Sherry Seifert and husband Steve of Whitefish, Judy Bailor and husband Claude of Kalispell; fourteen grandchildren, Tina, Debbie, Danyle, Jason, Jennifer, Jessica, Jeremy, Rick, Angela, Kelly, Brianna, Trinity, Kimberly, and Nicole, and eight great-grandchildren.

She was always very active in the Assembly of God Church and lived her life to serve the Lord and care for others. She will be missed by many people and will continue to be in our hearts forever.

The funeral service will be held at the Assembly of God Church in Libby today at 2 p.m. with Rev. Wheeler and Rev. Jacobson officiating. There will be a dinner following the service at the Wilkinson Hall.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Douglas T. Papineau, 81

Douglas T. Papineau, 81, of Libby, died July 6, 2000 at St. John Lutheran Hospital. He was born in Whitefish on August 30, 1918 to Thomas and Emma Papineau, he was raised and educated in Whitefish.

He later worked at the Great Northern Railway roundhouse in Whitefish as a machinist. He served with the United States Navy during World War II as a chaplain's yeoman aboard the USS Cecil.

Following the war, he resided in Spokane where he had been employed by the Washington Water Power company until coming to Libby in 1962. He worked on the Libby Dam Project as an electrician and also had worked for the J. Neils Lumber Company and later, the St. Regis Paper Company until his retirement. He married Rachel "Rae" Pringel on Dec. 22, 1962. He and his wife also operated Pap's Enterprises which marketed and sold Lindal Cedar Homes in this area.

He had been very active in local veterans affairs, he had been a life

member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion as well as the Military Order of the Kooties. He had served as VFW post commander as district commander, he had been a member of the VFW Honor Guard and had been an active advocate of the organization's "Voice of Democracy" program. He enjoyed the great outdoors of Montana and spending time working in his woodpile.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1986, and by his sister, Lucille Campbell.

He is survived by his sisters, Mildred Baker and her husband Ben of Libby; and Florence Cowan and husband Winfield of Whitefish, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Eric Christiansen officiating. Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Interment services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Fairmount Memorial Park in Spokane, Wash.

## 29 Jan 2000 Lisa Renae Parpart, 30

Lisa Renae Parpart, 30, of Polson died Saturday morning at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula with her family by her side.

Lisa was born March 23, 1969, to Edward and Mamie Parpart in Whitefish.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edward Parpart, in 1980.

She is survived by her mother, Mamie Parpart of Columbia Falls, sister Leslie Bales and husband, Bill, of Columbia Falls, sister Lori Martin and husband, Eric, of Whitefish,

niece BrieAnna Bales and nephew Brian Bales of Columbia Falls, nephews Scott and Derek Martin of Whitefish, as well as numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Visitation will be Monday, Jan. 31, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, from 1-8 p.m.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. Pastor Tom Gopp will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Clyde I. Paro, 85

Clyde I. Paro, 85, died on March 27, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 4, 1914, in Hot Springs, to Frank and Mary Paro. He married Patricia Dudley in Lordsburg, N.M.

He and his wife owned and operated Native Sporting Goods, a grocery and lunch counter in Dayton. During the summers he worked for the

state forestry doing fire control.

He is survived by his wife Pat of Kalispell; two sons including Jerry Paro of Kalispell; one daughter, Judith Paro of Kalispell; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

He requested no services and that he be cremated. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements.

## Brandon Lamar Passey, 16

Brandon Lamar Passey, 16, died tragically in a car accident on Dec. 26, 2000, in Phoenix, Ariz. He was born on March 30, 1984, in Mesa, Ariz., to Gary and Dianna Petersen Passey.



He moved to Kalispell when he was four, and then to Lake Havasu, Ariz., when he was 10 to live with his dad. He was an exceptionally bright student, earning a 3.5 grade point average on his last report card. He was in the ninth grade. He was full of life. Everyone he met loved him because of his special loving spirit. He loved to skateboard and spend time outdoors, especially fishing in the mountains and swimming in Roger's Lake. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

He was a joy to all his family. He loved his sister as his best friend. His mom lovingly would call him "Bubba-Bean" because of his thin youthfulness. He will forever be missed by all of his family.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Edwin Lamar and

Norma Rae Passey.

He is survived by his mother, Dianna Petersen of Kalispell; his father, Gary Passey of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; his sister, Shanna Passey of Kalispell; grandparents, Mereaus "Pete" and Shirleen Petersen of Kila; his aunts, Sharry Baker and her husband, Smokey, of Kalispell, Debbie Nielson of Kalispell, Gail Thompson and her husband, Mike, of Kalispell, Joyce McCullough of Mesa, Ariz.; his uncles, Von Passey and his wife, Jenetta, of Mesa, Ariz., Cheryl Passey of Mesa, Ariz., Steve Passey and his wife, Mary, of California, Dean Petersen and his wife, Tandy, of Plains, and Dan Petersen of West Valley, Utah; and numerous cousins.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints meeting house on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell, with Bishop LeRoy Turner of the Kalispell Third Ward officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, Jan. 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Orin L. Patch, 75

Orin L. Patch, 75, died on Nov. 18, 2000. He was born on Sept. 5, 1925, on the family farm in South Brockton, the son of Paul and Cleo Lynd Patch.

He entered the Navy in March of 1946, and was discharged in January of 1953. After his discharge, he returned to the family farm. On May 9, 1955, he married

Maria Lowry in Sidney. In 1986, he married Helen Kirk.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters including Janie Mercer and her husband Monty of Columbia Falls; two brothers; a sister-in-law; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cleo and Paul

Patch, brother Stanley Patch, two sisters, Bessie Smith and Wilma Mercier, and two grandchildren, Christal Herbst and Shawn Herbst.

Funeral services will be today at the Church of Christ in Sidney. Cremation will follow services.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.



## Verna Pattie, 95,

Verna Pattie, 95, died on Monday, Jan. 24, 2000, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish. She was born on Aug. 3, 1904, in Reynolds, N.D., during a thunderstorm, weighing only three pounds. Her family kept her on an oven door to keep her warm.

The family later moved to Conrad in March 1913, and soon homesteaded west of Bynum. She worked for Montana States Telephone Co. and remained there earning money for her family, which moved to Salem, Ore., in 1926.

On Oct. 21, 1926, she married R.L. Pattie in Great Falls. They moved to Kevin, Mont., and for the next few years followed the oil field work to Alberta, Utah, and all over the state of Montana. They settled in Cut Bank in 1936 and resided there until 1969. They built a home on a homestead in Essex, which the family still retains.

She was active in many civic activities, including heading the Blood Mobile, volunteer work at the hospital, VFW, and Rebecca Lodge. She was a member of the Eastern Star

TIRZAH Temple #3.

She loved the mountains, reading and all kinds of needlework. She made scarves, mittens and hats for local schoolchildren. Her generosity touched many lives throughout her life. She thoroughly enjoyed the time she spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter Carol Fisher of Essex; two grandsons, Bill Fisher of San Diego and Robert Fisher and his wife Robyn of Columbia Falls; two great-grandchildren, Mark and Rochelle of Columbia Falls; a sister, Earla Gilstrap of Newport, Ore.; and three nieces, Sandy Allen, Vicki Herzog and Debra Gilstrap.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Assembly of God Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Darrell Newby officiating. The family requests memorials be sent to either the Veteran's Children's Home or the Middle Fork QRU at Essex.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Elizabeth 'Betty' Eugenia Paul, 85

Elizabeth "Betty" Eugenia Paul, 85, died of natural causes Wednesday, Aug. 30, in Hamilton, at the Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital.

She was born on July 11, 1915, in Spokane, to Florence C. and Eugene M. Wright, and moved with her parents in 1916 to Manhattan.

There she completed her elementary and high school education and was active in music, high school clubs and 4-H. At age 16 she was selected most outstanding home economics 4-H club girl of the state and won a railroad trip to Chicago as delegate to the national convention.

She graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula, receiving her bachelor of art degree in music education in 1936. She taught music in the elementary and high school in Augusta, and elementary schools in Missoula from 1936 to 1942.

Leaving the teaching profession she then accepted a position with the purchasing department of the

business office at the University of Montana.

Her paternal grandparents lived in Bigfork, and the family visited there often, later moving from Manhattan to Bigfork in 1938. The Wright and Paul families were old time friends and when Kenneth returned from World War II, he and Betty married on Oct. 16, 1943. They made their home in Bigfork until 1960, when they moved to Kalispell.

She was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church and was active in the choir of the Bigfork Community Methodist Church. She was a member of the General Federation of Women's Century Club and the Bigfork American Legion Auxiliary. With her courageous spirit to accept challenges and change, she moved to Hamilton in December of 1998, to be near her daughter,



Judy, but still lived on her own until April of this year when she accepted care at Loveland Acres south of Darby.

She is survived by her daughter, Judith Ann Sine of Hamilton, several nieces and nephews and countless friends, both new and old whom she also considered part of her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

A service to celebrate her life will be held, Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell with the Rev. Glenn Woodson officiating. Interment will be in the family plot at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Bitterroot Humane Association, P.O. Box 57, Hamilton, MT 59840, or to the Educational Scholarship Fund of Epworth Church, P.O. Box 1020, Kalispell, MT 59903 or charity of the donor's choice.

Local arrangements are under the care of the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton.

## John Paul Pavich, 31

John Paul Pavich, 31, passed away on June 1, 2000 at Echo Lake.

He was born on Sept. 24, 1968 in Fort Sill, Okla., to Steve and Ellie Pavich.

He loved gardening, it didn't matter whether it was raising flowers, or vegetables, he just loved to nurture them and watch them blossom and grow. He also loved basketball, and was a very special person who loved Tai Chi.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Ellie and David Gaines of Echo Lake; his father Steve Pavich of California; two brothers, Michael and Anthony

Pavich both of California, two sisters, Katie and Allie Gaines, both of Echo Lake.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. this evening at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork. A memorial mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday morning at St. Catherine's with the Rev. Richard Sodja officiating. A luncheon will follow the services at St. Catherine's. A very special memorial service will be conducted at Echo Lake at 3 p.m. Wednesday afternoon near his favorite island. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Archie Pearson, 73

Archie Pearson, 73, died Dec. 27, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born on Sept. 22, 1927.

Services are pending at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Connie Jean Pearson, 48

Connie Jean Pearson, 48, of Fairfield, died Sunday, March 26, 2000 at the Teton Medical Center in Choteau.

She was born Nov. 23, 1951 in Choteau, the daughter of Elmer and Gladys Johnson Pearson. She was raised and educated in Fairfield and attended the Sunny Slope school and graduated from Fairfield High School in 1969. She also attended Montana State University in Bozeman and the University of Montana in Missoula.

She then moved to Kalispell, where she attended the vocational technical college. She lived in



Kalispell for six years and then moved back to Fairfield three years ago.

She was married to Vernon Williams in 1987, in Polson, and they divorced in 1989.

She enjoyed camping, reading and attending family gatherings. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her parents, Elmer and Gladys Pearson, of Fairfield; a son, Matt of the family home in Fairfield; two brothers, Gary Pearson of Fairfield, and Alan Pearson of Havre; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Funeral services have been held.

Memorials are suggested to the Fairfield High School Bleacher Fund, Fairfield, MT.

## Richard Kenneth 'Ken' Peenstra, 76

Richard Kenneth "Ken" Peenstra, 76, died Sept. 27, 2000, in Mesa, Ariz.

He was born Oct. 15, 1923, in Westmoreland, N.Y., to John and Mabel Peenstra. He was married in 1960 in Mesa. He owned Town House Furniture

in Kalispell for 22 years.

He was preceded in death by Patricia Jane Peenstra.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy of Mesa; three sons, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services have already been held.

## Evelyn I. Pelton, 72

Evelyn I. Pelton, 72, passed away on Nov. 27, 2000, in Kalispell. She was born Sept. 23, 1928 in Aurora, Illinois to Frederick and Elizabeth Townsend.



She grew up in Mooseheart, Ill. She served in the National Reserve. After the service, she came back to Mooseheart, where she ran a clothing store and was a banker in the Mooseheart Bank. She married Richard Pelton in the Methodist church in Aurora, Ill. They later moved to St. Charles, Ill., where she worked in the catalog department at Montgomery Wards. In 1984, she moved to Kalispell. She enjoyed latchhook, reading romance novels and watching auto racing.

She is preceded in death by her father Frederick Townsend.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Pelton of Kalispell; and two sons, Scott Pelton of Kalispell and Tim Pelton and wife Mara of Bigfork; one daughter, Dawn Biehl and husband Thomas of Atlanta, Ga.; mother, Elizabeth Townsend of Aurora, Ill.; one brother, Vernon Townsend and wife Lorraine of Oswego, Ill.; six grandchildren, Brendon Pelton, Talisha Pelton, Lavitia Pelton, also Seth, Sara, and Katie Biehl.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be today from a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Frank S. Pellitteri, 57

Frank S. Pellitteri, 57, of Eureka, died Sept. 30, 2000, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish from cancer. He was born Nov. 12, 1942, in Bayonne, N.J., to John and Jean Pellitteri. He grew up and attended school in Bayonne and graduated from Bayonne High School. He started working construction in 1976 and has worked as a general contractor since that time. He moved to Eureka in 1978. In the last couple of years he had learned to play the bass and had become an active member of the

Church of God Worship Team.

Survivors include four sons, Frank Pellitteri and his wife, Holanda, of Bayonne, John Pellitteri of Boca Raton, Fla., Matthew and Anthony Pellitteri of Eureka; and one sister, Josephine.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Church of God in Eureka. Memorials may be given to the Church of God Community Youth Center.

Local arrangements are under the direction of the Nelson & Vial Home in Eureka.

## Melvin L. Peterson, 82

Melvin L. Peterson, 82, passed away Dec. 27, 2000, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born on Oct. 28, 1918, in Minot, N. D., to Jens and Lena Young Peterson. He moved with his parents to Poplar where he grew up. He attended school in Poplar and graduated from Poplar High School in 1938.

After high school, he moved to California and worked in an aircraft factory. He then married his sweetheart from Poplar, Monica Lockman, on July 11, 1942, in Santa Anna, Calif. Soon after, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served in the European Theater as an aircraft mechanic. He was honorably discharged on Sept. 20, 1945.

He and his wife moved to Kalispell, in 1945, where they made their permanent home. In 1950, he went to work as a fireman in the Kalispell Fire Department and retired in 1971.

During his entire life, he was a jack of all trades, picking up and learning many new skills through hard work and determination. One such skill led him to found Peterson Alarm Service, now run by his oldest son.

A true Montanan at heart, he loved the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and shared his love of the outdoors with his family. He particularly enjoyed

going to the family cabin at Bitterroot Lake, and spent many days there with his children and grandchildren.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Knights of Columbus and the Retired Fireman's Association.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Monica Peterson of Kalispell; two sons; Richard Peterson and wife, Yasuko, and Donald Peterson and wife, Janet, all of Kalispell; two daughters, Rene Paugh and husband, Harvey, of Kalispell, and Dody Claassen and her husband, LeRoy, of Great Falls; three grandchildren, Travis Peterson and wife, Melissa, and Justin Paugh, all of Kalispell, and Gail Peterson Frey and husband, Karl, of Hillsboro, Ore.; one great-granddaughter, Chloe Peterson of Kalispell.

A rosary will be held today at 7 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary today from noon until the rosary. Mass of Christian burial will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Vic Langhans as celebrant. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made in his name to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Harland C. 'Hi' Perry, 81

Harland C. "Hi" Perry, 81, died at his home in Kalispell on March 12, 2000.

He was born on Oct. 15, 1918, in Kalispell to Oscar and Erna Perry. He grew up and went to school in the Kalispell area. He married Anna Bullman on May 15, 1943.

He farmed for many years in the Flathead Valley. He loved to tinker in his shop, and took great pride in keeping the fire stoked on a cold winter day.

He is survived by Anna Perry, his

loving wife of 56 years; a son; a daughter; two sisters; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Garden. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is taking care of the arrangements.

## Walter E. 'Bud' Peters, 77

Walter E. "Bud" Peters, 77, of Polson, died on Feb. 6, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from natural causes.

He was born on March 30, 1922, in Columbia Falls, to Arthur and Mary Peters. He attended schools at Bad Rock Elementary and Flathead County High School.

On Jan. 5, 1945, he married Vesta Combs in Polson. She preceded him in death on Feb. 4, 1977.

He married Bernice Johnson Brown in Couer d'Alene, Idaho, on Sept. 30, 1977, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 27, 1999.

He worked most of his career as a lineman for Pacific Power & Light Company.

He loved to fish and play cribbage and pinochle. He had a wonderful sense of humor and he loved to tell jokes. He was a very giving man with a big generous heart.

He helped raise several foster children throughout his life and he never ran out of love or patience for them.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Vesta, and his second wife, Bernice; four brothers, Alfred, Richard, Jerald and Eugene; two grandsons, Michael Orr and Joe Grady; one stepson, Gary Dean



Brown.

He is survived by two daughters, Susie Olson and her husband, Chris, of Polson, and Cyndy Clairmont and her husband, Vern, of Ronan; one stepdaughter, Trudy Brown Nault and her husband, Pat, of Great Falls; one foster son, Mike Grady of Stanford; one stepson, Bill Combs; grandchildren, Barbie Combs and Edward Combs of Pablo, Brenda Steiner and Anna Olson of Polson, Shanna Depner of Valier, Jason Clairmont of Polson, Jeff Clairmont of Kalispell, Amanda Clairmont of Ronan, Steve Johnson of Belgrade, and Chris and Cody Brown of Polson; great-grandchildren, James "Bubba" Steiner and Ashley Clair Steiner, Sarena Aippersbach and Trista Sapp; two brothers, Robert and Jack Peters of Kalispell; one sister, Margaret Bleskin of Kalispell; and a longtime special friend, Mary Griffin, of Polson.

A memorial service will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson, with the Rev. Paul Rowold officiating. Inurnment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

Memorials may be made to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Women's Guild.

Grogan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Wilma Peterson, 85

Wilma Peterson, 85, passed away on Aug. 22, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Aug. 13, 1915, in Kalispell, to William and Sophia Olsen Swenson. She attended schools in the Flathead Valley, graduating from Flathead County High School. She married Douglas



Peterson on March 15, 1952.

She was a lifelong resident of Kalispell. She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother, who never wavered in the belief of her family.

She was preceded in death by a son, John Stephen Holmes; her parents, William and Sophia Swenson; two brothers, Stuart and Everett Swenson; and two sisters, Ione Logan and Julia Hebert.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas Peterson, at the family home in Kalispell; a son, Dwight,

and his wife, Kathy Shurtleff, of Kalispell; granddaughter Andrea Shurtleff and grandson Mark Bell, both of Kirkland, Wash.; numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the home of her son, Dwight Shurtleff, 123 E. Bluegrass, off of West Valley Drive in Kalispell. For directions call Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Cremation and arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Mable Marie Shea Peltier, 84

Mable Marie Shea Peltier, 84, of Eureka, wife, mother and homemaker, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born May 22, 1915, in Kalispell, to George and Mable Shea. She came to Eureka, with her family at the age of eight, attending the Cuffe Grade School and graduating from Lincoln County High School in 1933.

She married Victor H. Peltier in Eureka, on Jan. 31, 1937, at Our Lady of Mercy Parish by the Rev. Delaney. She had been a longtime member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish. She enjoyed caring for her family and her home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and a granddaughter.

She is survived by nine children: sons, Tim Peltier of Albuquerque,

N.M., Victor D. Peltier and Joe Peltier of Eureka, and John Peltier of Kalispell; daughters, Bave Stoken and Dorothy Newton of Eureka; Mary Ellen Peltier of Columbia Falls; Carol Robbins of Conrad, and Rita Frank of Seal Rock, Ore.; a brother, George Shea of Eureka; a sister, Ruth Anderson of Kalispell; 20 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Saturday at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church with the Rev. Henry Steinhoff as celebrant. Interment services will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Rosary will be today at 7 p.m. at the church. Arrangements are under the care of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Arthur Robert Penrod, 87

Arthur Robert Penrod, born June 11, 1913, in Whitefish, died May 18, 2000, in So. Pasadena, Calif.

He is survived by his sister Thelma "Penny" Schaefer of West Covina, Calif.; brother Godfrey "Pen" Penrod of Lewiston, Idaho;

cousin Harold Penrod of Los Angeles, Calif.

He joined the National Guard in high school then in 1934, signed up for the CCC's, then into the Forest Service. After moving to California he worked for Lockheed and Aircraft Tank Service where he

retired in 1982.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian, in 1996, after 53 years of marriage.

He is missed by his many nephews, nieces and friends in Montana and California.

## John Andreas Peterson, 89

John Andreas Peterson, 89, passed away June 6, 2000, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 15, 1910, in Bergen, Norway, to John Johanas and Anna Marie Grendevold Peterson.

He came to America with his family at the age of seven, homesteading in Ledger. He began his education in Devon.

He met and married Alma T. LaFrance in 1935, and worked as a farm hand until moving to Fort Benton and taking employment with the Great Northern Railroad. The family moved to Eureka in 1945 where they remained after his retirement in 1975.

He traveled to Norway with his wife and had the opportunity to take bus tours to both California and Alaska. He enjoyed hunting and fishing but especially loved spending time with his farm, his few cows, his beloved grandchildren and family that he always had time for.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alma in 1993; his parents; one brother, Ingvald; and one sister, Christina Iverson.

He is survived by two daughters, Delsena Frank and husband, Raymond, of Billings and Alma Lanktree and husband, James, of Kalispell; one son, Kenneth Peterson and wife, Sharron of Eureka; one brother, Albert Peterson and wife, Irene, of Washington; 12 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Church of God in Eureka, with the Rev. Fred Hazen officiating. Burial will follow at the Eureka City Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Church of God Gymnasium Fund: c/o First Church of God, P.O. Box 347, Eureka, MT 59917.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Melvin L. Peterson, 82

Melvin L. Peterson, 82, died Dec. 27, 2000, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born on Oct. 28, 1918, in Minot, N. D., to Jens and Lena Young Peterson.

He is survived by his wife, Monica Peterson; sons Richard and wife, Yasuko Peterson, Donald and wife, Janet Peterson; daughter Rene and husband, Harvey Paugh, all of Kalispell.

Rosary services will be held on Friday at 7 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Funeral mass will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Vic Langhans officiating.

Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary on Friday from noon until the rosary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Stephen Michael Pewitt, 22, and Cherie Pewitt, 19

Stephen Michael Pewitt, 22, and Cherie Pewitt, 19, died in an automobile accident on April 17, 2000 in Canute, Okla.

Stephen was born Aug. 22, 1977, in Mesa, Ariz., and Cherie was born Dec. 15, 1980, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They were married March 18, 2000, in Kalispell. They were members of the Christian Life Center.

He was a foreman with his brother's data cabling communication company, Cable Connections, in Oklahoma City, and was known as "Stevo" to his friends.

She was a graduate of Victory

Christian Academy in Smithers, British Columbia, and graduated first in her class at International Business School of Cosmetology. She was a pianist at Christian Life Center and Heritage Church and assisted her father in services across the U.S.

His survivors include his parent, Dennis and Dorothy Pewitt, a brother, Scott Pewitt, two sisters, Gwyen Seely and Crystal Pewitt, all of Kila; paternal grandmother, Erma Pewitt of Phoenix; and maternal grandfather, Floyd Burns of Mesa.

Her survivors include her par-

ents, Rev. Daniel and Linda Ricciardelli, brother Daniel and sisters, Julie and Gianna, all of Lubbock; grandparents Robert and Mary Baker of Morganton, N.C., and Joseph and Sylvia Ricciardelli of Tarentum, Pa.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday in City of Lubbock Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. in Heritage Church with the Rev. Stan Martin, the Rev. Tom Rowe and the Rev. Joseph McCord officiating. Services are under the direction of RIX Funeral Directors.

## Amy V. Pfahning, 91

Amy Vesta Pfahning, 91, died at her daughter's home in Marshfield, Wis., on Thursday, June 8, 2000.

She was born on May 13, 1909 in Loyal, Wis. She graduated from Auburndale High School and attended Stevens Point State Teachers College. She taught country school for one year before her marriage.

She married Edward P. Pfahning on July 20, 1931, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Eau Claire, Wis. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1981.

After her marriage, she became a homemaker and was a very special mother and friend. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She will be greatly missed by all her family.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two sisters,

Ida Luber and Bessie Carberry, one brother, Ivan Amble, two grandsons, Russell Goldbach in 1987 and Michael Pfahning in 1985.

She is survived by her children, Janette Helixon and husband Patrick of Menomonie, Wis., Deanne Goldbach and her husband Paul, of Marshfield, Elaine Wohlgemuth and her husband, Michael, of Hollister, Calif., Jim Pfahning and wife, Frances, of Columbia Falls, Rick Pfahning and wife, Mary Ann, of Eau Claire, and Dan Pfahning and wife, Terrill, of Kalispell; 19 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Rembs/Kunding Chapel in Marshfield. Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. at the chapel with the Rev. Anthony J. Wolf officiating. Burial will be at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

## James Edward Pfahning, 59

The Rev. James Edward Pfahning, 59, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, June 15, 2000, at his home.

He was born Feb. 26, 1941, in Marshfield, Wis., to Edward and Amy Amble Pfahning. He graduated from Columbus High School in 1959.



He married Frances Ann Wheatley on June 24, 1961. They lived in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., where he first began his ministry as a children's pastor at Christian Life Fellowship in Nekoosa, Wis.

He moved his family to Minneapolis, Minn., where he attended North Central Bible College, majoring in pastoral studies. He later ministered as children's pastor at Summit Assembly of God church in St. Paul, Minn.; Trinity Assembly of God church in Scottsdale, Ariz.; and finally at Christian Center in Kalispell.

He was a devoted husband and father. He loved the Lord with all his heart and dedicated his life to serve God. He had a heart for children and used his God given talent

of creativity and humor in his ministry. He is loved and missed deeply by family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Amy Pfahning, and his son, Michael James Pfahning.

He is survived by his wife, Fran; one daughter, Deborah Amsler and husband, Dennis, of Quincy, Ill.; two sons, Steven Pfahning and wife, Carole, of Wisconsin Rapids, and David Pfahning of Kalispell; a daughter-in-law, Mary Bracken and husband, Denny, of Glendale, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Joshua Pfahning of Glendale, Ariz., Brianna and Bradford Amsler of Quincy, and Michael and Nicole Pfahning of Wisconsin Rapids; three sisters, Janette Helixon and husband, Patrick, of Menomonie, Wis., Deanne Goldbach and husband, Paul, of Marshfield, Wis., and Elaine Wohlgemuth and husband, Mike, of Hollister, Calif.; two brothers, Richard Pfahning of Eau Claire, Wis., and Daniel Pfahning and wife, Terrill, of Kila.

A memorial service will be held at Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell, on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

## Howard B. Pfrimmer, 84

Howard B. Pfrimmer, 84, died at home Jan. 12, 2000, in Spokane.

He was born Nov. 4, 1915, in Choteau, to Homer and Lena Pfrimmer, the youngest of 13 children. He spent his early years in the Choteau/Bynum area, later moving to Butte.

In 1937, he married Mary Shevlin. To this union six children were born. They later divorced.

In 1956, he married Veva Marten and they had 10 children.

He lived a full life. Always looking at the next horizon, his working life took him down a number of different avenues. In his youth he worked as a ranch hand, later moving on to become a government trapper before trying his hand at small business ownership and eventually working in road construction.

He spent the majority of his life in western and southwestern Montana before moving to Spokane, in 1990.

His infectious laugh and wonderful sense of humor earned him a friend no matter where life took him.

He is survived by his wife Veva of Spokane; his 16 children and their

spouses, Mary Ann and Allan Pursley, Dolly and George Annis, Toni Brewster, all of Great Falls, Betty Lou and Pat O'Connor of Portal, N.D., Rita and Ben Peoples of Mobile, Ala., Chuck and Wanda Pfrimmer of Cascade, Melanie and Brian Davis of Boise, Idaho, Noel and Tom Gorton of Kalispell, Paula Pfrimmer, Robert and Deb Pfrimmer, Nina Tkachyk, Nona and Rolly Johnson of Spokane, Brent and Debbie Pfrimmer of Honolulu, Hawaii, Julie and Jerry Pearson of Littleton, Colo., Jonna and Mike Wallis of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Billie and Dave Billheimer of Everett, Wash.; 29 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces including Jack and Emily Pfrimmer and Bruce and Carolyn Pfrimmer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings and one grandson.

Cremation will be by the Cremation Society of Washington in Spokane.

Inurnment will be at the Big Sandy Memorial Cemetery in Big Sandy, at a later date.

## Sister Mary Brendan Phelan, RSM, 89

Sister Mary Brendan Phelan, RSM, 89, died July 27, 2000, in Queen of Angels Health Center, Sacred Heart Convent, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from complications of age.

She was born March 26, 1911, in New York City, N. Y., the daughter of Madeline Grimly and Martin Phelan. She entered the Cedar Rapids Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy on Oct. 8, 1960, and professed perpetual vows on June 21, 1966. She received her nursing certificate from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Detroit, Mich., and later attended Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

She served as operating room supervisor at Mercy Hospital in Oelwein, Iowa, and worked in Nursing Services at Anamosa Community Hospital in Anamosa, Iowa. She was a nurse at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell from 1972 to 1982, before becoming their director of social services, a posi-

tion she held for nine years. In appreciation of her outstanding accomplishments during her tenure as director of social services, in 1985, Kalispell Regional Medical Center dedicated their new extended care facility in her honor, naming it Brendan House. She retired in 1991 to Sacred Heart Convent.

In addition to the Sisters of Mercy, she is survived by several cousins.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today at the Sacred Heart Chapel in Cedar Rapids. The Rev. Gerald Condon will officiate.

Burial will be at the Mount Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be at 9 a.m. at the chapel followed by a wake service at 11 a.m.

Arrangements are by the Stewart Funeral Home.

Memorials may be sent to Brendan House Skilled Nursing Facility, 350 Conway Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901 or Sisters of Mercy, 1125 Prairie Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402.



## Virginia 'Ginny' Phelps, 62

Virginia "Ginny" Phelps, 62, of Kalispell, formerly of Ryegate, passed away peacefully on Dec. 21, 2000, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center. With the help of Dr. Boehm, Wendy, Dr. Williams and staff, she fought an extraordinarily courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Plentywood, on May 10, 1938, and lived in Dooley, where she attended school and met the love of her life, Ralph Phelps. They were married on Sept. 4, 1955, in Plentywood, and lived on the Phelps' family farm in Redstone.

In 1968, the family moved to Ryegate. For many years she worked at the Ryegate Cafe as well as the Senior Citizen Center as a cook.

While working in Ryegate, she met and fell in love with many great people. She also babysat many wonderful children who called her "Grandma Ginny."

In 1992, "Mom and Dad" moved to Kalispell, where she was so happy to be a part of her granddaughters' lives. Although she lived far from some family and friends, she dearly appreciated the support and memories she had with so many wonderful people from Ryegate.

Her love for friends and family was matched by her love of laughter and making others laugh. On many occasions, she would tease and play jokes on her family. Her overall sense of humor was contagious and she



performed with family and friends when they were together.

She treasured the special time she had with her grandchildren. She was a strong

and wonderful person. She will be missed dearly and carried in her families' hearts forever. "Good-bye, Mom, we love you so very much."

She was preceded in death by a son, Bryon, and infant daughter, Susie.

She is survived by her husband Ralph; sons, Bryce and wife, Nora, and their son Justen, Jim and wife, Shelley, and their son Dylan, all of Billings; daughters, Joanne and husband, Bill Boles, of Kalispell, and their daughters, Cristine, Jenna and Madison, and Lynette and husband, Travis Shepard, of Big Timber; sisters, Mary McCauley and Genevieve Lee, both of Plentywood, and Loretta Johnson of Kalispell; brother David Ruggles of Raymond; great-aunt Myrtle of Athens, Ga.; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friends, Lois Cavill and Karen Schanz.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., on Wednesday at 2 p.m. A burial service will be held at the Methodist Cemetery south of Ryegate on Friday at 2 p.m.

## Paul W. Phillips, 25

Paul W. Phillips, 25, died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Oct. 29, 1974, in Kalispell, to Marlene Barge and Gene Phillips.

On Aug. 14, 1999, he married the love of his life, Mary Russell.

He was raised in the Flathead Valley where he graduated from Columbia Falls High School with a 4.0 average. He then graduated from Flathead Valley Community College with a 4.0. He was employed by Wal-Mart.

He left behind a lot of loved ones.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife Mary Phillips; mother Marlene Barge; father Gene Phillips; sister Diane Phillips; mother-in-law Martha Russell; grandmother Georgia French; brothers-in-law who thought of him as a brother, Mark, Sean and Chris Owens; Linda and Jerry Bartsch who were like parents to him; and numerous close friends, all of the Flathead Valley.

Even though he is not here physically, he will always be with us spiritually, especially so for Mary. He was Mary's angel when he was here and now he will be her guardian angel forever.

He will forever be remembered for his love of life and his love of collecting comics, toys and movies, but more so for his love for his wife who



was his world. He will always be remembered for his blue eyes and beautiful smile.

He will live on forever in our hearts, our souls and our minds. He will be remembered for his compassion, caring, understanding and kindness towards people and animals.

His family feels he is in a better place now and God has better plans for him but he is not alone and he will be waiting for his love, his wife, when they can be reunited forever.

He was a wonderful and good person, the best husband and friend to everyone. He will be deeply missed by everyone. He touched everyone's heart he came in contact with. He was loved by more people than he knew, but now he knows how much he was loved. This is a tragedy and great loss to all that knew him and to those who didn't know him. He will be remembered forever. God bless him and may he be in peace.

He has been cremated and a memorial service will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 1780 Talbot Road in Columbia Falls on Sunday at 7 p.m. The Bishop Dave Thueson will be officiating.

Memorial donations can be sent to the Columbia Falls High School for the Columbia Falls Scholarship Fund in memory of Paul W. Phillips. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

## James L. Phillis, 53

James L. Phillis, 53, died at his home in Coram, on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000.

He was born Jan. 14, 1947, in Valparaiso, Ind., to Clyde and Dorothy Phillis.

He is survived by a daughter and a son.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Mavis Jeanette Engebretson Markee Phipps, 64

Mavis Jeanette Engebretson Markee Phipps, 64, died Nov. 16, 1999, at her home in Salem, Ore., as a result of cancer.

She was born in Kalispell, on May 10, 1935, to John and Mathilda Engebretson. She was raised in Kalispell and earned her high school diploma in 1988. She lived in Oregon for 40 years.

She married Dick Phipps on

Nov. 5, 1998. He died Jan. 29.

She spent many years in retail apparel sales.

She is survived by sons, Daniel Markee of Edina, Minn., and David Markee of Rocklin, Calif.; daughters, Michelle Blunk of Tucson, Ariz., and Becky Warner of Lake Oswego, Ore; brother, Aril Engebretson of Kalispell, sisters Gerda Byrne of Seattle, Ber-

nice Lenoir and Clarice Raybourne, both of Kalispell; 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, and four sisters.

A memorial service was held in November in Salem, burial was in Kalispell at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Aug. 8.

## Robert 'Bear' W. Pike, 67

Robert "Bear" W. Pike, 67, Columbia Falls, passed away on June 27, 2000, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



He was born Jan. 26, 1933, in Kalispell, to John D. and Gladys B. Pike. He was raised and educated in Whitefish, and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1951. He served in the Navy from 1952 to 1956.

He was married over 40 years to his loving wife, Carol. He was a dedicated highway patrolman from 1958 to 1980, then an insurance adjuster for National Farmers Union, retiring in 1996.

He found a lot of enjoyment refereeing high school football and basketball for 30 years. In appreciation, he was inducted into the Montana High School Hall of Fame.

He was an avid outdoorsman whose zest for hunting, fishing, and rafting was contagious. His

life was enriched by spending much of his time enjoying outdoor activities with family and friends. He will be missed dearly by all those whose lives he touched.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step-mother, Minnie Pike; and brother, Ron Pike.

He is survived by his bride, Carol Pike of Columbia Falls; a son, Jim Pike and his wife, Jill, of Bozeman; a daughter, Deb Greany and her husband, J.D., of Bozeman; four grandchildren; and two sisters, Dee Sloan and Phyllis Moore of Whitefish; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. The Rev. John Bent will officiate.

Memorials can be made to the Wildcat Athletic Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 2732, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Upon his request, his ashes will be spread along the Spotted Bear Wilderness area where he spent his summers throughout his life.

## Ernest James Pilloud, 98

Ernest James Pilloud, 98, passed away Nov. 22, 2000, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell. He was born Aug. 25, 1902, in Dunseith, N. D., to Edward and Louise Pilloud.



He met and married Ruth Lund in North Dakota in 1933, they later divorced. He farmed near Lake Metigoshe in the Turtle Mountains and was an auctioneer in many surrounding towns. He moved to Kalispell in 1965 and worked for the Conrad Memorial Cemetery for 17 years. He was a member of the Eagles for

35 years, loved to dance, play bingo, and very much enjoyed watching rodeo and the Atlanta Braves baseball team on television.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; two sisters, Lydia Dion and Theresa Kreig; and four brothers, Ed, Puddy, George, and Henry; two daughters, Patricia Hall of Great Falls, and Louise Schneiderman of Bottineau, N. D.; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, and his loving companion, Marjorie Gierman.

Memorial services will be held at a later date near Wolf Point.

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

## Mary J. Piper, 83

Mary J. Piper, 83, died March 18, 2000, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, as a result of a massive stroke

She was born April 21, 1916, in Georgetown, Minn., to Gilbert and Clara Sofie Kaspereit Gilbertson

In 1956, she married William "Bill" Piper and lived in Hamilton, where she worked at Safeway. They moved to Salmon, Idaho, and then returned to the Hamilton area where she ranched until Bill's death in 1980.

In 1994, she moved to Columbia Falls, to be near her children.

She was preceded in death by

her husband Bill in 1980; a son, Carl Pederson in 1994; and three brothers

She is survived by her two sons, Holger "Pete" Pederson and wife, Mary, John Pederson and wife, Judy, all of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Beverly Nunn of Spokane, Debbie Nunez of San Diego, Calif., Carol Matheson of E. Wenatchee, Wash., Dawn Lacey in Germany, Sandy Scheurer of Lincoln, Ill., Carol Newman of Lake Forest, Ill., Terry Pioro of Yuba City, Calif., Kevin and Mark Pederson of Columbia Falls; 12 great-grandchildren, two great-great-

grandchildren; and two sisters.

A register book in her memory will be open to the public at Dowling Funeral Home until 10 a.m. Friday for anyone that wishes to sign. A graveside memorial service and inurnment will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton.

She was a loving mother and grandmother and will be missed dearly by all.

The cremation has taken place under the direction and care of Dowling Funeral Home. Dowling Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.