

## Kelly Brian Randles, 25

Kelly Brian Randles, 25, of Kalispell, passed away on May 26, 2000, north of Kalispell in a vehicle accident.

He was born Sept. 23, 1974, in Missoula, the son of Tanya Galahan Sgreni and Kelly Brian Randles.

He was raised by his very special dad, Pete Sgreni. He went to grade school in Bozeman and Columbia Falls. He then attended Flathead Christian School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1992.

He was employed with Simbeck and Associates as a liner technician foreman and traveled throughout the United States on the job. The company headquarters are in Mancos, Colo.

He loved life and loved his parents. His two most important and favorite people in the world were his sisters, Angela "Angelina Pasquini" and Gina "Gina Rina Bean Machine." He showered them with many gifts, his time and most of his love. Kelly loved April, a special lady. He loved all his relatives and friends.

His music, poetry, study of medieval history, the great gifts of Mother Nature and the great outdoors were all very much a love of his life. His plans for the future involved all of his loves.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kelly Brian Randles, his grandparents Eunice and Matt Ferlic, aunt Shirley Johnson, uncle Jim Kent, and cousin Jimmy Kent Jr.



He is survived by his parents Tanya and Peter Sgreni and sisters Angela and Gina, all of Kalispell; his grandparents, Dominic and Ann Sgreni in New Jersey; many aunts, uncles and cousins, the John Rainiero family, the Thomas Sgreni family and the Jim Anderson family, all in New Jersey, the Connie Johnson family in Kennewick, Wash., the Marlene Kent family in Sedalia, Colo., the Albert James family and the Richard Johnson family, both of Butte; great-aunts and uncles Inez and Frank Johns family, and Wilene Starin family, both in Butte, the William Galahan family in Clinton, the Thomas Ferlic family in Missoula, and the Randles family of Montana.

He touched many lives with his love, honesty, humor and many talents. He is loved, he is missed. He was proud to be an Irishman.

*May the road rise up to meet you,  
may the wind be always at your back.*

*May the sun shine warm upon  
your face  
and the rains fall soft upon your  
fields.*

*And, until we meet again, may  
God hold you in the hollow of His  
hand.*

-Old Irish Blessing

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Kalispell. A memorial mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday with Rev. Kevin O'Neill officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

## Alice Jane Rankin, 72

Alice Jane Rankin, 72, passed away June 23, 2000 at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born July 24, 1927 in Lincoln, Neb., to Arthur Lemoin and Elizabeth Austin Newburn.



She was raised in Lincoln, a little redhaired girl. She married Bill Rankin in Nebraska on Feb. 6, 1946 and they moved to Washington. They both worked in apple packing warehouses for a short time. Their daughter Gloria was born March 19, 1948 and son, Casey, was born August 12, 1953. In 1957, they moved to Troy where they have lived since.

She used her considerable talents as a homemaker, sewer, artist, and family centerpiece to care for her husband, two children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was totally devoted to her family. She was an expert cook, quilter, seamstress, and enjoyed her flowers, grandchil-

dren, and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Elizabeth Newburn, two brothers, Arthur Warren Newburn and Frank Lemoin Newburn, and one sister, Dorothy Jean Davis.

She is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, William E. Rankin of Troy; two sons, Casey Rankin and his partner Linda Johnson of Troy, Mike Riggle of Windsor, Colo.; one daughter Gloria Rankin Bryant of Kalispell; two granddaughters, Amanda Peterson of Salt Lake City, and Gretchen Taylor and her husband Merrill of Duchesne, Utah; three grandsons, Elijah Rankin of Troy, Sean McAndrews of Kalispell, and James McAndrews of Long Beach, Calif.; and six great-grandchildren, Serena, Zane, Chase, Arroyanna, Trevor, and Dillon living in Utah and Nevada; sister, Mary Kennedy of Lincoln; and brother H L. Newburn of Lubbock, Texas.

There are no services planned at this time. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

## Virgil Taylor Ray, 77

Virgil Taylor Ray, 77, passed away May 4, 2000 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was born Dec. 27, 1922, in Helena, the son of Russell T. and Deanna Sanders Ray.



He grew up in East Helena and graduated from high school there. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1941 and was discharged in California.

He was married to Betty Francis Dalton on Dec. 18, 1943 in Spokane, Wash.

He has resided in Kalispell since the early 1970s. He was very involved with the local VFW and with conducting military honors, serving as chaplain and bugler. For his VFW post, he served as past district one commander, M.O.C. grand of Montana past commander, quartermaster M.O.C. grand of Montana, past district one quartermaster, and long-time quartermaster of Post #2252. He was also a former member of the local Moose lodge. He was also an avid and inquisitive reader.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Betty in 1969.

Survivors include one sister, Myrtle White of Eureka; a cousin Betty Kohn of Billings; one niece, LaZetta Krause, The Dalles, Ore.; and one nephew, Jim White of Rexford.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Dr. David Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with military honors conducted by VFW Post #2252.

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

## Albert Hiram Reed, 90

Albert Hiram Reed, 90, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away on Dec. 9, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 30, 1909, in Balfour, N. D., to Ahimas Hiram and Frances Semrau Reed.

His family lived in Balfour and Drake, where he graduated from high school. He moved to Great Falls in 1931.

He managed his first Safeway grocery store at the age of 28. He then managed a Safeway store in Missoula where he met his wife, Greta. They were married in Superior on May 8, 1944. The couple moved to Kalispell in 1946 where they owned and operated the Pay and Save Grocery Store on Main Street. They have lived in Kalispell since that time.

During the operation of the Pay and Save Grocery Store, he also farmed and raised potatoes. Upon closing the grocery store, the couple purchased a farm north of Kalispell on US 93 and operated Reed's Potato Farm until 1979



when he retired. They also ran a fruit stand during the summer.

In his early years, he was an avid bowler and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Elks for 50 years. He was also a member of the Potato Growers Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Floren and Oren V.; two sisters, Alma Reed and Ione Wold.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years: Greta; two sons, Alan Howard of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Oren L. and wife, Muriel, of Kalispell; two grandsons, Justin Reed of Provo, Utah, and Jeremy Reed of Columbia Falls; three sisters, Ada Reed Holt of Deer Lodge, Dorothy Richardson of Louisville, Ky., and Pat Morisky of Louisiana; one uncle, Adam Semrau; and one aunt, Eva Klevgard, both of Everett, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Harold Everet Reetz, 85

Harold Everet Reetz, 85, passed away May 18, 2000 at North Valley Hospital.

He was born Jan. 22, 1915 in Oakdale, Wis., to Elmer and Lucy Reetz. He was raised in Tomah, Wis. He served with the Army Air-corp in Guam during World War II as an airplane mechanic.

He married Amy M. Powell on Jan. 19, 1945 in Lincoln, Neb. They had three children, Nancy M. Hillman, Catherine A. McComb both of Rockford, Ill., and Ruth A. Reetz of Kalispell. He worked for the National Lock Company for 30 years where he was an active member of the UAW. After retir-

ing in 1976, he moved to Kalispell. He spent most of his time in his garden.

On Feb. 21, 1986, he married Eleanor Kent. He moved to the Montana Veterans Home in February of 1996 due to his failing health. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion Lion Mountain Post #276 in Whitefish.

He is survived by his three daughters, two brothers, Robert Reetz and Irvin Reetz and one sister Ila Kross. Private family services were held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory are in charge of the arrangements.

## Donna J. Reeves, 57

Donna J. Reeves, 57, of Columbia Falls, passed away Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 10, 1943, in Red Lodge, to William D. and Peggy Harrison. She was raised and educated in Roberts and Billings. She graduated from high school in Billings. She worked at the Glacier Christian School and the Dairy Queen for several years. She later worked at the Pines Cafe in Columbia Falls. She also volunteered her work at the concession stand at the baseball fields.

She was married to George Payovich. She was later married to Charles L. Reeves.

She loved bowling, country music, rodeos, acrylic painting, games and her dog, Precious.

She was preceded in death by

her parents and a brother, Fred.

She is survived by four children, George Payovich and Kirk Payovich, both of

Billings, Vickie Robison of Stevensville, Chuck Reeves of Columbia Falls; six grandchildren, Lana Payovich, Chere Payovich, Trevor Payovich, Chelsie Payovich, Zachery Robison and Kiara Reeves; two sisters, Dollie Grice of Ballantine, and Bonnie Minto of Missoula; four nieces and three nephews.

A graveside service will be held Monday, Aug. 7, at 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.



## Freda Kathrina Margaret Starkel Reum, 79

Freda Kathrina Margaret Starkel Reum, 79, went to the Lord on June 26, 2000 to join her husband and other loved ones. She was born Dec. 20, 1920 to Peter and Christina Starkel in Stanton, Neb.

She married Clarence Reum on Dec. 2, 1937. They raised their family in the Ronan - Polson area. After her husband's passing in 1954, she raised her children alone in strength and spirit. She enjoyed music, singing, dancing and her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by brothers



George Lehl of Bigfork, Victor Starkel of Ronan, Walter "Whitey" Starkel of Polson, and sister Lydia Starkel Vessey of Washington; her children, Donald and Carol Reum of Kalispell, Pete and Karen Reum of east of Pablo, Alma Pomeroy and Terry Westphal of Kalispell, Christina Santa of Kalispell, Diane and Vern Rice of Ronan, Conrad and Becky Starkel of Kalispell, Ronald Reum and Cori Long of Boise, Idaho; she was blessed with 21 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

Viewing will be from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on June 29 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at Conrad Cemetery at noon on Friday.

## Alenath B. Rich, 95

Alenath B. Rich, 95, a longtime area teacher, died Nov. 14, 2000, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born Sept. 27, 1905, at Whittier, Calif., the daughter of David Binford and Carolyn Andrews Binford. She was raised and educated at Huntington Park. She attended teachers college at Los Angeles and later at Dillon Normal School in Montana.

She taught school at Rexford, Tooley Lake, Trego and Eureka. She also taught in Libby at St. John Lutheran School and in Libby Public Schools and later in Whitefish Public Schools until her retirement in the late 1960s.

She married George "Shorty" Rich in Jan. 24, 1946, at Kalispell. They had made their home at Rexford since that time; he preceded her in death in 1985.

She had been a longtime member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka, the Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, and had served as a second lieutenant in the Eureka squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

During the 1960s, she chronicled the development and construction of the entire Libby Dam Project for local news media in both writ-

ten word and in memorabilia, donating the entire collection to the Tobacco Valley Museum after the completion of the project. During this time, she and her husband were also actively involved in the townsite relocation of Rexford.

She was highly skilled in handcrafts, especially knitting. For many years she had donated her talents to Mountain View Manor in Eureka, knitting many afghans, slippers and socks for the residents.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Donald Payton, in 1998.

Survivors include her daughter Carolyn Pfrimmer and her husband, Bruce, of Whitefish; sons, Kenneth Payton and his wife, Doris, of Citrus Heights, Calif., and Richard Payton and his wife, Mary Lou, of Rexford; a daughter-in-law, Toni Payton of Reno, Nev.; nine grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka with the Rev. Chris Tabbert officiating; interment services will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Joshua C. Reynolds, 10

Joshua C. Reynolds, 10, died Sept. 6, 2000 as the result of injuries received in an accident near Eureka.

He was born June 15, 1990, at Whitefish, to John and Pamela Reynolds; he had lived in Hot Springs and Eureka and had attended Eureka Elementary School where he had been in the fourth grade. He participated in

basketball and soccer and had enjoyed fishing and the outdoors as well as being with his family and friends who will miss him very much.

Survivors include his parents, John and Pam Reynolds of Eureka; his twin brother, Jayce, and sisters, Jeri and Mandi, all of Eureka; his grandparents, Jim Reynolds of Eureka, Peggy St.

Peter of Arlington, Va., and Manfred and Marvel Tempero of Hot Springs; as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln County High School gymnasium in Eureka with the Rev. Henry Steinhoff and Deacon Dan Casazza officiating; interment services will follow in Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

## Robert E. Richards, 75

Robert E. Richards, 75, died on April 7, 2000, at his home in Eureka, where he resided with his wife Jean.

Private family services are being planned.

He was born on May 30, 1924, in Los Animas, Colo., to Robert and Daisy Richards. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements. Several years ago, he moved to

## Dorothy E. Tudor Rieger, 88

Dorothy E. Tudor Rieger, 88, a resident of Prineville, Ore., passed away on Thursday, June 8, 2000, at an adult foster care center.

Cremation will be held at the Prineville Heritage Crematory under the direction of the Prineville Funeral Home. At her request, no public services will be held. Inurnment will be held in Whitefish Cemetery in Whitefish.

She was born on Aug. 26, 1911, in Lewistown, the daughter of Halbert and Olive Kluge Hazen. She grew up and attended school in Great Falls, graduating from Great Falls High School in 1929.

She married Charles M. Tudor in Whitefish in 1943. After his passing in 1974, she married Chad Rieger on May 29, 1979, in Denver. She worked for Abell Insurance

Company as a secretary for over 30 years in Whitefish.

She was a member of the Episcopalian Church, and she enjoyed golfing.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Tudor in 1974, her second husband, Chad Rieger on Feb. 27, 1995; two brothers and one sister.

She is survived by her son Charles Tudor of Lynwood, Wash.; and daughter Donna Madden of Glendive; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution in her memory can direct them to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Prineville Funeral Home.

## Miles H. Rightmire, 79

Miles H. Rightmire, 79, passed away on Sept. 2, 2000, at his home near Columbia Falls, with his family at his side.

He was born in Proctor, Pa., on Oct. 4, 1920, to Carl and Joanna Rightmire.

He served in the Army during World War II which took him overseas for four years to Italy, Africa, and the Philippines. After his discharge from the Army, he traveled all over the West. For most of his life, he worked as a logger.

He retired from Potlatch Logging Company in Orofino, Idaho, in 1985. He then moved to Columbia Falls, in 1991, to be closer to his grandsons, Dewain and Dustin.

He enjoyed life's travels, hunting, fishing, and shooting the breeze.

He will be truly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, two brothers, and one sister.

He is survived by his son, David Rightmire, of Port Orchard, Wash.; his daughter, Donna Knoepfle of Columbia Falls; and a step-daughter, Arleta Edwards of Columbia Falls.

A graveside service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The Rev. David Jones of the United Methodist Church will officiate.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Hospice Foundation of Kalispell.

Following the service, friends are invited to join the family at the home of Demont and Donna Knoepfle, 131 Falcon Lane in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

## Matthew William Riley, 81

Matthew William Riley, 81, passed away April 13, 2000 at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born April 14, 1918, in Escanaba, Mich., the son of William and Rosella Schmidt Riley. He graduated from high school in Appleton, Wis., and attended the University of Wisconsin before going into the Army.

He served as a T5 with the 82nd Ordinance in North Africa and Italy during World War II. He was an interpreter in the Italian campaign.

After the war, he earned a bachelor of art degree in languages from Lawrence University in Appleton. He taught Spanish in Madison, Wis., before going to graduate school at the University of Colorado. He also was an instructor there while working on his master's degree in German.

Following his marriage to Mary Alice Barnum in Estes Park, Colo., in 1951, he was with Shell Oil in the land office for seven years, working in Billings, Denver and Tulsa.

In 1958, he became a regional sales representative for Nicolet Paper Company in DePere, Wis. He was based in Dayton, Ohio, and traveled throughout the Midwest during his 25 years with Nicolet. Upon retirement in 1983, he and his wife moved to the Flathead



Valley.

His main interests were linguistics, books, and classical music. He continued studying several languages and especially enjoyed meeting with a German luncheon group. He was a charter member of the Ed Gallagher Chapter of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians and served as secretary and vice president and popular story teller for several years. He received the Ed Gallagher crystal mug for dedicated services.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Tom and William "Fuzz" Riley.

Survivors include his wife Mary Alice Riley of Whitefish; one sister, Mickey Milbach of Appleton, Wis.; four children, Pat and Mike of Akron, Ohio, Roxanne of Dayton, Ohio, and Tim of East Hampton, Mass.; and 11 grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations may be made to the Wings Cancer Support at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church of Whitefish, with the Rev. Charles H. Roman as celebrant. Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday from 12 to 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Kathleen Virgie Ripley, 88

Kathleen Virgie Ripley, 88, passed away July 13, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Oct. 5, 1911, to John and Mary Melton in Kansas. She moved with her family to Kalispell, then to Arizona for three years while she was child, returning to Kalispell where she went through school.

She continued to make her residence in Kalispell most of her life. She and her husband made several pleasure trips to Arizona throughout their lifetime. She loved to camp, picnic, pick huckleberries, fish, and play cards with her husband and their friends. Together, they like to round dance and square dance, belonging to many groups, among them being Harmony Mixers, Do Se Do's, and Promenaders. They danced at Gore's Hall with family and many friends. They enjoyed teaching several children to dance, including the Pairs and Squares.

She was an excellent cook, and baked delicious pies, cookies, and cakes, many baked for weddings and other special occasions. She

and her husband took pride in raising vegetable gardens with raspberry bushes, flowerbeds, and rose bushes.



She was married to Cecil Ripley on Oct. 5, 1946, at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Hugh Shoemaker in Kalispell.

She was always a homemaker but she also worked at Flathead Commercial, Buttery Clothing, Columbia Paint, Snowline, and B & B Bakery. She was a member of Central Christian Church of Kalispell, as were her parents.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Ripley; brothers, Willard and Howard Melton; sister-in-law Erma "Honey" Melton; brother-in-law, Roy Fosbery; great-nephew, Corey Clawson.

She is survived by one sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Hugh Shoemaker and one sister-in-law, Barbara Fosbery, all of Kalispell. She said her nieces and

nephews took the place of the children she never had: Marie Melton of Edmonds, Wash., John "Bob" Melton of Entiat, Wash., Virgie and Bill Dawson of Columbia Falls, Beryl Thomas of Kalispell; several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews, and a great-great-great-nephew; and one namesake, and close friend, Kathy Jam Francis of Portland.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Terry Van Heyningen officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

At Kathleen's request, memorials should be made to the Central Christian Church, 2nd Ave. E and 3rd St., Kalispell, MT 59901; or the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation, POB 80807, Billings, MT 59108; or the Montana Heart Association, c/o Laverne Aikin, 623 2nd Ave. East, Helena, MT 59601; or the Brendan House, 350 Conway Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

### Annie Nicol Ritter, 94

Annie Nicol Ritter, 94, died on Aug. 30, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born on March 30, 1906, in Spring Lake, Alberta, to John and Elizabeth Watts Nicol.

She moved to Montana in 1963, where she worked as a waitress at Sally's Cafe and the Hanging Tree in the old Cadillac Hotel. She retired in 1969.

She was preceded in death

by her parents, four brothers and four sisters.

She is survived by a daughter, Irene Taylor of Whitefish, and two granddaughters.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. John Bent officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

### Dorothy P. Ritter, 78

Dorothy P. Ritter, 78, of Columbia Falls, passed away Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born Dec. 7, 1921, in Williston, N.D., to William and Mildred Ramey. She was raised and educated in Williston.

She was married to Charles H. Ritter on Aug. 31, 1940, in Sidney. They lived in Buford, N.D., and later Watford City, N.D. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1946.

She worked at the B & B for many years as a clerk and in the meat department.

She was a member of the bowling league and the V.F.W. Auxiliary for many years.

She was preceded in death by

her parents; her husband Charles; one sister; two brothers; a son; a daughter; a grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

She is survived by two daughters, Evelyn Cooper and her husband, George, of Columbia Falls, and Terry Ulery and her husband, Keith, of Cinebar, Wash.; a sister, Joy Nadrau of Libby; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Columbia Mortuary with the Rev. David Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

### L. George Rhodes, 77

L. George Rhodes, 77, passed away on Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on April 5, 1923, in Kalispell, to Lester C. and Pearl Basye Rhodes. He attended school at Bald Rock Gateway and graduated from Flathead High School in 1941.

He enlisted in the Army Signal Corp on Nov. 9, 1942, where he served in India.

He married Orrine Lynch on Dec. 1, 1945, in Kalispell. He worked for many years at the Anaconda Aluminum Plant, retiring in 1984.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and especially taking short sightseeing trips.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and the Odd Fellows.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Orrine; and an infant daughter, Joyce Pearl.

He is survived by two sons, Ray and Larry, and a sister, Mildred

Berner, all of the Flathead Valley.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 8 to 11 a.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. James Huff officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Gertrude Goldie McCullough Rhodes, 90

Gertrude Goldie McCullough Rhodes, 90, passed away on Sept. 6, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Nov. 16, 1909, in Teako, Wash., to Charles and Annie McCullough. She lived in Portland, until the age of 10, when she moved to Kalispell, where she attended school at Baldrock and Prospect Park.

She married Elmer Jackson Rhodes, they were married for 27 years, then divorced. They had five children. For a brief period of time she lived in Glacier Park when her husband was working on the Going-to-the-Sun highway. She later moved back to Kalispell, where she spent the rest of her life.

She worked at the Sisters of Mercy Hospital for eight years as a housekeeper, then she worked for the State of Montana as a homemaker for five years. She was forced to retire because of ill health.

She truly enjoyed a good joke, needle crafts and cooking. She was a member of the Kalispell Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, Elmer, in 1978; a daughter, Verda Stevens on Aug. 24, 2000; her parents; two brothers, William and Charles McCullough; a sister, Inez Wilson; a half-sister, Bessie Rhodes; and a step-son, Cecil Rhodes.

She is survived by a son, Charles Rhodes, and his wife, Kitty, of Columbia Falls; three daughters, Ella Mae Stevens and her husband, Harley, of Libby, Ruby Rhodes of Salem, Ore., Velma Treat and her husband, Ike, of Columbia Falls; one son-in-law, Roger Stevens, of Kalispell; a sister, Clara Belle Laumen, of Somers; nine grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held today from 2 to 6 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday with the Rev. Peter Ramseth of Immanuel Lutheran Home officiating. Burial will follow at Spring Creek Cemetery. A reception will follow the graveside service at the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is making arrangements for the family.

## James L. Roberts, 68

James L. Roberts, 68, died on March 18, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was born in Williston, N.D., on Feb. 3, 1932, to James P. and Alice R. Roberts.

He lived on the family farm in Crane until he joined the U.S. Army in 1951. He was a Korean War veteran and left the military in 1953.

On Dec. 29, 1954, he married Janet O. McGraw. In July of 1956, he joined the Montana Highway Patrol. He was stationed in Miles City for three years, then transferred to Kalispell in 1960 and to Helena in 1978. He remained in Helena until his retirement in 1988. He moved back to Kalispell in 1997.

He enjoyed fishing and bird hunting with his dogs, especially his beloved Max. He had many

hobbies, but especially enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Janet Roberts of Kalispell; four sons, James C. Roberts and his wife, Marla, Scott Roberts and his wife, Linda, Craig Roberts and his wife, Mary, all of Kalispell, and Kerry Roberts of Spokane; one sister, Effie Mae Potts of Vancouver, Wash., eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Glenn Burfeind of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family wishes a special thanks to Dr. Susan Alexander and her staff of nurses at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



## Cal Robinson, 80

Cal Robinson, 80, died on June 14, 2000, in Kalispell.

He was a loving husband and father, respected servant of his community, lover of life, music, sports and good conversation. He was the world's greatest hugger.



Standing head and shoulders above the crowd, he was admired for his dignity, the strength of his convictions and his quiet faith. His life could be measured by the richness of his many diverse friendships as well as the ever growing numbers of his "extended family." His godfather-like presence will be missed. His cornerstone spirit enriched so many hearts and touched so many lives. We celebrate him.

He was born March 31, 1920, in Kalispell, the son of Calvin A. and Ella Robinson. He lived in Whitefish, Columbia Falls, Lewistown, Havre, Highwood and Great Falls. He returned to Kalispell and attended junior high and high school, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1937.

He attended the University of Montana where he pledged Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He also attended the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Washington.

He served four years in the Navy, being discharged as a lieutenant (service grade) in 1946. He attended law school at the University of Michigan, and graduated with a J.D. degree in January of 1949.

He met Nancy Hanna while he was attending Navy Midshipman School in Chicago during World War II. They were married on Dec. 13, 1945. They lived in Hinsdale, Ill., and he practiced law in Chicago, until June 1950, when they moved back to Kalispell.

He started a law practice with James E. Murphy on July 1, 1950. He practiced law with that firm, known as Murphy, Robinson, Heckathorn and Phillips P.C., and now as Crowley, Haughey, Hanson, Toole and Dietrich P.L.L.P., continually since that time.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Terry Robinson.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; two sons, Calvin D. (Doug) Robinson and his wife, Marla, of Kalispell, Robert Bruce Robinson and his wife, Sandi, of Spokane; daughter Beth (Barbara Elizabeth) Allison and her husband Pat, of Kalispell; and grandchildren, Stephanie of Oklahoma City, Okla., Master Sgt. Shawn Robinson, U.S. Air Force, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Shea Robinson of

Seattle, and Chauncey Terrill Allison of Kalispell.

During the years since his return to Kalispell, he had served as director of the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, president of Junior Chamber of Commerce, director and chairman of the Montana Chamber of Commerce, chairman of Community Chest, president of Glacier College of Liberal Arts, Council of 50 of University of Montana, Advisory Council of Montana State University, board member and chairman of School District 5 and Flathead High School District, member of the Montana Board of Regents and State Board of Education, member of the Governor's Commission to Revise the Business Corporation Act, member of Board of Montana First Environmental Quality Council, member of the board and vice-chairman of the Montana Housing Authority, member of the Governor's Revenue Estimating Council, member of the Board of Litigation of Mountain States Legal Foundation, president and member of Flathead Educational Foundation, member of the Board of Hawkins Scholarship Foundation, member of the board of Flathead County Library Foundation, member of the board of Flathead Valley Community College Foundation, member of the Endowment Committee of Glacier Symphony Orchestra and Chorale, member of the board of the United Way of Flathead County, and co-chairman with wife, Nancy, of the 1995-96 United Way Drive.

At the time of his death, he was also a member of the board of directors of Winter Sports Inc., and Semitool Inc.

He was a member of Christ Church Episcopal and served many years on the vestry of the church and also served on the Montana Episcopal Diocesan Council.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at Christ Church Episcopal with the Rev. Bill Baumgarten officiating. A reception at the Outlaw Inn will follow the memorial service.

Memorials in lieu of flowers can be made to the Robinson Family Memorial Fund, Christ Church Episcopal, 215 Third Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to the Flathead Educational Foundation, c/o Jolene Raybourne, First Interstate Bank, P.O. Box 7130, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Raymond L. Robertson, 80, passed away on Nov. 5, 2000, in Riverbluff Nursing Home in Rockford, Ill. He was born March 6, 1920, in Kalispell, the son of Martin and Mary Grinde Robertson. He married Doris Chambers on Nov. 9, 1946, in Missoula. He served in the US Army from 1940 to 1945. He worked as a court reporter for 36 years and during his career worked for Judge Spear in Great Falls and Judge King in Kalispell. He retired in 1982. He was a Rockford resident from 1969 to 1982, a New Mexico resident from 1982 to 2000, after which he returned to Rockford. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion, past member of the Elks Lodge and the Civilian Conservation Corps. He enjoyed sports, especially golf.

Survivors include his wife; daughter Cynthia Robertson of Las Cruces, NM; son Roger Robertson of Rockford; grandchildren Amber, Terri and Andrew; sister Marguerite Mannaghan of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Services will be private. Arrangements were entrusted to Fitzgerald and Associates Funeral Home in Rockford.

### Donald Eugene Robinson, 68

Donald Eugene Robinson, 68, died Jan. 14, 2000, in Phoenix, from natural causes.

He was born on July 31, 1931, to J.M. Sr. and Margaret Robinson. He attended school in Conrad.

He went into the service from February 1951 through 1953, during the Korean War.

On Aug. 22, 1970, he and Louise Lapp were married. He moved to Kalispell in 1970, and worked as a trucker for a mail contractor.

In 1985, he and his wife moved to Phoenix, where he continued his trucking for the post office.

Survivors are his wife Louise of Phoenix; stepchildren, Joyce and Richard Lapp of Kalispell, Gary Lapp of Bozeman, Nell Seifert of Cut Bank and Joyce Robinson of Hemet, Calif., Bill of Helena, and J.M. Jr. of Conrad; one sister, Lois Aakre of Conrad; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Nina and Helen; and his stepdaughter Cindy.

He was cremated and services have been planned for later in the spring in Conrad.

### Harvey William Robinson, 83

Harvey William Robinson, 83, of Bigfork, died June 29, 2000, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born July 25, 1916, in Choteau.

He was a skilled woodworker and craftsman.

He was preceded in death by his

wife Helen, and one son, Barry.

He is survived by two daughters including Sara of Columbia Falls; and five grandchildren.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

### Karen Marie Robinson, 66

Karen Marie Robinson, 66, passed away on Oct. 1, 2000, at the ~~Kaiser~~ ~~Medical~~ ~~Center~~ in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She was born on March 11, 1934, in Duluth, Minn., to Axel and Siney Mattson. She married Donald Robinson on June 13, 1953, in Duluth.

She is survived by her husband, Donald A. Robinson of Kalispell; two daughters, Susan E. Fuller of



Bonnars Ferry, Idaho, and Claudia Matthews of Whitefish; son Gary D. Robinson of Julian, Calif.; two sisters, Irene Baker and Sandy Eaton; three grandchildren, Azalia Hyland, Rebecca R. Fuller and Eric Robinson; and great-granddaughter, Marie Hyland.

Services will be held on Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness at 1414 Woodland Ave., Kalispell.

The family would like to thank all of the people in the community for the help donations, friendship and prayer's during her illness.

## Elliot M. Robocker, 83

Elliot M. Robocker, 83, passed away Dec. 3, 2000, at Brendan House.

He was born Dec. 20, 1916, to Edwin and Marie Robocker at the family homestead. He attended grade school at Egan Country School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1936.

While his brothers were away serving in World War II, he maintained the family farm. After the war, he partnered with his brother Eugene to run a dairy for 30 years.

He married Winnifred Monk Sutcliffe on June 12, 1958, in Kalispell. He was a devoted husband and father.

He was active in community affairs. He was a 50 year member of the Eastside Grange where he served as master. He served on the board for Flathead High School for several terms and served eighteen years on the board of trustees for the Flathead Electric Cooperative. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

He liked to garden, listen to music and read. He especially liked to hear his daughter play the piano and often requested, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." He liked

local and state history. He loved to visit with neighbors and friends. He lived in the same house all his life. He saw many changes come to the Flathead Valley. Due to ill health, he moved to Harmony House in October of 1999.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Jerry, Howard, Eugene and Willard; one sister, Frances Aadsen, and his wife Winnie in 1996.

He is survived by one daughter, Nancy Wise; one step-son, Jerry Sutcliffe; one granddaughter, Anna Wise, all of Kalispell; sisters-in-law Jean Robocker of Kalispell and Pat Shaffer of Bigfork; numerous nieces and nephews and many special friends.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be giving to Home Options or the Flathead Food Bank.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Dagny Rocksund

Dagny Kristine Hoem Rocksund died May 18 at Colonial Manor.

She was born July 22, 1901, in Trondheim, Norway. She came to the United States in 1923 and married Nels Rocksund in 1924 in Chicago, Ill.

She was preceded in death by Nels, and a daughter, Ruby.

She is survived by her son, William of Columbia Falls; grandsons, Erik Rocksund of Columbia Falls, Norman Rocksund of Lopez Island, Wash., Russell Rocksund of

Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; granddaughters, Chris Rupp of Auburn, Wash., Jilene Sigler and Carrie Stringer, both of Columbia Falls; 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Private family services are planned for a later date.

She touched the lives of all that knew her. Many will remember her love for a long walk, a good night at bingo, her enormous sweet tooth, and the stories of "her nine men she took care of."

No services are planned at this time.

## Wesley Frank Rodgers, 78

Wesley Frank Rodgers, loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and dear friend, died on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, at the age of 78. He was born Aug. 22, 1922, in Stavely, Alberta, Canada, to Frank William and Leah Christiansen (Smith) Rodgers.

Wesley married his sweetheart, Della Orr, on July 7, 1943, for time and all eternity in the Cardston Alberta Temple. Longtime residents of Sweetgrass, Wes and Della have resided the last few years south of Bigfork on the east shore of Flathead Lake. He was loved, honored and respected by all who knew him. He had a quest for knowledge and after secondary school was a self-educated man. Dad loved the beauties of nature, from the coulees and Sweetgrass Hills in the east to the mountains of the west. He loved the animals of Montana and enjoyed feeding his wild birds and squirrels. He relished every task given and his work was a labor of love.

Dad considered himself a missionary for good, not only for all those he met personally, but also he had a commitment to do family genealogy. His life story, unique



philosophy and words of wisdom are written in several personal journals.

He was preceded in death by his dear parents, one brother and one sister.

Wesley is survived by his beloved wife, Della, of Bigfork; a son, Allen W. Rodgers of Bigfork; a daughter, D. Jo-layne Rodgers Vogt and her husband, Charles, of Spanish Fork, Utah; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lois Rodgers Czech and her husband, Joe, of Magrath, Alberta, and Patricia Piegrass and her husband, David, of Pincher Creek, Alberta; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be greatly missed and always cherished by his extended family and wide circle of friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Bigfork Chapel with Bishop Tim Dalton officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary and for one hour prior to the services at the church.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the American Lung Association of Montana, 825 Helena Ave., Helena, Mont. 59601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Opal Paul Role, 89

Opal Paul Role, 89, died at Colonial Manor in Whitefish, on Dec. 8, 2000, of complications arising from a stroke.

She was born Sept. 20, 1911, in Columbia Falls, to Simon and Pearl Paul. She was educated in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1931.

After high school she worked for Pioneer Mercantile and Mountain States Power Company until her marriage to Donald C. Role in 1935. They made their home in Half Moon, Mont., until 1941, when they moved to Long Beach, Calif.

While her husband served in the Navy in the South Pacific during World War II, she returned to Whitefish, and lived with her parents.

In 1945, she and her husband

moved back to Half Moon and lived there until 1967, when they moved to Columbia Falls. She lived in Columbia Falls, until 1990, when she moved to Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and a brother, Richard C. Paul.

She is survived by her niece, Chrystal Higgins of Whitefish; her nephew, Richard Paul in Fairfield, Conn.; former sister-in-law Esther Paul in Kalispell; two great-nephews, Christopher Paul and Matthew Paul; and two great-nieces, Kelli Higgins and Shandi Higgins.

There will be a private inurnment ceremony at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls at a later time.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

## Arvil Bartley Rollins, 64

Arvil Bartley Rollins, 64, died Monday, Sept. 18, 2000, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Sept. 5, 1936, in Birch Creek, Wis., to Edgar and Genevieve Maxon Rollins.

He moved to Polson, then to Kalispell in 1957, where he worked as a patchline technician in the timber industry for Plum Creek for 23 years.

He was a former member of the Snowmobile Association. He enjoyed four wheeling, motorcycles, snowmobiling, traveling and the outdoors. He has gotten his



deer on opening day of hunting season every year since 1960. He went for Sunday drives to Fisher River and enjoyed telling jokes. He was married to Eileen Bucher in June 1979 at Hungry Horse.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers.

He is now survived by his wife, Eileen Rollins of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Wanda Kienas and husband, Martin, of Forsyth, and Tina Wolford and husband, Gary, of Carnation, Wash.; two sons, Curtis Kirkland and wife, Maria, of Mt. Vernon, Calif., and Clinton Kirkland of Columbia Falls; five grandchildren, Jye, Cathy, Justin, Amber, and Jacob; one great-granddaughter, Mary; two brothers, Sidney Rollins and wife, Gay,

of Las Vegas, and Philip Rollins and wife, Shirley, of Arizona; two sisters, Anita Rollins of Oregon and Rachele Gill of Wisconsin; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 3 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Bishop Dave Thueson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Columbia Falls, 1st Ward officiating, in conjunction with the service for his brother-in-law, Fred Vonder Heide. An urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens with military honors by the Veterans of the Flathead. There is no visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Lester W. Roose, 83

Lester W. Roose, 83, died on Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at his home in Stockton, Calif. He was born on Aug. 29, 1917, in Eureka to Glenn and Maye Roose.

He is survived locally by his ex-wife, Marie Roose of Eureka; sons Roy Roose and Bill Roose of Eureka; daughters Carol Fuller of Eureka and Bonita Roose of Kalispell; and stepdaughter Barbara Bass of Libby.

Graveside services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. Local arrangements are being handled by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Betty June Root, 77

Betty June Root, 77, passed away on Dec. 19, 2000, at her daughter's home in Spokane.

She was born on March 3, 1923, in Kalispell, to Glen and Bernice King. She attended schools in the Flathead Valley graduating from Flathead County High School. She moved to Oregon with her husband George in 1966.

Her husband passed away in 1987 and she returned to the Flathead Valley to live. She loved the lake, fishing, swimming, and especially traveling. She will be remembered as being a very caring and loving person.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

She is survived by her daughters, Glenice Crockett of Spokane, and Georgene Boyd of Joseph, Ore.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Gerald Schulze officiating. Interment will follow the funeral at C.E. Conrad Cemetery next to her husband.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## William 'Bill' Root, 80

William "Bill" Root, 80, died at his home on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2000. He was born Dec. 5, 1919, in Shelby, to Clinton and Addie King Root.

He had played the cornet since the age of 15, and has been playing all his life. He also played the mellophone and drums. He loved to play for the Flathead Valley. Places included, most recently, the Bigfork Inn for the past 18 years, The Hanging Tree in Whitefish, Club Rocco, Tybuckers in Somers, and Hennessy's in Kalispell. He had made a record on Big Mountain titled "Big Mountain Dixieland Band." He also made some professional recordings with the "Company Brass."

Root worked as an auto mechanic for Hannah Homes and Shelby Chrysler Plymouth. He retired in 1962 and set up his own shop out of his home. He enjoyed boating,



fishing and RV camping in his spare time.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Miller Root of Kalispell; son, Thomas Root; four daughters, Nancy and husband Tom Reid, and Judy and husband Bo Schreckendgust, all of Kalispell, Shirley and husband Jim Ballantyne of Shelby, and Diane and husband Leo Robarge of Washington; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Jeffrey Brent Rosenlund, 46

Jeffrey Brent Rosenlund, 46, passed away Dec. 10, 2000, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 3, 1954, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Brent Clark and Shirley Williams Rosenlund. He grew up and attended high school in Glendora, Calif.

When he was 17, he bravely enlisted in the Army. He went Airborne and earned his wings. Being a paratrooper was something he was proud of.

He married Kathleen Hummel in July 29, 1978, in San Dimas, Calif. Unfortunately, he was permanently disabled in his late 20s and then just became a full-time father. He raised two happy, healthy, children that will never forget the things he taught them. He was interested in law, always watching court TV.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Eldores and Zelma Williams, and father, Brent C.

Rosenlund.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Rosenlund of Boise, Idaho; one son, Jeffrey Rosenlund; one daughter, Rebecca Rosenlund, both of Kalispell; his mother, Shirley Rosenlund of La Verne, Calif.; three brothers, David Rosenlund of Santa Fe, N.M., Marshall Rosenlund of Las Vegas, and Barry Rosenlund of La Verne.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center on Whitefish Stage Road with Bishop LeRoy Turner officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Isaac James Roskos

Isaac James Roskos, 10 months old, went home to be with Jesus, Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Nov. 19, 1999, in Kalispell, the son of James and Brenda Roskos.

His life was a miracle right from the beginning and continued to be so up until it's end.

This sweet, dear baby boy touched the lives of many, many people in such a short time. All who met him immediately fell in love with him. His innocent and gentle spirit as well as his perseverance to keep going was a wonderful example to us all. He rarely complained or fussed even though he underwent great trials. Isaac brought unspeakable joy to his family who will cherish and remember him forever and always.

He is now survived by his father and mother, James and Brenda Roskos and five siblings, Sasha, Colter, Olivia, Kirsten and Sophia Roskos, all from Kalispell;

paternal grandmother Florence Roskos of Kalispell, maternal



grandmother Janis Singer of Whitefish; aunts, Julie Singer from Olathe, Kan., Caroline Burns of Charlottesville, Va., and Dale Roskos from Dallas, Texas; uncles, Richard

Roskos also from Dallas, and Alan Roskos from Tahoe Pines, Calif.; two cousins, Ingrid Presser of Tulsa, Okla., and Nicole Roskos from Madison, N.J.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church of Kalispell with the Rev. James E. Huff officiating. A reception will follow. A private family graveside burial will take place after the reception at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials should be sent to the Child Development Center; 945 4th Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

2000 Harry A. Ross, 91

Harry A. Ross, 91, of Polson, died of natural causes on Friday evening, Jan. 28, at the Evergreen Skilled Care Facility in Polson.



Ross was born July 30, 1908, in Dodson. He attended schools and grew up in Dodson, then moved to Kalispell in 1934. He met and married his wife, Pauline, in 1935.

A year later they moved to Big Arm and started Ross' Marina and Cabins. He was a jack-of-all-trades, capable of building wooden boats, constructing his own docks, cabins, breakwaters and performing maintenance of all kinds at the marina.

Ross retired in 1970, when he and his wife moved to Polson. He was a

dedicated member of AARP, Polson Senior Citizens, Mission Valley Masonic Lodge #78, Shriner Baghdad Temple, Order of Eastern Star-Mystic Chapter #53, and he attended the Polson Community Church. In 1999, he received a pin and certificate in honor of more than 50 years as a member of the Masons.

His loving wife, Pauline, preceded him in death in 1987.

Survivors include a son, Jack Caldwell of Coupville, Wash., two granddaughters, two grandsons and several great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Grogan Funeral Home & Crematory.

Memorials may be made to the Mission Valley Lodge #78 of Polson, or Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital in Spokane, Wash., or Mystic Chapter #53 OES, or the Polson Community Church.

Clarice Clarinda Rost, 97

Clarice Clarinda Rost, 97, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born July 22, 1902, to Clement and Ella Lee Chapman in Fairfield, Wash., the third in a family of 11 children.

She always loved horses and in 1910, at the age of 8, she rode her own pony along with a caravan of covered wagons to Canada, where her folks planned to take a homestead on the prairie. When World War I started in 1914, they came back to Washington, where she grew up.

On Nov. 14, 1923, she married Ludwig "Happy" Rost in Grouse Creek, Idaho, where he worked in a logging camp. They spent their honeymoon at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane. They then took the train to the Flathead to settle at the Rost family homestead on the Swan River, east of Bigfork. They had a log cabin built there and lived and farmed there for 45 years. They worked hard raising seven children — five boys and two girls — during the Depression years.

Her delight was to go on trail rides in the mountains. She made many trips into the back country and wilderness with family — sons and grandsons and friends, Lon and Olive Brown, Lloyd Hockerson and the Liesters — taking her horses and caring for them and doing much of the campfire cooking. Her last ride was at the age of 85 with her son Lee and grandsons on a pack trip into the Bob Marshall wilderness.

She was a member of the Echo Lake Saddle Club for many years.

After Happy died in 1969, she moved to Eureka with all her horses to live up Pinkham Creek and be near her daughter Madeline. There she joined the Tobacco Valley Ridge Riders of Eureka, and enjoyed more trail times with friends and grandsons.

After a few years she moved into Eureka to live in an apartment at Ksanka Kourt where she became active with a senior citizens group, making new friends.

When she was 80, she moved back to the Flathead and lived in an apartment in Bigfork, where she enjoyed being near family and friends for several years before going to the nursing home after suffering a stroke in 1990.

She always enjoyed the family reunion, held each year in July near her birthday, held on the homestead on Swan River for 25 years. For the last 10 years her family brought her to camp, the highlight of her life. The boys fixed her a tent and a bunkbed and they had a nurse come to help keep her comfortable. The camp fire and camp cooking were her delight.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 10 siblings; one grandson, Keith Utter, killed in Vietnam; and three great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her seven children, Carroll "Hop" Rost of Whitefish, Madeline Utter and her husband Lee of Eureka, Lavino Eslick, Lee Rost and wife Bernice and Robert "Bob" Rost and wife Mo, all of Bigfork, Maynard Rost and wife Gladys of Silver City, N.M., and Jon Rost and wife Doris of Whitefish; 28 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, 15 great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork, with Ed Ernst officiating. Burial will be in the Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork. There will be no visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Anna J. 'Annie' Powers Rowe, 92

Anna J. "Annie" Powers Rowe, 92, died Feb. 13, 2000, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings of natural causes.

She was born April 25, 1907, in Butte, the daughter of Maurice and Mary Murphy Powers, Irish immigrants from County Cork, Ireland.

She grew up in Butte's Corktown and Dublin Gulch districts. She attended Catholic schools and graduated from Girls Central in 1925.

After the death of her father, she helped raise her younger brothers so her mother could work to support the family. She worked hard as a young woman in Butte, at Gamer's, the Butte Grill, and Thornton and Finlen hotels.

While at the Finlen Hotel, she met her soon to be business partner and future husband, James H. Rowe. They forged a partnership, pooling their savings, and in 1928, they purchased Davey's Grill in Butte, and transformed it into the Main Grill at 39 N. Main St. It was the second largest restaurant in Butte, and at age 22, she was the youngest restaurateur in Montana.

She and Jim were married in 1939, and together they began another business venture in Kalspell, called the Nu-Style Sandwich Shop and Drive-In, located on 1st Ave. West. For 20 happy years they enjoyed a thriving business.

They retired in Arizona in 1963, and then to California. They moved to Billings in 1970, to be close to their

grandchildren.

After her husband died in 1983, she continued enjoying her family, friends, church and traveling, especially her trip to Ireland in 1990.

She enjoyed driving to the senior citizens' center to meet her friends and have lunch. She loved listening to Irish music and dancing to the old big band songs. She was very proud of the several ribbons she won in the 80-plus age group in the annual Montana Women's Run.

She was preceded in death by her four brothers, one sister, her husband, and one of her twin daughters.

Survivors include her daughter Mary Anne Souza and husband, Mac, of Billings; three grandsons, Jim and his wife, Teri, Jeff and his wife, Kate and Rod and his wife, Britney; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Her family will love and miss her always and would like to thank all her friends and caregivers at Fraser Apartments, Sage Tower and Primrose Personal Care Home.

Rosary vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at St. Bernard's, with burial following at Mount View Cemetery.

Since she always enjoyed feeding her customers, friends and family, her family wishes any memorials be made to the Billings Food Bank or the Montana Rescue Mission.

Michelotti, Sawyers & Nordquist is in charge of arrangements.



## Monte Hubert Rowberry, 72

Monte Hubert Rowberry, 72, passed away on Oct. 17, 2000, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on Jan. 6, 1928, in Iona, Idaho, to Arthur Leroy and Violet Rowberry.

He married Patricia Clark on Dec. 15, 1944, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. They have four children, Linda and her husband, Carl Dabel, of Kalispell, Bill and his wife, Clarise Rowberry, of Libby, Carol and her husband, Larry Gay, of Centralia, Wash., and Julie and



her husband, Ron Adamson, of Kalispell; Jack Caldwell of Soda Springs, Idaho; four sisters, Norma Kennedy of Los Angeles, Lela Street of Shelly, Idaho, Fern Wilder of Jackson, Wyo., and Marie Johnson of Sacramento; 18 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Memorials and cards may be sent to Pat Rowberry, 285 Sirucek Ln., Kalispell MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for the family.

## Steve S. Rowlan, 83

Steve S. Rowlan, 83, passed away in Great Falls, on Aug. 10, 2000.

He worked at various jobs while living in Kalispell. Upon retirement, he moved to Conrad where he was residing at the time of his death.

He was born on Feb. 17, 1917, in Inverness, to Daniel and Mary Rowlan. In 1970, he married Gudrun Stafford in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Gudrun; two brothers, Jim of Polson and Leo of Arizona; stepchil-

dren Glen and Delores Stafford of Cut Bank, Don and Dorothy Stafford of Columbia Falls, Jerry and Rose Ann Stafford of Kalispell; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, one sister, and a stepson, Bill Stafford.

"Rest in peace Steve, we love you."

Cremation has taken place and private services will be held at a later date.

## Melvin H. Ruder, 85

Melvin H. Ruder, 85, editor-publisher of the Hungry Horse News from its founding in 1946 until he retired in 1976, died Nov. 19, 2000, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Ruder won a Pulitzer Prize in 1965 for his reporting and photography of the 1964 flood in northwest Montana.

He was born in Manning, N. D., on Jan. 19, 1915, to Morris M. and Rebecca Beck Ruder. He was raised in Bismarck where he graduated from high school in 1932. He was an Eagle Scout. During the summers of 1936 and 1937, while a college student, he was employed as a news photographer in Yellowstone National Park. In 1937, he earned a bachelors degree in journalism at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, and in 1942, a masters degree in sociology. At UND he was an assistant professor of journalism in 1940 before going to Westinghouse in Sharon, Pa., where he was

an industrial relations staff member, founded the first Westinghouse plant newspaper, and completed his master's thesis.

In 1942, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served three years. When World War II ended, he was a lieutenant and gunnery officer on the USS Pollux in the Philippines.

He and Ruth Bergan Morris were married Feb. 10, 1950. She died in December 1996.

He was a member of the District 6 school board for six years, three as chairman, president of Montana Press Association in 1957-58, past president of Columbia Falls, Chamber of Commerce, Flathead National Forest Advisory Council, Glacier Natural History Association; founder and served as chairman of the Memorial Foundation at Montana Veterans Home. He served as a director for both Plum Creek and the Bank of Columbia Falls. He was a Mason and Shriner.

He received much recognition and awards not only for the newspaper and his photography, but also his contributions to his community and his philanthropy directed primarily to schools and libraries.

He is survived by a daughter, Patsi Morton and her husband Doug of Kalispell; two granddaughters, Diane Morton of Boise, Idaho, and Melissa Engellant and her husband, Daren Engellant of Germany; and a sister, Arlyne Lansburg of Sun City West, Ariz.

At his request there will be no public service. A private family service will be held later. The family suggests memorials to Columbia Falls, School District 6, Box 1259, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; or to an education institution of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Shirley Jane Stewart Rumsey, 75

Shirley Jane Stewart Rumsey, 75, of Fort Myers, Fla., died April 16, 2000.

She was born in Gloversville, N.Y., to Carl and Cora Stewart. She spent most of her life in Syracuse, but also lived in Lakeside, Jasper, Texas, and Fort Myers for

the past three and a half years.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Albert V., in 1988.

She is survived by her brother, Bill Stewart of Ocala, Fla.; daughters Lynda C. Muench and husband Stephen of Fort Myers, Fla.,

June A. Muench and husband Jerrold of Sanibel, Fla.; son Scott Rumsey and wife Marsha of Lakeside; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A private family memorial mass will be held. Arrangements are by Kiser Funeral Home of Fort Myers.

## Leslie Anne Rupp, 32

Leslie Anne Rupp, 32, passed away at her home in Phoenix, on July 29, 2000.

She was born on Oct. 27, 1969, at Hamilton, the daughter of Cindy and Ernest Rupp. She moved with her mother to Kalispell, and graduated from Flathead High School in 1987.

She moved to Phoenix, in 1993, where she worked as an art framer and commercial artist. She often volunteered with Ari-

zona State University Museum of Art where she assisted with various exhibitions and curation projects.

She loved the outdoors and was an accomplished fisherwoman as well as artist and musician. She was recently engaged to Tim Cheryholme of Phoenix.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Cindy, in 1996, and grandmother, Leta Redd, in 1995.

She is survived by her father,

Ernest Rupp of Port Angeles, Wash.; her grandmother, Louise Robinson, of Phoenix; grandfather, Jason Lapp of Lakeside; great-grandfather Garrison Redd of Swan Lake; aunt Joyce Lapp; uncles, Gary and Richard Lapp, and niece and nephew, Ellie and Hunter Lapp, all of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Leslie's life will be held at the family farm in Creston on Sunday at 3:30 pm.

## Howard Thomas Russell, 82

Howard Thomas Russell, 82, died on April 21, 2000 in Phoenix.

He was born Dec. 18, 1917 on a farm five miles west of Leeds, N.D. to Timothy and Lucy Russell. He spent his childhood growing up on the farm and graduated from York High School in York, N.D.

He moved to Havre in 1935 to work for his uncle who owned the Grand Hotel. It was there he met and married Lorraine Buell on May 16, 1939. From there the couple moved to Great Falls where he went to work at the Rainbow Hotel and later the Tool Crib at Malmstrom Air Force Base. He was drafted into the Army in 1945 and spent



time in the Philippines and Japan. After the army he returned to Havre and managed the Northern Tire company until 1958. He then managed the High Line Lanes, 300 Club and Pomp Room Bar until 1964 when he moved to the Flathead Valley and went to work for Pacific Power and Light company, retiring as office manager in Columbia Falls.

In 1996 he married Margaret "Peggy" Williams and moved to Chandler, Ariz., where he spent his final years painting, golfing and enjoying his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Lorraine in 1994, father Timothy in 1943, and mother Lucille in 1982, sisters Cleo and Kitty, and brothers Tim and twin brother Harold.

He is survived by his wife Peggy

of Chandler, Ariz.; sons Raymond and wife Janet of Watertown, S.D., and Richard and wife Linda of Columbia Falls; grandchildren Jennifer Dahl of Hawley, Minn., Jason Russell of Spearfish, S.D., Robert Russell of Columbia Falls; brothers John Russell of Florida, Raymond Russell of Rugby, N.D.; and sisters Pauline Graves of Minot, N.D. and Shirley Pietron of Grand Forks, N.D.

His hobbies were fishing, bird hunting, painting, golfing and bowling. He was the first person to bowl a sanctioned 300 game in Montana and his memory lives with his many beautiful paintings found throughout the Flathead Valley and the Phoenix area.

Cremation was in Phoenix and there will be no service as requested by the deceased.