

Wendy Jo McMillan, 49

Wendy Jo McMillan, 49, "went to live with the angels" during the evening of March 23, 2003.

Wendy was born Aug. 26, 1953, in Fremont, Ohio, to Donald and Donna (Michaels) Harpster. As a young girl, Wendy and her family moved to Florida, where she grew fond of the ocean, sand, and the outdoors.

In 1962, Donna remarried and the family moved to Kalispell. Wendy and her five sisters fell in love with the "country" life, including the four-classroom Demersville School.

Although she made many friends growing up on the farm, her closest bonds have remained with her sisters. They are Barbara Dornfield of Sidney, Claudia Minister of St. Louis, Regina Adams of Kalispell, Terri Weber of Roseburg, Ore., and Cassandra Gikiere of Orlando, Fla. Wendy's other constant companions were her mother Donna Sutton and Donna's husband Shirly of Evergreen.

After graduating from Flathead High School in June, Wendy married William E. Lapp on July 1, 1971. Wendy and Bill were blessed with two children, Debi Jo, born Feb. 1, 1972, and William Michael born Aug. 8, 1973. Her husband Bill was killed during a logging truck accident in September of



1982.

On June 9, 1984, Wendy was blessed to marry Vance A. McMillan. Wendy loved kids of all ages and she was known as Mom to all in the neighborhood. Her two grandsons, Auston and Brady, were the light of her life.

Wendy, affectionately known as "Wee," enjoyed living life to the fullest, whether it was camping, watching her favorite Seahawks, stock car racing or just being home with family and friends. She always had a smile on her face and a joke to tell or play on you.

Wendy's husband, children, and sisters were honored and privileged to care for her in her home during the last days of cancer illness.

Wendy is survived by her husband Vance of Kalispell; daughter, Debi Bergeson and husband, Donovan; son, W. Michael Lapp; two grandsons, Auston and Brady Bergeson; five sisters; and mother and father, Donna and Shirly Sutton.

Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday at Johnson Mortuary. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at the Kalispell Christian Center. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, Wendy would appreciate donations be made for her grandsons' education.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

John Lawrence McMunn, 22

John Lawrence McMunn, 22, a beloved son, brother and friend to many, passed peacefully with his family at his side on Feb. 6, 2003, in Kalispell.



John left this earth to breathe easy after battling the hereditary disease, cystic fibrosis.

John was born on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1980, in St. Maries, Idaho. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1999 with aspirations in music and writing. In his youth, John lived life to the fullest; he participated in various sports, Boy Scouts, 4-H, and had an especially keen interest in music, namely the guitar and drums.

John had many hobbies; which included reading, drawing, listening to music, fishing and spending time with his dog, Buddy. He loved to write poetry, short stories and dreamt of writing a novel. John was kind and generous, a loving, gentle soul. His concern for others was constant, even during times when John had to fight to survive. He loved life. John's last words were a true reflection of the kind of person he was, as he softly whis-

pered, "I love you" to his family.

John is survived by his mother, Charlene Pandina, and stepfather, Russell Pandina Sr. at the family home in Columbia Falls; his father, Jay McMunn; and his grandmother, Ruth McMunn of St. Maries; his grandparents, Lawrence and Wilma Banderob of St. Maries; sisters, Lisa McMunn of Branford, Conn., Jessica Epler of Columbia Falls, and Tammy Scott of Charlottesville, Va.; brothers, Russell Pandina and Shaun Pandina of Kalispell, and Rance Epler of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and numerous family and friends.

John was full of life in the short time he was here — he was our "Superman." Although John faced many obstacles throughout his illness, he fought with a bravery and courage uncommon to the rest of us. John's candle burned out but his spirit never will.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931 Arlington Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814 (800) - FIGHT CF.

Visiting hours will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, and a memorial service will follow. Both will take place at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 Fourth Ave. W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Eva S. McPheeters, 90

Eva S. McPheeters, 90, died on Monday, March 10, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell. No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Darren S. McPherson, 39

Darren S. McPherson, 39, of Bigfork, died there Monday evening, March 24, 2003, as a result of a car accident.

Darren had been living there working in the construction trade with his brother, Doug, as a metal stud and dry wall hanger.

Darren was born in Chittanooga, N.Y., on Feb. 7, 1964, to Stone Creek, Ohio natives, Eugene W. McPherson and Juanita Sue Ridenour. Along with his family, Darren lived all over the world, including Japan, West Germany, Guam, California and Arizona. When not working, he enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson.

Darren is survived by wife, Monica D. Johnson-McPherson, and his 13-year-old son, Ehren S. McPherson of Corning, Calif.;



father, Eugene and his wife, Martyne Hanni McPherson, of Bakerville, Ohio; mother, Juanita Sue McPherson of Avondale, Ariz.; brothers, Galen and Donna McPherson of Kansas City, Mo., Douglas McPherson of Bigfork, Mark and Debbie Kaye McPherson of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Mikel McPherson of Henderson, Nev.; and sisters, Debra McCormac of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Jeri Lynn Carpenter of Henderson, Nev., and Melissa Jolly of Apache Junction, Ariz.

A brother, Joel Rae McPherson; paternal grandparents, Harry and Ethel Rowe McPherson; and maternal grandparents, Ralph and Evelyn Kughler Ridenour, preceded him in death.

Private services will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. RSVP to Douglas McPherson at 270-0169 between 7 and 9 p.m.

Irish wake will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Marie Muggerrud's Viking Bull Ranch in Bigfork.

Lois Mae (Thornton) McQueary, 77

Lois Mae (Thornton) McQueary, 77, formerly of Kalispell, died Dec. 14, 2003, at the Central Wyoming Hospice Home in Casper, Wyo., after an extended battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She is survived by her children, Patrick L. McQueary of Casper, Wyo., Michael L.

McQueary of Glenrock, Wyo., and K. Rene Crane of Longmont, Colo.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at the Community Baptist Church of Glenrock, Wyo., by the Rev. Rick Bishop. Cremation has taken place.

Robert Lawrence McShane, 82

Robert Lawrence McShane, age 82, the little leprechaun with the twinkling eyes, broke his earthly chains and went home to Jesus on Dec. 25, 2003, after a short illness at Clark Fork Valley Hospital while in Plains to spend the holidays with his daughters.



Bob was born on Nov. 27, 1921 in Sanish, N.D., to Albert L. McShane and Minnie M. Texel McShane.

He was the youngest of five children. Early in his life he lost an older brother and sister. His mother died when he was 10 years old.

After his mother's death, Bob's grandparents helped his father raise Bob and his siblings on a farm in Stanley, N.D. They moved around a few times in North Dakota before deciding to come to Montana in 1937.

Bob attended high school in Bigfork, where he graduated in 1939. He joined the Air Force in September 1942.

While in the service he was an airline engine mechanic. He received a medal for Good Conduct, Asiatic Pacific Service medal, American Theatre Service medal, and a Victory Badge.

He came home for a short leave and married Carole Charlotte Hagestad in August 1944. He got out of the armed services in February 1946. Bob and Carole lived in Coram for a while, where he worked on the construction of the Hungry Horse Dam.

After that they moved to Ferdig, where he tried his hand at oil fields doing maintenance on the pumps. From there they moved back to Bigfork where he spent the

remainder of his life.

Bob worked at a sawmill and during the Christmas season he harvested trees and hauled them to Arizona to sell. In 1956 he started work at the aluminum plant. He put in 27 years there painting signs and buildings. He retired in 1983. He wasn't quite sure what to think about retirement at first, but he adjusted to it by acquiring a backhoe and dump truck to putter around on his property.

He also enjoyed being able to take off on the weekends to watch his grandsons play basketball. Bob was the gem of the dance floor at the Bigfork hot spots, where he loved nothing more than to get out on the floor and kick up his heels on Friday and Saturday nights.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife of 35 years, Carole, brothers Edward, George, and sister Elizabeth.

He is survived by his sister, Marion of North Dakota and his four children and their spouses, John E. McShane of Lethbridge, Alberta, Mary K. and Vernon Browning of Plains, Kelly C. McShane of Bigfork, and Megan and Rick Beason of Plains.

Other survivors include grandchildren Kerry (Jim), Shane (Tina), Doug, Shannon, Anica (Jim), Tonya (Kurt), J.J., Bobby, and Danny. And great-grandchildren, Jimmy, Anna Mae, Isabelle and Dakota.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held for Bob on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 10 a.m. at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork with Father Donald Shea as celebrant.

Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Vigil services will be held at St. Catherine's Tuesday night at 7 p.m. with Deacon Jim Butts.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Charles Gilbert 'Chuck' McWhorter, 64

Charles Gilbert "Chuck" McWhorter, 64, passed away on Feb. 28, 2003, at 9 p.m.

He was born on Jan. 1, 1939, at the family home in Kila, to Frances and Gilbert McWhorter. Chuck was loved very much by his family and friends.

He loved hunting and fishing and was captivated with the mountain man era, about which he was in the process of writing a novel. He liked to quip that he was born 100 years too late. Part of his legacy is his love for country and western music which included being the lead singer in his own band as well as several other groups. He was always a favorite on karaoke night. Family gatherings always included singing, guitar strumming, and lots of love, laughter, and good times.

Chuck worked most of his adult life in the telephone field. He, his two brothers, and his son followed in the footsteps of Chuck's father who began in the telephone industry in 1948. Chuck was extremely proud of his profession. He absolutely loved his work and his extended work family.

He is survived by his very best friend, fishing partner, and wife of 31 years, Lynn Ann McWhorter; his children, Carla Ann Smith, Barry Heuscher, and David Heuscher of Kalispell, Jodie Johnson of East Wenatchee, Wash.; and stepchildren, Rhonda Bolling of Ketchikan, Alaska, and Christopher Fox of Seattle. He had 12 grandchildren, Sarah, Robert, Michelle Lynn and Nicholas Smith, Joshua, Jacob, Joseph and Jessica Johnson, Melissa, Jacob, and Samantha Heuscher, and Taylor Knight. He is also survived by his mother, Frances Kolzak of Billings; five sisters, Helen Kendall of Hilger, Hazel Rasmussen of Portland, Nancy Meyer, Jo Roberts, and Patti Mathwig, all of Kalispell; brothers, Russell McWhorter of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Rex McWhorter of Peoria, Ariz., and Lonnie McWhorter of Medford, Ore.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and wonderful in-laws.

Chuck was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert Andrew

McWhorter.

His wife, Lynn, five of his children, his sisters Nancy and Jo, and brother-in-law, Fred, were all at his bedside when he passed at the hospital in Davenport, Wash.

Any memorial contributions may be made to either the Wilbur Ambulance Crew or the Golden Rule Childcare Center in Wilbur, Wash.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Wilbur, Wash.

Celia E. Knopp McSloy, 82

Celia E. (Knopp) McSloy, age 82, passed away Thursday, April 24, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



She was born Dec. 28, 1920, in Wadena, Minn., to Oliver and Fannie Bucher. She was raised and educated in the Hinsdale, Fort Peck, and Glasgow area.

She married Herbert Knopp on Feb. 18, 1939. He passed away in January 1960.

She later married Mac McSloy. He preceded her in death.

Celia was a 30-year member of the Eagles Club. Her hobbies were her children. Her trademark was her smile.

She was preceded in death by her parents, both her husbands, and three brothers, Dan, Marvin, and Ralph Bucher.

Celia is survived by her chil-

dren, Lorraine Zabel of Tacoma, Wash., Gordon Knopp of Whitefish, Raymond Knopp of Kalispell, Linda Smith of Tacoma, Lucille Treat of Tacoma, Leona Crill of Butte, Loretta Johnson of Anchorage, Alaska, Gary Knopp of Soldotna, Alaska, and Lavonne Crawford of Gig Harbor, Wash.; two sisters, Doris Poor of Malta and Stella Fauth of Malta; two brothers, Russell Bucher of Columbia Falls and Clarence Bucher of Vancouver, Wash.; 28 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday from 1-8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Christian Center in Kalispell. Pastor Dick Bishop will officiate.

Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

A reception will follow the graveside committal at the Eagles Club in Kalispell.

James W. Meacham, 63

James W. Meacham, 63, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Memorial services are pend-

ing at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory

Mary Miller Meagher, 97

Mary Miller Meagher, 97, died on April 8, 2003, in Spokane.

She was born in the family home at 606 Second Ave. W. in Kalispell, which is now Friendship House.

She was the youngest child of Annie Yeaton Miller and

Harry G. Miller, founder of the Kalispell Lumber Company.

She is survived by her daughters, Patricia McTigue Houff of Spokane, and Dr. Margaret Mary Meagher of Gardiner; and her son, Michael S. Meagher of Spokane.

Theodore Edward 'Ted' Mee, 73

Theodore Edward "Ted" Mee, 73, died on March 1, 2003, in Poulsbo, Wash.

He was born in Kalispell. He grew up in Trego with three brothers and two sisters on the family homestead.

After high school, Ted joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska. Prior to leaving for Alaska, he married Fay Burnside. While stationed in Alaska, Ted and Fay lived at the North Pole Trading Station where they had their first child, Edward, in 1953.

After his military service, he returned with his family to Trego. Shortly thereafter, he took a job at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash. Ted and Fay proceeded to have four daughters, Glenda, Brenda, Lindy and Cindy, and raised their family on a small farm in Silverdale, Wash.

After a 32-year career in the Naval shipyard as a general foreman, Ted looked forward to retirement. Ted and Fay spent many wonderful days at their family homestead in Trego, surrounded by family and friends.

Ted was a devout family man.

Ted's 12 grandchildren were blessed to have such a good man as a mentor. Ted was known for his gentle spirit and loving heart. One of his favorite expressions was "let 'er rip."

Ted was preceded in death by his wife, Fay Mee, in 1990; a brother, Howard Mee, in 1971; sisters, Norma Decker and Gwendelyn Fox.

Ted is survived by his five children, son, Ed Mee and wife, Jeanne, of Eagle River, Alaska; daughters, Glenda Trettevik and husband, Rich, of Kingston, Wash.; Brenda Carter and husband, Tom, Lynda Merz and husband, Carl, and Cindy Rost and husband, Brian, all of Seabeck, Wash.; also by 12 grandchildren, Gabe Mee, Adam Mee, Roy Trettevik, Resa Trettevik, Amber Dolph, Aubry Dolph, Robert Merz, Carly Merz, Jessica Merz, Holly Merz, Joshua Rost and Kinzee Rost. He is also survived by two brothers, LeeRoy and Phillip Mee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hospice of Kitsap County, P.O. Box 3416, Silverdale, WA 98383-3416.

Hedwig Mary 'Harriet' Mefford, 94

Hedwig Mary "Harriet" Mefford, 94, passed away on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Harriet was born on Sept. 16, 1908, in Poland, to Simmon and Marianna Janczko. She was the second of eight children. When she was 4 years old, her family moved to Wisconsin to live.

Harriet married Stanley Kinegerski in August of 1925, in Wisconsin. They had five children. She later moved to Chicago, then on to Michigan where she worked as a seamstress for Chrysler Corp.

She married Latney Mefford in 1944.

She loved to travel. Hawaii, Alaska and Canada were some of her favorite places she had been. She was a member of a hobby club, and loved doing crafts, knitting, crocheting and quilting. She also

enjoyed square dancing.

Latney passed away in 1996, so Harriet moved to Kalispell to be near two of her sons, Hank and David. She was always known as a hard worker; thrifty, but always generous to others, and a devout Catholic.

She is survived by her son, Hank and Ginny Kengerski, Dave and Wilma Kengerski, Donald Kengerski; stepson, Dennis Mefford; two daughters, Francis Plie-mann and Helen Spohn; 24 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at Lee Memorial Park in Lehigh, Fla. Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Lehigh. Burial will follow at Lee Memorial Park.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family locally.

Kenneth Melander, 74

Kenneth Melander, 74, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, of natural causes.

He was born Jan. 26, 1929, in Two Harbors, Minn., the son of Gotthard and Friday Melander. He was raised in Duluth, Minn. and graduated from Denfeld High School there in 1947.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a paratrooper during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1953.

He then returned to Minnesota, where he went to work for the railroad as a brakeman and later a conductor.

He retired due to ill health after 31-plus years.

He married Claudia Ann Jahn on Nov. 15, 1958, in Lawton, Okla., and resided in Miami, for five years and then various places around the United States, finally coming to Montana in 1971, where they have resided since.

He was a member of the Masonic

Lodge #1383 in Houston, Texas, and was a member of the Moose Lodge in Whitefish. He was also a member of the Whitefish Methodist Church. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a twin brother, Keith.

He is survived by his wife, Claudia, at the family home in Whitefish; two sons, Kevin in Milwaukee, and Tim in Tacoma, Wash.; a daughter, Tracie Dury in Mountain Home, Idaho; three grandchildren; two sisters, Jeanette Marks and Kay Bodine, both of Duluth, Minn., and a brother, Rollen Melander in Florida.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Whitefish Methodist Church with the Rev. Deborah Schmidt officiating.

The family suggests that memorials can be made to either the Wings program in care of the Kalispell Regional Medical Center or to the Whitefish Methodist Church.

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

Verna Leah Messenger, 96

Verna Leah Messenger, 96, passed away on April 16, 2003, at Brendan House.

She was born in Pine City, Wash., on Sept. 3, 1906, to Frank and Martha (Siler) Harmon. She attended school and graduated in Pine City.

She married Garrett "Buster" Messenger on Dec. 1, 1931. They moved to Conrad that same year.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, one brother, two nephews, and one niece, as well as her husband who

passed away in Great Falls in 1997.

She is survived by her daughters, Phyllis Messenger and Blanche Gould, both of Kalispell, and Hazel Roche of Florida; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. A private memorial will be held in the summer and her ashes will be spread at the homestead of her husband's mother in Conrad.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ruth Evelyn Meyer, 79

Ruth Evelyn Meyer, 79, died July 24, 2003.

She was born Dec. 26, 1923, in Corder, Mo., to George and Lena (nee Roegge) Fricke. She attended Zion Lutheran School and graduated from Corder High School in 1941 as the valedictorian of her class.

She graduated from Nurses' Training at Kansas City General Hospital and University of Kansas City in December 1944. She married Joseph Meyer Jan. 27, 1945, and they shared 57 beautiful years together.

Left to mourn her are husband, Joe from Rollins, sons, Dennis and wife Betsy of Schenectady, N.Y., Dan and wife Wendy of Readfield, Maine, and Jerry and wife Meredith of Helena.

Joe and Ruth have six wonderful grandchildren, Liam and Megan (Dennis), Emily and Nathaniel (Dan), and Loren and Liz (Jerry).

Of her seven siblings, Ruth is

survived by a sister, Mary Louise and husband Bill Wollenburg, from Austin, Texas.

She showed compassion and care for all who came into contact with her over the course of her 35-year career in nursing, ultimately retiring as director of Nursing Services at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena in 1980.

Ruth was an excellent seamstress and created clothes and comforters for friends and family. She loved music and enjoyed singing with choirs from her Lutheran congregations. Her life attests to her great faith in God and love for all his creation, especially her family and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Lakeside Wednesday, July 30, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be directed to the Eidsvold Educational Fund or charity of their choice.

William James 'Bill' Michaels, 85

William James "Bill" Michaels, 85, passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2003, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He was born on Oct. 25, 1917, in Fremont, Ohio, to R.B. Hayes and Willetta Adams Michaels. He was raised in Fremont, then moved to Hollywood, Calif., his last year of high school, where he graduated from John Marshall High School in 1938.

Bill worked briefly at the Hollywood Hospital and Bunce Laundry in Culver City. In 1940, he went to work at the Ambassador Laundry in Santa Barbara, Calif.; later that year he moved back to Fremont, Ohio where he worked for Camp Perry and Erie Proving Ground.

He returned to Hollywood, in 1942, where he started his career at the Lockheed company, retiring in 1975. While at Lockheed, Bill worked on the Hudson bomber as an installer, the P-38 fighter, and the P-80 fighter as an electrical installer in the cockpit. He then entered new development and mock-up doing electrical work. Bill worked overseas for 13 months on the U-2 project; his civilian ranking was equivalent to



an Army Major. He worked in the same unit as Frances Gary Powers.

After returning stateside, he worked on radio and communications of the L-1011 passenger jet. He was then named supervisor of a 40-man crew constructing electrical mock-ups for the L-1011 aircraft.

Upon retiring in 1975, Bill and his wife moved to Lakeside to live on property they had purchased in 1967.

Bill belonged to the Masonic Lodge and to OES, both of Bigfork, Royal Arch and Council in Kalispell, and Commentary in Columbia Falls. He entered the Shrine in Kalispell in 1977. He was a past member of the Lakeside Chapel and the Kalispell Senior Citizens Center.

He was preceded in death by his wife, two daughters, one son, and a brother.

He is survived by his two sisters, Mary Sachs and Henrietta Weikert, both of Fremont, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. with the Rev. John Urlich officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

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

Blanche 'Ness' Michels, 88

Blanche "Ness" Michels, 88, passed away on Saturday, April 19, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



Blanche was born on March 20, 1915, in Miles City, to Edward and Nellie Beckman Ness. She was the second oldest of seven siblings. Blanche moved with her family to Kalispell when she was two years old; later they moved to Kila.

She married Roger V. Michels on Sept. 30, 1933, in Kila. They enjoyed dancing, and were members of the Artisans and Craftsmen Club of the Flathead Valley.

Blanche was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roger; and one son, Allen.

She is survived by three children, Betty Hills of Kalispell, Roger and his wife, Mimi Michels, of Diamond Head, Miss., and Jerry and his wife, Sharon, of Libby; one daughter-in-law, Karen Michels of Kalispell; one sister, Lil Freebury of Kalispell; two brothers, Fred Ness of California, and Lindy Ness of Miles City; 15 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Lorraine Miele, 74

Lorraine Miele, 74, of Chesterfield, Mich., died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, at Mount Clemens General Hospital in Mount Clemens, Mich., after a brief but brave struggle with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, a rare brain disorder that silenced her but did not take her dignity.



Lorraine was born Nov. 12, 1928, in Jersey City, N.J., to Donato "Daniel" Anthony Frank and Emma Caroselli Frank. She was educated in Jersey City and West New York, N.J., and graduated from Lincoln High School in Jersey City.

She married Anthony L. Albanese on May 15, 1949, in Jersey City, and they later lived in Waldwick, N.J., until their divorce in 1959.

She married Carmen Joseph Miele on Feb. 13, 1960, in Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J., and they soon moved to Stony Point, N.Y., where Carmen became a devoted stepfather to Lorraine's children, Angelo and Frank. They were all members of Trinity Methodist Church in Stony Point and enjoyed their fishing trips to Canada until Carmen was stricken with multiple sclerosis in 1963. Lorraine remained his loving caregiver until his death in 1975.

She had many jobs, notably as manager of The Mark restaurant in Paramus, N.J., as a receptionist at the Missionary Orientation Center in Stony Point, then in a long career with Xerox Corp., first at Blauvelt, N.Y., and then in Manhattan.

She later enjoyed a second career in the insurance business with New York Life and was accorded many honors, including being national director of the Women's Life Underwriters Conference in 1986, president of the New York City Women's Life Underwriters Conference in 1985, and a member of the board of directors of the New York State Life Underwriters in 1987. She began her insurance business in New York City and took it with her when she moved to Michigan in 1996. She also taught principles of insurance for the Harrington School in New York State.

Lorraine's faith was very strong, and in her later years while attending the Hampton Bays United Methodist Church, she became a lay minister at several churches on Long Island and was

especially enriched by her participation with the Walk to Emmaus group and the Wellspring program. When she moved to Michigan to be with her son Angelo and his family, she was happy to find a church home at Grace United Methodist Church in New Baltimore, where she has been active as a Sunday school teacher and as church treasurer for several years.

In addition to her church work, Lorraine loved to bowl and enjoyed her friendships on several leagues. She was an avid birdwatcher, and loved the outdoors. She also loved to travel, and had been to the Philippines, Hong Kong, Africa, and Italy, as well as cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska. But her true calling was to her family and her friends, and her loss will leave the biggest gap in the hearts of those around her. She touched everyone who knew her with her quiet grace, gentle wisdom and broad smile.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Emma Frank; by her beloved Aunt Carrie Caroselli; and by her husband, Carmen J. Miele.

She is survived by her two sons, Angelo Miele of Clinton Township, Mich., and Frank Miele and wife, Michele, of Kalispell; her grandchildren, Emma Miele of Clinton Township and Carmen and Meredith Miele of Kalispell; her brother Anthony and wife, Nancy Frank of Downingtown, Pa.; and her five nieces and nephews, Jherle, Lisa, Daniel, Christopher and Rebecca, and their spouses and children, along with many cousins, aunts, uncles and loving friends. She is also survived by her longtime daughter-in-law, Kris Marshall of Clinton Township.

At her request, Lorraine has been cremated. Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday at Grace United Methodist Church in New Baltimore. A service will be held in New York on Jan. 25, and she will then be interred beside her beloved husband Carmen at the Brick Church Cemetery in Spring Valley, N.Y.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation, P.O. Box 5312, Akron, OH 44334, to help understand this terrible disease; or to the Grace United Methodist Church, 49655 Jefferson, New Baltimore, MI 48047, to continue Lorraine's work in Christ.

Arrangements are being handled by Gendernalik Funeral Home of New Baltimore, Mich.

Leonard E. Mild, 88

Leonard E. Mild, 88, died on Monday, Feb. 24, 2003, at Barrett Memorial Hospital in Dillon.

He was the co-founder of the Mild Fence Co.

He is survived by his three children, Carole Plute, Gary Mild, and Sandy DeAzagra.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial will take place at a later time.

Jack R. Millard, 79

Jack R. Millard, 79, of Whitefish, died peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of the morning on Friday, Oct. 3, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



He was born April 20, 1924, in Belt, to Henry and Helen (McCardy) Millard. Jack's father was mayor and owned a coal mine. He was one of seven children. When he was in his teens, his family moved to Willets, Calif., and then returned to Great Falls where Jack graduated from Great Falls High School.

He joined the United States Army in December of 1942. He trained as a pilot and attended Oklahoma flight training school. During World War II, Jack trained other fighter pilots. When the war was over he returned to Great Falls and began his career with General Motors. He married Betty Birkenbuel on July 3, 1946, in Great Falls.

Jack's career with General Motors took the Millard family to Missoula, Ogden, Utah, Los Ange-

les, San Diego, Calif., and Seattle. He retired in San Diego, in 1980, but Montana called him back home and Jack and Betty returned to live in Great Falls in 1985. They moved once again to Whitefish in 1988.

He loved golf, flying, fishing on the Smith River and big band music.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, in January 1992.

He is survived by his son and daughter and their spouses, Jack and Alice Millard of Kalispell, and Judy and Steve Talley of Tel Aviv, Israel; his grandchildren, Dutch Millard of San Diego, Stephanie FitzSimmons and her husband, Jamie, of Huntsville, Ala., Dana Miller and her husband, Brian, of Eugene, Ore., and Josh Talley of Missoula; a great-grandson, Jarekk; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13, in the chapel at Johnson Mortuary. The Rev. Glenn Woodson will officiate.

The family suggests memorials be given to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 103, Kalispell, MT, 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Beverly Claire Miller, 65

Beverly Claire Miller, 65, died July 25, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Lester Miller; three daughters, Calley Taylor, Peg-

gy Ruff and Leslie Miller; and one son, Todd Miller.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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

Frederick Michael Miller, 64

Frederick Michael Miller, 64, formerly of Whitefish, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003, at Valley View Estates in Hamilton, due to complications from a stroke.

He is survived by his wife, Ilean (Heitzenroder) Miller; daughter, Colleen Snyder of Libby; and two sons, Max

Miller of Spokane and Joe Miller of Libby.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday at the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton with Pastor Stephen Van Gilder officiating.

A private family interment will take place at Victor Cemetery in Victor.

Lillian (Riley) Miller, 83

Lillian (Riley) Miller, 83, passed away on Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, in Santa Rosa, Calif.

She was born on March 21, 1920, to James and Sina Riley of Oilmont and Kalispell.

She married Steve Rowlan, then later divorced and moved to California in 1966. She married Robert Miller of Santa Rosa in 1968.

She worked for the juvenile probation office here and later for the state of California.

At one time, she was a member here of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Eagles drill team. She also was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa.

She lived at the Silvercrest Apartment in Santa Rosa with her precious cat, Rainbow, and

enjoyed her friends there. Her special friends were Yvonne Hall of Kalispell, Dan Halsey and Kathy Minor of Santa Rosa and friends in Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her parents and both husbands.

She is survived by her close family of cousins and their families, Leonard Dunham of Yakima, Wash., Neil Dunham and Lucille Nelson of Kalispell, and Celia Schroeder of Helena.

She excelled in handiwork and leaves many beautiful knit, crochet and embroidery articles with friends and family.

She will be remembered and missed. "We love you Lillian — rest in peace."

Graveside services will be held at a later date.

Marion Helen Miller, 89

Marion Helen Miller, 89, "went home to live in the mansion Jesus prepared for her in His Kingdom" on Jan. 20, 2003. She died from a broken heart after the loss of her husband, Claude, in September 2002, and leukemia.

She was born Marion Helen Kellner, to Fred and Martha Kellner on Jan. 20, 1914, in Milwaukee, Wis. She was raised on a farm in Muskego, Wis., where she attended grade school, and later attended West Milwaukee High School, where she met her husband, Claude Miller, who was coaching her basketball team.

After she graduated they eloped and were married Aug. 4, 1931, in Waukegan, Ill. They had two children, a son, Drew, and a daughter, Ferol. They attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Muskego. They resided in Muskego until two years ago, when they moved to Lake View Care Center, where they could have 24-hour care and be in a more social climate with activities.

Marion worked as a telephone operator in Big Bend, Wis., until Ma Bell became automated and then as a clerk at the Antler's Hotel in Milwaukee, for a year.

She worked for A.E. Nicholas Co., a wholesale jeweler, in Milwaukee, until she retired.

She was an avid bowler and took home many trophies. She was very active socially and enjoyed sewing and crocheting. Because of her outgoing personality and quickness to laugh, she had many friends.

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

She is survived by her daughter, Ferol, nine grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

She will be remembered for her caring thoughtfulness toward others, her love for a good time, and her ability to make others smile and laugh.

All memorials will be sent to the American Cancer Society.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork, with the Rev. Paul Rowold officiating. A memorial service will be held in Wisconsin at a later date. Their hearts never left there.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson.

Sherri D. Miller, 46

Sherri D. Miller, 46, of Libby, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

Survivors include a son, Alan Miller of Hanau, Germany; daughter, Virginia Thorn of Libby; and mother,

Pat Whitefield of Libby.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Libby Christian Church.

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

Carol Weber Mintz, 36

Carol Weber Mintz, 36, of Whitefish, formerly of Westchester, Calif., died on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003. She fought a long, hard battle with malignant melanoma for over five years. No matter how hard things were, she never gave up; "she was a true inspiration for us all."

She was born on Oct. 7, 1966, to Kathleen and Frank Weber of Westchester. She is survived by her husband, Joshua, formerly of Redondo Beach, Calif., whom she married on Aug. 4, 2000, here in the Flathead Valley. They have resided in Whitefish ever since.

She is also survived by her sisters, Margaret and Mary Weber;



Josh's mother and stepfather, Dayle and Tony Hernandez of Redondo Beach and Kalispell; stepmother and father, Vicki and Robert Mintz of Westport, Conn.; brothers-in-law, Tory Hernandez and Callan Mintz, and sister-in-law, Chasen Mintz; grandfathers, Victor Miller of Redondo Beach, Tony Hernandez of Hayward, Calif.; and grandmother, Ethel Mintz of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Carol leaves behind numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins and lots of friends from the valley that she and Josh have come to know and love, as well as friends she had known and loved for years in California. She will be dearly missed.

A service will be held at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, and the funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at St. Charles Church in Whitefish.

3-1111-63 Bernold G. Mitchell, 76

Bernold G. Mitchell, 76, died Monday in Libby. He was born to Charles and Venus Mitchell on Nov. 7, 1926, at Kingman, Kansas. When he was 3 years of age, the family came to the Flathead Valley where they farmed on Trumble Creek Road for many years. He later served in the United States Navy.

He married Shirley Gregg on Feb. 5, 1949. They came to Libby where he worked as a mechanic until being employed by the J. Neils Lumber Company and later, the St. Regis Paper Company and Champion International until his retirement in 1985.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, of Libby; children, Camille Hurd and husband, Frank, of Goldendale, Wash., Aloa Mitchell of Thorpe, Wash., and Steven Mitchell and wife, Eleanor, of Snoqualmie, Wash., and grandchildren Erik, Ivan, Mario, Maslow and Blaine.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell with Pastor Robert VanAlstine officiat-



ing. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A memorial service will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Libby with Rev. Robert Foote officiating.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory in Kalispell, and Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

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Berta Mitchell, 88

Berta Mitchell, 88, of Missoula, died Wednesday, July 2, 2003, at Riverside Health Care Center.

She was born March 9, 1915, in Garfield, Wash., to the late Lee and Viola Wheeler. She was raised on the family farm with her three brothers Bob, Sam and Jack and her two sisters Dorothy and Nan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers and her beloved husband Bob.

On June 12, 1935, she married Robert A. Mitchell. The couple lived in Washington and Illinois before settling in Anaconda. Berta worked as a cook at a local drive-in and later worked as a clerk for a local grocery store. In 2000, Bob and Berta celebrated 65 years of marriage.

In the summer, Berta and Bob entertained family and friends at their cabin on Georgetown Lake. Berta was a great cook and she enjoyed cooking for her family and

friends. Berta also enjoyed gardening and knitting.

After Berta and Bob retired they moved to Kalispell, and then to Missoula, in 1999, to be closer to their daughter and grandsons.

Survivors include daughter, Roberta Lee Barnhart and son-in-law, Oren, of Kalispell; grandsons, Kris Zeier and wife, Elizabeth, of Kalispell, and Scott Zeier and wife, Vickie, of Missoula; and great-granddaughters, Hollie and Lindsey Zeier of Missoula; sisters, Dorothy Barnes of Salem, Ore., and Nan Wheeler of Butte; sister-in-law, Julia Wheeler of Modesto, Calif.; brother-in-law, Douglas Mitchell and wife, Mary, of Tacoma, Wash.; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Cremation and arrangements are under the care of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. A graveside service will be held at a date to be determined.

Marian Mitchell, 60

Marian Mitchell, 60, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, at the Brendan House in Kalispell, after a lengthy illness.

She was born on Sept. 16, 1943, in Kalispell, to Melford and Ruth (Johnson) Nordtome.

A lifelong resident of Kalispell, Marian was a fun, loving, outgoing friend to everyone she would meet. She loved being around people, just talking, laughing and having a good time. She also enjoyed traveling and horses along with many other interests.

Marian graduated from Flathead County High School in 1961 and then went to work for the local telephone company for the next 20 years until retirement in 1981. She then, in 1985, started working for Flathead County as a switchboard operator until her illness in 1994.

Marian had a beautiful warm heart. She brought out the best in the people around her. Illness took



her from us too soon and she will be dearly missed by all her family and friends.

Marian was preceded in death by her father.

She is survived by her husband Dan; one daughter, Kim and Bob Sutton and their children, R.C., Krystal and Madeline; one son, Rob and Debbie Miller; and five stepchildren, Danette, Scott, Joel, Paul, and Eric, all of Kalispell. She is also survived by her mother, Ruth, of Bigfork; one brother, Robbin Nordtome of Kalispell; and one sister, Linda Desch of Wolf Point. Marian has a large extended family and is also survived by numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews and stepgrandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service for Marian will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Central Bible Church gymnasium, 902 First Ave. E. Kalispell, with Pastor Ron Youde officiating. A private family service will be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Venus L. Mitchell, 97

Venus L. Mitchell, 97, a former, long-time resident of the Flathead Valley, died Aug. 31, 2003, at the Libby Care Center in Libby.

She was born in Kingman, Kan., on June 17, 1906, to Benjamin and Clara Bell Reid and was raised and educated in Kansas.

She married Charles M. Mitchell on Aug. 16, 1928. The couple came to the Flathead Valley in 1935 where they owned and operated a farm on Trumble Creek Road in the Birch Grove area near Kalispell. They remained on the farm until moving in to Kalispell in the early 1960s. For many years, Venus had worked in the dietary department of Kalispell General

Hospital.

She remained in Kalispell until moving to Libby two years ago.

She enjoyed doing handicrafts, especially knitting and crocheting, making many clothing items and afghans for family and friends.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1977.

Surviving are her son, Bernold Mitchell, and wife, Shirley, of Libby; a brother, Jim Reid, of Kingman, Kan.; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; as well as two stepchildren and families.

Private interment took place at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Odis M. Moholt, 79, of Libby, died Friday, July 25, 2003, in Bozeman.

He worked for the Forest Service in Libby for 20 years before retiring in 1971.

Odis M. Moholt, 79

Survivors include two daughters, Madrienne Atkins of Ferry, Idaho, and Nadine Moholt of Polson, and a son, Brad Hoholt of Bozeman.

Services will be Wednesday

at 11 a.m. at the LDS Church in Libby.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Henrietta E. Moon, 96

Henrietta E. Moon, 96, passed away March 15, 2003, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Henrietta was born Oct. 22, 1916, in Benson, Minn., to Henry and Agnes Reimers.

She married John M. Moon on March 14, 1936, in Holloway, Minn. They farmed for many years in Kerkhoven, Minn.

Henrietta loved to travel and was able to do so with her husband. She had seen most of the United States.

She loved sewing, housekeeping, and especially taking care of

her family.

Henrietta was preceded in death by her parents and all of her siblings.

She is survived by her husband, John M. Moon, of Kalispell; sons

John S. Moon and Larry Moon, both of Kalispell; five grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place and a private memorial will be held at the family home.

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

Rex Gene Moore, 67

Rex Gene Moore, 67, passed away on Saturday, April 5, 2003, after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Whitefish and raised on his grandfather's farm on the Whitefish River.

Rex attended Whitefish High School where he was a member of the ski team. He married Dona Ann Cain and they had three children, Andrew, Mikel and Jill.

Rex retired in 1995 from his career as an I.B.E.W. electrician. His electrical career spanned four decades. During his career, he worked throughout the western United States. He made many life-long friends in the electrical trade and was well-known.

Rex spent the last eight years of his life fishing, hunting and spending time with family and friends. He maintained a home in Dillon where he spent part of the spring, summer and fall. Rex spent the winters in his motor home in Lake Havasu, Ariz.

Rex was a gifted and avid fly fisherman and hunter who shared his love for the outdoors with anyone who would listen or tag along on a fishing or hunting trip. Few things made him happier than teaching someone how to fly fish or hunt. When he was not fishing, he talked about fishing. When he was not hunting, he talked about hunting. Rex loved Montana and its people.

Rex was generous and friendly in a way that is now rare and forgotten. He deeply touched many lives. He will be missed.

Rex is survived by his younger

brother, Herbert Lynn Moore of Minnesota; and his three children, Andrew M. Moore of Johannesburg, South Africa, Mikel and wife Diane Moore of Kalispell, and Jill C. Taddeo of Reno, Nev.; and his seven grandchildren.

Lois McDonnell Moon, 80

Lois McDonnell Moon, 80, of Kalispell, died on Dec. 14, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Dec. 16, 1922, in Bozeman, to Vernon and Leila McDonnell. Her father's job as a lineman on horseback for Montana Power had them living in several towns across Montana, including Hinsdale where she graduated from Hinsdale High School in 1940. She continued her education at Montana State University in Bozeman where she received a bachelor's degree in microbiology in 1944.

Her work as a lab technician at the Great Falls Clinic led her to meet Bruce Moon. They were married on Feb. 12, 1949, in Great Falls.

They moved to Fairfield in 1953 where they owned and operated a Marshall Wells hardware store. In 1956, they moved to Cut Bank where they owned and operated a Coast-To-Coast hardware store until they sold it in 1971, and moved to Kalispell. Since retirement, summers were spent in Kalispell and winters in Mesa, Ariz.

Lois was actively involved in P.E.O. and as a volunteer at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, as well as with organizations at her church, Bethlehem Lutheran.

She loved spending hours in her garden tending to her flowers. Her love of music spanned her entire life from singing in the

church choir in earlier years to attending many concerts and jazz-fests with her husband, Bruce, in later years.

Her most passionate hobby, though, was caring about people. Her kind and gentle spirit touched the lives of those around her, whether they were friends, family, or even a stranger. Her strong faith in God gave her an ability to freely and openly provide comfort to those around her and her warm smile and genuine interest in the lives of others made everyone feel special. She will truly be missed by many.

Lois is survived by her husband of 54 years, Bruce Moon, of Kalispell; daughter, Dianna Moon of Ft. Collins, Colo.; son, Scott Moon and wife, Beverly, of Kalispell; and daughter, Darcy Davis and husband, Pat, of Los Angeles; as well as grandson, Casey Davis; and granddaughter, Sara Davis, also of Los Angeles.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother and a brother.

Memorial services are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today, Dec. 23, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

The family suggests a donation to Flathead Home Options Hospice at 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Anita Mae Moran, 74

Anita Mae Moran, 74, passed away Aug. 4, 2003 at her home in Kalispell.

She was born in Sidney, on Sept. 5, 1928. She was the daughter of David G. Stewart and Eva (Wright) Clark.

She is survived by her husband, Harold; a son, Lynn B. Peterson of Mandan, N.D.; a daughter, Georgia Peterson Hensley of Sumner, Wash.; a sister; three grandchildren, Jessica Kwasney, Daena Hensley and Leigh Anne Hensley; two great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by a son, Scott Allen Peterson; a sister; brother; and parents.

Anita graduated from Sidney High School in 1945 and lived in the Midway area where the family farmed until 1955 when they moved to Missoula and on to Helena. While in Sidney, she served as secretary at Sidney High School.

After moving to Helena, she worked in health education for the Montana State Health Department. She started her career in real estate in Helena in 1971 with McPherson Realty and then Diehl and Associates. During this time she was involved in the construction of custom homes and was a member of the Montana State Realtors Association and the Million Dollar Club.

She served on the Vo-tech Advisory Council and was a member of the Helena area Chamber of Commerce. She retired from her career as a Real Estate broker in 1990.

In 1980, she and her husband, Harold were married in Sidney before moving to western Montana. For the past 20 years she and



her husband resided in the Kalispell area where they owned a cherry orchard on the east shore of Flathead Lake.

Her favorite activities included golf, skiing, travel, gardening and art. She was an avid golfer and was successful in tournament play and was especially noted for her long shot. Her family and particularly her grandchildren, were the joy of her life.

She and her husband spent some time every winter in the Yuma, Ariz., area where they could enjoy golfing, gardening and meeting up with their numerous friends.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at Christian Center Assembly of God Church located at 255 Summit Ridge Drive in Kalispell. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the Assembly of God Church in Sidney. Internment will follow at the Sidney Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to local Hospice Services or the Foundation for Community Care Facility in Sidney MT, 59270.

Benjamin F. Morigeau, 78

Benjamin F. Morigeau, 78, died on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Diane, of Polson; one son, Bob Morigeau of Alaska; and

two daughters, Julie Mathison of Yakima, Wash., and Nancy Hill of Clinton, Wash.

Cremation has taken place and services will be held later this summer. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Doreen Ann Morine, 44

Doreen Ann Morine, age 44, died at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula on May 24, 2003.

She was born Sept. 25, 1958, in Englewood, N.J. to Joseph and Myra DiMaggio.

Doreen was raised in Westwood, N.J., and graduated from high school there.

Upon moving to the Flathead Valley, she worked as owner of Sky Jordan, and also as a waitress at Homemade Heaven Restaurant, Romano's and Cafe al Dente. She was the owner of Distinctive Design by Doreen and, at the time of her death, she worked at Home Depot as the paint department manager.



She is preceded in death by her father, Joseph, and is now survived by her children, Lyndsay, Jaclyn and Chance Morine of Kalispell; her mother, Myra C. DiMaggio of Kalispell; fiance Tom Darsow of Columbia Falls; and three brothers, J. Wayne DiMaggio and wife Kathleen of Branchburg, N.J., Fred DiMaggio of Westwood, N.J., and Thomas DiMaggio of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 30, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with visitation on Thursday, May 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given to Wings, c/o Radiation Therapy, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary Crematory.

Patrick Hurd Morison, 66

Patrick Hurd Morison, 66, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at his home in Kalispell from complications of multiple myeloma.

He was born in Baltimore, Md., on April 14, 1937, the only son of Roland and Blanche (Hurd) Morison. Pat spent his childhood and youth near Baltimore and Chestertown, Md. His parents brought him to Christ and the church through baptism, and God fulfilled his covenant promises, bringing him to personal faith in Jesus Christ in 1954 at which time he joined the Presbyterian Church.

"Pastor Pat" graduated from Whitworth College in Spokane and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh. He was ordained to the gospel ministry on Dec. 30, 1962, and served churches in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Washington state, and as a U.S. Air Force chaplain from 1967 to 1971. He was a member of the Presbytery of the Northwest of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the assistant pastor of Faith Covenant Presbyterian Church in Kalispell for 10 years until June of 2002 when he retired due to ill health.

The love of Christ expressed through the love and care of the church brought great comfort and joy to Pat and Jane in the final years of his life. They are also grateful to Dr. Karen Hunt, her office staff, the medical and nursing staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, and Hospice for their professional and kind care.

"Pat died persuaded that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

"Neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." — Rom 8: 38-39

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How

unsearchable his judgment, And his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?"

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen." — Rom 11: 34-36

Pat is survived by Jane, his dearest wife of 43 years; two daughters, Jennifer and Barry Hendrix and their children, Taryn and Abigail of Langley, Wash., and Johanna and Darik Taniguchi and their children, Danielle, Kevin, and Tyler of Seattle; one son, Samuel and Karen Morison and their children, Katherine and Margaret of Fairfax, Va.; two sisters, Jeanette Ketner of Salisbury, N.C., and Polly Bak of Vancouver, British Columbia. Pat is also survived by many dear Christian friends with whom it has been his privilege and joy to worship and serve over the years.

Memorial services for Pat will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Faith Covenant Presbyterian Church with Pastor Brad Anderson officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Edwin Morris, 89

Former Kalispell resident, Edwin Morris died at his home in Spokane, on Sept. 13, 2003, at the age of 89.

Eddy was born Dec. 27, 1913, in Florence, to William and Elizabeth Morris. He lived in various cities throughout Western Montana and Northern Idaho before settling in the Flathead Valley in the late 1950s. From a very early age, he began his great lifetime love, interest and enthusiasm for nature, hunting and fishing. He was a wealth of accumulated knowledge in Montana's rich nature, animal and bird habitats, fisheries, plants and wood lore.

Eddy was the owner/operator of a local business known as The Spudnut Shop. He also worked for nearly 20 years at the Anaconda Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls. Eddy and his wife, Violet, enjoyed active participation in the Kalispell Eagles Club for many years.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, William and Clarence; sisters, Alice and Bernice; and stepchildren, Judy Kinshella and Richard Cox.

He is survived by his wife, Violet, of Spokane; sister, Theola Warren of Stevensville; daughter, Edwina Murphey of Lake Oswego, Ore.; two sons, William of Fort Collins, Colo., and Jay, currently assigned to Fork Jackson, S.C.; three stepdaughters, Barbara Namen, San Diego, Calif., Kathy Johnson and Debbie Hudson, both of Spokane; stepsons, Jack Cox of Seattle, and Gary Cox of Anchorage, Alaska; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family plans to return Eddy's ashes home to Montana, to be interred at a small cemetery in the Bitterroot Valley alongside his parents, grandparents, siblings, relatives and boyhood friends.

Eula Elizabeth Morris, 92

Eula Elizabeth Morris, 92, passed away on Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at Whitefish Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born in Olathe, Kan., on Jan. 18, 1911, to Andy Allen and Sarah Elizabeth (Briles) Winter. Eula graduated from Flathead County High School.

She married John Gilbert Morris on Feb. 22, 1934, in Harrisonville, Mo. They moved to Montana in 1937 and farmed in the Pine Grove community until 1942, then moved to Peculiar, Mo.

The family returned to the Flathead Valley in March of 1946 and purchased the former Wiles property south of Columbia Falls where they farmed until his death. Eula then moved to Kalispell in 1971 after the death of her sweetheart on Aug. 7, 1970.

Eula really loved flower gardening, growing some of her favorites: gladiola and petunias. She picked up the hobby of antique glassware collecting from her mother, and quite the collection it became. She thoroughly enjoyed the art of



homemaking, and spending time in her flower garden or enjoying the beauties of nature.

Eula was preceded in death by her mother, Sarah, and stepfather, John Gross; her father, Andy, and stepmother, Lucy Winter; and husband, John.

She is survived by one son, John and wife, Charlotte Morris, of Columbia Falls; four granddaughters, Corinne and her husband, Kirt Daken, of Kalispell, Johnna and husband, Leonard Gonzales, of Virginia Beach, Va., Sandy and husband, Shane Corpron, and Elaine and husband, David Stremel, all of Kalispell; nine great-grandchildren, Leslee and husband, Adam Bishop, DaLanie Daken and wife, Melissa, Janell Daken, Giordanne and Derrick Gonzales, Kourtney and Heath Corpron, Jessica Whittle, Hannah Stremel; and one great-great-granddaughter, Madeline Bishop. Eula will be missed by all those who loved and knew her.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Rich Morkert, 41

Rich Morkert, 41, died in a vehicle accident near Eureka, on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003.

Memorial services will be at

1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at Community Congregational Church, 704 Preston Street in Thompson Falls.

Casper Herbert Morse, 93

Casper Herbert Morse, 93, passed away at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls on Friday, May 2, 2003.

Herbert was born on Oct. 2, 1909, in San Bernardino, Calif., to Herbert and Maybell Countryman Morse. When he was a teenager, they moved to Mexico, where he became fluent in speaking Spanish.

He joined the Merchant Marines, serving throughout World War II and beyond. He also served with the U.S. Coast Guard. He received several medals while serving; the Victory Medal, Merchant Marine Combat Bar, Pacific War Zone Bar, and the Atlantic War Zone Bar. He was also a member of the American Legion.



Herbert will be remembered as a good and loving husband, father and a great guy to have known. He always had a twinkle in his one good blue eye. He was a generous man who would always help someone who was down and out on their luck, even when he didn't have much himself. He was a very smart man to the very end. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Muriel Irene Morse; two sons, Bruce and Barton; and four grandchildren, Erin Nelson, Shannon Morse, Caitlin Morse and Gavin Morse.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Urn burial and Military graveside honors will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Gary L. Morton, 51

Pastor Gary L. Morton, age 51, passed away on Friday, March 21, 2003, in Ferndale after an accidental fall. He was born on Oct. 13, 1951, in Kalispell to Dee and LaVerna (Mahoney) Morton.



Gary grew up in Somers and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1969. He married Leta Butts in Bigfork in 1970 and they were married for 32 years before his passing.

Gary entered the United States Navy in 1970 and served until 1974 when he was honorably discharged. Gary then returned to the Flathead Valley where he worked in construction and became pastor of the Swan Chapel in 1996, serving there for the past seven years.

Gary was very involved in his community and served on the MOA, was a referee for high school basketball, a coach for Little League baseball, and a softball coach. He also enjoyed hunting,

fishing, basketball, playing with his grandchildren, and spending special time with his family.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Leta Morton of Ferndale; children, Jason and wife Kay; Jennifer and husband Seth, all of Kalispell; Mickey, and Carlos of Ferndale; his parents, Dee and LaVerna Morton; four grandchildren, Matthew and Sarah Morton, and Morgan and Hudson Evanoff, all of Kalispell; two brothers, Bill Morton and wife Pam, and Punk Morton and wife Karen, and sister, Pam Purcell and husband Dan, all of Bigfork; and mother and father-in-law, Don and Phyllis Butts of Bigfork.

A celebration of Gary's life will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Swan Chapel in Swan Lake.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Bigfork Q.R.U., 810 Grand Ave., Attn. Vern Childers, Bigfork, MT 59911; or to the Swan Chapel, 71262 Montana 83, Swan Lake, MT 59911.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Doris Jane Mosher, 82

Doris Jane Mosher, 82, passed away Thursday Feb. 6, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. today at the Columbia Mortuary of Columbia Falls. Cremation has taken place, and private inurnment will take place at a later date.

Doris was born Feb. 4, 1921, in Morris, Minn. She was raised in Gilmore City, Iowa, and met and later married Melvin Mosher in 1939 in Knierm, Iowa. They then spent over 40 years in Rinard, Iowa.

Doris served her country working during World War II as a welding inspector and later as a nurse. She also ran her own restaurant in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

In the 1950s, she moved with



her husband to Columbia Falls, where she worked at Todd's Cafe. Doris belonged to her church women's circle in Rinard, Iowa, and also was president of the community club for several years there. She loved cooking and baking for her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Melvin Mosher; her parents, Earl Sr. and Cynthia Klein; as well as seven brothers.

Doris is survived her daughter and son-in-law Robin and Mike Van Leuven; and her grandchildren, Jacob and Kalena Van Leuven, all of Columbia Falls; her brother, Arthur Klein of Fort Dodge; Karen Graybill of Lawndale, Calif.; Darrell Klein of Spokane; and Charles Klein of Boise, ID.

Columbia Mortuary of Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Heather Michelle Mowen, 25

Heather Michelle Mowen, 25, died Thursday morning, Aug. 21, 2003, due to injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

She was employed by West Wind Courier Service of Havre.

Survivors include her son, Brenden Danielson of Havre, and her parents, Tom and Betty Mowen, all of Havre.

Services have been held. Arrangements are by Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre.

Leonard Frank Motichka, 89

Leonard Frank Motichka, 89, died Monday, March 4, 2002, in Kalispell.

He was born Nov. 12, 1912, in Columbia Falls to Frank and Alma (Tetraut) Motichka.

He is survived locally by his son, Neal Motichka.

Funeral services are pending. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan, former U.S. senator, dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a New York City shoeshine boy who became an iconoclastic scholar-politician and served four terms in the Senate, died Wednesday. He was 76.

Moynihan's death was announced on the Senate floor by Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, who two years ago was elected to the Senate seat Moynihan had held for 24 years.

"We have lost a great American, an extraordinary senator, an intellectual and a man of passion and understanding for what really makes the country work," she said.

The New York Democrat died from complications stemming from a ruptured appendix at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Washington Hospital Center, hospital officials said. He had undergone surgery on March 11 to remove his appendix, and was moved into intensive care later that week, suffering from infection and pneumonia.

The lanky, pink-faced lawmaker, who preferred bow ties and professorial tweeds to the Senate uniform of lawyer-like pinstripes, reveled in speaking his mind and defying conventional labels.

Known for his ability to spot emerging issues and trends, Moynihan was a leader in welfare reform and transportation initiatives, and an authority on Social Security and foreign policy.

His intellect, and his emphasis on principle before politics, won him the respect of both parties. In more than 30 years of watching the Senate, said former Senate Republican leader Trent Lott of Mississippi, "I have not known a more brilliant and a more erudite senator."

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said Moynihan was "larger

Daniel Patrick Moynihan An original thinker

Former Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a New York City shoeshine boy who then went on to serve in four presidential administrations and four terms in the U.S. Senate died Wednesday at age 76.

Born — March 16, 1927 in Tulsa, Okla.

Education — City College New York, 1943; Tufts University, B.A. 1946; M.A. 1948; Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Ph.D. 1949; Fulbright fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science, 1950-51

Experience — Gunnery officer U.S. Navy 1944-47; assistant and secretary to New York State Governor W. Averell Harriman 1955-58; New York State tenure commission 1959-60; director of Syracuse University's government research project 1959-61; director of the Joint Center for

Urban Studies, MIT and Harvard University 1966-69; assistant to the president for urban affairs 1969-70; ambassador to India 1973-75; U.S. senator 1976-2001



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than life," citing a description in the Almanac of American Politics that Moynihan was "the nation's best thinker among politicians since Lincoln and its best politician among thinkers since Jefferson."

Moynihan, said current New York Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer, was "a giant as a thinker, a giant as a senator and a giant as a human being."

Moynihan served in the Senate from 1977 to 2001. After retiring from politics, Moynihan became a senior scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center. Fellow legislators named Manhattan's new federal courthouse in his honor.

Lloyd E. Mullis, 78

Lloyd E. Mullis passed away at his home in Kalispell at the age of 78, on Sunday, July 27, 2003, after a lengthy illness.



Lloyd was born Jan. 19, 1925, to Ennis and Millie Mullis in Ronan. He had to quit school when he was in sixth grade to care for the family farm. He joined the U.S. Army in 1944, serving in World War II and receiving an honorable discharge in 1947.

After the service he married Mayme Rung and they later divorced.

Lloyd was a jack of all trades. He retired from Flathead High School as chief of maintenance in 1986.

He was preceded in death by both parents, a brother and five sisters.

He is survived by two sisters — Melva Hansen of Columbia Falls, and Myna Albert of Spokane. Lloyd is also survived by his longtime friend and sweetheart of 18 years,

Bonnie Scharen; his three children, Theresa Darsow and husband, Dale, Wanda Ring and husband, Richard, and Paul Mullis and wife Janet; along with seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Lloyd was a very quiet, level-headed, understanding and loving father and grandfather who tried his best to guide them in the right direction. He loved his children and taught them well. Love and honesty they all have.

He loved his country music and dancing. He enjoyed many family hunting and camping trips. His favorite was McGregor Lake with huge family reunions and also at Big Arm on the Flathead.

Lloyd will be missed by all who knew him.

At Lloyd's request there will be no memorial service, but a celebration of his life for family and friends will be held at the Eagles Hall in Kalispell on Saturday, Aug. 2 at 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Eagles or charity of the donor's choice.

Jo Murray, 50

Jo Murray, 50, of Libby, died Sunday, May 11, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

She had worked at what is now the Libby Cafe for many years as well as at Cardinal Hardware.

She is survived by her husband, Dan Murray of Libby; parents, Joe and Verna Cox of Libby; sons, Shane and Jacobi

Curtis of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Lance Murray of California, Larry Murray of North Dakota, and Todd Murray of Libby; and daughters, Kathy Betts of Clatskanie, Ore., Cindy Jaynes of Libby, and Cheryl Murray of Kalispell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel.

James Ray Myers, 91

James Ray Myers, 91, passed away at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, on Feb. 13, 2003.

He was born in Columbus, on June 11, 1911, to Ira M. and Myrtle B. (Tucker) Myers.

Ray received his teaching certificate from Eastern Montana College of Education in Billings, and began teaching in Lone Pine in 1935, and then moved on to teach in Missoula. In 1942, Ray entered the U.S. Navy and served his country during World War II.

Ray met and married Violet Arneson in October of 1942. After serving in the Navy, Ray returned to Missoula to resume his teaching career. The family came to Kalispell in 1949, and Ray became the principal of Cornelius Hedges Elementary School, serving in that position until retiring in 1976.¹

Ray was a member of the Montana Teachers' Association for 41 years and served in the Montana Principals' Association for 27 years. He served as the president of the Montana State Principals' Association in 1975. During his years in education, he received a bachelor of science and a master's degree from the University of Montana as well as attending class towards his doctoral degree from Stanford University, University of Utah, and in Hawaii.



Ray loved music and had been involved in Bethlehem Lutheran Church choir and Flathead Symphony Orchestra. He organized the Kalispell Gleeman Chorus in 1950. He was active in the Flathead Barbershop Quartet. Ray was also active in the Elks Club for over 64 years and the Kalispell Lion's Club for over 50 years and was past district governor for Lion's Club International in 1962-1963. During the years in Lionism, Ray and Vi attended many conventions including those in Nice, France, and Hawaii.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Ila Kosel.

He is now survived by his wife Violet "Vi" of Kalispell; two sons, James and Linda of Pullman, Wash., and Kenneth and Karen of Havre; six grandchildren, Tammy Hill, Tonja Janette, Karley McKay, Gordon Myers, Brett Myers, and Kristopher Myers; five great-grandchildren; and one brother, Mel Myers of Kalispell.

Funeral services for Ray will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Larry Stappler officiating. Burial will follow at the C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the J. Ray Myers Scholarship Fund; c/o Richard Wallace, Wells Fargo Bank, 201 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.