

Blanche R. Young, 80

Blanche R. Young, 80, of Eureka, died Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2000, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She was born Oct. 18, 1919, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, to James and Louella McKain and was raised and educated in Iowa.

She and her husband lived and worked in mining throughout the United States. She came to the Eureka area in the early 1960s where she had since resided.

Her husband, Bill, preceded her in death in 1977, and a son, George Koenig.

She enjoyed doing arts and crafts as well as camping and fishing. She was a member of Fortine

Community Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Sandy Williams of Anaconda, Susie Wagner of Dillon, and Sherry Powell of Thompson Falls; three sons, Albert Koenig of Hayden Lake, Idaho, Charles Koenig of California, and James Freeman of Helena; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Fortine Community Church with the Rev. Paul McKibben officiating. Interment will be at Fortine Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka from 4 to 8 p.m. today.

Pamela Denise Parker-Yuhasz, 38

Pamela Denise Parker-Yuhasz, 38, of Kalispell went to be with the Lord on April 7, 2000 in Pekin, Ill.

She was born May 30, 1961, in Kalispell to Donald and Joan Sievers Parker. She married Joe Yuhasz on Oct. 2, 1981, at the Stillwater Church of Christ.

She was a member of the Kalispell Stillwater Church of Christ and was baptized there in 1997. She loved to make crafts, needlepoint, crochet and draw. She also loved to play bingo.

She is survived by her mother Joan Strong of Kalispell; one daughter, Carrie Yuhasz of



Kalispell; four brothers, Robert Parker and his wife Sandy, Daniel Parker and his wife Jeanne, and Justin Strong, all of Kalispell, and Michael Parker and his wife Bu of Oklahoma City, Okla.; sister Sandra Burby and her husband Scott of Everett, Wash.; 10 nieces and nephews; and her fiance Dan Cole of Pekin.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Parker Gallery, 2594 Montana 35, in Kalispell. Rev. Jack Scott will officiate. Cremation and arrangements are being handled by Preston-Hanley Funeral Home, Pekin Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Carrie Yuhasz, Norwest Bank of Kalispell.

William Leonard Yeats, 78

William Leonard Yeats, 78, a Whitefish resident, died from natural causes while fishing on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000, at Fish Lake near Eureka.

He was born June 21, 1921, in Whitefish, the eldest child of George and Vera Yeats. He graduated from Whitefish High School and shortly after began working for the Great Northern Railway as a welder.

In 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in World War II through 1945. He returned to the railroad until his retirement in 1972.

He married Shirlee Schwenke, also a native of Whitefish, on March 25, 1959. Together they raised three sons and a daughter.

He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and sight-seeing. He found special joy following the Whitefish Bulldogs and the activities of his children and grandchildren.

He was very active in the Moose

Lodge, V.F.W. Post #276, and the Eagles Lodge. He volunteered many hours and enjoyed sharing time with his friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Jim and Albert Yeats; a sister, Raynetta; and a son, Don.

He is survived by his wife Shirlee at the family home in Whitefish; children Len and Teresa Yeats of Columbia Falls, Larry and Laurie Schwenke of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Linda and Dick Barthel of Hillsboro, Ore., and Mary Yeats of Whitefish; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. today at the Whitefish Moose Lodge. Cremation is under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Wings program or a charity of personal choice.

Elizabeth Ann Walden Yellott, 26

Elizabeth Ann Walden Yellott, 26, passed away May 6, 2000, as the result of a car accident.

She was born Dec. 22, 1973, the daughter of Lorraine and Terry Walden. She resided in Kalispell all of her life.

She liked camping, music and enjoyed life. She was dearly loved by family and many friends and will be missed very much.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Jess Wigner Sr.; an uncle, Jess Wigner Jr.; one brother, Ken Walden; and her



paternal grandmother, Viola Grice.

She is survived by her two children, Tyler and Mahala Yellott of Kalispell; her mother, Lorraine Wigner of Nampa, Idaho; her father, Terry Walden of Kalispell; one brother, Scott Walden of Walla Walla, Wash.; her maternal grandmother, Sadie Rose of Kalispell; her paternal grandfather, Keith Grice of Kalispell; nine aunts and seven uncles.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Lawrence Park in Kalispell. Friends and family are invited to a luncheon following the services at 3 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

John Franklin Yeager, 50

John Franklin Yeager, 50, long time resident of Echo Lake, died Aug. 25, 2000, of natural causes.

He was the son of Mary and Ken Yeager. He was born in Kalispell, on June 24, 1950, and graduated from Sentinel High School in Missoula.

He served in the Army as a communications specialist during the Vietnam War.

He moved to the family property on Echo Lake in 1974. He had worked throughout the Flathead and Swan Valley as a satellite technician, and owned his own business, High Gear Satellite.

He loved hiking, fishing, and hunting, and will be greatly missed by his wide circle of friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Ken Yeager.

He is survived by his sister, Beth Yeager McKenzie and his brother-in-law, Dave McKenzie, and nieces Whitney and Mary Madison McKenzie, all of Bozeman; and by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the family home on Echo Lake.

Donald W. 'Bill' Yerian, 74

Donald W. "Bill" Yerian, 74, of Columbia Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2000, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Jan. 12, 1926, in Corvallis, to Burney A. and Pauline L. Yerian.

He graduated from high school in Hamilton, where he played quarterback on the football team.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1944. His destroyer fought victoriously in the battles of Leyte, Luzon, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. Only four of the original eight ships in his squadron remained at the war's end. The survivors and their leader, the legendary Admiral Arleigh "31 Knot" Burke were honored with a special Presidential Unit Citation for outstanding service to their country. The ceremony, held in Washington, D.C., was one of his fondest memories.

He spent all of his life in Montana, most of it in Columbia Falls. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and was renowned for his ability to catch bull trout.

He was a life-long member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 768. Along with his father and brother, they brought electricity to much of rural Northwest Montana after World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his sons, D. Steve Yerian and daughter-in-law, Sharon, of Kennewick, Wash., Larry W. Yerian and daughter-in-law, Karen, of Columbia Falls, Dennis E. Yerian of Washington; his daughter, Reta Sands and son-in-law, Tom, of Columbia Falls; his grandchildren, Ben Yerian, Paul and Levi Yerian, Justin and Jessie Sands, Shannon Eli, and Isiaha Yerian; his brother, Jack Yerian, of Eureka; and his sister, Paula Yerian of Portland, Ore.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The casket will not be opened after the service. A funeral service will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary. The Rev. Ben Bower will officiate. Burial will follow in the Montana Veterans' Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls, with military graveside honors provided by V.F.W. members.

A reception will follow the graveside committal at the Montana Veterans' Home.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the National World War II Memorial, Court House Plaza II, 2300 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 501, Arlington, VA 22201.