

Mary Elizabeth Sagen, 97

Mary Elizabeth Sagen, 97, died on Aug. 23, 2000, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born in Iowa on Oct. 19, 1902, to Rebecca and D. Powell.

She moved to Columbia Falls with her family when she was very young.

She married Frank Sagen in 1921 in Columbia Falls. They had six children.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two

daughters.

She is survived by two daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. on Monday at the Austin Funeral Home with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery.

Lois N. Sampson, 75

Lois N. Sampson, 75, died October 16, 2000 at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 15, 1924, in Bynum to Edward and Mabel Malone Nobel, joining sisters Bonnie and Margaret, and brother Robert. In 1932, her family moved to Saco where her father operated the lumberyard.

She graduated from Saco High School in 1941 and that fall enrolled at Montana State College in the microbiology curriculum. Her college experience included being a member of the honorary S.P.U.R.S., member of the Honorary Science Society, and a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. After the completion of her college courses, she was accepted at St. Luke's Hospital in Spokane for her internship in the laboratory. While there, she took a course in X-ray technology, met Harold "Hal" Sampson, stationed at the Army hospital. They were married in August 1945 in Kalispell, and then returned to Spokane. In November 1945, she finished her schooling, and her husband was discharged from the Army. They moved to Fair Lawn, N. J. where she was employed at the laboratory in St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson. While there she took her National Registry exams as a medical technologist, passed them and received her bachelor of science degree from M.S.C. in 1946.

In August of 1946, they moved to Bozeman. She was a medical technologist at the college infirmary while her husband completed his degree. In May 1949, a daughter was born and in June 1950 the family moved to Kalispell. She worked for the hospital and for a title company. In August 1953, she gave birth to twin daughters, completing the family. A few years later, Dr. A.V. Swanberg employed her as his lab and X-ray techni-



cian with his clinic, where she worked until her retirement.

She was vitally interested in education for all, serving on the local school board for six years and served for several years on a five state educational committee.

She was a past member of Eastern Star, A.A.U.W. and Republican Women. She was a member of P.E.O. until her death. She enjoyed playing bridge, arts and crafts, and summers at Bitterroot Lake, and traveling before she became ill.

She was a loving wife for 55 plus years and a devoted mother and grandmother to four special granddaughters. She was a loyal church member, belonging to several church organizations.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son-in-law, Steve Loewen, a sister-in-law, Julia Nobel, a brother-in-law, Fielding Thomson, a niece Jean Thomson, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is survived by her husband Hal; three daughters, Janet Loewen of Portland, Patricia Marcum and husband Kelly Marcum of Kent, Wash., and Susan Sampson of Boston; four granddaughters, Elizabeth and Katherine Loewen of Portland, and Erin and Kelsey Marcum of Kent; two sisters, Bonnie Thomson of Kalispell, Margaret and her husband, Leland Walker of Great Falls, and brother Robert Nobel of Naples, Fla., several cousins and aunts.

A memorial service will be held Nov. 11, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. at Epworth Methodist Church, 329 2nd Ave. E., Kalispell.

A reception will be held after the service in the church hospital-ity room.

A private internment is planned. The family requests no flowers be given, but that anyone who wishes may give a memorial to the charity of their choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Robin A. 'Rob' Sampson, 52

Robin A. "Rob" Sampson, 52, of Troy, died Nov. 15, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Kalispell on Aug. 8, 1948, to William Sampson and Vera Huston Sampson.

He worked as a guard at the Nevada State Prison and later was employed as a miner for BHP Mining before returning to Montana this year.

He was preceded in death by

his parents.

Survivors include his wife Rhonda "Ronnie" of Troy; two children; stepchildren, Jacob, Heather, and Sefton Kienzle of Troy; one granddaughter; two sisters, including Dera Davis of Troy; and three brothers.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby. Visitation will be today from 3 to 8 p.m. and until noon on Saturday at the funeral home.

William R. "Bill" Sampson, 79

William R. "Bill" Sampson, 79, passed away May 23, 2000, at Lakeside Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born on Dec. 26, 1920, in Valier, to William A. and Mary M. Sampson.

He served in the United States Army during World War II where he gallantly fought to free the Philippine Islands.

He married Vera Lucille Huston on April 4, 1946, in Kalispell. They made their home in Portland, Ore., for 30 years before moving to Noxon in 1977. She passed away on Jan. 20, 1983. He moved to Bigfork in October of 1999.

He loved hunting, fishing, calling bingo and bowling.

He was a member of the Noxon-Trout Creek Senior Citizens and the Cabinet Mountain VFW.

He is survived by four sons, Steve Sampson of Noxon, Robin Sampson of Ely, Nevada, Thomas Sampson of Woodbridge, Va., and Abram Sampson of Noxon; two daughters, Joy Martin of Amity, Ore., and Dera Jo Davis of Troy.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Noxon Community Church with the Rev. Patty Cooper officiating. Burial will follow at Noxon Cemetery. Military graveside honors will be conducted by the Cabinet Mountain VFW. Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lorraine Sanders, 91

Lorraine Sanders, 91, passed away Sunday, April 16, 2000, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish, where she had resided for the past five years.

She was born Feb. 5, 1909, in Emmett, Idaho, to Alfred and Myrtle Hardesty. She was raised and educated in Barber, Idaho.

She went to work at the box plant in Barber at an early age to help support the family.

She was married to Harold M. Sanders in September 1932. They lived in Rio Tinto, Nev., Wallace, Idaho, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Billings, before moving to Columbia Falls, in the late 1940s.

She worked at the Klothes Klost and made baby clothes for the needy.

She enjoyed camping and working in her flower garden. She did

needlecraft and made lots of blankets and afghans for the family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Harold in 1990; three brothers; three sisters; a great-granddaughter; and a daughter-in-law.

She is survived by three sons, David and his wife, Delores, and Carl and his wife, Joyce, all of Columbia Falls, and Wayne of Libby; a daughter, Carol Ann Fliehr of Grants Pass, Ore.; 11 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A graveside service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Ray Davis officiating.

Oliver H. Sappington, 82

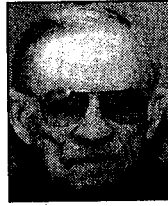
Oliver H. Sappington, 82, went to live with the Lord on May 31, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Dec. 15, 1917, in Lima, to Phillip Joseph and Mabel Heath Sappington.

He worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for 36 years, retiring as a conductor. During World War II, he served with the Army Engineering Corp in Germany.

He married Mary Alyce McClure on Jan. 8, 1951, in Ririe, Idaho. They had five children. He married Marian Ann Broksle on Dec. 15, 1976.

He owned and operated Tad's Wagon Wheel in Twin Bridges for a short while, before moving to Kalispell in February of 1999.



He is survived by his wife Marian Ann Sappington of Helena; son Tad Sappington of Helena; daughters, Terry Klinich of Seattle, Sandy Hedges and

Sharon Zahn, both of Kalispell, Dyana Malkovich, of Butte; stepson George Broksle of Twin Bridges; stepdaughter Louise Ross of East Helena; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held by the family on June 2 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Lydia Josephine Mellem Sater

Lydia Josephine Mellem Sater went to live among the angels on June 17, 2000 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky after a short but courageous battle with cancer. She was born on Sept. 3, 1931 in Thief River Falls, Minn.

She was very active in the Lutheran Church in her younger years, president of the Ladies Aid, women's church group and sang in the choir. She was gifted with a beautiful singing voice.

She loved nature, being outdoors, planting, and taking care of her flowers. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family.

She is the much loved mother of four daughters, Darla R. Conners and T.J. of Nicholasville, Ky., Brenda L. Fluke and Lee of Eagan, Minn., Lindy a. Goyen and Danny of Libby, and Kim L. Brown and Phillip of Merced, Calif.

She had seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Vernon in April of last year. We take comfort in knowing that they are together again, forever.

The family requests that any memorials be directed to the Hospice of the Bluegrass in Lexington.

Rose Prestia Adkins Scalise, 94

Rose Prestia Adkins Scalise, age 94, died of natural causes Aug. 5, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born May 2, 1906, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Frank and Rachel (Paula) Preste.

Rose lived in Great Falls, Italy, and Idaho before moving to Livingston. In 1939 she married Ernest Adkins, and he passed away on July 28, 1970. Rose Adkins married Francesco Scalise on Oct. 15, 1974. Frank preceded her on June 2, 1979. Rose was employed at the Murray Hotel for 35 years. Rose moved to Seattle, Wash., in 1986, and to Kalispell in 1990. She lived at the Friendship House and Brendan House before moving to Immanuel Lutheran Home June 25, 1991.

Rose was a member of the Catholic Daughters, Women's Altar Society and other Catholic organizations.

Rose is survived by a sister, Isabell Johnson of Bisbee, Ariz.; a

son, Ernest Frederick Adkins of Kalispell; two daughters, Florence Tapfer of Hawaii and Nancy Adkins of Seattle, Wash.; six grandchildren, Cynthia Whaley, Scott Farrier, and Connie Tadeo of Hawaii, and Greg Adkins and Kurt Adkins of Kalispell, and Brad Adkins of Portland, Ore.

Funeral services for Rose Prestia Adkins Scalise will be held Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2000, at 10 a.m. at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Livingston. A vigil service will be held Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2000, at 7 p.m. at Saint Mary's. Burial will follow services at Calvary Cemetery in Livingston.

The family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, Mont. 59901, or to the Saint Mary's Scholarship Fund in Livingston.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Evelyn Marie Schaertl, 86

Evelyn Marie Schaertl, 86, passed away at Brendan House in Kalispell, on Oct. 10, 2000.

She was born Aug. 9, 1914, in Red Granite, Wis., to Karl and Hilda Johnson Borgeson. She moved to the Bitterroot Valley as a small child and grew up in Stevensville. There, she helped out in the family tailor and dry cleaning business. She also farmed the area.

She was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed reading poetry in English and Swedish. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, J. Milton Brown and William F. Schaertl; parents, Karl and Hilda Borgeson; and a

brother, Vernon Borgeson.

Her survivors include a daughter, Carol Christman and her husband, Ronald, of Kalispell; sons, J. Russell Brown and wife, Jane, of Las Vegas, and William R. Schaertl of Hot Springs; granddaughters, Jaclyn Christman of Kalispell, Pamela Wittwer and husband, Jay, of Las Vegas; grandsons, Kevin Brown of Las Vegas, and Jason Christman of Greeneville, Texas; great-grandsons Samuel, Matthew, and Colby Wittwer, all of Las Vegas.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. She will be interred at the Riverview Cemetery in Stevensville.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

SheriLee Scharba, 48

SheriLee Scharba, 48, of Arlington Heights, Ill., joined our Lord Aug. 16, 2000, due to complications after surgery.

She was born Jan. 27, 1952, in Duluth, Minn.

She was a beautiful person, both inside and out. Very giving and very much loved by everyone. She had no children of her own, but many God children.

She is survived by her husband, Richard, at their home;

her mother, Ann and stepfather, Keith Robinson, of Kalispell; sisters, Virginia Beeler of Cloquet, Minn.; Sgt. Laura and husband, Tom Jernigan, of Ewa Beach, Hawaii; brother, Leonard Hardman and wife Paula of Helena; two nieces, Heather and Meshell; three nephews, Michael, T.J. and Stephen; many cousins and one aunt, Vi Webster, of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by

her loving grandparents, Charles and Virginia Lung, and one sister, Carol Ann Payne.

She will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Memorial services were held Aug. 19, 2000. Memorials may be sent in her name to the Keith and Annie Robinson Theater Scholarship Fund, Flathead Valley Community College, 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT. 59901.

Duane W. Schieffer, 74

Duane W. Schieffer, age 74, of Worden, died Saturday at the St. Vincent Hospital.

The son of Peter and Agatha Schieffer, he was born Sept. 21, 1925, in Menominee, Neb. Duane had farmed before working for Greyhound Bus Lines as a driver, transferring to Montana in 1955. A soil and water conservation contractor, he operated Schieffer Construction and Worden Ready Mix for many years.

He was a past president of the Land Improvement Contractors of America.

He also was a member of St. Thonias the Apostle Church, the Lions, the Elks, and had been a founding member of the South Central Montana Antique Farm Machinery Association. An outdoors man, Duane enjoyed hunting and fishing. His passion, however, was restoring antique farm machinery.

He married Grace Gednalska in 1976.

Survivors include his wife Grace of Worden; four children, Marcy Evans of Kearney, Neb., Shirley O'Neill of Billings, John Schieffer of Kalispell, and Mary Yost of Santa Barbara, Calif.; five brothers and sisters, Sally Fisher of Boone, Iowa, Msgr. Stanley Schieffer of Red Cloud, Neb., Peter J. Schieffer, Jr., of Ponca, Neb., DelRay Schieffer of Denver, Colo., and Carmen Bohlsen of Omaha, Neb.; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Michelotti, Sawyers and Nordquist Mortuary. The funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Cremation will follow the Mass.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent Hospital, ICU, or the charity of one's choice.

Vernon 'Vernie' Schmid, 77

On Friday, July 28, 2000, Vernon "Vernie" Schmid, 77, passed on at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Oct. 27, 1922, in Sisseton, S.D., to George and Lenora Schmid. He was the youngest of six children. He attended a one room school house until moving to Kalispell in 1939. He attended his senior year at Flathead County High School with his cousin Millie Sunde and graduated in 1941.

He entered the Army in 1943, and served overseas for three years during World War II. After being honorably discharged in 1946, he returned to Kalispell and worked at Somers Lumber Company. Along with his two brothers and other family members they owned and operated a portable sawmill. He worked at various jobs in the timber industry until his retirement in 1985.

He was lucky enough to spend a majority of his working years working with his brothers, sons, and other relatives. In the fall of each year, even past retirement, one of his greatest joys was cutting Christmas trees for resale. His son Shawn starting "dragging" Christmas trees behind his dad when he was four years old, only to come home and split one-half of his wages with his twin sister, Sharon.

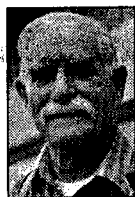
He thoroughly enjoyed fishing, metal detecting, huckleberry picking, tending to his flowers, feeding the ducks at Woodland Park and his morning walks along the Flathead River with his wife and dogs. He was always happy while harvesting something. Many times the fruits of his harvest were made into wine.

He was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman. He could be spotted on most winter days sitting in his lawnchair with his dog Katy beside him, patiently waiting for the catch of a lifetime. In 1987, he caught the state record yellow perch, only to have it broken a year later in 1988, by none other than himself. He still holds the record today. He could also be seen many times at Smith Valley School where his grandchildren attend school. He never missed the annual Smith Valley Auction.

He was a loving husband, beloved dad, grandpa, "Bomps," brother, uncle and friend. He was a genuinely thoughtful, caring, loyal, compassionate, non-judgmental person. This endeared him to many as their "all time favorite person."

His greatest joy came from his

family. After being a bachelor for 39 years he married Marva Bolster



Holmes on Nov. 17, 1961. He became the loving father to her five children. On Nov. 16, 1962, he became the proud father of a set of twins. He was the most loving and caring

dad one could be blessed with. He was a true family man. While living at home as a bachelor he was surrounded by his nieces and nephews who adored him. He was a very devoted and loving son.

The topping on the cake came when he became a grandfather, his grandchildren were a joy and a delight to him.

If success can be measured in the love one receives from his family, he was a truly successful man.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, one sister, a stepdaughter, and a great-grandson.

He is survived by his wife, Marva at the family home; his children Karen Christiansen and husband, Wayne of Alaska, Fred Holmes and wife, Karen, Jack Holmes and wife, Dee, Dan Holmes and wife, Theresa, Sharon Hagel and husband, Jack, Shawn Schmid and wife, Susan, all of Kalispell; grandchildren Branch, Beth, Dane, Chad, Steve, Chris, Angela, Pamela, Ashley, Amber, Austin, Conner, Amanda, Levi and Heidi, along with nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Lorraine Hardinger and a special brother-in-law, Maynard Bolster, of Kalispell; and many special nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He had a true and complete sense of contentment. Somehow he always knew what the truly important things in life were. Dad was never worried about keeping up "the Jones", but more concerned about keeping pace with "the Waltons."

In keeping with Vernie's giving spirit, in lieu of flowers, family suggest memorials be made to the Humane Society, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT or Flathead Industries, 66 4th Ave. WN, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary with the Rev. Douglas Nemitz officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Cemetery with full military honors. Reception will follow burial at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Marabeth Louise Schmitz, 62

Marabeth Louise Schmitz, 62, passed away Aug. 3, 2000, in Kalispell.

She was born July 15, 1938, in Helena, to Walter S. and Elizabeth A. Schmitz. She received her early education in the Helena schools and graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula with a bachelor of arts degree in business administration.

She was employed with the U.S. Forest Service on the Helena National Forest from 1960 to 1968 as a secretary to the forest supervisor, and later as an engineering technician in the engineering unit.

She then transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and worked for the Flathead Irrigation and Power Project in Polson, as an electrical engineering draftsman. In 1972, she transferred to the Flathead National Forest in



Kalispell, and worked for them as a budget and accounting analyst until her retirement in April of 1989.

She was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees Local Chapter 646.

Her special interests centered around any kind of outdoor activity. She was often seen on her daily exercise walks, or biking in the Woodland Avenue area. She truly loved all of her various gardening and yard activities, and most especially any outing involving fishing, boating, camping, and huckleberrying.

She was diagnosed in 1986 as having a rare form of chronic leukemia. She participated in an experimental treatment for that disease, and entered into remission in November of 1988. She always credited Dr. Boehme, his staff, and the strong support she received from her many friends for the "extra" years she enjoyed.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walter S. Schmitz in 1958, and her mother, Elizabeth A. Schmitz in 1976.

She is survived by one brother, Walter L. Schmitz and his wife Francie; a niece, Diane Earhart; and nephews David and Alan Schmitz, all of Seattle; a niece Carolyn Schmitz-Dukitch of Spokane; a cousin, Moneen Lang of Puyallup, Wash.; and close friends Ruth Davis of Pablo, Wendell and Karen Barbee of Kalispell, Devvi Morgan of Kalispell, and Marge Fisher of Whitefish.

Memorial services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Chrysta Bourne officiating.

Memorials may be sent to WINGS, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell; the food bank, or to the Mission Valley Animal Shelter in Polson.

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

Raymond H. Schnackenberg, 63

Raymond H. Schnackenberg, 63, died at his home in Marion, Saturday, Feb. 26, 2000.

He was born in Sterling, Neb., Sept. 11, 1936, to Henry and Margaret Kinniburgh Schnackenberg.

In 1943, he moved with his family to Marion, where he attended grade school. He attended Flathead County High School until 1953, when he began working with his father and brothers in their sawmill operation. Later he and his brother, Harold, became partners in business and worked for several years in the logging and trucking industry. He retired in August 1998 after suffering a serious heart attack.

He was a devoted son, brother and uncle. He was a dedicated father who devoted himself to raising his daughters. He always took great joy in helping his family and friends. He was greatly loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Edwin and Harold.

He is survived by his two daughters, Connie Schnackenberg of Marion and Debrah Schnackenberg of Franktown, Colo.; his sister-in-law, Laura Schnackenberg of Libby; one niece, Colleen Wood, and three nephews, John, Steve and Joe Schnackenberg, all of Libby; and numerous great-nieces and -nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Reverend Charles Couch of the Missoula Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Henry (Hank) Schneider

Henry (Hank) Schneider died in Whitefish on June 10, 2000, within one month of his 84th birthday. He was born in Chester on July 3, 1916, where he attended public school, sang in the Catholic choir, and boxed the Golden Gloves preliminaries of the Dempsey/Tunney championship fight in Havre. After the death of his father in the early thirties, his mother remarried and the family moved to the Flathead Valley near Evergreen. In 1939, Henry married Hope Reid in Columbia Falls and they had one son, Robert Henry. Hope died in 1988. Hank is survived by Robert and his partner Margo, two married grandsons: Perry and Barbara in Fairbanks; Parke and Joanie in Seattle; three great-grandchildren; and close friends and neighbors who supported him faithfully - Jan, Vera, Carl, Bud and Betty, Russ, Chuck, and Al and Karla - to name a few.

Hank bucked hay bales, packed railroad ties, pulled lumber on the green chain, and one summer ended up on the short end of a two-man crosscut saw with his brother-in-law Al Reid. This was the start of his life in logging — a dangerous profession which he loved and never gave up on until he retired - except during deep winter and spring break-up when he tied Christmas

trees, cut ice on Whitefish Lake, and dealt cards at the Pastime. He wore out many McCullough chain saws and, as a young man, won the summer sawing contest on the streets of Whitefish whenever he chose to enter. He never imagined he would out-live American Timber.

He was one hell of a fisherman, bird hunter, and card player - until his eyes were too bad to bait a hook; the ducks and geese became too small to see; and the spots blurred on the cards. He whittled wooden bull trout plugs, stamped out metal mackinaw spoons in the basement, and strung silver salmon rigs which sold locally as 'Hanks Bait Buddy'. He had 200 pounds of fish lures but no books; dozens of duck stamps but no diplomas; he watched baseball and wrestling on television but never saw a movie; and would drive all night to Duck Lake or Hauser Reservoir but not to a big city. Hank never went to war, never voted Republican, never bought a Homelite, and never shopped in Kalispell until he had to. He was a generous man and gave his friends his guns, fishing tackle, decoys, hand warmers, and advice with emphasis. He loved his dogs, his friend's dogs, stray dogs, and dogs on television. Hank was set in his ways, believing the steady stream wears the solid rock away - he sure as hell gave it a try.

A gathering for his family and friends will be held in the function room or the VFW hall at 20 Baker Avenue in Whitefish on Saturday, July 22, at 11 a.m.

Jerry B. Schnell, 88

Jerry B. Schnell, 88, passed away Dec. 29, 2000, at home in Kalispell.

He was born in Glasgow, Mo., Nov. 21, 1912, to Vernon Lewis and Sopha Janeth Beaman Schnell. When he was six months old, his father heard of the virtues of the Flathead Valley from his brother, William, and decided to move West.

He attended Kalispell schools and graduated from Flathead County High School. He then worked to pay his own way through the University of Montana, serving as house manager for Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He graduated in 1935 with a business degree.

He returned to Kalispell and began work with the phone company. In 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a storekeeper in the Seabees (construction battalion) in the South Pacific. He was subsequently selected for officer candidate and supply corps school at Harvard University in Boston, Mass. He returned to the South Pacific serving as the supply officer on a minesweeper tender ship.

After the war, he returned to Kalispell and formed a partnership with Owen Sowerwine at the Kalispell brickyard. In the early '50s, the partners acquired the Mobil Oil distributorship for Northwest Montana and formed the Valley Oil Company (now Valcon) which he sold in 1979.

He also was granted the first Music by Muzak franchise for Mon-



tana in 1962. He did all the Muzak installations at numerous businesses and doctors'/dentists' offices around town and also operated and maintained the 24 hour, tape-playing equipment in the basement of his home. He was also known for having introduced the first self-serve gasoline pumps in the valley.

An active member of the First Presbyterian Church for more than 65 years. In 1948, he hired the church's choir director, Janice Horton, the new choral director at Flathead High School; they were married in June of 1949. At the church, he was probably best known for his initiation and untiring, usually single-handed, management of the church's radio broadcast for that same 65 years.

He was also a driving force in the Community Concert Organization from 1938 through 1998, devoting countless hours to membership and programs expansion. He sang in the both Presbyterian Church Choir and the Glacier Chorale and enjoyed playing duplicate bridge.

He is survived by his wife, Janice of Kalispell; his son, Martin and daughter-in-law, Christina, of Los Gatos, Calif.; and two grandsons, Andrew and Eric.

Services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on Saturday at 1 p.m.

The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to either Hospice of Kalispell or the First Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Raymond T. Scholz, 75

Raymond T. Scholz, 75, a Whitefish resident, died Tuesday morning, Feb. 8, 2000, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish, of natural causes.

He was born Sept. 10, 1924, in Bridgeport, Conn. He was a pilot during World War II and flew P40s and C40s in the Carrier Command, which carried men and supplies to all parts of the Southern Pacific.

He was employed at the Kennedy Space Center after the war, until he was restricted from working there due to ill health.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, and two brothers, Edward and Howard Scholz.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Scholz, in Whitefish; two sons, Daniel and Steven Scholz in Columbia Falls; three daughters, Trish Becker in Kalispell, Raeanne Olson in Whitefish, and Marryanne Baker in Roseville, Calif.; 15 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be Wednesday 1 to 5 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Eddy Ray Schuler, 46

Eddy Ray Schuler, 46, died Feb. 12, 2000, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 3, 1953, in Minneapolis, Minn., to William C. and Lois H. Schuler.

He is survived locally by his parents; William and Lois Schuler; two sisters, Janet Summers and her husband, Robert, of Kalispell, and Karen Calabretta and her husband, David, of Whitefish; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Anna Marie Hummel Schulze, 85

Anna Marie Hummel Schulze, 85, died on Jan. 12, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 18, 1914, at Westfield, Iowa, to George and Hansena Christensen Hummel. Her father, born in Denmark, operated a sawmill, worked as a drayman and high school janitor and was the mayor of Westfield. She was the sixth of 10 children.

At 16, she moved to her aunt's home in Elkton, S.D. There she met and on Aug. 29, 1931, married George Schulze, a well-established farmer at the age of 26. In 1943, the couple moved their farm operation to Ivanhoe, Minn. In 1950, they purchased a farm on Whitefish Stage Road near Kalispell.

She cooked for the Flathead County Nursing Home for 20 years. Her husband drove her to and from work every day. After retiring in 1975, she began providing care for foster children. She and her husband adopted two young children to join their own three sons.

Her interests include collecting and polishing rocks, working with



ceramics and crafts, playing cards and games, and reading. Her coffee pot was always on for friends who stopped by.

She was a member of the rock club and the Pine Grove Ladies Club. Her favorite music was gospel and country-western. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Kalispell.

George Schulze died at Immanuel Lutheran Home in April 1995. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her five children, Pastor Gerald Schulze and his wife Genevieve, George Schulze and his wife Elaine, Elmer Schulze and his wife Monika, Debra Walette and her husband Randy, all of Kalispell, Roger Schulze and his wife Renate of Nuremberg, Germany; a brother, William Hummel of Lincoln, Neb.; a sister, Edith Secor of Chico, Calif.; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The Rev. Fred Beavon of the Seventh Day Adventist Church will be officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Glen E. Schultz, 74

Glen E. Schultz, 74, of Lakeside, passed away Saturday, July 15, 2000, at the Brendan House, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was born Sept. 7, 1925, in rural Rothsay, Minn., to William C. and Lily Hendricksen Schultz. He attended Rothsay public schools and graduated in 1943. He then attended Wahpeton, N.D., trade school and graduated in 1946, with electrical and refrigeration degrees.

He moved to Glasgow, and started his own electrical business. In 1961 he entered Federal Civil Service at Glasgow Air Force Base. He transferred to the Lakeside radar base in 1968, and served there until 1980. He then transferred to the U.S. Forest Service at Kalispell, and retired in 1985.

He was a 28-year member in the Montana Army National Guard until his retirement in 1980. He was a part-time electrical contractor and master electrician from 1957 to present.

His hobbies included bowling, hunting, fishing and traveling

south for the winters. He was also a shade tree mechanic for his son and a member of the Elks, Eagles and American Legion. He loved to dance.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother

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He is survived by one daughter, Sherry Shillenn and husband, Jim, of Douglas, Wyo.; two sons, Michael and wife, Connie, of Roxana, Ill., and Richard Schultz of Lakeside; five grandchildren, Kari Yeaman and husband, Jeff, of Douglas, Wyo., Shelly Valant and husband, Brian, of Montrose, Colo., Erin-Bennick and husband, Brett, of Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska, Bryan Schultz and wife, Martha, of Ramstein A.F.B. Germany, and Andrea of Billings; one great-grandson, Michael Jeffrey Yeaman of Douglas; three brothers, Donald and wife, Doris, of Rothsay, Gerald and wife, Rose, of Park Rapids, Minn., and Lester



and wife, Betty, of Fargo, N.D.; sister-in-law Carol Schultz of Breckenridge, Minn.; four nieces, seven nephews; and a very special friend, Bea Berry of Columbia Falls.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Wayne Pris of Eisvold Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Funeral services will also be held in Rothsay, Minn. at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2000, at the Hamar Lutheran Church. Burial will follow in the Hamar Lutheran Church Cemetery in Rothsay.

The family suggests memorial gifts be sent to the Eisvold Lutheran Church Property Fund, 5935 U.S. 93 S., Somers, MT 59932.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory, 406-752-6666. Arrangements in Rothsay will be under the direction of Grina Funeral Home, 218-736-7586

Walter Joseph Schuman, 87

Walter Joseph Schuman, 87, passed away April 25, 2000, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

He was born June 30, 1912, in Callaway, Minn., the son of Michael and Mary Rogers Schuman. He moved from Minnesota to Canada when he was very young. He grew up in Canada and later took over the farm where he and his family had lived. While in Canada, he also served for three years in the Canadian army.

He married Gladys Torgunrud on July 15, 1943, in Canada. They later moved to the Flathead Valley to farm and raise a family.

He enjoyed being a 4-H leader and he also liked to fish, dance, make wood crafts, carpentry, and gardening. He especially loved spending time with family and friends. He was a 37-year member of the Eagles, served as a past president and won several awards for his service including State Eagle of the Year for 1983-1984. As an Eagle, he also volunteered his time freely to call on people in the hospital or



at their homes. He was also a member of the Sons of Norway.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Schuman of Kalispell; one daughter, Sandra Palmer and her husband, Paul, of Portland; three sons, Laurie Schuman and his wife, Bonnie, Ray Schuman and his wife, Rainey, all of Kalispell, and Keith Schuman and his wife, Marsha, of Portland; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Art, George, and Albert and one sister, Rose, all of Canada.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 9-6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, or to the Eagle's Children's Fund, 37 1st Street West, Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ann M. Schwartz, 80

Ann M. Schwartz, 80, a former resident of Whitefish, died Aug. 11, 2000, after a brief illness.

She was born Nov. 16, 1919, near West Chester, Penn., to Gilbert and Gladys Earle Mather. She was raised in an avid fox hunting family, her father being the Master of Fox Hounds of the Brandywine Hunt. With this background she became a skilled equestrienne and steeple chase jockey.

She married John S. Harrison, also a noted steeple chase jockey, in 1939. She had two sons and was widowed.

She married Jeremiah J. Sullivan III in 1946, and had one daughter. They divorced and she moved with her children to Whitefish where they took up skiing.

She and Stephen G. Schwartz were married in 1954, and had one daughter together.

She loved the Flathead area, enjoyed skiing, fishing, hunting, hiking, golfing, canoeing and made many friends. She became a licensed ski instructor and taught for many years on Big Mountain. After the death of Stephen Schwartz, she moved to Texas, and resided on her daughter's farm.

She was preceded in death by

husbands, John S. Harrison, and Stephen G. Schwartz.

The eldest of three sisters, she is survived by two sisters, Mary M. Bourdon of Sheridan, Wyo., and Jane M. Sullivan of West Chester, Pa.; sons John Harrison and wife, Bunny, of Aspen, Colo., Gil Harrison and wife, Ruth, of Marion; daughters, Jane Kohler, widow of Steven L. Kohler, of Forestburg, Texas, Peregrine Schwartz-Shea and husband, Tim Shea, of Salt Lake City, Anne Schwartz Collins and husband, John, of Whitefish, and Georgiana Schwartz Pakradooni of Devon, Pa.; grandchildren Jeffrey Harrison, David and Michael Harrison, Jessica Kohler Wilson, Gavin and Jordan Kohler, Carl and Tierney Shea, Stephanie Collins Elm, Ian Collins, Jenny Pakradooni; and great-grandchildren, Josh Wilson and Mina, Addie, and Molly Elm.

A memorial service was held at the V.F.W. Hall on Aug. 15.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the World Wildlife Fund or plant a tree or a rosebush.

Lorna Louise Dawley Schwartz, 72

Lorna Louise Dawley Schwartz, 72, went home to be with the Lord on May 7, 2000.

She was born on June 26, 1927, in Great Falls, to Col. Charles R. and Helene Robertson Dawley. She was raised in Great Falls from the time she was six years old, and she and her family spent their summers at their cabin on Whitefish Lake. She attended elementary school in Great Falls, graduating from Great Falls High School in 1945.

After high school, she attended Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., for one year, she then attended Montana State University where she double majored in history and biology. She was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority.

While at MSU, she met her beloved husband, John Carl Schwartz. They were married on June 25, 1950, in Great Falls. In 1952, they moved to Kalispell where John was an architect and she was a homemaker. They had three daughters and a son.

She was very active in many organizations. She was a 50-year member of Chief Ignace; Chapter DAR; Chapter C PEO; AAUW; the Genealogical Society; and Colonial Dames.

She was an active member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Kalispell, where she had served as president for the missionary ladies and other offices. She taught Sunday school to the mentally challenged for many years, and dearly loved her students. For



nearly 30 years she assisted in teaching the Joy Club, an after school Bible club for children. She was a wonderful woman who loved to serve her fellow man.

She was preceded in death by her husband Carl Schwartz, and her parents, Charles R. and Helene R. Dawley.

She is survived by her children, Helene Jane Felker and husband, Jim, of Brookfield, Wis., Jeanie Harris and husband, Greg, Anne Marie Zorn and husband, Dan, all of Kalispell, Chris Schwartz and wife, Terri, of Brookfield; 14 grandchildren, Randy, David, John, Julianna, Stephanie Felker, all of Brookfield, Tiger, Joshua, Hannah, Caleb, and Andrew Harris, Christina, Jaimee, John, and Stephen Zorn, all of Kalispell; one brother, Lt. Colonel James R. Dawley and his wife, Madge Dawley, of Hampton, Va.; numerous nieces, nephews and many dear friends.

She was a beloved wife, a loving mother and dearly adored grandma. We will miss her terribly, but we rejoice in her finally being home with the savior our Lord Jesus Christ.

Visitation will be today from 3 to 7 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. Dexter Gordon officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception and luncheon will follow the graveside services at the Zorn Home, 220 Garland St.

The family request memorials to Shepherds, Box 400, Union Grove, WI 53182. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Artie Samuel Scott, 86

Artie Samuel Scott, 86, passed away May 6, 2000 at his home in Kalispell. He was born April 22, 1914 in Wood Lake, Neb., to Amos and Sarah Scott.

He had seven brothers and sisters. He moved to Savage, Mont., at an early age in 1926. He met Mildred Cleo Campbell and they were married on Dec. 30, 1935 in Glendive. They were married almost 60 years, during which time they had six



children.

He was an employee of the Northern Pacific Railroad and later the Burlington Railroad as a first class carpenter. He retired in 1976 and moved to Kalispell where he has remained. He was loved by everyone and will be missed by many.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred, all of his brothers and sisters, and twin grandbabies.

He is survived by six children, son Floyd Scott of Kalispell, daughter Florence Wambeke of Lovell, Wyo., daughter Eda Mae Lacquement and her husband Ken

of Terry, son Samuel Scott of Kalispell, son Phillip Scott and his wife Joyce of Somers, and a daughter, Alice Rae Deschaak and her husband Larry of Glendive; 11 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Rev. Ken Mottram officiating. Visitation will be held Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell.

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

Wesley Scott, 84

Wesley Scott, 84, died Jan. 9, 2000, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He was born June 6, 1915, in Blountstown, Fla., to Rufus J. and Lovie J. Williams Scott.

He worked as a first class carpenter in the construction industry. He loved to plant and grow things. He loved to play cards, especially poker and dominoes. He loved to fish and hunt, enjoyed children, and enjoyed visiting schools sharing history with them.

He grew up in Donalsonville, Ga. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of the sharp-shooters division.

He married Eddie Mae Copeland on Dec. 14, 1940, at Donalsonville. She died June 17, 1980.

He moved to Kalispell, in 1996, residing with his daughter. Everyone who met him, loved him as "grandpa." He was a man of simplicity and great joy. At 84, his greatest joy was flirting with all the local waitresses. He was a member of the VFW. He will be missed by all those who new and loved him.



He was preceded in death by his wife Eddie Mae; a granddaughter, Rachel O'Brien; his parents, Juanita and Rufus J. Scott; one brother, Rufus Scott; and two sisters, Bethel and Mattie Scott.

He is survived by his former wife, Mary Scott of Meridian, Miss.; two daughters, Mary O'Brien of Kalispell, and Shirley Moran of Meridian; 12 grandchildren, Tim O'Brien of Kila, Naomi O'Brien of Vancouver, Wash., Rebecca Gaynor of Kalispell, Shawne Kelley of Checotah, Okla., Billy Mathews of Meridian, Okla., Teresa Abshire of Seligan, Ala., Chance Mathews and Lisa Kelley, both of Meridian, Misty and Angelique Moran of Bay St. Louis, Miss., and Lane and Brittany O'Brien; 25 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Elder Lonnie Mitchell officiating. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory in Kalispell, MT.

Donald Edward 'Boo' Seaman, 72

Donald Edward "Boo" Seaman, 72, died Jan. 2, 2000, in Kalispell.

He was born June 21, 1927, in Zurich, Mont., to Edward and Olive Clive Seaman.

After his schooling, and the Army, he began working on the family farm in Montana. He eventually married Alda and moved to Vancouver, Wash., in 1966.

After moving back to Kalispell, he went to work for his nephew Vern at Seaman's Mobile Homes as a maintenance specialist and also as a mobile home pilot. He and Vern worked together for many years and developed a very special relationship. After retiring, he worked on heavy equipment including a tractor and dump truck.

"Boo" as he was known by all, loved to ice fish on the Flathead Lake and also enjoyed hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, George and



Milo Seaman; and two sisters, Leora Larson and Leona Seaman.

He is survived by three sons, Alvin E. Seaman and his wife Julie of Washougal, Wash., Melvin D. Seaman and Alton Seaman, both of Vancouver; three daughters, Rosemary Robinson, Marilyn Seaman and Elizabeth Parco and her husband J.R., all of Vancouver; seven grandchildren, Scott and Alicia Seaman of Washougal, Nathan and Aaron Seaman of St. Cloud, Minn., Amanda and Casey Robinson and Cory Parco, all of Vancouver; two brothers, Wilbert Seaman and John Seaman of Chinoook; and sister, Irene Prosser of Portland; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 12 a.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Chaplain Virgil Ray officiating with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Visitation will be held Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Adam Timothy Seifert, 20

Adam Timothy Seifert, 20, of Troy, died as the result of a canoe accident on Lake Creek near Troy.

He was born March 29, 1980, at Libby, to Jim and Jennifer Seifert. He grew up in Troy, attending Troy schools until graduating as class salutatorian in 1998. Most of his childhood was devoted to learning how to have fun in the great outdoors, sometimes whether he liked it or not. He was an avid backpacker, mountain biker and skier.

His interests were not limited to outdoor pursuits; he was a talented musician, spending many hours playing the guitar. He spent countless hours reading books, listening to music and was a gifted writer.

Following high school graduation, he attended the University of Montana on a forestry scholarship. He greatly enjoyed his time in Missoula, making friends and living college life to its fullest. While maintaining his multitude of other interests, he earned near-perfect grades and planned to finish his degree in engineering at Northern Arizona University.

He returned to Troy in the summers to work for the U.S. Forest

Service. During his free time, he could be found with his many friends hiking, biking, camping and canoeing. Unfortunately on June 1, he took his last canoe trip on Lake Creek near Troy. Most of all, he will be remembered for the good times he had with his friends and family.

He is survived by his mother and father, Jennifer and Jim Seifert of Troy; brothers, Dan and his wife, Erinn, of Eureka, Pete and wife, Jeni, of Flagstaff, Ariz.; his grandparents, Paul and Jean Seifert of Troy, and George and Betty Earle of Libby; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who will miss him dearly.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby with the Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant. Parish vigil services will be Sunday evening at 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Troy.

The family suggests memorials to the Turner Mountain Ski Foundation or to Lincoln County Library. Arrangements are under the care of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Dorothy C. Senger, 73

Dorothy C. Senger, 73, of Columbia Falls, died in a car accident in Malta, on Monday, Sept. 25, 2000.

She was born on Feb. 11, 1927, to Ida and Ivar Moe in Michigan, N.D. She was married to Andy Senger on Oct. 19, 1944. They farmed in North Dakota until 1956 when they moved to Shelby. They owned and operated the Oil City Bar in Shelby until 1988. They resided in the Flathead Valley since then.

She is survived by her husband Andy of Columbia Falls; her four children, James Senger of



Kalispell, Patti Scruggs of Whitefish, Bonnie Casey and her husband, Dennis, of Minneapolis, and Scott Senger of Helena; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 5 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Pat Moran will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery. A reception will follow the service at St. Richard's Catholic Church.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research.

Dorothea M. Severson, 95

Dorothea M. Severson, 95, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2000, at Valley Health Care Center in Billings after a short illness.

She was born on March 20, 1904, in Jackson, Minn., to Dr. Oscar E. and Ethel Roberts. She was a graduate of Jackson High School and attended Hanlin University in St. Paul, Minn.

She married Leonard H. Severson on Sept. 20, 1929, in Jackson. They lived in Albert Lea, Minn., Missoula, and retired to Lakeside on Flathead Lake in 1973.

She was a homemaker most of her life, gardening, raising canaries and parakeets, and was active in Eastern Star, Electa Chapter No. 7 and Sigma Nu Mothers Club in Missoula.

After moving to Lakeside, she enjoyed feeding the hummingbirds and excelled at growing African violets. She also had a special love for dogs and cats.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1992.

Survivors include one son, Jon Severson of Billings; one daughter, Joan Williamson of Everett, Wash.; grandchildren and their spouses, Mark Severson of Bozeman, Shelly and Don Molen of Billings, Bill Severson, of Las Cruces, N.M., Dawn and Jorgen Nielsen, of Odense, Denmark, Ross Williamson of Bellevue, Wash.; and nine great-grandchildren.

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

Stella Costle Shaffer, 91

Stella Costle Shaffer, 91, passed away on June 10, 2000, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born May 31, 1909, in Sheridan, to Michael and Lillian Marshall Costle. She attended schools in Sheridan graduating from Sheridan High School.

She married Roy Shaffer on April 26, 1930, in Dillon. They lived their whole married life in the Sheridan area.

She was an avid traveler, who truly enjoyed going on trips and seeing the country. She was a dedicated reader, and was well-known by her family and close friends for the many afghans she had made and given to her loved ones. Family was really important to her, she loved being with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roy Shaffer in 1964; her daughter Doris Kathleen Shaffer Loser in February of 1999.

She is survived by a daughter Geraldine Shaffer Smith of

Fairview; three granddaughters, Brenda Loser of Whitefish, Natalie and her husband, Ted Smith, of Laguna Hills, Calif., Vickie Severson of Sidney; great-grandsons Murphy T. O'Bark, Bogie Loser, both of Whitefish, Randy Guy Severson, Michael Severson, both of Sidney; great-granddaughter Melissa Severson of Sidney; one great-great-grandson Kyle Severson of Sidney; three brothers Elmer Costle of Sheridan, Robert and George Costle, both of Seattle, Wash.

Graveside urn burial will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Sheridan Cemetery with the Rev. Ed Stutca of St. Joseph's Catholic Church officiating.

The family request memorials to the Ruby Valley Ambulance of Sheridan. Everyone is invited to a potluck get-together after the service at Stella's home in Sheridan. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Perry Shanks, 78

Virginia Perry Shanks, 78, of Helena, passed away on Wednesday, March 15, at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena.

She was born on May 1, 1921 in Whitefish, to a Russian immigrant Oscar Perry and Ema Fehlberg of German decent. She spent her youth in the Flathead Valley, graduating from Flathead County High School. She pursued nurses training at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, then returned to work in the Whitefish Hospital.

At the age of 16, she met Guy Shanks at a dance at Pleasure Island on Foy's Lake. That night he told her that someday he was going to marry her and did so four years later. They built a home in Whitefish, where she taught herself interior design and sewing. She and Guy later opened Guy's Gentry Shop in Kalispell where she put her skills to work for many years altering men's clothing.

She truly had a knack for turning trash into treasure and left behind a legacy of beautiful quilts for her children and grandchildren.



She was very spiritual, loving, beautiful, vibrant, creative, talented, determined, stubborn, and always hopeful for her tomorrows.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Guy in 1991; and her brother Harlon Perry on the 13th of March.

She is survived by her son, Guy Junior and wife, Liz, of Bigfork; a daughter, Chris Ahner and husband, Mark, of Helena; one sister, Shirley Stokes of Columbia Falls; a sister-in-law, Ann Perry of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Kerry, Paul, Jodi, Alex, Tawnia, Marcey and Travis; also six great-grandchildren.

She will be especially missed by her loving and devoted companion, Dan Kasperick of Helena. He continuously and courageously stuck by her side, sharing love, music, and laughter.

Visitation will be Monday from 8 a.m. until time of service. Funeral services will be on Monday at 10 a.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. John Weaver of the Christian Center Assembly of God officiating. Burial will follow at the Fairview Cemetery east of Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Elizabeth R. Hoeldt Sheehan, 49

Elizabeth R. Hoeldt Sheehan, 49, surrendered her life to the Lord on July 4, 2000 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center surrounded by her loving family. She was born Dec. 31, 1950 in Palmer, Alaska to Kenneth and Marlys Iverson Hoeldt.

She was an avid reader and loved trivia and crossword puzzles. She found great joy in the simple things in life. Walks in the rain, crushed flowers and her angels.

Her time with us was a cherished gift from God. Her mischievous smile, sharp wit and humor will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her father Kenneth Hoeldt and husband Richard Sheehan.



She is survived by her mother, Marlys Hoeldt of Ronan; four daughters, Shanda, Jamie, Jodi and Missy and husband Ed; three grandchildren, Jacob, Joseph and Marissa; two brothers; Russell Hoeldt and wife Brenda and Layne Hoeldt and wife Becky; five sisters, Diane Nelson and husband Roger, Jeweldeen Joyce, Laurel Shepard and husband Jim, Kelly Bigoness and husband Nick, Lisa Vassar and husband Wayne; a special great aunt, Lorraine Hardinger; also two aunts, Donna Lynn and Sherry Iverson with numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Hall in Kalispell with Rev. Ken Mottram officiating.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Mae K. Sheets, 95

Mae K. Sheets, 95, died on Dec. 11, 2000, in Caylor-Nickel Medical Center in Bluffton, Ind.

She was born on Dec. 9, 1905, in Warren, Ind., to John and Ida Lahr Krieg. She married Homer B. Sheets on Oct. 15, 1927, in Warren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sons, Michael and Bruce.

She is survived by two daughters including Anita

Hoye of Kalispell; one son; and two daughters-in-law; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Funeral service will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Larry Taylor officiating. Burial will be at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

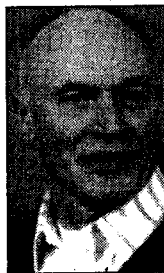
Frank Alfred Shepard, Sr., 74

Frank Alfred Shepard, Sr., 74, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2000, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork. He was born Nov. 27, 1925, in Sunburst, to Frank A. and Cathryn Kemper Shepard.

Frank was educated in Kalispell, then served in the U.S. Navy as an electrician and decoder in Hawaii during World War II. He married Earlean Krantz in 1947. They started Shepard's Glass Shop in 1959 and had two children. She passed away in 1985. He married Evelyn Grace Riebe in 1986.

After retirement, he raised Christmas trees in the Creston area. He enjoyed family get-togethers, his cabin at Ashley Lake, fishing, camping and traveling.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn Shepard; one daughter, Julia Olson and husband Chuck of Kalispell; one son, Frank Shepard and wife Karen of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Jaime Lewis and husband Shawn of Boise, Idaho, Levi Shepard of Kalispell, Brenda



Andersen and husband Dave of Kalispell, Jody Walter and husband Mike of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Mandy Robinson and husband Kelly of Dickenson, N.D.; one sister, Catherine Barnett of Washing-

ton; stepson, Arnie Riebe and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with a reception to follow; military honors will be led by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

The family suggests memorials be made to Columbia Falls Vets Home, 4040 Veterans Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, or Evergreen Lions, Kalispell. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Shirley Betsy Shepherd, 77

Shirley Betsy Shepherd, 77, passed away Aug. 7, 2000 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born Feb. 2, 1923 in Dent, Minn.

Services will be held on Friday at 2 p.m. at Faith Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Committal services will fol-

low at Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Larry Roby Shawback, 47

Larry Roby Shawback, 47, died at 3:45 p.m. Feb. 2, 2000, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane. He had open heart surgery in December.

Services were held Feb. 8 at Hurst Funeral Home in LaSalle, Ill., with the Rev. Harold Burkey of the Mendota Bible Church in Mendota, Ill., officiating. Burial was in Peru City Cemetery in Peru, Ill.

He was born March 2, 1952, in Spring Valley, Ill., to James and Romilda Croissant Roby. He grew up and attended schools and church in Mendota.

He left the area as a young man and lived in Oregon and Washington. He worked for many years as a repairman of wrecked railroad cars.

Survivors are his parents, Jacob and Romilda Shawback of Kalispell; his ex-wife, Sherry Roby of Springfield, Mo.; four daughters, Natasha Green of Eugene, Ore., Melissa and Kayla Roby of Springfield, and Alexia Roby of Richland, Wash.; his sister, Diana Shawback of Milford, Ohio; two brothers, Dave Shawback and his wife, Lois, of Kalispell, and Michael Shawback and his wife, Mariko, of Otsu, Shiga, Japan; three nephews, Dallas and Logan Shawback of Kalispell, and Jacob Shawback of Otsu, Shiga; also aunts, uncles and cousins; and his friend, Chanta Birden of Richland, Wash.

He lived in Richland at the time of his death.

Lorraine Emerance Shew, 85

Lorraine Emerance Shew, 85, passed away on Oct. 17, 2000, at the Village Health Care Center in Missoula, where she had been a resident for the past two years.

She was born on June 1, 1915, in Lechter, S.D., to Emil and Marie Van Laecken. She was married to Keith O. Shew on May 6, 1937. They made their home in Kalispell for several years where they raised their two daughters. Subsequently, the couple moved to various locations throughout the West as her husband followed career opportunities with the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

She was preceded in death by her husband Keith in 1978.

She is survived by her daughters and their husbands, Connie and Donald Gilchrist of Billings, and Carol and Richard Walker of Missoula; as well as three grandchildren, Christopher Demmons

and wife, Jennifer, of Missoula, Jennifer and husband, Robert, of Henderson, Nev., and Josh Gilchrist of Billings; stepgrandchildren, David and Sandra Walker of Sedalia, Mo., Deanne and Robert Kulakowski of Colorado Springs, Colo., Diane and Mike Babas of Honolulu, Hawaii, Dawn Walker and husband, Gregg Letourneau, of Kalispell, and nine stepgreat-grandchildren; brother Urbain Van Laecken and wife, Mary, of Foxfield, Colo.; brother Joseph Van Laecken and wife, Marion, of Orangevale, Calif., and sister Leota Sonne and husband, Sylvan, of Olympia, Wash.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of the Malletta Family of Funeral Homes, Sunset Chapel. By request, no services are planned. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Victor J. Sibert, 78

Victor J. Sibert, 78, died March 10, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 31, 1921, in Starksville, Miss., to Llewellyn and Wilodean Pickler Sibert. He flew through high school in only two years and then graduated from college in Arkansas with a bachelor of science in agriculture at the age of 19. He was teaching high school vocational agriculture when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy on Jan. 20, 1944.

He spent the next 21 years in the Navy, with duties in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He had many important events during his career, however the most significant was the launching of a nuclear warhead from his destroyer exploding an island during the 1950s for testing purposes.

He retired from the Navy as a commander and captain of the USS Agerholm in 1963. He was very well-liked, and many requested to serve under his command.

After retiring from the Navy, he joined the Ironworkers Union with his brother Wayne. In 1965, he moved to Kalispell and worked on the Libby Dam until becoming the business manager of Flathead Valley Community College in 1969.



He left the college in 1976, and returned to iron working until he retired in 1985. He spent the last 15 years in excellent health and enjoyed every day. He spent the last nine months living with his son, Tony, fighting a courageous battle with cancer.

He enjoyed traveling and seeing new places. He followed warm weather, stopping to catch any fish that wanted to jump on his line. He was always there to give a helping hand whenever someone needed one.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Llewellyn and Wilodean Sibert; his wife Jackie; and his brother Charles Donald.

He is survived by two sons, Tony Sibert and his wife, Jan, of Kalispell, and Paul Sibert of Seattle; one sister, Dorothy Reams of Jonesboro, Ark.; and one brother, Wayne Sibert and his wife, Georgia Mae, of Pine Bluff, Ark.

Services will be held at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. at a future date.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made in Vic's name to the Flathead Babe Ruth Field Fund c/o Whitefish Credit Union or to P.O. Box 8646, Kalispell, MT 59904. This fund is set up to build a playing field for 16-18-year-old Babe Ruth baseball players.

Arrangements and cremation are under the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Brian Sienknecht, 89

Brian Sienknecht, a World War II veteran who was mentioned in Tom Brokaw's "Greatest Generation" book, died on Sept. 7, 2000.

He was born in Farmington, Wa., on Aug. 20, 1911.

During World War II, he served as first lieutenant, going off to war like millions of others without asking any questions or knowing what challenges were ahead.

When he returned, he earned his master's degree from Washing-

ton State University at Pullman. He later worked as a high school principal and superintendent in Washington and California.

He enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and gardening and was very interested in politics. He also enjoyed the company of his pet cocker spaniel Rocky.

He leaves a daughter, Barbara, and her husband; a son, Steven and his wife; three grandchildren, Samantha, Travis, and Michelle;

and his wife, Phyllis.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Shining Mountains Church located at 475 Eighth Ave. E.N.

The family requests in place of memorials that people visit the veterans homes in order to help repay these aging heroes. You can talk, read, walk, write letters, take them for a ride or just give them a happy smile. They gave their all, and now they need "you all."

Delbert 'Del' Lowell Sindon, 63

Delbert "Del" Lowell Sindon, 63, passed away at his home in Visalia, Calif., on Feb. 13, 2000.

He was born at home in Sunburst on Dec. 26, 1936, to Norbert and Alice Sindon. He attended schools in Eureka, Bigfork, and Flathead County High School in Kalispell.

He moved to California in 1953. He studied and became a cosmetologist and later changed his voca-



tion and went into nursing and became a licensed vocational nurse.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Monte Sindon and Tommy Sindon; one sister, Valerie Jenkins.

He is survived by one brother, Ren'e "Ray" Sindon and his wife, Judy; one sister, Lorae M. Corrigeux and husband, Frank L., all of Kalispell; numerous nieces and nephews, one great-niece, and one great-great-niece.

He will be loved and missed by many here and in California.

Duff Sjong, 31

Duff Sjong, 31, of Polson, died on May 29, 2000, as a result of an automobile accident near Bigfork.

He was born on Feb. 22, 1969, in Kalispell, to Lester and Royalene Sjong. He grew up and attended schools in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1987. He attended Jamestown College in Jamestown, N.D., and received a degree in biology.

He met and married Amoret Bunce on May 8, 1992, in Towner, N.D. They moved to Polson in 1992, and they have resided there since.

He worked as a heavy equipment operator at Polson Ready Mix.

He loved to hunt, bowl and most of all to play with his son "Auzzie."

He was preceded in death by his

infant son Clay in 1995, and his mother, Royalene Wilkerson.

He is survived by his wife, Amoret Sjong of Polson; son Austin of Polson; father Lester Sjong of Prudhoe Bay, Alaska; stepfather Bob Wilkerson of Kalispell; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Don and Kathy Bunce of Minot, N.D.; and several other relatives.

A visitation will be held today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. Cremation will follow the visitation. Mass of the Resurrection will be Friday at 12 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson with Rev. Gary Reller officiating. Inurnment will be held at Lakeview Cemetery.

John Raymond Skans, 44

John Raymond Skans, 44, passed away July 23, 2000 due to a boating accident on Flathead Lake.

He was born Dec. 16, 1955, in Whitefish to Raymond and Helene Skans. On Nov. 22, 1980, he married Vera King in Whitefish and is survived by her at the family home. He attended school in Whitefish, then went on to attend DeVry where he received an electrical degree. He was employed at Plum Creek for 23 years, mainly on the "B" crew where he had many friends.

He is survived by his father, Raymond, and brother, Robert, both of Whitefish; a son, Chris Skans of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jonathan Knopfle of Kalispell; a daughter, Rachel Skans-Means and



her husband Chris of Whitefish.

He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and boating. He loved exploring new places and especially old ghost towns. He loved camping and traveling through the country seeking new adventures. He wasn't afraid to try anything at least once. He loved participating in demolition derbies and had even won a few. He loved his toys, and his constant companion during his adventures was his wife, Vera, who will truly miss his happy-go-lucky times. He was an avid Green Bay Packer fan and was always at the Whitefish Bulldogs games, whether it was football or basketball. He was also a true supporter of the Montana Grizzlies and truly loved to watch them play. A celebration of John's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the VFW in Whitefish.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home assisting the family.

Shirley Blackorby Skjold, 65

Shirley Blackorby Skjold, 65, died of cancer on June 5, 2000.

A private service was held.

She was born on April 18, 1935, in Great Falls, where she was raised. Most of the past 20 years she resided in the Flathead Lake area working as a bookkeeper before retiring in May 1997. Her last weeks were spent in Portland, where she could be with her daughters, granddaughters and son-in-law.



Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Colleen and Ed Miller of Oregon City, Ore.; daughter Susan Evans of Portland; granddaughters, Cori Miller of Seattle, and Michele Miller of Oregon City; three sisters, Bev Carter of Great Falls, Gail Elison of Glendive, and Patty Davids of Great Falls; brother Lee Blackorby of Tucson; and husband Wayne in Kalispell.

Disposition was by cremation. The family suggests remembrances to Portland Adventist Hospice and the American Cancer Society.

Milton M. Sloan, 78

Milton M. Sloan, 78, died at home on Jan. 27, 2000.

He was born in Spokane, Aug. 7, 1921, a son of David and Selma Sloan. He was raised and educated in Whitefish, graduating from Whitefish High School in 1939.

He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps 5-1/2 years. Following his discharge from the service he worked for a time with the Great Northern Railway and the Whitefish Creamery.

On April 3, 1948, he married Dolores Hodge in Whitefish. In the fall of 1952, the family moved to Shelby, where he was employed as a railway postal clerk for the U.S. Postal Service. His work was on the Great Northern Mail Train between Shelby, and Williston, N.D.

The family returned to Whitefish, in 1956, though he continued to work from Shelby. He transferred to the Whitefish Post Office in 1966, and in 1967, was appointed postmaster, a position he held until his retirement in March 1977.

He is survived by his wife Dolores at their home in Whitefish; a son, Greg Sloan of Whitefish; three daughters, Sharon Wilson and Paula Lewis and her husband, Bernie, all of Missoula, and Virginia Richards and her husband, Michael, of Prescott, Ariz.; and 12 grandchildren.

At his request, no public services will be held. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory of Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Stumptown Historical Society in Whitefish, or Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

10 April 2000 Phyllis Bellmore Smart, 68

Phyllis Bellmore Smart, 68, died Monday at her home in Libby.

She was born July 2, 1931, in Kalispell, to Art and Jo Bellmore.

Survivors include her husband Jim of Libby; a daughter, Dianne Smart of Kalispell; two sons including Don Smart of Libby; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Wallace Smith officiating. Interment will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or to the Gideons.

Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Amy J. Smith, 84

Amy J. Smith, 84, passed away May 19, 2000 at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born Sept. 30, 1915 near Tecumseh, Neb., to James and Lea Amelia Stitzel Kiniburgh.

She moved with her family in 1929 to eastern Montana near Circle. She later lived near Brockway, Wolf Point, and Fort Peck.

She received her education in Nebraska and eastern Montana. She married Reginald A. Smith on August 6, 1938, and has lived at Marion since. She enjoyed embroidery and doing latch work; she especially liked to cook for her family.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, Reginald; one son, Donald L.; four brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by four sons, R. Dean and wife Linda of Kalispell, Richard A. and wife Gerry, A. James and Ronald G., all of Marion; twelve grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Rev. Creed Westphal officiating. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Elizabeth Katherine Smith, 84

Elizabeth Katherine Smith, 84, died on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on April 15, 1915, in Firth, Neb., to Charles M. and Cora A. Groves Isley, the youngest of ten children.

She married Chauncey M. Smith on April 7, 1939, in Lincoln, Neb. They lived in Anaconda and Missoula before moving to Kalispell in 1946.

She was a member of the Kalispell Saddle Club and was active in the Flathead Sheriff's Posse. She was also a member of the Lower Valley Demonstration Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chauncey, in 1990; and



one grandson, Kase Smith, in 1987.

She is survived by one daughter, Roberta Keyser and husband Peter of Ventura, Calif.; one son, Roy James Smith of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Vicki Downey, Karin and Kristi Keyser, all of Ferndale; three great-grandchildren, Kenneth, Kevin and Kylie, all of Ferndale; one step-granddaughter, Dawn Grant and husband Tim and their two daughters, Tara and Abigail, all of Ferndale; and her brother, Robert Isley of Lincoln.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Chrysta Bourne of Shining Mountains Church officiating. There will be a private family urn burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

George H. Smith, 66

George H. Smith, 66, of Arlington, Wash., formerly of Kalispell, died on Jan. 10, 2000.

He was born on June 13, 1933, in Wayne, W.Va., to Herman and Barbara Ferguson Smith.

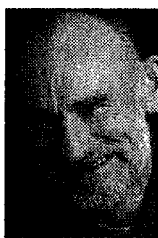
He served in the United States Army in 1951. In 1956, he met and married Lila Richmond in Kalispell. They then moved to Washington where they raised two sons and a daughter.

He was a well-known dump truck driver and construction worker.

He loved to hunt, fish, and camp with his family and friends.

He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his



mother, Barbara Smith; one sister; and an infant son, Gale Smith.

He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Lila Smith of Arlington; two sons, Kent Smith of Sultan, Wash., and Kyle Smith and his wife Sue of Snohomish, Wash.; one daughter, Chere' Smith, of Arlington; four granddaughters, Whitney, Nichole, Brooke, and Amber Smith; and one brother, Howard Smith and his wife Doreen of Columbia Falls.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Visitation will be held Monday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

A memorial service will be held in Snohomish, at the home of Kyle and Sue Smith on Sunday, January 23, 2000, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Howard Bell Smith, 91

Howard Bell Smith, 91, died on Aug. 24, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born June 2, 1909, in St. Cloud, Minn., to William W. and Cora Gill Smith. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in forestry.

He was employed as a foreman with the C.C.C., and then with the U.S. Forest Service in Arizona, New Mexico, California, Utah and Washington D.C., for a total of 37 years.

He married Frances Grimwood on May 4, 1935, in Pasadena, Calif. They retired to Ogden, Utah, in 1969, where she preceded him in death in 1986.

He is survived by three children, Will and his wife, Bonnie, of Columbia Falls, Debby Rounds of Salt Lake City, and Dr. Allen McNair Smith of Seattle; a sister, Helen S. Wheeler of Sauk Rapids, Minn.; three grandchildren, David Smith of Seattle, Eric Rounds of Santa Fe, N.M., Scott Smith of San Francisco; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mildred Chambers, and brother, Glanville Smith.

Cremation has taken place and private family services will be held at a later date in Sedona, Ariz.

Joe Smith, 30

Joe Smith, 30, of Columbia Falls, died on Sept. 16, 2000, as a result of a car accident.

He was born in Salem, Ore., on Jan. 9, 1970, and was raised in California until the age of three. The family moved to Dillon, then to Whitefish, and finally to Columbia Falls where he and his brothers all grew up.

He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1990 with his brother James. He got along with



everyone and everybody knew him as an outgoing person. He always had a smile on his face. He was known by his employers as a reliable, hard worker.

He enjoyed a lot of outdoor sports. He played baseball from the time he was a small child until he was eighteen. He played on the Nite Owl's senior Babe Ruth team for two years. He was in wrestling in grade school and he ran in cross-country with some of his friends during high school.

He has worked since he graduated from high school, and just moved back to Columbia Falls. He was start-

ing to work for a painting company, he had worked for them in the past.

He is survived by his parents, Robert and Linda Smith, of Columbia Falls; four brothers, Leman, Robert Jr., David and James, all of Columbia Falls; many nieces and nephews, Melissa, Sara, and Vicky of Evergreen, Darian and Derek Smith of Kalispell, Daisy Romua of Brookings, Ore., and Kody Jarvis of Evergreen.

A funeral service will take place on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Darrell Newby officiating.

Morris J. Smith, 87

Morris J. Smith, 87, died on April 7, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Oct. 26, 1912, in Winesburg, Pa., to Dennis and Martha Smith.

He is survived by his son Dennis "Burly" and his wife, Katie Smith, of Kalispell; four

grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A mass will be held for him at 12:10 p.m. Friday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Kevin O'Neill officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.