

## Vincenzo Caciari, 91

Vincenzo Caciari, 91, of Whitefish, died of natural causes on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He retired from the Anaconda Aluminum Plant in 1976.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, and children, Joseph Caciari of Missoula, Dolores Caciari Lagerquist of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Benilda

Caciari Delgado of Whitefish.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. A Mass of the Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. Charles Roman officiating. Burial will follow at Whitefish Cemetery.

## James H. 'Jim' Calbick, 78

James H. "Jim" Calbick was born on Aug. 24, 1925, in Kalispell to parents, Allen and Helena Smith Calbick. He died on Dec. 8, 2003, at Ashley Manor Hermiston, Ore., at the age of 78 years.

He was raised and attended schools in Kalispell.

Jim was united in marriage to Jeanette Venell on Aug. 5, 1951, in Baker.

He worked at various jobs in Kalispell, until he retired in the mid-1980s. He moved to Casa Grande, Ariz., in 1998 and then to Hermiston in 2002.

He was a member of the Central Lutheran Church in Arizona City, Ariz.

Jim is survived by his sons, Mark Calbick and his wife, Addie,

of Irrigon, Ore., John Calbick and his wife, Valerie, of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Lee Calbick and his wife, Darlene, of Eagle River, Alaska; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette Calbick in 2002; his parents; two brothers, Bob and Jack; and his sister, Ethel.

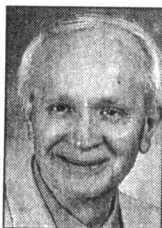
A memorial service will be held at the Central Lutheran Church in Arizona City, Ariz., at a later date with private inurnment.

Those who wish may make contributions in Jim's memory to the RTA Hospice at 177 W. Cottonwood Lane, Suite 10, Casa Grande, AZ 85222.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Ore., is in care of arrangements.

## Charles William 'Bill' Calvert, 69

Charles William "Bill" Calvert, 69, passed away Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003, of cardiac amyloidosis and multiple myeloma.



He was born in Great Falls, to Vanch and Jerry Calvert in 1934. After graduating from Great Falls High School, he attended The College of Great Falls.

Bill spent two years in the Army as a laboratory technician, during which time he married Larry Dawson of Great Falls. Later, he graduated from Montana State University-Bozeman, and worked for Conoco as a geophysicist in oil exploration, and then taught high school science and math in Eureka. Finally, he became a real estate broker for his

own business in Kalispell.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, George.

His loving survivors include Larry, his wife of 48 years; his sons, Paul of Eureka, and Mark and his wife, Kelly, of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Dustin, Brandon, Megan and Jason; his sister, Mary Carpenter and husband, Lynn, of Denver; his second mother, Bette Calvert of Great Falls; his brother's wife, Patricia, of Minnesota; and nieces, nephews, cousins and aunts.

Bill suggested any memorial gifts be given to Wings Regional Cancer Support for Northwestern Montana, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the charity of your choice.

A celebration of his life will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell at 2 p.m. Oct. 20.

## Sylvia Ellen Canfield, 66

Sylvia Ellen Canfield, age 66, passed away on Thursday, May 1, 2003, in Mesa, Ariz.

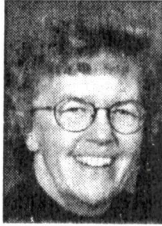
She was born on April 5, 1937, in Walla Walla, Wash., to Elmer and Capitola Griffith Brandsen.

She attended Concord Grade School in Oak Grove, Ore., and graduated with highest honors from Milwaukee High School in Milwaukee, Ore.

She worked as a bookkeeper, secretary and receptionist. Sylvia had worked for Frieden Calculators in Portland. She was in business with her husband, Glen, at Canfield Cabinetries, Graphic Factors and Technicraft in Portland. She had worked for several years at Evergreen Water Supply, and had most recently been employed as a bookkeeper at Sportsman & Ski Haus in Kalispell.

Sylvia married Glen Howard Canfield on March 29, 1958, in Oak Grove, Ore.

She was known as a very selfless and caring person who would do anything to help other people. She had a great love for her Lord and Savior. She loved to garden, take walks, go on hikes, cook, bake and embroider and sew. Her life centered around her family and friends. She was faithful in her Bible readings and her church.



She was preceded in death by her father and her brother Richard Brandsen.

She is survived by her husband, Glen Canfield, of Kalispell; her mother, Capitola Brandsen of Portland; her four children, Barbara Ellen Canfield and her husband Daryl of Kalispell, Mark Howard Canfield and Juanita of Kalispell, Daniel Glen Canfield and his wife Jenny of Portland, and Douglas Jon Canfield of Miles City; brothers and sisters Robert Brandsen of Tacoma, Wash., Larry Brandsen of Portland, Sharon Brandsen Symington of Neche, N.D., Steven Brandsen of Boring, Ore., Paul Brandsen of Portland, Mary Ann Brandsen Symington of Neche, N.D., David Brandsen of Kent, Wash., and John Brandsen of Portland; grandchildren Shannon, Scott, Adrian, and Aaron Hadley, all of Kalispell, Kara Canfield and Ricky, Kirsten, Roseanne, Amanda and Melissa Canfield of Oregon; and numerous other family members.

Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bethel Baptist Church, 936 Fourth Ave. W. in Kalispell, with the Rev. David Pestel officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorials in Sylvia's name are requested to the family to help with the expenses.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Richard Edward 'Dick' Cantrall, 72

Richard Edward "Dick" Cantrall, 72, died on Friday, Sept. 12, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at

Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Rick Rhubottom officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Hazel M. Capps, 97

Hazel M. Capps, 97, died Friday, Sept. 26, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born June 16, 1906, in Fairmont, Minn., to Herman and Bertha (Lubenow) Schaefer. Hazel went through her high school years at Fairmont and graduated from La Crosse Normal School. She then received her bachelor's degree from Kansas State in Pittsburg, Kan., and received her master's degree at Wisconsin University and Montana University.

Hazel married Orlando "Bing" Capps in 1933. He preceded her in death in 1972. Hazel taught the fourth grade at Elrod Elementary School in Kalispell for 20 years.

Hazel was a member of the following organizations; P.T.A. life member; Eastern Star, where she

held the office of auxiliary president; American Association of University Women secretary; Kappa Delta-honorary teachers; hospital volunteer; past president of the Daughters of the Nile; board of directors member of the Council on Aging, and the Flathead Credit Bureau.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one brother, Elwin Schaefer; two sisters, Marie Austin and Elsie Swan; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a brief urn burial at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, with Pastor Lindean Barnett of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Martin Walter 'Mike' Carlson, 86

Martin Walter "Mike" Carlson, 86, passed away on Sept. 23, 2003, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, surrounded by his family.

Mike was born Aug. 23, 1917, in Choteau, to Oscar Carlson and Anna Bremer. He spent his youth on ranches in Fairfield and Choteau.

After high school graduation in Choteau, in 1938, he went to college at Montana Agricultural College in Bozeman, now Montana State University. He graduated with high honors in electrical engineering in 1943.

In 1944, he married Grace Guckenburg of Havre, who was a nursing student at MSU. They were married for 59 years.

His career began in the U.S. Navy, teaching diesel engineering at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., and later at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Following the end of World War II, Mike taught engineering at Denver University for four years. He moved to Bismarck, N.D., to work for the Bureau of Reclamation. He finished his career with the Bureau of Reclamation in Montrose, Colo., where they lived for 30 years.

In 2000, he moved to Bigfork to



be closer to his daughters.

Mike was a life-long learner and will be remembered for his sense of humor. He enjoyed adventures and traveled worldwide with his wife. Collecting antique clocks and repairing them for others was a special hobby. He could repair or build anything. Teaching his grandchildren many things was very special to him.

Mike was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Montrose, Colo., Bethany Lutheran in Bigfork, and BPOE, IEEE and NARFE.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Olga, age 8.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Grace; sons, Martin Jr. and wife, Antje, of Anchorage, Alaska, Marc and wife, Sheila, of Tulsa, Okla.; daughters, Dr. Mary Ann Carlson of Columbia Falls, and Marjorie and husband, Brad Nelson, of Bigfork; his sister, Doris and husband, George MacMurray, of Choteau; stepsisters, Ardelle Shannon of Choteau, and Shirley Fitzgerald of Helena. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. Cremation has taken place.

Gifts in his memory may be given to Bethany Lutheran Church Montana Veterans Home, or to the charity of choice.

## Max Raymond Carlson, 75

Max Raymond Carlson, 75, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Max was born March 27, 1927, in Livingston, to Max Eric and Carrie Christina (Holm) Carlson. He was raised and educated in Livingston and Bozeman and received a bachelor of arts degree in history and accounting and a masters in history.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1957 and served in World War II and Germany. After the military, he worked as an accountant and a bartender.

Max was a member of the American Legion and had been a resident of the Montana Veterans Home since 1983.

Max is survived by his sister, Bernice, and her husband, Ken-

neth Jefferies, of Arroyo Grande, Calif.; nephew, Gary Jefferies and family of Newport News, Va.; nieces, Vicki Jefferies and Christa Calkins, both of Livingston, and Teri Thole and her daughter, Danielle, of Arroyo Grande, Calif.; a cousin, Ralph Peterson of Livingston. He is also survived by his stepbrothers, Duane Daniels of Alliance, Neb., and Clair Daniels of St. Ignatius; his stepsister, Karen Grimm of Billings; as well as his stepmother, Thelma Kieland, of Livingston.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls, Rev. Darrell Newby officiating.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

## Pat Carolan, 78

Pat Carolan, 78, of Libby, died Friday, March 28, 2003, at the Libby Care Center.

He is survived by his children, Dorothy McCarty of Libby, Rose Stahlberg of Kalispell, Sharon Curtiss of Libby, Larry McQueen of Kuna, Idaho, Robert McQueen of Central

Point, Ore., and Eileen Amundson of Deering, N.D.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Robert Foote officiating.

## Lloyd D. Carr, 64

Lloyd D. Carr, 64, a longtime resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at his home in Libby. He was born at Orofino, Idaho, on April 15, 1939, to Dan and Effie Carr and was raised and educated in the Orofino area.

He came to Libby in 1956 and had resided here for the past 47 years. He married Evelyn Sundt in 1960 at Libby.

Lloyd worked on the Libby Dam Project and as a gypo logger before starting Carr's Towing and Repair, which he operated since 1972 and continued until the time of his death, as well as operating Carr's Auto Sales.

He had been an avid participant in demo derby and stock car racing and had actively supported and promoted those events locally.

Lloyd had also been an outdoorsman, enjoying camping and hunting, as well as playing cards and being and visiting with family

and friends.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Karen Sue; a son, Danny; a brother, Arlan; and his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, of Libby; his children, Douglas Carr and wife, Margi, and Darrin Carr, all of Libby; and Lori Weisz and husband, Dave, of Whitefish; sisters, Lorraine Brown of Custer, S.D., Wanda Hill of Libby, Darla Dodd of Troy, and Aletta Lloyd of Hayden Lake, Idaho; brothers, Melvin Carr of Kalispell, Delbert Carr of Libby, and Glen Carr of Kennewick, Wash.; nine grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel, with interment services to follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday. A reception will follow the service at the Carr residence.

## Ralph William 'Billy' Carr, 47

Ralph William "Billy" Carr, 47, died on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003, in Rochester, Minn., from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

Survivors include his fiancée, Laurie P. Risley of Denver; and parents, Jim and Susan Lee of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Services will be conducted at 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Libby. A memorial service will also be held in Rochester, on Nov. 10.

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

## Mary J. Carrier, 91

Mary J. Carrier, 91, of Libby, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

She is survived by a son,

Bruce Carrier of Libby.

Private family services will be held. Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Robert Joseph 'Rob' Carver, 48

Robert Joseph "Rob" Carver, 48, passed away Dec. 1, 2003, in Whitefish.

He was born July 17, 1955, in Kalispell, the son of John and LeEtta Carver. Robert was raised in Kalispell and attended St. Matthew's and Peterson Elementary schools. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1973. He had a master's degree in geology.

Rob loved the Flathead Valley and all the aspects of nature it has to offer. He was an avid fisherman and sportsman. He was especially interested in hiking, geology and the history of the Flathead Valley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and twin brother, Richard.

He is survived by a brother, Timothy, in Arizona; sisters, Barbara in Kalispell, and Diane and Howard Anderson in Minnesota; uncle, William Carver, in Missoula; aunts, Barbara and Jay Reinbold in Arizona, and Ann and Jim Van Blaricom of Polson; and many friends.

Memorial services will be planned at a later date. Cremation is under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

## Esther Carvey, 75

Esther Carvey, 75, died Sunday, Oct. 19, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of injuries receive in a vehicle-pedestrian accident on Oct. 15 in Eureka.

Survivors include her children, Louise Goff, Dan Goff and Cecil Goff, all of Eureka, and Floyd Goff of Missouri.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today and until noon Thursday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Al Carigan officiating. Interment will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

## Marilyn Jean Cassata, 71

Marilyn Jean Cassata, 71, died Monday, June 23, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Cassata of Whitefish, and daughter, Vicki Crossland.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 26, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Fred Topp officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Chester 'Chet' C. Chrisinger, 95

Chester "Chet" C. Chrisinger, 95, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2003, at his home at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

He was born in Jerome, Iowa, July 1, 1908, to Guy and Bessie Chrisinger. The family moved to Kalispell in 1910.

Chet graduated from Flathead County High School in 1926.

Shortly after graduation he began a 19-year career managing F.W. Woolworth Stores throughout the Rocky Mountain Region.

In 1933, he married Jewell Barnes in Arkansas City, Kan., and in July 2003 they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

In 1946, he moved back with his wife and four children to his beloved Flathead Valley and purchased his eastside home where he and Jewell resided for 57 years.

In July 2003, they moved together to Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Chet was owner and publisher of the Flathead Monitor newspaper and purchased and managed various rental properties. He was one of the first Eagle Scouts in Kalispell which led to a long-time association with the Boy Scouts. He was a charter member of the

Kalispell Duplicate Bridge Club.

He was an avid magician and performed for many audiences and particularly enjoyed performing for children. He loved fly fishing, and summer camping trips in the Bob Marshall with his best friend, Judge Bob Sykes and family. Golfing, duplicate bridge, huckleberry picking and watching the Atlanta Braves were among some of his many pleasures.

Chet was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Cecil and Ray; and two sisters, Lucille Lowe and Wilma Gilberg.

Survivors include his wife, Jewell; three daughters, Shirley and her husband, Frank Bowie, of Spokane, Patty Hayenga of Oregon, Ill., and Carol and husband, Owen Olson, of Kalispell; and son, Ken and wife, Sharon, of Kalispell; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Chet was cremated by Buffalo Hill Crematory. At his request, no services are planned. There will be a private burial later.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Chet's name to Hospice at 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Lorene Fey Christian, 97

Lorene Fey Christian, 97, passed away peacefully Jan. 29, 2003, in Shelby, due to natural causes.

Lorene was born in Great Falls, on Sept. 19, 1905, to John and Rosa (Blansfield) Fey. She attended grade school in a single room schoolhouse in Gold Butte, Mont. She later spent a school term in San Diego, Calif., and then returned to Great Falls where she finished high school at age 16.

After high school, it was back to Gold Butte to work in the hotel for her uncle Tony Fey. For a brief time she traveled to New York, where she worked as a stenographer. A year later, she again returned home to Gold Butte to work on her family's ranch in the Sweet Grass Hills.

On June 16, 1927, Lorene was married in Hingham, to her close childhood friend, Gordon Christian. She and Gordon owned and operated a cattle ranch in the Sweet Grass Hills for the next 38 years. Both of their parents began ranching in 1892 and 1894, having traveled from New York to settle in the Sweet Grass Hills. Portions of the ranch have remained in the family for more than 100 years.

After her husband Gordon passed away in 1965, Lorene moved to Shelby where she resided for her remaining 37 years.

Lorene's greatest joy was shar-



ing life with friends and family. As a pillar in the community, she was active in St. Williams Altar Society, Toastmasters, Soroptimist, the Marias Museum of History and Art, Shelby Book Club, Toole County Republican Women, and Business and Professional Women (BPW). She also enjoyed current events, traveling, knitting and reading.

She was a recipient of many awards, including the KSEN Silver Spur and BPW Woman of the Year. She was most proud of being known as "Grandma" to everyone she knew.

Survivors include daughter, Helen Whirry, and her husband, Walt, of Kalispell; son, Steve Christian and his wife, Doreen, of Whitefish; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Her parents; her husband Gordon; her brothers, George and Joseph Fey; her sister, Helen Fey Carter; and many loving friends preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5:30 p.m. at the Whitted Funeral Chapel. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. on Monday and the funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, both at St. Williams Catholic Church in Shelby. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests contributions should be sent to the Marias Museum of History and Art, 206 12th Avenue, South, Shelby, MT 59474.

## Neils Christian, 90

Neils Christian, 90, former resident of the Lake Blaine area, died on July 7, 2003, in Spokane.

He is survived by his son, Larry Lauman of Ticonderoga, N.Y.; daughter, Geraldine Lauman of Cheney, Wash.; and step-

daughters, Hazel Goeltzenleuchter of Spokane, Lois Simmons of Post Falls, Idaho, and Barbara O'Conner of Sutherlin, Ore.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned.

## Douglas Gaar Christensen, 85

Douglas Gaar Christensen, 85, died on April 27, 2003.

He was born to Andrew and Laura Christensen in Bloomfield, Neb., on March 16, 1918.

Doug received his education in Nebraska and married a hometown girl.

He and Lois had two children, Dee and Ana Simone.

He entered his life work as an insurance and securities broker in South Dakota, later moving to Billings and then Kalispell. He also served in the Navy during World War II.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Dee; and two

brothers.

He is survived by his daughter, Ana Simone of North Bend, Ore.; a grandson, Justin Van Epps who lives in Germany; two granddaughters; three brothers, and a sister; also by Dorothy Stenseth whom he married Dec. 6, 1980. He will be greatly missed.

Doug liked music and had a beautiful tenor voice. He sang in church regularly and with the Barbershoppers.

A memorial service will be held at Buffalo Hill Terrace on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. with Reverend Norman Prestbye officiating. All are welcome.

## Lois M. Christensen, 95

Lois M. Christensen, 95, died on Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Lois was born March 9, 1919, in Bloomfield, Neb., to Forest Q. and Mary J. Ellison Kinney.

She married Douglas Christensen on July 12, 1939, in Bloomfield. They moved to Billings in 1946. While living in Billings, she worked at Coles Department store, and raised her family.

In 1969, they moved to the Flathead Valley, where Lois went to work for Dee's Drapery for the next 25 years, retiring in 1996.

Lois was member of Lakeside Chapel for many years, where she

enjoyed singing in the choir.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Doug; one son, Dee; and a sister, Mary Jane Dudev.

She is survived by her daughter, Ana Simone of North Bend, Ore.; a grandson, Justin Van Epps in Weyhe, Germany; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at Lakeside Chapel with the Rev. John Ulrich officiating. Her ashes will be buried in Billings at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice of the donor.

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

## Allen Baird Chrisman, 82

Allen Baird Chrisman, 82, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2003, at his Kalispell home after a long struggle with lung disease. He was born March 8, 1921, to Allen Bond and Edna Florence (Baird) Chrisman in Merritt, Ill.

Baird's family moved to Meredosia, Ill., in 1933, where he attended both elementary and high school, and was in the first class to graduate from the new high school in 1939. His father owned the A.B. Chrisman Grain Elevator in Meredosia.

Baird enlisted in the Army Air Corps (Air Force) in 1942 and was sent to San Marcos, Texas, in March of 1943 for training as a navigator, serving in the B-24 Liberator.

In March 1944, he and his crew were shipped to Port Moresby, New Guinea, assigned to the 5th Army Air Corps, 65th Squadron, 43rd Bomb Group — Ken's Men, named after Gen. George Kenney, commander of the Allied air forces in the southwest Pacific.

They flew missions out of Port Moresby, Owi and Biak in New Guinea, and Tacloban in the Philippines, as part of MacArthur's campaign in the southwest Pacific.

Baird reached the rank of first lieutenant and was chosen as squadron navigator. He served in the active military until May 1945, then was placed in the reserves, where he attained the rank of captain. He was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and a Purple Heart. He completed 48 bombing missions and logged more than 405 combat flying hours.

Baird attended Illinois College in Jacksonville after the service and graduated in 1948. He married Esther Anderson on June 12 of that year, and they initially made their home in Jacksonville. They moved to Meredosia in 1949, where his son, Allen Bond, was born in 1952 and his daughter, Kari Ann, was born in 1954. In 1962 a nephew, Bruce Larson, came to live with them and became a part of the family. Baird and Esther lived in Meredosia until May of 1999, when they moved to Kalispell to be closer to their children and their Montana property.

His father died unexpectedly in 1947 and left Baird the Meredosia Grain Elevator, which he owned and operated until 1963, when he leased it to Central Soya. During this period he doubled the storage capacity of the elevator and built one of the first barge loading facilities on the Illinois River. He sold the Meredosia Elevator to Cargill in January 1978.

He built a fertilizer plant in 1954 and managed the fertilizer blending, retail sales and wholesale brokering until his retirement

in 1999. He put a lot of effort into establishing research plots to test various varieties of corn and soybeans with different seeding rates and fertilizer applications suited to local growing conditions in an effort to increase production for local farmers. Baird was known throughout the industry for his honesty and integrity.

In 1958, Baird and Esther bought a homestead above Polebridge in the North Fork of the Flathead. This property became a focal point in the family's life, with summers spent building cabins and workshops, floating the river and fishing. The time spent in Montana during the summer with family more than made up for the time Baird had to spend at the office in the busy spring and fall fertilizer seasons.

Baird and Esther also traveled extensively in the Southwest in later years, enjoying visits to museums and galleries displaying American Indian artifacts, art, jewelry, pottery and Navajo rugs.

Baird was active in many organizations, including the Masonic Lodge, Lions Club, Cub Scouts and the Meredosia Fire District. He belonged to a number of professional organizations, including the Illinois Grain Dealers Association and the Fertilizer Institute, and he was a certified Illinois Fertilizer Dealer.

He was president of the Meredosia School Board, bank director and chairman of the board at Farmers and Traders State Bank in Meredosia, and served on the Passavant Hospital Board in Jacksonville and the fund raising committees for the hospital and Illinois College. He was a director for the North Fork Improvement Association and was an organizer and charter member of the North Fork Compact, a 1960s effort at voluntary land use conservation by private property owners in the North Fork.

Baird is survived by his wife of 55 years, Esther Chrisman of Kalispell; a sister, Garnett Chrisman of Polson and Hope, Ariz.; a daughter, Kari Wiley, and her husband Tim, of Kalispell; a son, Allen Chrisman, and his wife Charlotte, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; grandchildren Baird and Mark, also of Bonners Ferry, and Rachel and Eric Larson of Pleasant Plains, Ill.; nephew Bruce Larson and his wife, Adelle, of Pleasant Plains, Ill.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at Johnson Mortuary. Visitation will take place noon to 2 p.m. Memorials can be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell.



## Vennetta 'Chris' Christman, 89

Vennetta "Chris" Christman, 89, died on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Chris was born in Watertown, S.D., on July 16, 1914.

Her mother, Georgiana "Dolly" Kreasch, rode with her father often to the Rosebud Indian Reservation. Chris' dad, Albert, was a stoker on the railroad.

Chris was married to James Kruger in 1932 in Chicago. She had two sons, James and Marvin, and later remarried to Kenneth Christman, living in Spokane.

Chris had one brother, Lowell Owen Christiansen, a sister,

Alberta Christiansen, and two half sisters, Marvelou Anderson and Betsy Lee Anderson.

Chris is survived by her half sister, Marvelou "Crikky," her son, Marvin, and her daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Chwaszczewski.

Chris was a great homemaker and loving mom, lavishing her boys with warmth and patience. She enjoyed cooking and baking and spread cookies around to all her friends.

She waitressed and cooked throughout western Montana, making many friends.

"We'll miss you, Chris. Have a great journey."

## David H. Christofferson, 49

David H. Christofferson, 49, formerly of Troy, died July 25, 2003, at Albany, Ore.

Born April 28, 1954, in Great Falls, David was raised and educated at Troy, graduating from Troy High School with the class of 1972. Following high school graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served in the medical corps as a dental technician until his honorable discharge.

David most recently had worked as a mechanic in the Albany area. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing, water skiing and many other outdoor activities and especially time spent with family and friends at the family cabin on Bitterroot Lake near Marion.

He is survived by his daughters, Sonja Cawood of Missoula, and Amber Looney and husband, Scott, of Meridian, Idaho; his parents, Ted and Eva Christofferson of Libby; a sister, Susan Gosney of Libby; two grandchildren, Dylan Bramlet of Lewiston, Idaho, and Elizabeth Osburn of Missoula; and a niece, Tiffany Gosney, also of Missoula.

A public gathering for friends and family in David's memory will begin Friday at 3 p.m. at the Libby Elks Club. Private interment services will be at the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210-2472.

## Clarence E. Clapper, 73

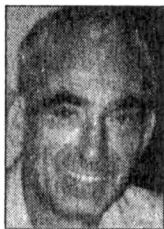
Clarence E. Clapper, 73, formerly of Kalispell, passed away at his home on Sept. 24, 2003, in Charlo.

He was born Jan. 5, 1930, in Kalispell, to Neal and Renna (Bunyea) Clapper.

Clarence received his early education in the Kalispell schools. Before graduating he went to work in Havre on two different wheat farms for two seasons.

In 1949, Clarence joined the Navy and served his country until 1953. He then moved to Alaska for a few years before moving back to Kalispell.

Clarence worked as a sawyer for various mills in the valley until moving back to Alaska in 1968, where he lived in Fairbanks, and worked as a carpenter with the Carpenters Local 1243 for 16 years.



He retired in 1984, and moved to Herron, farming and ranching. In 1993, Clarence moved to Charlo, where he lived until his passing.

Clarence loved carving and tying flies. He was also a very good cook and enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and playing his harmonica.

Clarence was preceded in death by his father; two brothers; and two sisters.

He is survived by two daughters; Thresa Clapper-Weaver and husband, Cory, of Kalispell, and Sarita Clapper of Charlo; his mother, Renna Clapper of Kalispell; one brother, Charles Clapper and wife, Nancy, of Kalispell; one sister, Betty Evenson of Alaska; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Clarence will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Pastor Bob Nilsen officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Catherine G. 'Cathi' Clark, 71

Catherine G. "Cathi" Clark, 71, passed away Monday, Aug. 25, 2003, at her home in Kalispell, after a lingering illness.

She was born Feb. 23, 1932, at the homestead northwest of Kalispell, to Joseph and Rose (Marron) Clark. She received her early education locally at Sparks School and then St. Matthew's, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1949.

Cathi was employed for many years at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center starting as an LPN, and worked her way up to become a supervisor in central supplies. She moved to her parent's old home in 1987, and really loved her little farm and home. She stayed there until ill health



forced her to move to Prestige Assisted Living at Kalispell.

Cathi enjoyed her many friends, and playing golf and bridge.

She is survived by her sisters, Rose Nielsen, of Kalispell, and Pat Wendt, and her husband Norm, of Whitefish; her brother, Chuck Clark, and his wife, Melissa, of Kalispell; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Rose, and her brother, Francis.

A memorial mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Flathead Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT, 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Fred F. Clark Jr., 81

Fred F. Clark Jr., 81, of Libby, died Saturday, March 1, 2003, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He operated Miller's Clothing for many years and was a clothing and sundries sales representative until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, June, of Libby; and four children, Fred "Rick" Clark of

Puyallup, Wash., John Clark of Kalispell, Martha Dahm of Libby, and Tom Clark of Spokane.

Services will be 1 p.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Eric Christiansen officiating. Interment services will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

## Gary Ray Clark, 52

Gary Ray Clark, age 52, died June 6, 2003, at the Brendan House in Kalispell after a 14-month battle with cancer.



He was born on Father's Day, June 18, 1950, in Spokane, Wash., to George W. and Doris (Williams) Clark. He was the oldest of four children.

Gary attended St. Aloysius and St. Patrick's grade schools in Spokane. After moving with his family to Missoula in 1963, he attended Paxon Grade School and graduated from Loyola High School in 1969.

Gary entered the Army in 1969 and was stationed in Germany with the 1st Battalion 81st Artillery in the Pershing Missile Unit at Ulm, Germany. He was honorably discharged in 1971. In Germany, he earned expert marksman honors and the National Defense Service medal. Following his military service, Gary worked several jobs in Missoula and Kalispell before going to work for the Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. in 1974. He worked at the plant for the last 29 years.

Gary enjoyed all kinds of sports. He played baseball and softball for

years; loved cars, racing, and especially golf. He was an avid golfer most of his life and taught his family how to play the game also.

Gary was preceded in death by his mother, Doris, in July 1994.

He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Julie (Helean) Clark; two sons, James and Jason; one daughter, Jackie Powell and her husband John, and their two children, Zach and Peyton, all of Kalispell; his father, George W. Clark and his wife Barbara (Elliott) Clark of Canon Beach, Ore.; two sisters, Connie Clark of Vancouver, Wash., and Teri Ward and her husband Walt, and their son Kyle; his brother, Lonnie Clark and wife Karen, and their two daughters, Baylie and Mollie, all of Port Angeles, Wash.; one stepsister, and three stepbrothers, all of Oregon; and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be at noon on Saturday, June 14, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant.

Memorials may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, P.O. Box 96305, Washington, D.C. 20090-6305 or to F.A.C.E., c/o St. Matthew's School, P.O. Box 8862, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Louis Clark Sr., 92

Louis Clark Sr., 92, of Columbia Falls, passed away Sunday, July 13, 2003, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was a beloved husband and father and will be missed very much by his family and friends.



He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Violet Clark of Columbia Falls; three sons, Louis Clark Jr., LaVern Clark, and Dan Clark; one daughter, Barbara Fix; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

No services are planned at this time.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Margaret Emily Ann Clark, 58

Margaret Emily Ann Clark, 58, passed away Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



Margaret was born May 7, 1945, in Kalispell to Charlie and Anna May (Funk) Galyan. Margaret grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School.

She worked at the old hospital (Courthouse East) but was mostly a mother and friend to almost everyone. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge and enjoyed associating with other Eagle members. Margaret also loved playing Bingo, doing bead work, crocheting and

traveling to Libby to be with friends. Her life was surrounded by friends and she cherished each and every one.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Anna May.

She is survived by her sons, Bernie Clark and wife, Tina, of Palmer, Alaska; Ray Proffit and companion, Melissa Healy of Palmer; grandchildren, Robert, Jason, Tiffany, Crystal, Alicia, Shelbi Nico; and numerous other grandchildren. She also leaves a great-grandchild, Alexia Marie Clark.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 27, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Richard G. Clark, 82

Richard G. Clark, 82, died Aug. 18, 2003.

He was born June 23, 1921, in Wanblee, S.D. in the Badlands.

He entered the Army, Europe division, after graduation, and was later honorably discharged. He then moved to Anaconda with his dear wife, Viola, who preceded him in death many years ago.

Richard had lived in Columbia Falls since 1953. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 89 for 40 years and also a past Master of the Masonic Lodge.

He opened an auto shop and, later, a Farmers Insurance Agency on U.S. 2 in Columbia Falls, where he worked for 20 years until his retirement.

Due to poor health, he had lived in San Diego for three years.

He was a very dear, sweet soul who will be dearly missed by many.

He leaves a cousin, Doris Brown, of Rockaway Beach, Ore.; best friend, Connie Dawson, and her daughter and husband, June and Russell Collier, and her son, Russell and Debbie Dawson.

Cremation interment will be at 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15, at Glacier Memorial Garden Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Columbia Falls.

Any donations may be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Sally Clark, 85

Sally Clark, 85, of Libby, died June 16, 2003, at the Libby Care Center.

She is survived by her children, Greg Erickson and Tom Erickson, both of Libby, Cydni Bryant and Ryan Clark, both of Spokane, and Tim Erickson of Los Altos, Calif.

Services will be at 10 a.m.

Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Libby. Visitation will be 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby; and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday in the church Relief Society Room. Interment services will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.

## Thomas D. Clark, 67

Thomas D. Clark, 67, of Fortine, died on Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. A memorial service is pend-

ing at this time and will be announced.

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

## Robert 'Bobbie' Erven Clawson, 66

Robert "Bobbie" Erven Clawson, 66, of Airway Heights, Wash., formerly of Libby, died Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003, in Spokane.

He spent most of his life as a log truck driver.

Survivors include his five children, Rob Clawson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Charles Carr of Cheney, Wash., Kallie Hansen of Greeley, Colo., Kari

Livingston of Denver and David Clawson of Post Falls, Idaho.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home chapel in Libby. Services will be at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Libby. A reception will follow at South End Diesel.

## Donald Forrest Claypool, 91

Donald Forrest Claypool, 91, passed away at his home in Kalispell, on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003.

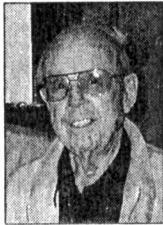
Donald was born in Kalispell on Oct. 23, 1911, to John (J.E.) and Cecil (Saunders) Claypool. Donald was educated in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1929.

He attended Montana State University, and was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, and graduated with a forestry degree from the University of Montana in 1939.

He was employed by the Bureau of Land Management for a short time and then married Helen Heidel in Columbus in 1940. From there, the couple moved to Seattle where Donald worked as a tool and die inspector for Boeing. In 1945, he returned to his family's farm in Kalispell, and operated the dairy farm until the early 1970s.

He was the Kalispell City Airport manager in the early 1970s. Donald enjoyed hunting in his earlier years, flying small planes as a pilot, boating, computers and fishing. He and his wife, Helen, spent their winters in Sun City, Ariz., until her death in 1989.

Donald is survived by two



sons, Robert and wife, Vivianna Claypool, of Salem, Ore., and David Claypool of Baton Rouge, La.; daughter, Kathryn and husband, Bill Quast, of Great Falls; sister, Minta and husband, Lloyd Anderson, of Yakima, Wash.; niece, Joni Long of Bellevue, Wash.; seven grandchildren, Greg S. Quast of Everett, Wash., Jennifer S. Quast of Meldert, Belgium, Christopher and Samantha Claypool of Baton Rouge, Jessica, Joni, and Janine Claypool of Scio, Ore.; and cousin, Kathryn Greig of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Ruth Clark and husband, Bud; brother-in-law, Don Heidel; and many nieces and nephews.

A family graveside committal will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Pastor Marvin Northcutt officiating. The family will greet friends at the family farm house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The family has requested memorial donations be made in Donald's memory to Northwest Montana Rails to Trails, PO Box 1103, Kalispell, MT 59903, or to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 43 Woodland Park Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.