

Nancy Naumann Herrin, 59

Nancy Naumann Herrin, 59, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 4, 1944, in Kalispell, to George and May (Vogler) Naumann. Nancy attended Half Moon Elementary and Flathead County High School, graduating from the University of Montana with a pharmacy degree in 1967.

While at the U of M she met Dennis Franklin Herrin Jr., they were married on Aug. 22, 1968, in Las Vegas. She then became a pharmacist and he was a teacher and they worked in various towns in Idaho and Montana. They had their first child, a little girl, Sabrina, in Townsend, in 1971. The three of them moved to Alaska, where they built a log cabin. Their second child was a son, Jason, born in Soldotna, Alaska, in 1974.

In 1976, her husband died. She and the children then moved back to the Flathead Valley in 1980, buying a farm outside of Kila. After five years, they moved back into town, that being 1985.



She was an active volunteer locally for the Democratic Party. She always kept her hands busy by sewing, quilting, knitting and playing cards, but would really relax by listening to various opera music.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, John Naumann; a nephew, Scott Pollinger; and a niece, Nina Fredenberg.

She is survived by her son Jason Herrin of Utrecht, The Netherlands; her daughter, Sabrina Herrin of Pearland, Texas; four brothers, Virgil, Ralph, Carl and George Naumann; two sisters, Jean Fredenberg and Liz Jones; her aunt, Helen Kaeding; two sweet granddaughters, Piper and Electra Schroeder; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with burial following at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that any donations be giving to the donor's choice of any local Democratic Party.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Logan Hunter Hewitt, 6

Logan Hunter Hewitt, 6, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at Children's Hospital in Seattle from complications of leukemia.

Logan was born on Jan. 18, 1997, in Kalispell, to Daniel and Anita Hewitt. He was a kindergarten student at Valley Adventist Christian School. Logan loved the outdoors, especially riding his bike with his friends, fishing with his family, hiking and camping. He loved his family, and always shared anything he had, especially with his sister, Ashleigh. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandfather, Chel Clements, and grandfather, Orville Hewitt.

He is survived by his parents, Dan and Anita Hewitt, a sister, Ashleigh, and a brother, Zachary, all of Kalispell; grandparents, Don and Becky Connors of Kalispell,

Gary and Sue Mosbrucker of Hamilton, and Alice Hewitt of Vader, Wash.; great-grandparents, Stan and Doris Connors of Kalispell; great-grandmothers, Marie Clements of Kalispell, and Dorothy Lorbecke of Hamilton; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tom Glatts officiating. A second memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Grace Lutheran Church in Hamilton with Pastor Merrit officiating.

The family requests memorials be made in Logan's name to Valley Adventist Christian School, 1275 Helena Flats Rd, Kalispell, MT 59901, Wings, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901, or Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 5371, Seattle, WA 98105.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Donald Riley Hicks, 76

Donald Riley Hicks, 76, "was released from his mortal bonds" on Jan. 7, 2003, in Columbia Falls.

Don was born on June 30, 1926, in Billings; he was the chosen son of Harry Hicks and Mary Nelson Hicks. Don's early years were spent in Shelby. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Don married Beatrice Duval on Aug. 29, 1946, in Shelby, and six children were born of this union.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; and two sons, Brian Kay Hicks and Donald Riley Hicks Jr.



He is survived by his four daughters, Michelle Baker Warr and her husband, Doug, of Glendale, Ariz., Shirley and her husband, Brent Everill, of West Jordan, Utah, Lydia and Karl Fraughton of Vancouver, Wash., and Linette and Keith Hall of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the employees of the Golden Living Retirement Center in Salt Lake City, and the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls for their thoughtful care.

Graveside services will be at noon on Saturday at Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Donald N. Higgins, 61

Donald N. Higgins, 61, of Libby, died Monday, April 14, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne Higgins of Libby and children Rex James Higgins of California, Dawn Jasman of Portland, Dione Niver of

Salem, Ore., Dianne Candle of Tacoma, Wash., and David Higgins of Keizer, Ore.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Libby.

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

Eaner P. Higgins, 89

Eaner P. Higgins, 89, passed away on Friday April 4, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

Eaner was born Oct. 25, 1913, in Black Eagle, to Peter Gunnar Higgins and Anna Visnes Higgins. He received his early schooling in Black Eagle, graduating from Great Falls High School in 1931.

He attended Modesto Junior College, then the University of California at Berkley, before graduating from Loma Linda University of Medical School in 1941.

He interned at Edward Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Mich., where he met Etta B. Sharps. They were married Oct. 30, 1941. He was in practice in Ceres, Calif., when World War II began. He served as a medical officer with the Army until Feb. 12, 1946.

After the war, he took a residency at Stanislaw County Hospital in Modesto, Calif. He moved to Kalispell in November of 1947. He was in private practice here until 1974, when he retired to have eye surgery at the V.A. Hospital in Salt Lake City.

In 1975, he joined the medical staff at Galen State Hospital, later being appointed superintendent in

1976. He also served in the same capacity at Warm Springs and was in charge of the physicians at the state prison at times during his tenure at Galen. He retired from Galen in November of 1980, returning to his home in Kalispell.

Dr. Higgins is a past member of the A.M.A., Montana State Medical Association, Flathead County Medical Association, Kalispell Rock Hound, Kalispell Bowling Association, and he served on the board at Columbia Falls Veteran Home under Gov. Hugo Aronson.

Eaner is survived by his wife, Etta, at the home; a sister, Madelynne Harte in Glendale, Calif.; nieces and nephews in Great Falls, Somers, Auburn and Modesto, Calif., and Greenville, S.C.

Graveside urn burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Military honors will be done by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

The family request memorials be made to charity of donor's choice.

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

Etta B. Higgins, 88

Etta B. Higgins, 88, passed away at her Kalispell residence on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003.

Etta was born Oct. 6, 1915, in Bremen, Ohio, to Alfred and Elizabeth Jane (Gaston) Sharps.

Etta graduated from Bremen High School in 1932 and Zanesville Ohio Good Samaritan School of Nursing in 1936. She followed her profession in Ohio, Michigan, Seattle, and Hammond General Hospital in Modesto, Calif., as a civilian nurse.

She met Dr. Eaner Higgins in Laosing, Mich., and was married Oct. 30, 1941 in Reno, Nevada.

At one time, Etta belonged to the Kalispell Golf Association, Kalispell Ladies Bowling Association, and the

Flathead Quilter's Guild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband in April 2003, two brothers, and two sisters.

Etta is survived by two brothers, Ray and wife, Doris Sharps of Virginia Beach, Va., and Paul and wife, Lois, Sharps of Columbus, Ohio. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews in Virginia, Ohio, and Texas.

Graveside memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Pastor Darold Reiner officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the charity of your choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Roy L. Higgins, 87

Roy L. Higgins, 87, died Friday evening, May, 16, 2003, at his home in Troy. He was born in Spooner, Wis., on May 12, 1916, to Oliver and Vera Higgins. He came to Montana with his family and he was raised and educated in Havre.

He married Marjorie Beck on Oct. 20, 1939, in Havre.

In 1946, he and his wife came to Bigfork, where they resided for many years. He had been a machinist and millwright for many years at the Kalmont Lumber Company until retiring in 1981.

He enjoyed the outdoors and had a great, lifelong love of fishing. He also enjoyed photography. He did numerous handyman jobs for family, friends and neighbors and was particularly adept at inventing small, household conveniences.

In 1997, he and his wife, Marjorie, came to Troy, where they had since made their home.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie; a son, Ron Higgins of Troy; sisters, Ruth Springer and Julia Larson, both of Havre; four grandchildren, Heidi Williams and her husband Wayne of Seattle, Jeremy Higgins and his wife Yan of San Francisco, Shannen Rohrich and husband Treves of Troy, and Kristen Hutchison and husband Tony of Hayden Lake, Idaho; and four great-grandchildren, Kaylee Williams and Joseph Williams of Seattle, and Brady Thompson and Sammy Rohrich of Troy.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 23, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby with Pastor Les Nelson officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Earl W. Highley, 83

Earl W. Highley, 83, died on Feb. 5, 2003, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Funeral services will be held

in Kansas City, Kan., at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Elizabeth 'Liz' Ruth Hilde, 44

Elizabeth "Liz" Ruth Hilde, 44, of Missoula, passed away on Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at St. Patrick Hospital.

She was born April 16, 1958, in Eureka to Florence and Cecil Bernhard. In the spring of 1981, at the age of 23, she married Lars Hilde in Wyoming.

She and Lars moved to Whitefish where they had their three children, Brandy, Casey and Lars. Shortly after, they moved to Kalispell. Unfortunately, the marriage ended in divorce in 1995.

Liz then met Patrick Lynch and had her second daughter, Chantel. She decided to go back to school and work toward a master's degree in accounting. After a year at Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell, Liz decided to move to Missoula to attend The University of Montana. She graduated in 2000 with her master's degree.

Liz enjoyed bowling, horseback riding, diving, playing darts on a



league and riding motorcycles.

She was dearly loved by her family and friends. She was a loving mother to her four children and will be missed terribly and never forgotten.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents and a brother.

Survivors include her two daughters, Brandy Hilde and Chantel Lynch both of Missoula; her two sons, Casey Hilde of Missoula, and Lars Hilde of Kalispell; three sisters, Elaine Hauglum and husband Lawrence of Missoula; Lorraine Decker and husband Gene of Libby; and Bonnie Kaulitzke of Kalispell; two brothers, Arnold Bernhard and John Bernhard and wife, Cathy, all of Missoula; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. today and from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday at Garden City Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Larry Lautaret officiating. Interment will be at Missoula Cemetery. A reception will follow in the funeral home's community room.

Nina Hinderman, 84

Nina Hinderman, who built a thriving ski shop business on Big Mountain and later ran an upscale women's resort-wear shop in Whitefish, died Monday, Nov. 17, 2003, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was 84.



Nina came to Whitefish in the mid-'50s with her husband, Karl, who took over the Big Mountain Ski School after making a name for himself in the storied 10th Mountain Division during World War II. A home economics teacher at the time, she started her ski shop in a tiny building on the Ford used-car lot in downtown Whitefish. Within a couple of months, she moved it to the ski patrol hut on the mountain.

She had purchased \$1,500 in inventory from Toni Matt, the world-famous skier who had started the mountain's ski school and shop. "It was all socks, and some skis without edges," she recalled.

But she had entered the business just as a new era in ski wear and equipment was dawning, and with an eye for what would sell and a willingness to accept risk, she built the shop into a going concern by the time it moved to its own quarters in the heart of the Big Mountain Village in 1960. Not long afterward, the nearby ski lodge, where all her inventory was stored, burned down on Halloween. Hearing of the disaster, suppliers offered merchandise, sample items, anything they had, and the shop reopened at Christmas that year.

Nina opened The Village Shop in downtown Whitefish in the late 1960s, eventually focusing on that business. She became known as a shrewd businesswoman, but she simply explained her success this

way: "I had an angel on my shoulder."

After selling The Village Shop, she and a friend opened Blue Sky Travel in Whitefish and operated it for several years.

She was born Nina Claire Larsen, daughter of Art and Edna Larsen, in St. Cloud, Minn., Aug. 26, 1919. She graduated from high school in Iron Mountain, Mich., earned a bachelor's degree in home economics at University of Minnesota and later went on to graduate school at University of Montana.

She married Karl Hinderman in December 1943 in Ishpeming, Mich., coincidentally the home of the National Ski Hall of Fame. They went to Sun Valley, where Karl taught skiing and Nina, not a skier, cared for the children of the glitzy crowd that frequented the resort. The couple's next stop was Missoula, where he attended college and she taught home economics. Then they came home to Whitefish, Karl's hometown.

After Karl's death in the mid-1990s, Nina moved back to Michigan. Two years ago, she returned to the Flathead Valley.

She is survived by two sons, Tim, of Whitefish, and Jan, of Colorado. Her oldest son, Toni, died in Alaska in 2001. Survivors include six grandchildren and a brother, Dale Larsen, of Michigan.

In Whitefish, she was a member of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Holy Nativity Church in Whitefish, with a reception at Grouse Mountain Lodge at 2 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the E. A. Hinderman Scholarship Fund, in care of Vivian Hull, treasurer, 233 W. Third St., Whitefish 59937. The fund is named in honor of Karl's father, superintendent of Whitefish schools from 1923 to 1953.

Daniel J. Hinkle, 70

Daniel J. Hinkle, 70, passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



He was born May 13, 1933, in Stone, Ky.

Dan was a loving husband and will be greatly missed.

Dan served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict, the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard.

Dan and Jean were married in 1971 and resided in Columbia Falls for the past 12 years. He worked

throughout the United States as a Best Western inspector.

His hobbies included scale model planes, and he pursued his passions of avionics and aircraft maintenance. He also loved to carve wood ducks and loved his many activities around his home.

Dan is survived by wife, Jean, of Columbia Falls; his stepchildren, Dennis, Tim, Jim and Roger Heidlebaugh and Connie Overmier; his sisters, Kathy Fatz and Dorothy Boss; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews he enjoyed immensely.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Pastor David Jones of the United Methodist Church will officiate.

Leahdonis Elaine 'Leah' Hinkley, 15

Leahdonis Elaine "Leah" Hinkley, 15, "went home to be with the Lord" on Monday, Aug. 11, 2003.



Leah was born on April 6, 1988, in Kalispell to Bryan Lee Hinkley and Wendy Arnold Hinkley. She attended Deer Park School from kindergarten through eighth grade and graduated in 2002.

Leah was looking forward, in the fall, to her sophomore year at Columbia Falls High School and continuing her 4.0 in academics.

She was very active at the Deer Park School, both in sports and academics. Leah was awarded the Rural Cross Country trophy for girls 12 and over. She played basketball and was Most Valuable Player in her sixth and eighth grade year, and was on the Deer Park championship team in 2001.

Leah was on the Math Counts team and participated in many local and state science fairs, and was a member of 4-H.

Leah also played T-Ball, baseball and did gymnastics. She volunteered at Deer Park School on a regular basis in the library and with the sports program. Leah volunteered and recruited others to

help at the Whitefish Moose Halloween Party and Syke's Thanksgiving dinner with her grandmother and cousins.

Leah had also completed her second year in the Upward Bound program where she traveled, particularly in the sports programs, and met many new friends. This is a year-round program that is comprised of students from Whitefish, Columbia Falls, Bigfork and Flathead High Schools.

Leah was preceded in death by her grandfather, Adonis "Don" Hinkley, and her great-grandfather, Ephram Arnold.

Leah is survived by her parents, Bryan and Wendy Hinkley; her grandmother, Lillian Hinkley; grandparents, Walter and Elaine Arnold; great-grandmother, Nellie Arnold; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and many, many friends.

Leahdonis was a baptized and confirmed member of the Calvary Lutheran Church.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Calvary Lutheran Church Youth Program or Camp Make-A-Dream.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Rocky Brooker-Hinrichs, 54

Rocky Brooker-Hinrichs died Saturday, April 12, 2003, at his home in Kalispell of heart failure. He was born Oct. 24, 1948, in Billings.

Rocky was raised in Columbia Falls and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1967.

His working years were spent at Plum Creek, Glacier Log Homes and Columbia Falls Forest Products. When CFFP closed down, his friends Bob and Lyle taught him to be a pressman and for the next 12 years he worked for Top Copy Printing. At the time of his death he was employed at Wal-Mart.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Florence Barton,

and his uncle, Tom Barton.

He is survived by his parents, June and Claude Brooker of Columbia Falls; his father, Richard Hinrichs of Pinehurst, Idaho; three daughters, Leslee Hinrichs and Pavielle Larson of Kalispell and Brooke Hinrichs of Whitefish; a 7-month-old grandson, Kolten; his "beloved Aunt Lorene of Spokane who nurtured the boy into the kind, generous man that we knew as Rocky," plus numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at United Church of Christ, 204 Seventh Ave. W., in Kalispell.

Clyde William Hiseler, 98

Clyde William Hiseler, 98, "went to be with the Lord" on Friday, Oct. 10, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Born Sept. 24, 1905, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to William and Sylvia Hiseler, Clyde was the oldest of four children. At the age of seven he was led to the Lord by his father, a Baptist minister.

When he was 16 Clyde started working for the Royal Bank of Canada, and at 18 moved to New York City and found employment at a branch of the same bank. He then went on to Chemical Bank, New York where he worked for 42 years, retiring as vice president in 1970.

He met Eunice, his beloved wife of 67 years, at First Baptist



Church in Millburn, N.J., and they were married on Nov. 7, 1936. The couple resided in Millburn for 38 years, rearing three sons and a daughter.

They moved to Kalispell in 1974 to a new home constructed by two of their sons. Clyde enjoyed gardening and working around his home. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He loved the Lord and was active in church all his life and was a charter member of Faith Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, William; his mother, Sylvia; sisters, Vera and Doris; and son, Clyde Jr.

He will be greatly missed by his wife, Eunice; sister, Sylvia Burke, of Williamsburg, Va.; daughter Doris Clogston and husband, John, of Morgantown, Pa.; son Jim and wife, Sharon, of Wayne, N.J.; son Tom and wife, Lynn, of Kalispell;

grandchildren, Kim Denton of Liberty Lake, Wash., Jennifer Kozlik of Southborough, Mass., Tom Hiseler Jr. of Kalispell, Kelli Hartley and husband, Jason, of Kila, Jayme Hiseler of Hamilton Square, N.J., and Jim Jr., Katelyn and Ashley Hiseler of Wayne, N.J. He is also survived by three great-grandchildren, Alesha, Seth and Nathan Hartley; and numerous nephews and a niece.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. today, Oct. 14, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Bethel Baptist Church with Pastor Clint Theline of Faith Baptist Church and Pastor Donald Bergstrom of Grace Baptist Church officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorials be sent to Faith Baptist Church, c/o Pastor Clint Theline, 1395 Lake Blaine Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Deborah Jean Hobbs, 39

Deborah Jean Hobbs, 39, passed away Jan. 16, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, from injuries sustained from an automobile accident.



Deborah was born May 11, 1963, in Burns, Ore., to Charles and Donna (Beuthe) Grice.

Deborah was raised in western Montana, attending elementary school in Townsend. She earned her General Equivalency Diploma in Great Falls and attended the May Technical Medical College, where she studied to become a medical secretary. She also completed the reserve deputy basic training in Polson.

She married Wayne Hobbs in Havre in 1984. Deborah had worked as a certified nurses assistant in Havre, for the Easter Seals and UPS in Great Falls; the Billings Clinic; and as department manager for Wal-Mart in Polson; as well as a reserve deputy sheriff for Lake County in Polson.

She had been active in Relay or Life, the food bank, Toys for Tots, and the Festival of Trees and many more civic organizations. She enjoyed her family, hunting, fishing and camping.

Deborah was preceded in death by a baby sister; brother, Charles Steven Grice; and her maternal and paternal grandparents.

Deborah is survived by her husband, Wayne, of Polson; parents, Charles and Donna Grice, of Polson; stepson, Shaun Hobbs of Seattle; two sisters, Alice Blankenship of Falcon, Mo., and Tina Littlefield of Great Falls; brother, Paul Grice, of Polson; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Polson Middle School.

The family suggests memorials to the Debbie Hobbs Benefit Account, c/o Glacier Bank, account number 50080296; or to the Lake County Sheriff's Department, Attn: Bill Barron, 106 Fourth Ave. E., Polson, MT 59860.

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

Gladys Mae Hobbs, 90

Gladys Mae Hobbs, 90, died July 18, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born to Lee N. and Anna (Beck) Counsell on June 21, 1913, at Parkers

Prairie, Minn. She was the third of six children, raised on a large farm. Gladys received her formal education in a one-room school. In 1933, she moved to Kalispell with friends of her family. Within a year, her mother and several of her brothers and sisters moved to the Flathead Valley.

Gladys met Almond "Al" Hobbs while working at The Dixie Inn, and they married on Sept. 25, 1938. The couple lived in Lava Hot Springs, Idaho, near Pocatello. They also lived in Boise and Nampa Valley. Gladys provided home care for both children and adults.

Gladys worked as a housekeeper in motels and as a grocery store checker; she also loved to cook. Gladys and Al also lived in Las

Vegas. Gladys and Al had no children of their own, but were the favorites of all their nieces and nephews. Sometimes they would have as many as nine nieces and nephews in their home at one time. Her life time joy has been her close and loving family and friends. Her brother, Clarence Counsell, and his wife Helen, were faithful helpers throughout her later years. Her hobbies were dancing, western music, reading and embroidery.

Gladys was preceded in death by her husband, Al, on Feb. 21, 1977, after several years of illness.

She is survived by a brother, Clarence Counsell and wife, Helen, of Kalispell, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. on Aug. 20, at the Downard Hansen Funeral Home, 241 North Garfield, Pocatello, Idaho. Burial will follow in the Lava Hot Springs Cemetery.

Donations can be given to any care facility of donors' choice in behalf of Gladys Hobbs.

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

Margaret E. Hoch, 82

Margaret E. Hoch, 82, of Emmett, Idaho, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003, in Whitefish, of natural causes.

Margaret was born Oct. 14, 1920, in Grandview, Idaho, to Jake Leroy and Sadie Esther Gress. She was raised in Grandview and Fruitland, Idaho, graduating from Fruitland High School in 1938.

She married Leland M. Hoch on April 13, 1940, in Payette, Idaho. They lived most of their married life in Emmett.

Margaret was a member of the Women of the Moose and VFW Auxiliary.

She truly loved her family and was very proud of all of them. She enjoyed traveling to and watching all their many activities.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leland, in 1967; her son, Larry; one brother and two sisters.

She is survived by two daughters, Dianna Giddeon of Whitefish, and Debora Allen and Bill of Emmett; grandchildren, Lonnie Hoch of Washington, David Giddeon and Whitney of Kalispell, Brandy Hill and Bill of Whitefish, Dale Giddeon of Philadelphia, Mechelle Kelley and Darby of Boise, Sean Allen and Heather of

Kalispell, Terry, Kris, Wendy and Cynthia also survive her. Also her special great-grandson "Little Man" Derek Kelley of Boise; her brother, David L. Gress of Meridian, Idaho; brothers-in-law, Conrad M. Hoch and Glenna of Boise, Harry D. Hoch and Kathy, and Ronald D. Hoch, all of Ontario, Ore.; sister-in-law, Maxine Hayes of Ontario; and many nieces and nephews; a "special sister," Mary Armstrong and Earnest of Payette; a "special son" Ernest Irwin of Fallen, Nev.; and her special caregiver and "lifesaver" Jessica Lamberson of Whitefish.

"Thank you to her special neighbors, Mary Lou Norwood for checking on her every day and Pearl and Udell Robison for all the garden goodies and planting flowers for her to enjoy when she could no longer do it herself. Special thanks to her doctors, Theodore Bohlman, James Thomson, and Charles Charmin. Thanks also to all the staff at North Valley Hospital for all their love and care of her on her many stays with them."

Viewing will be Saturday at 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise. Graveside services will be 11:30 a.m. at Terrace Lawn Cemetery in Boise.

Clinton G. (Gordon) Hockley, 65

Clinton G. (Gordon) Hockley, 65 died Thursday, June 12, 2003, at a Libby hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Eva of Libby; son, Dale, and wife, JoEllen, of Cheyenne, Wyo.; daughter, Letha Faye McGannon and husband, Andy of Gurnsey, Wyo.; stepson, J.R.

Beardsley of Kalispell, and a brother, Del Hockley of Sturgis S.D.

Military graveside services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Dorothy Jaquette Hodgson, 106

Dorothy Jaquette Hodgson, age 106 years and five months, one of the oldest residents of the Flathead Valley, passed away Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



Dorothy was born July 14, 1897, on the family farm just northwest of Kalispell, the firstborn of eight children to Luella Belle (Patton) Jaquette and Walter P. Jaquette. Her father was an early settler in the Flathead Valley, homesteading in the late 1880s, originating in Pennsylvania.

Dorothy attended the Spring Creek school and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1915. Upon receiving a teaching certificate from Montana State College in Bozeman, she taught school at Eudora, near Niarada, two terms at the Spring Creek school and one term at Montford school. During this time she attended a business school in Kalispell.

On June 16, 1920, she and Mark W. Hodgson were married at the Presbyterian Manse in Kalispell by the Rev. Scott Bates. Dorothy and Mark had been married 71 years when Mark passed away Dec. 30, 1991. They lived nearly all their married lives on the Hodgson Farm on Hodgson Road north of Kalispell.

Dorothy spent her married life as a homemaker on the family farm with a selfless devotion to her family and such other activities that came her way. She was one of the founding members of the LaSalle Grange, where she held various offices and was elected to the Rural Electric Association Board of Directors in March, 1943, serving again in 1944 and 1945.

She always had a large garden and many things to share with family and neighbors.

Dorothy had lived at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell since January of 1994, with excellent and loving care by the staff and daughter, Mary Lou LaStofka. She kept busy with

many crafts, aided by Betty Turner, her care giver and friend, and her family. Dorothy loved going out in the car and looking at the countryside and surely loved the old-time music played at the Home.

Dorothy is survived by her two daughters, Corinne Adomian of Athens, Ga., and Mary Lou LaStofka and her husband, Bob, of Kalispell; a sister, Eleanor Jaquette of San Mateo, Calif., and a sister-in-law, Mrs. James Jaquette of Seal Beach, Calif. There are also 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 14 great-great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Peter Ramseth officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at the Johnson Mortuary. A memorial service is planned for next summer for Dorothy and her son Paul, who preceded her in death on Nov. 12, 2002.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901; the Hodgson-Jaquette Scholarship at Flathead Valley Community College, 777 Grandview Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901; or the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Carmen C. Hoenes, 75

Carmen C. Hoenes, 75, passed away on Sept. 19, 2003 at the Brendan House Care Center in Kalispell due to complications of Alzheimer's disease.



Carmen was born on May 22, 1928, in Wiesbaden, Germany. On Aug. 6, 1948, she married her beloved Andrew "Andy" John Hoenes, an American soldier stationed in Starnberg, Germany.

Shortly after their marriage they moved back to the United States.

They lived in Blackfoot, Idaho, for a short period of time and then made their permanent residence in Pocatello, Idaho.

Carmen devoted her life to her family, community and church. She had been very active in the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in worship, singing in the choir, women's groups, bible studies, and helping prepare luncheons. She always enjoyed feeding people and waiting on them.

Carmen will be remembered

for her abundance of energy. She loved the outdoors — camping, hunting and fishing.

In 1997 Carmen was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. She moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, to live with her son Mike Hoenes and Vicki Dickinson so they could care for her.

In 1999 Mike, Carmen and Vicki moved to Kalispell. Carmen loved the beautiful country in Montana.

Carmen was preceded in death by her daughter Linda, her mother Hedwig Keitzman, and her husband, Andrew John Hoenes.

She is survived by her son Michael John Hoenes (Vicki Dickinson), and her son Lloyd Hoenes (Tonya).

Mike and Vicki would like to thank all of Vicki's family, their friends and all of the Brendan House staff for their love and support over the years in caring for Carmen.

Services will be conducted in Pocatello, Idaho, by Downard Hansen Funeral Home on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m.

Roger A. Hofacker

Roger A. Hofacker passed away Oct. 24, 2003.

Roger was born on July 27, 1916, in Bismarck, N.D., the son of Herman and Ovidia Hofacker. He grew up in Billings where he was active in Scouting, attaining the rank of Eagle. He graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1933. He then attended Montana State College, graduating in 1939 with a degree in electrical engineering.

After briefly working for the Corps of Engineers at Fort Peck, he began his career with Montana Power Co. in 1939.

Roger was called to active duty in the Army Signal Corps in 1941. He served during World War II in Iceland, England, and took part in the Normandy invasion. After the invasion, he saw duty in France and Germany.

He met his wife, Myrtle Cline-smith, an Army nurse, in Iceland. They were engaged in England on New Year's Day of 1944 and were married in Paris on June 15, 1945.

After the war, he and Myrtle moved to Montana where he continued his career with Montana Power in Helena, Lewistown, Livingston, Butte and Colstrip. Roger retired as a senior vice president in October of 1980.

He and Myrtle moved to White-

fish where they enjoyed their home on the lake until they moved to Billings in September of this year.

He was active in the First Presbyterian Church, Kiwanis, Rotary, SCORE, Masonic orders, Boy Scouting and was a member of the American Legion. He was awarded an honorary degree from Montana Tech in 1971. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, playing bridge and especially entertaining family at their lake home.

Roger is survived by his wife, Myrtle of Billings; sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Margaret Hofacker of Billings, Richard and Amy Hofacker of Colstrip; and daughter and son-in-law, Susan and John Leland of Butte. He is also survived by a sister, Ina Anderson, and a brother-in-law, Willard Baker, both of Billings. He had eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Rog was greatly loved by his family and friends; he will be missed.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the First Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th St West, Billings. Interment with military honors will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the cause of the one's choice.

Eula M. Holcomb, 88

Eula M. Holcomb, 88, formerly of Libby, died Monday, Nov. 17, 2003, at Columbia Falls.

She had owned and operated The Neopolitan Pie Plate Deli in Libby.

She is survived by her children, Kenneth Holcomb of Libby, Beverly Niffenegger of

Essex, and Don Holcomb of Columbia Falls.

Services will be 3 p.m. Friday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby with the Rev. Ken Knight officiating; interment will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to service time.

John W. Holder, 76

John W. Holder, 76, of Eureka, beloved husband, father and grandfather, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

John was born May 6, 1926, at Lenoir, N.C., to Rufus Edgar Holder and Sarah Constance Bean Holder. He was raised and educated in Eureka.

He worked for various loggers in the area until serving in the U.S. Army during World War II with the 1st Cavalry Division in the Philippines and Japan until being honorably discharged in 1946.

John and his brothers formed Kootenai Lumber in the early 1950s, logging and operating the sawmill together until 1969. He then worked as a millwright and shift foreman for Plum Creek Lumber Company until his retirement in 1989.

Being an avid outdoorsman, John spent much of his time fishing at Graves Creek as well as Big and Little Therriault lakes. He also enjoyed hunting and camping as well. He and his wife, Jackie, took many camping trips in Montana and the Northwest including trips to Jasper National Park to bugle elk. His outdoor pursuits continued at home with gardening, yard work and wildlife observations. He enjoyed sharing these activities with family and friends. John was always ready to

socialize but just as ready to lend a hand to anyone in need. He loved people, and people loved him in return.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eureka where he baptized with his daughter-in-law, Donna, in 1975.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Ed and Connie; brothers, Duane and Gale; and his first wife, Lois.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie, of Eureka; sons, Stan Holder and wife, Betty, of Stanford, Mike Holder and wife, Sheila, of Lewiston, Idaho, and Ron Holder and wife, Donna, of Kalispell; eight grandchildren, Josh and wife, Carrie, Michelle and husband, Andy, Jodi and husband, Andy, Trinia, Shawn, Mark, Valida and Mariah; a brother, Dale Holder, of Eureka; three sisters, Joyce Battest and Krettie Follansbee, both of Eureka, and Pat Keltner of Kalispell; and a sister-in-law, Lela Holder of Rexford.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Eureka, with Rev. Carl Pershall officiating. Interment services will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 391, Eureka, MT 59917, or to Eureka Ambulance, P.O. Box 736, Eureka, MT 59917.

Frederick Jon Hollingsworth, 84

Frederick Jon Hollingsworth, 84, loving husband, father and grandfather, and friend of many, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003.



He was a resident at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls for the past five years. For the previous 14 years, he lived with his beautiful wife, Jaunita, in their log house in the woods by Bigfork. Prior to that, they lived in Lincoln, Neb.

Fred was born on Nov. 28, 1918, in Milford, Neb., to Roy and Mattie Hollingsworth. He graduated from Milford High School and moved to Lincoln, where he began working at the National Bank of Commerce.

In 1942, Fred proudly served his country in World War II. He served in the Army's 20th depot supply squadron as a sergeant. He was in North Africa for one year and Italy for two years. While in the military, he received the Good Conduct Medal for his service and was honorably discharged in 1945.

When the war was over, he returned to work at National Bank of Commerce. It was there in 1945, he met his lovely wife-to-be Jaunita, who also worked at the bank.

Fred and Jaunita were married on Dec. 1, 1946, in Lincoln. They had two children, Mike, who still resides in Lincoln, and Joy who now lives in Montana.

Fred did much volunteer work in his life and enhanced hundreds of lives with his care and selfless giving nature. In Lincoln, he was a Boy Scout leader for many years,

taught swimming to the handicapped for the Red Cross, life saving classes for life guards and water safety instructor classes. Fred was also a member of the Aqua Otters, an underwater rescue group.

Fred and Jaunita retired from the bank in 1984 after both put in more than 40 years of service. They moved to beautiful Bigfork, where they built and lived in a log home in the woods.

Fred joined the Flathead County Sheriff's Posse soon after moving to Montana, and was a member up until the time he had to go into the home. This was the light of his life, as he was dedicated to helping others and very much believed in the posse's involvement in public service.

Fred loved scuba diving, swimming, traveling and taking care of his pets and any other animals that came along. He was a dedicated and loving husband and grandfather. He always enjoyed playing with his children and grandchildren and was a wonderful role model.

Fred is survived by his wife, Jaunita, who still resides in Bigfork; his two children Joy (Hollingsworth) Ortiz in Montana and Mike Hollingsworth in Nebraska; his four grandchildren, Bret Hollingsworth in Nebraska, Angela (Hollingsworth) Ballard in Germany, Brock Martens in Washington, and Sunny Martens in Montana.

Fred will be remembered and missed by many. Service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, located at 1890 Hwy 93 North, Kalispell, MT. Fred will be laid to rest at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

John W. Holt, 62

John W. Holt, 62, of Troy, died Sunday, March 9, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Viola Holt of Troy; and a son, David R. Holt of Troy.

Services will be at 11 a.m.

Thursday at the Church of God in Troy.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today. Burial will follow at Boyd Cemetery in the Yaak.

Arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Leonard Max 'Lenny' Holt, 73

Leonard Max "Lenny" Holt, 73, of Polson, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003, at Evergreen Health and Rehab Center in Polson from a lengthy illness.



Lenny was born on May 31, 1930, in St. Ignatius, to Clarence "Smokey" and Lily Holt. He no doubt knew everyone from the Mission Valley clear to Missoula as a youth. He traveled quite extensively then as well.

At the age of 16 he joined the Army. By the time he met his one love, Ramona Belle Meagher, he was 17 years old and escorted her up Blue Mountain on his hog and won her heart. Sadly for Len she passed away before him on Nov. 14, 2000, and he was never the same again. Three weeks after meeting they married May 2, 1948. Their eldest child, Sheila Jean Holt Clark, was born Jan. 14, 1949, in Missoula. They then had a son, Roger Dennis Holt, on March 10, 1950, also in Missoula. Shortly thereafter they moved to Cut Bank where Lenny started his life-long career in the oil field at Carter Refinery.

In 1951, they moved to Superior, Wis., where he was employed at Lake Superior Refinery. In 1952, they moved to Long Beach, Calif., where they had their third child, Suzette Lenn Holt Albert, on April 19, 1952. Len went to work at the Richfield Refinery (now Arco) where he was employed for 11 years. On Oct. 21, 1957, they had their last child, Nikki Dean Holt.

In 1963, they moved back to Missoula where he was employed by Waldorf-Horner. On March 15, 1968, their son, Roger, died in a car accident, devastating them all.

They opened an unfinished furniture store in Missoula called Roger D. Holt's Wood Nook. After an unsuccessful try at that Len got a job in Kevin, at the Big West Refinery in January of 1970. In 1985, he and his mother, Lily, drilled a couple of successful oil wells. After a year he quit his last refinery job which was at the Flying J Refinery. Around 1983, they brought Bert's Place in Kevin and renamed it Oilpatch Junction and worked there until 1994 when he retired due to ill health. They then traveled in their motor home extensively enjoying their last years of life together.

Lenny enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and visiting with his friends. In 1999, they moved to Polson, and finished their lives there.

He was preceded in death by his father Clarence "Smokey" Holt; his son, Roger; a brother, Lawrence, and his wife, Ramona, in 2000; and his daughter, Sheila, in 2001.

He is survived by his mother, Lily Holt, of Polson; daughters, Suzette Albert of Sacramento, Calif., and Nikki Loudermilk of Libby; and a sister, Maxine Hammond; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. "He was a good man and will be missed by all of us."

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson with Clyde Knecht officiating. Burial will be held at Lakeview Cemetery.

Beryl K. Hooker, 61

Beryl K. Hooker, 61, a resident of Rome Township, Pa., for the past six years, passed away on June 18, 2003, at her home.

Beryl was born on April 5, 1942, in West Orange, N.J., a daughter of Paul R. and Dorothy (King) Miller.

She resided there until her marriage to Robert R. Hooker on Feb. 13, 1965. Their first home was in Flanders, N.J., and in 1973, they moved to Hackettstown, N.J. Two children and a quarter-century of memories later, they purchased land and built their retirement home in Rome, Pa.

Through the years, Beryl worked as a legal secretary, taking time off to raise her children.

Her greatest love in life was her family, which includes her husband Bob; her son, Brian Hooker, his wife, Sherry, and their three sons, Johnny, Joseph and Jeremiah, of Washington, N.J.; her daughter, Christine Kalenak and her two daughters, Elizabeth and Alicia, of Coram; and her brothers-in-law, Kenneth Hooker, Douglas Hooker and his wife, Kathy. Beryl

also treasured time spent with her Windham Summit Bible Church family.

She will be remembered as a lady of great generosity and hospitality, with graciousness beyond measure. Her smile lit up a room, and was matched only by her kind heart and love for people.

Her pastimes included embroidery, quilting, sewing and knitting — mostly gift items for family and friends — singing, cooking and entertaining her many friends at home.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. at Windham Summit Bible Church in Windham, Pa., on June 21. Pastor Kenneth Crain will officiate.

Memorials may be made to Guthrie Hospice, RR 1 Box 154, Towanda, PA 18848, The American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society in memory of Beryl K. Hooker.

The Cooley Family of the Sutfin Funeral Chapel, Nichols, N.Y. is assisting with arrangements.

Myrle Hoster, 81

Myrle Hoster, 81, passed away in her home with family beside her in Whitefish on Sunday evening, Nov. 2, 2003.

Myrle was born in San Francisco, on April 23, 1922, where she spent her early years. While working as a secretary at Fort Mason, Myrle met her future husband, Don Hoster, a North Dakotan. She moved to Pasadena, Calif., with Don soon following. They married on April 27, 1945.

Don and Myrle raised three children in Altadena, Calif.: Carol, Sooney and Jon. Myrle divided her time between her family and Serendipity, the women's apparel store she owned and operated for 20 years.

In the late '70s, Don and Myrle retired and moved to Whitefish, drawn by the small community and pristine natural surroundings. They enjoyed an active life here, attending classes, exploring Big Sky country, hosting friends and family, and maintaining strong ties to Shining Mountain Center for Positive Living. Traveling throughout the U.S. and abroad to sightsee and connect with their grandchildren was a source of great pleasure for them.

After Don's death in 1985, Myrle stayed busy volunteering many hours with the Soroptimists, the



Hockaday Museum of Art, the North Valley Hospital Auxiliary, and the Democratic Women's club. She loved traveling with friends and decorating her home with many of the beautiful things she collected from around the world.

She also loved reading, book clubs, and visiting her children and grandchildren, and her home was the gathering place of many fun and wonderful family get-togethers. She enjoyed spending winters sunning in southern California and Florida.

Myrle is survived by her daughter, Carol, and son-in-law, James Richards of Radnor, Pa., and their children, Michael, Christopher and Catie, and great-grandchild, Jonas; her daughter, Sooney, and son-in-law, Nick Viani, of Ashland, Ore., and their daughter, Alicia; and son, Jon, and daughter-in-law, Karen.

Myrle will be remembered for her tremendous generosity, a great sense of humor, a positive outlook, her snappy and stylish wardrobe, and a vast angel collection!

A memorial service in celebration of her life will be held at Shining Mountain Center at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, with a potluck to follow.

The family requests memorials be given to the Brian Schweitzer Campaign for Governor, Soroptimists of Whitefish, the North Valley Hospital Auxiliary, or the charity of your choice.

Ervin Rudolph Hoveskeland, 86

Ervin Rudolph Hoveskeland, 86, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on Dec. 31, 1916, in a homestead shack at Hamar, N.D., and grew up on a farm there where he attended school.

In 1935, he joined the CCC's after his parents' deaths and served there for three years, then worked on farms. In 1940, Ervin moved to Williston, N.D., and married Amy Berg.

He served almost four years in the Army serving 1 1/2 years from France to Salzburg, Austria. When he returned to the states, he farmed for 10 years before attending barber school in Fargo, N.D. He then bought the Modern Barber Shop with Charlie Briggs and operated that until 1974 when he and his wife moved to Lakeside



and bought into J-J Barber Shop in Kalispell. Ervin worked here for 10 years before having a heart attack and retiring. He continued to enjoy hunting, fishing and boating. He was a member of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church.

Ervin was preceded in death by his oldest son, Douglas.

He is survived by his wife, Amy; son: Michael and wife, Kathy, and their daughter, Lindsay, all of Goddard, Kan.; a daughter-in-law, Sandy Hoveskeland, granddaughter and great-grandson, Kory and Andrew Buglione, all of Spokane.

Memorial services for Ervin will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15, at the Eidsvold Lutheran Church with Pastor Wayne Pris officiating. Urn burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Eidsvold Lutheran Church: P.O. Box 100, Somers, MT 59932.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Russell E. 'Rusty' Howell, 21

Russell E. "Rusty" Howell, 21, died on Monday, May 5, 2003, as a result of a car accident near Whitefish.

Cremation has taken place. A gathering of friends will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday at the Arcadia, 338 Main Street in Kalispell.

Dale Newton Howke, 74

Whitefish native and longtime community worker, Dale Newton Howke, 74, passed away of natural causes on April 20, 2003, in Whitefish.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1928, to Otto and Vonda in Whitefish and graduated from the Whitefish school system in 1949.

After marrying Elizabeth Irwin in 1951, he served in the Army during the Korean War from 1951 through 1956 and was stationed in Panama working in the canal zone. When he returned to home he worked various jobs until he became employed at the Home Lumber Company for 38 years until he retired in 1991.

He and Elizabeth had two sons, Mike and Steve.

Dale had a strong sense of community in which he dedicated many hours to serving his town in various ways. He was a talented woodworker who was never afraid to "get his hands dirty" and was frequently asked to work on projects around town and for his friends.

One of his passions was serving on the Flathead County Sheriff's Posse for over 30 years, serving in most capacities, including major. He also served as a police commissioner for the Whitefish Police Department from 1980 to 1995. He was very active in the Whitefish Winter Carnival for many years as

part of the penguin costume group, a float builder, and was named as prime minister in 1965 to King Ullr VI. He also participated in Kiwanis, the Christmas decorating committee, various positions in the Whitefish Bowling Association, and other community organizations.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed all outdoor activities, especially snowmobiling and fishing. He was an excellent pistol marksman and enjoyed working as the range master for the Flathead County Sheriff's Posse. A talented craftsman, he especially enjoyed working out in his workshop.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his granddaughter, Paige Howke.

He is survived by his two sons and their wives, Mike and Elizabeth, and Steve and Brenda; granddaughters, Tawnya Vidvonic, Michelle and Emily Howke, and Shannon Keller; sisters, Joanna Barnes, Sally Allen, Peggy Guile; one brother, Leonard; and longtime companion, Frances Wicen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to the Flathead County Sheriff's Posse.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial will follow the memorial service at the Glacier Gardens.

Michael John Howland, 43

Michael John Howland, 43, died on Sunday, Aug. 31 2003, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born May 25, 1960, in Belvidere, Ill., to Harold and Helen (Wilson) Howland.

Michael graduated Belvidere High School, then met and married Sondra Mardel Brenbarger on Oct. 17, 1981, in Rockton, Ill. This union brought forth two sons, Jeremiah John Howland and Aaron Michael Howland.

Michael owned and operated his own snow removal service. He enjoyed hunting, shooting reading and being an all-around handyman, a good friend to many as well as a great father. He spent many hours being involved as a volunteer at the Deer Park School, and assisted in the building of the new gym in the Deer Park School. He also served as a chaperone for many of the schools field trip. He



was a current member of the Friend of the NRA.

Mike was preceded in death by his father; one brother, Jerry Howland; both sets of grandparents; a very special uncle, John Wilson; and several other aunts and uncles.

Michael is survived by his wife, Sondra Mardel Howland and both sons of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Jim Howland and his wife, Donna, of Garden Prairie, Ill., and Tom Howland of Belvidere; and one sister, Sherry Canciamille and her husband, Rick, of Rockford.

Memorial services for Michael John Howland will be held 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at the Fairview Cemetery with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating, followed by a reception at the Deer Park School, at 6:30 p.m.

The family suggest memorials be given to Whitefish Junior Rifle Club, 4575 Whitefish Stage Rd., Whitefish, MT 59937.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Grace Eleanor Jean Howlett, 92

Grace Eleanor Jean Howlett, 92, of Kalispell, passed "into the arms of her loving Savior," April 15, 2003, at St. Patrick Hospital due to complications from surgery.

She was born Sept. 18, 1910, to Benjamin and Helen Tourgis of Vancouver, British Columbia, where she attended public schools.

After graduating from King George High School, her parents moved to Seattle, where Grace attended and graduated from business college. She and her parents moved to Oakland, Calif., where Grace received her R.N. from Samuel Merritt Hospital School of Nursing in 1934.

While in training, she met William Howlett. They were married in 1939, in San Rafael, Calif. The couple resided in Oakland where Grace worked in a doctor's office. She became naturalized in 1948. After their two daughters were grown, she went back to nursing in Hayward, Calif., where she worked for an ENT doctor and retired after 17 years.

Grace had many interests and hobbies. She was always active in PTA, she belonged to the Achates Club which looked after tubercular patients without families.

She loved to garden, travel, and sew, making most of her own clothes. Another little-known fact is that Grace was an award-winning photographer. She always attended Bible studies and was a faithful member of the Thimble Club at Trinity Lutheran Church. She was a charter member of the



senior center at the Community Presbyterian Church in Danville, Calif., where she taught several crafts. Among them was papier tole, which she has enjoyed for 25 years. Her work is currently seen in the Moonlodge Gallery in Kalispell and has been exhibited for sale at the Conrad Mansion and the Hockaday Museum at Christmas time.

"Precious Grace" lived up to her name, as testified by the many stories shared by those whose lives she touched. Words often used by family and friends to describe this elegant lady are loyal, inspirational, generous, dependable, feisty, industrious, and persevering. Fun-loving Grace always enjoyed a good laugh! She actively resided at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; her parents, Benjamin and Helen Tourgis; and her brother, Welsford.

Those surviving include her daughters, Penny Voos of Rollins, and Sherri Stola of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; her grandchildren, Megan Voos of Danville, Calif., and Adam Voos of Walnut Creek, Calif.; niece, Carol Samson of Vancouver, British Columbia; and nephew, Bruce Bradley of Brentwood, Calif.

There will be a celebration of life service at the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell, at noon on Tuesday. Pastor John Gregg will officiate and a reception will follow.

The family suggests that memorials go to the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado Road, Danville, CA, 94526. Please designate in memo "Senior Center-Prime Time" or to the Hope Pregnancy Center of Kalispell.

Avis Lorene Hoyt, 72

Avis Lorene Hoyt, age 72, passed away on Friday, July 4, 2003, near Libby as a result of an auto accident.

Avis was born on Dec. 30, 1930, to Robert and Maybelle Finney Wollan. She attended Kuhns Grade School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1949.

After high school, she moved to Great Falls, then moved back to Kalispell where she worked at the Credit Union and Kalispell Mercantile.

Avis married Jack Hoyt in 1953. They lived in Columbia Falls, Lasalle Highway, Helena Flats, and had resided in Ferndale for the last 20 years.

She worked for the Forest Service as a programmer and dispatcher for several years. Avis was also the clerk for the school board in Helena Flats for several years.

Avis will always be known as a thoughtful, positive, uplifting person. She had cared for her husband Jack for many years before his



passing way on Dec. 5. She would always send birthday cards to all of her family and friends. Everyone looked forward to receiving their card on their birthday.

Avis attended Trinity Lutheran Church at Creston.

She enjoyed helping and taking care of other people. Avis loved to play pinochle, and belonged to the Bunco Club, and the Lady's Auxiliary.

Avis loved cooking and taking care of her home and yard.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Edna Mikalson, Elizabeth Hudson and Melford Wollan.

She is survived by her son, Russell Hoyt of Bayview, Idaho; a grandson, Brian Hoyt of Austin, Texas; great-granddaughter, Samantha Marie; a brother, Burt Wollan of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday July 9, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Lone Pine Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Dick S. Hoyt, 80

Dick S. Hoyt, 80, passed away Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born April 1, 1923, in Kalispell, to John and Lena (Ramsey) Hoyt.

Dick's father was a forest fire fighter and a farmer, and his mother was a homemaker and was a wonderful cook. Dick was raised with three brothers and three sisters. He graduated from Flathead County High School and during his schooling he enjoyed many subjects, particularly home economics.

He married Betty Lou McKean on June 15, 1963, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They moved to Somers and he was employed with the Royal Logging Company skidding logs. Dick loved being in the country,

fishing, hunting, baseball, and picnics with beer. He also enjoyed playing pool. Dick moved to Immanuel on May 20, 2003.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, a daughter and a son.

He is now survived by his wife, Betty Hoyt, of Somers; two daughters, Joyce Scott and husband, Phil, and Kimberly Commers and husband, Chris, all of Somers; two sons, Roger Hoyt and wife, Lorene, of Columbia Falls, and Rick Hoyt of Somers; two brothers, William Hoyt and Raymond Hoyt; three sisters, Louise Kind, Maxine Hoyt, and Alma Wirt; and eight grandchildren.

There are no services for Dick at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Robert 'Bob' Calvin Hubble, 46

Robert "Bob" Calvin Hubble, 46, of Whitefish, died Friday morning, Dec. 5, 2003, at his summer home north of Whitefish.

Robert was born March 28, 1957, in Ogden, Utah, to Bert and Anna Joy Hubble. He and his family moved to Montana when Robert was a small child. He attended Whitefish High School and graduated with his class in 1975, before proceeding to Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho.

On Feb. 14, 1981, he married his life-time partner, Vickie Ann Sorenson, also of Whitefish, with whom he had six children.

Robert worked as a successful millwright for many years, and spent much of his time working and playing in the great outdoors, participating in activities he loved: logging, ranching, canoeing and hiking. He volunteered with

the Glacier Park Associates for over 10 years and enjoyed working with his friends on summer service projects in the national parks, including re-constructing and re-building historic cabins and trails.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Anna Joy Hubble.

He is lovingly survived by his wife, Vickie, and their six children, Laramie, Robert Cody, Scott, Kory, Sierra, Miracle; and his brother and sister, Chris Hubble and Rosemarie Tamol. He also left behind sister, Linda, and brother Rick Hubble.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Whitefish, with an immediate pot-luck reception to follow.

Stuart P. Hughes, 77

Stuart P. Hughes, 77, of Missoula, passed away at St. Patrick Hospital on Monday, Aug. 4, 2003. He was born Nov. 1, 1925, in Lansing, Mich., the son of Emma Davis and Berne P. Hughes.



Stuart met June Isch, a young lady raised with her family in Kalispell. The couple later married in Missoula on Nov. 5, 1955.

Stuart worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a geologist. He worked in both Missoula and Denver before being transferred to Washington, D.C., to accept the position of head geologist, a position he held until his retirement.

After his retirement, the couple returned to Missoula where he

continued his interest in geology, both in a small consulting business as well as his membership in a local geological society. His many friends will remember Stuart as a kind and gentle individual.

His family includes his wife, June, of the family home; two sisters, Jean Rogers, and her husband Herb, and Claire Schultz and her husband Jim, all of Fort Worth, Texas; nephew, Stuart Rogers; and two nieces, Nancy Jean and Becky; as well as numerous grand-nieces and -nephews.

Viewing will be at Garden City Funeral Home on Wednesday, Aug. 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. Graveside Services will be at C.E. Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell on Thursday, Aug. 7, at 2 p.m.

The family suggests that contributions in Stuart's memory could be made to benefit the Veterans War Memorial Fund.

Betty Ann Hunt, 60

Betty Ann Hunt, 60, a Whitefish resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

She is survived by her husband, Estile Hunt of Whitefish, and two sons, Wayne and Patrick, also of Whitefish.

Funeral services will be 1

p.m. Monday at the Church of the Nazarene in Whitefish with the Rev. Ted Holmquist officiating.

Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

Robert 'Neil' Hunter, 71

Robert "Neil" Hunter, 71, a resident of Three Forks, passed away peacefully, Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, in Spokane.

Neil was born in Great Falls, on April 25, 1932, to Bob and Alice Hunter. The family lived in Great Falls where Neil graduated from Great Falls High School. Neil then went on to attend and graduate from the University of Montana, where he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and played football for the Montana Grizzlies.

Neil moved to Houston and graduated from physical therapy school. Shortly thereafter, Neil was named the director of the physical therapy department at the hospital in Great Falls. Later in life, he worked and owned Broadwater Physical Therapy in Townsend where his healing hands and soft heart helped so many, along with his right hand, Jackie Kynett.

He married Paula MacMillan in Kalispell. He was a resident of Kalispell for many years. He was a loving and dedicated father of five surviving children and three grandchildren.

His five children are Bob Hunter of Denver, Matt Hunter Healdsburg, Calif., Vince Hunter, of Billings, Jana Hunter of Kempner, Texas, and Paula Jo Sweeney of Spokane. His grandchildren are Lacey Hunter, Tommy Sweeney and Matthew Hunter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Jane Nelson.

All memorials are asked to be sent to the Hospital Auxiliary, P.O. Box 362, Townsend, MT 59644.

A gathering for family and friends will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the 4H building in Townsend.

Neil will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

John B. Hurd, 87

John B. Hurd, 87, passed away on Jan. 18, 2003, at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

John was born on the Lake Creek family ranch in Troy, on Dec. 5, 1915, to Charles and Anna Hurd. During the 1930s, he worked for the CCC and was stationed at the Nine Mile Station in the Missoula area.

He married Lorene Smith in 1937. They made their home in Troy, where he worked at the truck shop for J. Neils Lumber Co. until 1951. He then moved his family to Libby, where he became the shop foreman. The mill later sold to St. Regis and he was promoted to superintendent in charge of all the rolling stock. One of the largest jobs he and the shop men performed was repairing a COBIE rail yard crane that was said to be damaged beyond repair.

In 1965, John and his family moved to Eureka, Calif., where he was in charge of Treasure State Equipment's shop, the International Equipment dealer. But the love of grandchildren, the Kootenai River and Montana called him and Lorene back to Libby where they started Hurd's Repair with brother, Les.

He lost his first love, Lorene, of 36 years, to cancer in 1973. In 1974, John married Edna LaPrath and they continued to run the shop until his retirement in 1985. The two moved to Post Falls, Idaho, in 1993, where John spent most of his days

tending to his yard and flowers which always looked like a park. Edna was lost to cancer in 1997.

John is survived by a son, Gary "Herbie" and wife, Peggy, of Whitefish; a daughter, Gayle Williams and husband, Everett, of Snohomish, Wash.; three stepsons, Charles and wife, Edie, Carl, Chris, and stepdaughter, Diane, all of Couer d'Alene, Idaho; three grandchildren, Loree Skjelset of San Diego, Bryan and wife, Chris, and Phillip, all of Kalispell; and several great-grandchildren and stepgrandchildren.

Besides his two wives, John was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Charles, Adam and Les; and two sisters, Connie Ackridge and Ann Barrett.

"Grandpa" John was a resident of Lake View Care Center in Bigfork the last five months of his life. While he was there he met many new friends and had a loving, caring staff that treated him as family.

John's best days were camping, fishing, hunting, and huckleberry and mushroom picking. He will always be remembered as a loving father and husband with a great sense of humor, who was capable of repairing anything. He loved the great outdoors and was exceptional at "reading" animals.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service is being planned for the spring.

Viola (Glazier) Hurlbutt, 89

Viola (Glazier) Hurlbutt, 89, passed away on March 6, 2003, at St. Francis Hospital in Federal Way, Wash., with her family at her side.

Viola Grace Glazier was born on Sept. 3, 1913, in Opheim. Her family migrated from Kansas to stake their homesteads in Opheim. They left their homesteads in 1931 to move to the Flathead Valley. The family loved the area so much that they made it their home for the next 65 years.

Viola married Floyd Hurlbutt in 1945 and they had two children, Richard and Nadine. Floyd passed away suddenly in 1953. After her husband's passing, she chose not to remarry and to devote her life to making a home for, and raising her children. She purchased a home in Kalispell and accomplished exactly what she had set out to do. She lived in her home in Kalispell for almost 35 years. In 1996, she moved to Seattle, to share her life with her daughter and son-in-law.

Viola's working career spanned over 50 years. She retired in 1977, at the age of 72, from the Immanuel Lutheran Home, after 15 years of service. Her real life's work, however, was loving, helping, and caring for other people. Her heart and her home were always open to anyone in need of comfort. Viola helped many people along life's path. She interrupted her own life on several occasions to care for family members with long illness. At the same time, she raised her own two children and her niece, Barb Willis, after Barb's mother passed away. She shared her home with, and made a large contribution to the upbringing of her three grandchildren. Viola dearly loved her grandchildren and all of her nieces and nephews, and they loved her. She was very close to her extended family.

"As her children, we know what an extraordinary mother and woman she was; that she loved us with all of her heart, and that she made many sacrifices for us. We remember the tireless mother who stayed up most of the night ironing our clothes, got up at 5 a.m., worked all day, and then came home and took a car full of kids to the lake."

Sometime around age 80, she decided that she would like to earn a little extra money. She applied for a job with an agency that does in-home care. She got the job, and for several months, she walked about a mile each way, to take care of an elderly woman. "We have always been, and will remain, in complete awe of her. We are still asking the same question that we've always asked, 'Viola, how did you do it?' Her reply, as always, was the same,

'I didn't do it all by myself. God was with me every step of the way.'"

Viola loved and enjoyed life, and if you were around her, she made sure that you enjoyed it too. She appreciated nature, and she loved to be outdoors and near the water. She liked to read and she loved to talk. She enjoyed traveling and she and her daughter were able to travel quite a bit in her later years. Some of her very favorite times were spending holidays and Sunday picnics at the lake with her extended family and friends.

Viola's life was not without hardships and heartaches; there were many for her. She always accepted life's trials, faced them with great courage and strength, and made the best of it. "We are quite certain that there were many times that she survived on sheer determination and attitude alone." Her faith in God never wavered. She never lost her wonderful sense of humor, and she never quit or gave up on life. She waited for "God to call her, and so he did," on March 6, 2003.

"We will always remember her warmth and compassion, wit and wisdom, the beauty of her spirit and the wealth of soul, which she so willingly shared with all of us. We will always hear her voice and values echo in the things that we say and do. Hers was truly 'A Life Well Lived.'"

"We can't help but smile when we think about what a happy, spunky, little character she was; how she would get so tickled, and her laughter — so much wonderful laughter. She was such a pleasure and she has given us so many wonderful memories."

She was preceded in death by three sisters and their husbands, Velma and Evert Warner, Leota and Clint Lunstad, and Thelma and Bob Mellick; and three brothers, Chester, Walter and Claude Glazier.

She is survived by her son, Richard Hurlbutt of Kalispell; her daughter and son-in-law, Nadine and Michael Moore of Seattle; one sister, Betty Glazier of Kalispell; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Kathy Glazier, Richard and Staci Hurlbutt and son, Trevor, all of Las Vegas, and Andrew Hurlbutt and his children, Mackenzie and Ethan, of Kalispell; nieces and nephews, Carolyn and David Flynn of Boise, Idaho, Jeannine and Jim O'Conner of Missoula, Marge and Jim Treweek, Barb and Cliff Willis, Terri and Steve Street, Marilyn and Curt Ethington, and Robin Glazier, all of Kalispell.

A family gathering will be held in early summer to celebrate her life.

Frederick 'Fred' James Huso, 78

Frederick "Fred" James Huso, 78, passed away on Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born on Dec. 25, 1924, in Lake Mills, Iowa, to Sven and Clara (Berge) Huso. He was the youngest of six children. His father was killed in a car accident when he was 7 years old and his mother and siblings spent the Depression years in Mankota, Minn., Medicine Lake, and then moved to Columbia Falls in 1935. Fred graduated from the "newly built" Columbia Falls High School in 1943.

He was drafted into the Army and served his country in the Pacific, working as a mechanic/electrician on B-29s.

After World War II, he attended the Butte School of Mines and left to work on construction of the Hungry Horse Dam. He worked in many capacities, including surveyor and concrete inspector. Fred stayed on after the dam was completed and worked for the Bureau of Reclamation as a power plant operator until he retired in 1979.

Fred married Helen Joan Bieloh in 1951 and had two daughters. They moved to the family farm in 1963.

Fred was preceded in death by his wife, Helen on June 30, 1998.

Fred is survived by two daughters, Pam Huso of Vancouver, Wash., and Nancy Smythe and her husband of Columbia Falls; one sister, Elaine Stenson of Kalispell; and two wonderful grandsons, Eric and Evan Smythe of Columbia Falls.

Graveside services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Tom Gopp officiating. There will be no funeral home visitation. A reception will follow at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Dialysis Patient Fund, 135 Commons Way, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

CB Hurst, 87

CB Hurst, a Kalispell resident since 1947, died Tuesday evening, July 15, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. CB was 87 years old. CB was born in Tacoma, Wash., and later moved to Spokane and Seattle. CB's mother died in childbirth, and CB was raised by her paternal grandmother in Spokane where she spent most of her grammar school years and later in Seattle with her stepmother.

She graduated from high school in Seattle and attended two years of college at the University of Washington. On Oct. 29, 1940, she married Howard Hurst. Shortly after they were wed, Howard was called overseas, serving the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific Theatre. During the war, CB kept house in San Diego and North Carolina and worked as a stenographer, receptionist and handled compensation claims at the air depot in San Diego. During her time at the air depot she worked with the FBI and was instrumental



in exposing and apprehending a saboteur who was slitting parachutes.

In 1945, after the war, Howard and CB moved to Butte where Howard managed the Caterpillar heavy machinery business, finally settling in the Flathead in 1947.

CB enjoyed working for the March of Dimes, acted as an early warning spotter in the aircraft observation tower on Buffalo Hill and was active in the Century Club.

CB is survived by her son, Jeffrey A. Hurst, and daughter-in-law, Joanne, of Tahoe City, Calif.; her grandchildren, Mary and Andrew of Sacramento, Calif.; and her great-grandson, Conor Hurst Dobbs of Sacramento.

There will be no memorial service. In lieu of flowers, remembrances or donations in CB's name may be made to her favorite causes — The Humane Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903; or the KRMC Foundation-A.L.E.R.T., 310 Sunnyside Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Written condolences may be mailed to Jeff and Joanne Hurst, P.O. Box 6359, Tahoe City, CA 96145.

Helene Ann Hustuft, 74

Helene Ann Hustuft, 74, of Libby, died Monday, March 10, 2003, at her home in Libby from natural causes.

Survivors include four sons, Mike Schmitt of Seattle, Charlie Swearingen of Las Vegas, and Claude and Pete Bailor,

both of Kalispell; and three daughters, Kathy Cunningham, Maggie Olsen and Charlene Lauer, all of Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Chapel in Libby.

Martin Virgil Haag, 71

Martin Virgil Haag, 71, passed away Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003, at the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Marlin was born Dec. 15, 1931, in Hettinger, N.D., to Lee and Norma (Stedje) Haag. Marlin graduated from the Dakota Lutheran High School in Minot, N.D., in 1949.

He served as a radioman in the U.S. Navy for four years and then pursued his undergraduate studies at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., Augsburg College in Minneapolis, and the University of Montana in Missoula.

Marlin loved to learn and experience new things. He shared his love of learning as he taught school in North Dakota, experienced the world as a banker, an artistic float welder for the Pasadena Rose parades, a locksmith, and a pilot.

Through the years, Marlin pursued hobbies of leather tooling, gourmet cooking, and was known for his unique fruit pies and being able to fix just about anything a farm kid could fix. Marlin enjoyed reading and studying his Bible, and could recite entire books of the Bible from memory. He was blessed

to travel Europe singing with the Lake Avenue Congregational Sanctuary Choir and was always part of the Haag Boys male quartet.

Marlin was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Norma, and a brother, Curt.

He is survived by brothers, Bob and wife, Sharon, of Minnetonka, Minn., Glen and wife, Carole, of Zirconia, N.C., Casey of Grand Rapids, Mich., Russ and wife, Dianne, of Isanti, Minn., Ron and wife, Carol, of Columbia Falls, Duke of Elk River, Minn., and Steve and his, wife, Lois, of Ferndale; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Faith Free Lutheran Church with Pastor Steve Snipstead officiating. Visitation will be held on Monday, at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Larissa Haarr, 27

Larissa Haarr, 27, was born in Kalispell on Feb. 16, 1976, joining her parents Loren and Karen Haarr and her one-year-old brother, Lars. She died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003,



after a five year battle with malignant melanoma which never, ever touched her spirit.

Her young years were spent playing with Lars in the woods of Many Lakes and attending Creston grade school. As the only girl in her class, she developed a competitive spirit which carried her through her junior high and high school years on the basketball court. Captain of the Bravettes her senior year, she was also chosen for the All Star team and was 1993 All Conference record holder.

After attending college in Bozeman, Larissa set out to learn about life and people — as a trolley driver in Chicago, working at the Olympic Winter Sports Park in Park City, Utah, and guiding rafts in Glacier Park and Hood River, Ore.

Larissa's last two years were spent in Big Timber with her father, Loren, and learning about carpentry, nature and herself.

Always a defender of animals, her favorite hours were spent with her faithful dog, Tag, hiking and swimming the Yellowstone. As an accomplished musician, she enter-

tained herself, family and friends with her beloved guitar.

In addition to her parents and brother Lars, Larissa is survived by her grandmothers, Evelyn King of Missoula and Donna Haarr of Two Dot, and her best friend and soulmate, Jim Bob Lay.

She is also survived by her paternal uncle Dale Haarr of Kalispell; and aunts, Margaret and Elaine Lammers, and their husbands Leon and Arville Lammers of Judith Gap and Shawmut.

Her maternal aunts and uncles are Tony and Tricia King of Kalispell, Patrick and Colette King of Missoula, and Sally King and her husband, Alan Westhagen, of Seattle, and her Grandma Evelyn's husband, Dick Moore.

Larissa also will be missed by her 12 cousins, extended family and by a host of very special friends.

Memorial services will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at the Rose Garden in Woodland Park and also at the Cooney Ranch in Melville at 2 p.m. Sept. 6.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the following charitable organizations: Angel Flight of Montana, 1190 Steele Mountain Road, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; Hospice, Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell MT 59901; The Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 43 Woodland Park Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.