

Donna Anderson Pacheco, 73

Donna Anderson Pacheco, 73, of Kalispell "went to be with her Lord" Feb. 16, 2003, after a lingering illness.

She was born April 22, 1929, in New Richland, Minn., the first-born child of Edward L. and Grace (Dyer) Anderson. The family moved to Montana in 1934 to the Dyer family ranch at Creston. Donna attended grade schools in Somers and Kalispell, and was a member of the Class of 1947 of Flathead County High School. She was of the Catholic faith.

On July 27, 1946, she married Charles S. "Chuck" Pacheco in Evanston, Wyo. They lived in the Ogden area of Utah, where Chuck was a fireman at Hill Air Force Base for many years. After his retirement from Hill AFB, he and Donna moved to Missoula, where he was employed by Sears. After Chuck's retirement from Sears, they moved to Kalispell to be closer to family.

Even though Donna fought a long, hard battle with upper respiratory disease, she never lost her sense of humor. Although she never had children of her own, she was "Nother Mother" to all her nieces and nephews; and "Aunt Grandma" to her great-nieces and



great-nephews. Donna was a people person and had many friends. Strangers were friends she hadn't met before.

She will be greatly missed by all those who survive her. She leaves behind her devoted husband, Chuck; her sisters, Doris Handford of Kalispell and Casa Grande, Ariz., and Phyllis Clark and her husband, Allan, of Kalispell; her brother, Lew Anderson and his wife, Brenda, also of Kalispell; her nephews and their families, Paul, Bruce and Mike Handford, Brad and Judy Clark, Lew and Kathy Anderson, and Bob and Roni Anderson; her nieces and their families, Mary Jo Gardner, Vicki and George Withey, Val and John Nesemann, and Jennifer and Bill Crane. She is also survived by her great- and great-great-nieces and nephews; and Aunt Velma DeWeese; plus numerous cousins ... all who dearly loved her, and her many friends. Also left to grieve are her canine sweethearts, Buffy and Annie.

Preceding her in death were her parents, and one infant nephew, Eddie Anderson.

At her request, she was cremated. Memorial services and a celebration of her life will take place in April at a time and place to be announced later.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Austin H. Pahrman, 66

Austin H. Pahrman, 66, passed away at his home on May 29, 2003.

He was born in Miles City, to Bessie and Adolph Pahrman, on June 24, 1936.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1957 to 1969 as an organization supply specialist and air police.

He was a member of American

Legion Post 108, Whitefish.

Austin is survived by his brothers, Raymond of Whitefish, and Kenneth of Great Falls.

Military graveside service will be Monday, June 2, 2 p.m. at the Whitefish Cemetery.

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

Ella 'Mae' Cornforth Paige, 84

Ella "Mae" Cornforth Paige, 84, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003 after a brief stay in the Barret Hospital in Dillon.



Born Jan. 21, 1919, in Iron Rod, Mae was a lifelong resident of the Madison Valley. She was born and raised on the Cornforth Ranch, near Iron Rod. She was the only surviving child of Lola Mardell Cornforth and Frank Guyer "Guy" Cornforth.

She often shared stories and fond memories of her youth growing up on the ranch, riding horses, raising cattle, cooking for haying crews and even riding buggies that were smuggling homemade alcohol during Prohibition. She was a child of the Depression and at a young age learned the lessons of frugality and thriftiness, which she practiced throughout her life.

She was a graduate of Iron Rod Elementary School and, in 1937, from Twin Bridges High School.

On Oct. 9, 1937, she married Orrin E. "Babe" Paige. They had been married 49 years when he preceded her in death in 1986. They had a close and loving marriage, as they shared a passion for the outdoors; hunting, fishing and driving the back roads of the Madison Valley. They took pride in having a beautiful garden, green house and well-manicured lawn and spent hours together planting and harvesting. The fruits of their labor were shared with family and friends.

In her later years, Mae continued this labor-intensive endeavor and was proud of her ability to maintain her yard and garden

right up until the day before her death. Her "green thumb" has been passed down to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who often called her for gardening remedies and advice.

Her other interests and hobbies included craftwork such as crocheting and sewing, and researching Montana history. She had been active in Madison County 4-H, the Twin Bridges Library, and had been an election clerk.

She had worked at Woodward Department Store, Hurds Drug and McClear Pharmacy.

She is survived by two daughters, Kathaleen Marie Ingram, and her husband Thomas of Eureka, and Patsy Ann Tusing of Helena. They were with her at passing. Grandchildren include Deborah French and her husband Burl of Kalispell, Rory Hellickson and fiancée Megan McGee of Las Vegas, Renny Hellickson and wife Sarah of Washington, D.C., and Sherrie Haney of Butte. Great-grandchildren are Kala and Keaton French, Connor and Riley Wakefield, and Jahsyn Haney.

She truly enjoyed her family, never forgetting a birthday or special occasion, and always willing to share her prized vegetables and fond memories. Her door was always open to those she knew as family and friends, and she will be missed by each and every one of them.

The family requests that donations be sent to the Madison County 4-H Club, or the Twin Bridges Library.

Services in her honor will be held at K and L Mortuary in Twin Bridges at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9. Dawes Lott will officiate, and burial will follow at the Twin Bridges Cemetery.

Mae "will be returning to Babe's side" on what would have been their anniversary.

Rocker Robert Palmer dies of heart attack

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PARIS (AP) — Robert Palmer, the well-tailored British rock singer who created one of the first iconic music videos with the look-alike models of "Addicted to Love," died Friday of a heart attack. He was 54.

A two-time Grammy winner in the 1980s, the star behind the hit "Simply Irresistible" died of a heart attack at a Paris hotel during a stopover after a promotional tour in Britain, manager Mick Cater said.

Sporting designer suits and a thick mane of hair, Palmer shot to fame in the mid-'80s with videos featuring a "backup band" of dark-haired women in black miniskirts strumming guitars.

Other Palmer hits in his three-decade career included "Bad Case of Lovin' You (Doctor, Doctor)," "I Didn't Mean to Turn You On" and "Some Like It Hot."

"I don't think he was hugely influential to me musically, but he did something odd and unique," Bob Geldof, of the former Irish pop band Boomtown Rats, said in London. "You can visualize him singing with six babes in dresses."

Palmer died at the Warwick



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Hotel, just off the Champs-Elysees, after a relaxed night of dinner and a movie with Mary Ambrose, his longtime partner, Cater said. Palmer had received a clean bill of health in a medical checkup about two weeks ago, Cater said.

Born Robert Allen Palmer in Batley, England, in 1949, the singer spent much of his childhood in Malta, where his father was an officer in the British Navy.

Palmer, whose artistic influences included Lena Horne and Nat King Cole, released his first hit album and single, "Sneakin' Sally through the Alley," in 1974. He was said to be among the first musicians of his era to experiment with reggae, electronic sound and international folk.

In his 20s, Palmer worked with a number of small-time bands including Dada, Vinegar Joe, and the Alan Bown Band, occasionally appearing in opening acts for big draws including The Who and Jimi Hendrix.

His solo breakthrough came in 1978, with the easy-listening tune "Every Kinda People."

Palmer returned to broad public view in 1985 in Power Station alongside John and Andy Taylor of '80s supergroup Duran Duran. Power Station scored three U.S. Top 10 hits, including "Communication" and "Get it On."

Taylor said he was "shattered" by Palmer's death. "He was just one of the greatest British acts and a really close friend," Taylor told Britain's ITV News Channel. "There's a few people you meet in life who really touch you ... Robert was one of them."

Palmer hit the cresting wave of 1980s rock videos at just the right time.

In 1986, he vaulted to superstar status with the Grammy-winning "Addicted to Love," which became one of MTV's most-played clips. The video drew criticism from some feminists for the miniskirted models.

"I'm not going to attach inappropriate significance to (the video) because at the time it meant nothing," Palmer once said. "It's just happened to become an iconic look."

Edward J. Pardue, 74

Edward J. Pardue, 74, died on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003, at his home near Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, at the family home; and his children, Jan Brown of Apple Valley, Calif., Charlie Pardue of Hesperia, Calif., Betty "Pinky" Bowerman of Columbia Falls, Joe Pardue of Columbia Falls, Ellen Spurlock of Hesperia, Calif., and

Laura Stabenow of Pahrump, Nev.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Assembly of God Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with military graveside honors.

Hugh Thomas Paris Sr., 87

Hugh Thomas Paris Sr., passed away Thursday July 17, 2003 at Brendan House at the age of 87.

He was born to Thomas and Hyme (McKenzie) Paris in Circle, on April 25, 1916.

His parents immigrated from Scotland, in 1912, and homesteaded in that area, later moving to Miles City where Hugh graduated from Custer County High School in 1934.

Hugh attended Montana State College in Bozeman where he graduated in 1939 with a degree in agriculture.

While attending school in Bozeman, he met his future wife, Harriet McCord from Los Angeles. Hugh was very active while in college, playing football for the Bobcats, and president of various campus clubs and organizations.

After graduating from Bozeman, he taught school and coached in Stanford, for one year prior to joining the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant in 1940.

After a long distance courtship, Hugh and Harriet were married Aug. 30, 1942, in Springfield, Mo., where Hugh was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood. Hugh had a distinguished career in the Army that took him and his family to many different posts. In Japan he served under General Douglas McArthur and later was stationed at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and Nurnberg, Germany. Hugh served in both World War II and the Korean War. He also became the chief of sports for the U.S. Army and was in charge of all the Army athletes in the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia.

Retiring as a lieutenant colonel, Hugh and his family settled in Santa Cruz, Calif., where he became western regional manager, and served on the board of directors for EBSCO Industries based in Birmingham, Ala.

In 1972, Hugh and Harriet moved to Kalispell, with their two younger children. As Hugh often



remarked, "all Montanans go back home."

Following Hugh's retirement from EBSCO in 1977, Hugh and Harriet enjoyed their retirement by spending winters in Hawaii and summers in Kalispell. As a couple they were avid golfers and bridge players enjoying many a game with their circle of friends.

In 1974 Hugh purchased and enjoyed overseeing the management of the scenic Glacier View Golf Course until it was sold in 1991. He also served as president of the Montana State Senior Golf Association in 1986.

Hugh was a special individual to all who knew and loved him. He had endless enthusiasm and a zest for life. From such humble beginnings, he lived his life to the fullest and loved his family and his many friends. He possessed a wonderful strength of character, generosity, work ethic, and will greatly missed by all.

Hugh was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Hyme Paris; his sister, Rita Price, of Billings; and his brother, Jim Paris of Denver.

Hugh is survived by his wife of 60 years, Harriet at the family home in Kalispell; daughter, Susanna Eaton and husband, Ray, of Watsonville, Calif.; son, Thomas, of Cheney, Wash.; daughter, Heather Cleary and her husband, Joe, of Richland, Wash.; and son, Hugh Thomas Paris Jr. and his wife, Joyce, of Peoria, Ariz.; as well as his grandchildren, Sybil Armstrong, Michael and Benjamin Noble, Arwen and Cameron Paris, Elizabeth and John Cleary, Kathryn and Meghan Paris.

He requested that no funeral or memorial service be held. Arrangements and cremation will be conducted by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory. A private family gathering for interment is planned for later this summer.

In lieu of flowers, and in keeping with his wishes, the family requests that donations be directed to our local Kalispell Hospice organization at 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Harvey Duane 'Dewey' Parkison, 73

Harvey Duane "Dewey" Parkison, 73, of Kalispell, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell, after a brief illness.



He was born Aug. 25, 1930, in Conrad, to Bert and Daisy (Neas) Parkison. They moved to Kila while he was a baby. He attended Kila grade school and then Flathead County High School.

In 1948, Dewey joined the U.S. Navy where he served in the Korean conflict, Saudi Arabia and the Far East.

After four years of service he returned home to Kalispell where he met and married Anna Lee Mayhew. They moved to Sacramento and Reno where, after working in the fire protection sprinkler business, he started his own company. He was the first licensed independent sprinkler fitter in Reno.

During these years Dewey always managed to make his way

back to the Flathead and McGuinness Meadows. If Dewey wasn't with his pet deer, rabbits and chipmunks in the mountains he was with scores of friends that loved him dearly. He had a fabulous twinkle in his eye and a smile that caused the world to be a better place if you were with him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Mark Parkison and Kirk Parkison; two daughters, Tracey Loomis and Teri Richards; a grandson, Doug Risk, whom he helped raise; and three sisters, Donna Harp, Sharon Bunea and Vaida Cole.

He is survived by one brother, Larry Parkison of Kalispell; one sister, Jeanette Halvorson of Libby; two stepdaughters, Karen Elam and Gail Hunt; nine grandchildren; best friend, Sandy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, followed by a reception at the Rainbow Bar.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Blanche Louise (Rosean) Frank Parr, 86

Blanche Louise (Rosean) Frank Parr, 86, passed away Friday, Jan. 17, 2003, in Kennewick, Wash., of natural causes. Blanche was born on Sept. 2, 1917, in Columbus to Clifford and Ida Rosean. She was raised in Billings and graduated from Billings High School.

Blanche married Ruben "Snub" Frank in 1934. They moved to Whitefish from Billings in 1945, and owned and operated Snappy's Foods in Whitefish until 1972. Snub passed away in 1979.

Blanche was employed by the Montana Power Co. from 1972 until her retirement in 1982. She married Sisson "Si" Parr in 1991. He passed away in 1997.

She was a member of the Montana Trail Saddle club, served as president of the Whitefish Soroptimists, and was a member of the Methodist church.

Blanche's interests included golf, bowling and bridge. She started the duplicate bridge club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Ruben "Snub" Frank and Sisson "Si" Parr; and a younger brother, Tom Rosean.

She is survived by her sons, Gary Frank and wife Kay of Kennewick, Wash., and Dr. Robert Frank of Whitefish; brother, John Rosean of Missoula; grandchildren, Gary Frank Jr. of Spokane, Jannette Balthrop of Eugene, Ore., Johanna Frank of Kennewick, Wash., Robin Harris of Greeley, Colo., Martin Frank of Breckenridge, Colo., Kristen Bruce of Greeley, Colo., and Tyler Frank of Whitefish; great-grandchildren, Mason Frank, Caleb and Clayton Bruce, Mathew, Nickolas, Joshua and Kathline Balthrop, and Teagan Frank, and stepgreat-grandchildren, Mat and Sara.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, at the United Methodist Church on North Wisconsin Avenue in Whitefish.

April L. Parvi, 60

April L. Parvi, 60, died Jan. 1, 2003, at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena.

She is survived by her five children, Ken, Philip, Tracy, Paul and Kelly Allen, all of

A graveside memorial service for April L. Parvi who died Jan. 1, 2003, will be at 3

Helena.

Services will be in Kalispell at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Retz Funeral Home in Helena.

p.m. on Saturday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Amy Lee Patterson, 27

Amy Lee Patterson, 27, a Whitefish resident, passed away Sunday, Aug. 24, 2003, of natural causes in Whitefish.

Amy had a big heart and was one of the kindest people you could ever know. She always had time for everyone and if you needed help or love, she was there. She was a loyal friend, a loving daughter and sister and a wonderful mother to her beloved son, Alex.

Amy was born Aug. 9, 1976, in Kalispell. She attended Whitefish schools and graduated in 1995. She attended the University of Montana for a year, and then graduated with an associate degree in graphic arts from the Al Collins School of Design in Tempe, Ariz., in 1998. She owned and operated rental property at the time of her passing.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Robert Patterson, and grandmother, Marlys Andre.

She is survived by parents, Cindy, and husband Ken Stein, and Lew and wife, Lynn Patterson, all of Whitefish; her son, Alex Patterson of Whitefish; brothers, Chris Patterson of Minneapolis, and Rusty Patterson of Whitefish;

grandparents, Betty, and husband Richard Schultz of Rexford, William and Patricia Stein of San Diego, and Eugene Rosendahl of Minneapolis; aunts and uncles, Lynn Rosendahl of St. Paul, Minn., Nancy Ehlenfeldt of Blaine, Minn., John Rosendahl of Duluth, Minn., Dan and Bev Rosendahl of Austin, Texas, Jim and Pattilynn Rosendahl of Stillwater, Minn., Ken and Patty August of Los Angeles, Bill and Karen Stein of Corona, Calif., Bill and Kathy Stern of Tucson, Lee and Tracy Patterson of Whitefish, Len and Cindy Patterson of Columbia Falls, Lita Taylor of Whitefish, Lona Patterson of Boardman, Ore., Anne Shields of Missoula, and numerous loved cousins.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish with Rev. John Bent officiating. Services are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Alex Patterson Education Fund at First Interstate Bank of Whitefish.

Casey L. Patterson, 23

Casey L. Patterson, 23, died at his home in St. Louis, Mo., on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003.

He was born in Whitefish, on July 23, 1980. Casey attended Cross Currents Christian School in Whitefish. In 1991 he represented C.C.C.S. as a participant in the gifted program entitled "Odyssey of the Mind," which was held in Washington, D.C. He was also a student in the Whitefish school system.

Casey enjoyed art and music as well as his volunteer work. He was devoted to helping others. Many of his summers were spent at Camp Lincoln in Lake Hubert, Minn.

He is survived by his parents,

Dr. Bob and Ane Shields of Missoula, and Lee and Tracy Patterson of Whitefish; his brother R.J. Patterson; and his sister Jessie L. Patterson; as well as grandparents; and numerous close family members.

Services will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be given to the Kate Patterson Memorial Fund, c/o Jerry Hoadley, P.O. Box 236, Whitefish, MT 59937. Donations will be used to renovate the Children's Park on Central Avenue in Whitefish.

Lorna Viola Paul, 81

Lorna Viola Paul, 81, passed away on Friday, July 11, 2003, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born in Raymond, S.D. on Nov. 29, 1921, to John and Mabel Schmidt. In 1939, she graduated from Granite County High School in Philipsburg.

On Aug. 10, 1946, she married Willis J. Paul in Missoula. In 1953, they moved to Kalispell where they made their home.

She was a stay-at-home mom, raising their four children. She also enjoyed working in their beautiful yard and doing things with her loving husband.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willis J. Paul, on March 29, 2003.

She is survived by her daughter, Andrea Braun of Kalispell; sons and daughters-in-law, Hank and Julie Paul of Whitefish, Alvin and Vicky Paul of Seattle, and Tom and Betty Paul of Everett, Wash. She is also survived by a "special" daughter and son, Shery and Bob Gwinn of Auburn, Wash.; two brothers; two sisters; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service will take place in Ronan on Tuesday, July 15, 2003.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memory of Lorna Paul to the Brendan House, 350 Conway Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Willis Joseph Paul, 82

Willis Joseph Paul, 82, passed away on Saturday, March 29, 2003, at Greenwood Village Assisted Living in Kalispell.

He was born on the family ranch near Frenchtown on July 3, 1920, to Dorilla and Anna Paul.

In 1940, he graduated from high school in Arlee. During World War II, he served with the Army on the European front.

On Aug. 10, 1946, he married Lorna V. Schmidt in Missoula. In 1953, they moved to Kalispell where he worked for B & B, and then Syke's Market as a butcher/meat cutter until he retired in 1982.

He is survived by his wife, Lorna, and daughter, Andrea Braun of Kalispell; sons and daughters-in-law, Hank and Julie Paul of Whitefish, Alvin and Vicky Paul of Seattle, and Tom and Betty Paul of Everett, Wash. He is also survived by a "special" daughter, Sherry Nelson-Gwinn and husband Bob of Auburn, Wash.; one brother, two sisters, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service will take place in Ronan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Jacquelyn Peake, 74

A life well lived ended unexpectedly Monday, May 26, 2003. Jacquelyn Peake, 74, Whitefish activist, died of natural causes while visiting her daughters in New Jersey.

Author of eight books, numerous magazine articles, and several stage plays performed at theatres throughout the country, she was also a noted local actress. Jacquelyn was a world traveler who explored dozens of countries, including a volunteer assignment in China. She enjoyed sharing her knowledge and taught various classes at several colleges. She loved her family, friends, cats, and Elvis.

Jacquelyn's many activities included the Stumptown Historical Society, Civil War Society, Screenwriters of the Flathead, Sunday Book Club, Whitefish Theatre Company, and Authors of the Flathead.



Jacquelyn was spirited and dynamic. She always found joy and interest in life, inspiring all that knew her to reach beyond their limits.

Jacquelyn was proud of her children, Diane Hansen, Mary Wright, Randy Biegenwald, and Bill Biegenwald, whom she raised by herself. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Brooke, Christopher, Sarah, J.D., Tracy, Missy, and Angie; and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, her wish is that donations be given to her favorite organizations — community libraries, National Public Television, the Whitefish Theatre Company, and the Salvation Army.

Randolph Clark Pearson, 57

Missoula resident Randolph Clark Pearson, 57, died suddenly of a heart attack in his home on Nov. 5, 2003.



Randy was born Oct. 3, 1946, in Butte. After high school he joined the Air Force, was trained as a sentry dog handler and served in Vietnam in 1966. His job was to serve as point during search and destroy missions, using the sentry dog's senses to literally "sniff out" the enemy in the dense jungle. He later became airborne qualified and made parachute jumps with his dog. After eight years active duty and qualification as a loadmaster on C-130 cargo aircraft he traveled all over the world with the California Air National Guard. He continued traveling through out his life. In conversations with him it was hard to find places he had not visited.

He began working in Saudi Arabia in the late '70s. Recognizing the importance of an education, he returned to Montana, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Montana in 1983. During the ensuing years he alternated work in the Middle-East and college, ending up with a Master of Arts in Middle Eastern studies from the University of

Utah in 1986, during which he learned to read, write and speak Arabic. Also during this time he served in the U.S. Peace Corps, teaching English in Morocco. He also obtained teaching certification in social studies, history, sociology, psychology and government.

He met his wife, Barbara, in Saudi Arabia and spent the next several years alternating between Saudi Arabia and South Dakota, where he taught high school on an Indian reservation. The last year of his life was spent in his beloved Missoula. He was preparing to return to the Middle East to use his knowledge of the area and his language skills to help with the crisis there at the time of his death.

Randy was a very complex, witty, intelligent and charismatic man. He dealt with the many ups and downs in his life head on. He loved dogs and kids and beautiful days and his many friends. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He is survived his children, his wife, and family in the Flathead Valley, Alaska, South Dakota, England and Kenya.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 10, at Garden City Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery at Ft. Harrison in Helena.

June A. Peck, 81

June A. Peck, 81, formerly of Libby, died on Friday, March 21, 2003, in Spokane.

She is survived by a son, Michael Peck of Spokane.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Nelson Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Burial will follow at the Libby cemetery.

Loran June Peirce, 82

Loran June Peirce, age 82, passed away on Sunday, May 4, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Loran was born on Jan. 10, 1921, in Harvey, N.D., to Earl and Clara Brevig Peirce.

She was raised and attended schools in Max, N.D. She attended college in Bellingham, Wash., where she graduated with her degree in music. Loran taught music at the local grade schools from 1951 until 1975. She taught the fourth grade at Elrod from 1975 until 1979.

She was a very active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Loran was very involved with her many friends and family, and loved taking care



of anyone in need.

Her hobbies included raising flowers, crafts of all kinds, and nature.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her dear friend, Lucy White of Kalispell; cousins Vonna Hines of Kalispell, Tonnie, Dennis, Shay, Corey and Josh Peirce all of Kalispell, Heather Pollock of Bozeman, Cassie, Larry, and Malia Dominck, all of Bozeman, Florence Underdahl of Great Falls, Arlene Fechter of California, and many other cousins.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Donations are requested to the leukemia or heart foundations. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Scott Douglas Pelton, 42

Scott Douglas Pelton, 42, passed away on Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on Nov. 11, 1960, in Geneva, Ill., to Richard Douglas and Evelyn Irene (Townsend) Pelton.

Scott graduated from the West Aurora High School and had several years of technical schooling.

He loved the outdoors; bicycling, and four wheeling with whom ever would go with him. He also enjoyed traveling and playing X-box video games with his brother and sons.

He worked at DCS Communications as an operations manager here in Kalispell.

Scott was preceded in death by his loving mother in December of 2000.

He is survived by his son, Brandon Pelton; stepson, Joe McClish; Joe's mom, Evonne; his father, Richard Pelton; and one brother, Tim Pelton, all of Kalispell; and one sister, Dawn Biehl of Bethlehem, Ga.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at Woodland Park. On Saturday, if weather is not permitting, the memorial services will be moved to the Glacier Church on Grandview Drive in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Scott Pelton Memorial Fund, Montana First National Bank, 85 N. Main, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Anna M. Perry, 79

Anna M. Perry, 79, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Anna was born on Jan. 8, 1924, at the family home near Somers, to Fred and Augusta Bullman. She was the youngest of nine children; she had six brothers and two sisters, who had all preceded her in death.

Anna married Harland Perry on May 15, 1943, in Kalispell. She worked for awhile at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.



She was a life-long member of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her six brothers and two sisters; and her husband, Harland.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth, of Dupuyer; a daughter, Sheryl Hermann of Whitefish; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral home is caring for the family.

Martha Perry, 81

Martha Perry, 81, passed away Thursday afternoon, April 10, 2003, at her home in Columbia Falls.



She was born Sept. 6, 1921, on the Farnik homestead, to Frank and Elizabeth Farnik. She was raised and educated in Hingham and graduated from Hingham High School in 1940. Upon graduation, she moved to Great Falls, where she attended cosmetology school and worked at the Great Falls Tribune.

She was married to John H. Perry at St. Ann's Cathedral in Great Falls on Aug. 20, 1946. In 1948 they moved to Columbia Falls, where she worked for School District No. 6 and the Anaconda Aluminum Club. In 1960, she and her husband went into business with her brother in the coin-operated laundry businesses in Columbia Falls for 34 years. They were also part-owners in the Glacier Lanes from 1970 to 1980.

She was an avid bowler and in 1993, won first place in the Montana State Senior Tournament. She coached Junior Bowlers for

years. Her other hobbies included dancing, golf and working in her greenhouse.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John H. Perry; her parents, Frank and Elizabeth Farnik; and two brothers, Joe and Otto Farnik.

She is survived by three sons, Rick Perry of Kalispell and granddaughters, Kay and Sara of Palm Springs, Calif.; Jim Perry and his wife Judy Del, and grandchildren, Farah, Jeff and Jarrett of Kalispell, and Jack of Austin, Texas, and great-grandsons Jack Jr. of Austin and Mark of Chico, Calif.; and David Perry living in the family home in Columbia Falls. She is also survived by a sister, Mary Olson of Billings, and many other relatives and friends.

A memorial mass will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Father Joe Pat Moran will officiate. A reception will follow the service at the church.

The family has suggested memorials be made to St. Richard's Catholic Church Building Fund or to the Cemetery Fund.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Gabrielle 'Gabby' Petersen, 18

Gabrielle "Gabby" Petersen, 18, passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2003, in Kalispell.

She was born on June 2, 1985, in Seattle.

Gabby attended Edgerton Elementary School for the first five years and then was home-schooled. She was in her junior year.

Gabby worked for Carter Fritz Dairy. She loved working with animals. She also cared for a very dear friend, Yvonne Acheson. She loved both jobs very much. Gabby was a very caring and loving girl who loved to help others.

Gabby attended the Home School Choir and youth group at Easthaven Baptist Church. She loved to worship the Lord and attended church at the Christian Life Fellowship in Whitefish. Gabby loved her horses and enjoyed writing poems. She loved life and



was so full of joy.

Gabby was preceded in death by a brother, Jerry; and her grandfather, James Hunter.

She is survived by her parents, Gene and Vicky Petersen of Kalispell; eight brothers and sisters, Tiffany Petersen and her daughter, Tessa Petersen of Kent, Wash., Travis Petersen and wife, Amy, and their children, Tristian and Hunter of Renton, Wash., Branin Petersen and wife, Shara, and their children, Shaylee and Shyanne of Kalispell, and Denitra, Holly, Joey, Wilder, and David Petersen, all of Kalispell; and her grandma, Evelyn Hunter of Renton.

Visitation was held on Friday. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, at Easthaven Baptist Church. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow at Easthaven Baptist Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jerry D. Petersen, 62

Jerry D. Petersen, 62, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003, in Flagstaff, Ariz.

He was born Oct. 15, 1940, in Minot, N.D., the son of Elmer S. and Blanche Bauer Petersen.

On June 10, 1961, he married Marilyn McGuire in Kalispell.

Jerry attended school in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1958. He earned his bachelor's degree in education at Northern Montana College in Havre, returning to Kalispell to teach sixth grade at Hedges Elementary School from 1963 to 1965. Five years were then spent in Provo, Utah, where he received his master's degree in 1967 and his Ph.D. in 1970 from Brigham Young University.

He had been a statistics professor at Northern Arizona University since moving to Flagstaff in 1970. He also served as an advisor to NAU doctoral students.

Over the years he was active in the community, serving on the board of the Northland Help Cen-

ter and coaching Little League baseball and women's softball teams.

He was an avid restorer of antique automobiles and belonged to the Canyon Country Model T Club in northern Arizona, serving as president at the time of his death. He was also a member of the Model T Club of America and of the Aspen Valley Golf Club.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; brothers, Dale and wife, Mary, and Don and wife, Aggie Petersen of Kalispell; daughter, Kari and husband Rick Klein of Anthem, Ariz.; son, Brian and wife, Joy Petersen, of Flagstaff, and son, Todd and wife, Debbie of Glendale, Ariz. Grandchildren include Kyle, Kenny and Rikelle Klein, and Jeremy, Jake, and Trevor Petersen.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Oct. 8, at Ashurst Hall in Old Main on the campus of Northern Arizona University.

Col. Wayne S. 'Pete' Petersen, 85

Col. Wayne S. Petersen, 85, died at his home in Whitefish, on Aug. 31, 2003.

He was born in Great Falls, on Aug. 7, 1918, to Arthur and Ethel Mae Petersen.

Pete and his older brother, Art, spent their childhood in Whitefish, Pete graduating from Whitefish High School in 1936. He graduated with a degree in chemistry in 1942 from the University of Montana, where he was a proud member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

In 1941, he married June Arnold of Whitefish. They had a son, Larry, and were divorced in 1943.

Pete joined the U.S. Army in 1943, assigned to the Army Chemical Corps. After officer training school he was stationed in the Philippines, Germany and Ft. Knox, among other posts. He retired in 1971 as a colonel.

While stationed in Alabama, in 1944, he met and later married Marcia Turner, who, with their two children, accompanied him on his various military postings around the world.

After retirement, Pete became public relations director of AirStream Caravans Club, traveling and organizing conventions throughout North and Central America.

He and Marcia returned to Whitefish, in 1976, where Pete became active in various civic



affairs, primarily the Stumptown Historical Society which, as chairman, he reformed into a vibrant organization. In 1990, he formed a group to successfully save the Whitefish depot which is now owned by the historical society. He was named lifetime chairman emeritus in 2000.

He was King Ullr XXX of the Whitefish Winter Carnival in 1989 and was a great supporter of the Winter Carnival for many years. Aug. 7, 1998, was declared Wayne Petersen Day in Whitefish in recognition of his work on behalf of the city.

Pete is best remembered for his great sense of humor and his many stories about the early days in Whitefish. His civic affairs included the Flathead County Library board; Hinderman scholarship committee; Kiwanis; VFW; Masons; and American Legion. He had a warm and persuasive manner in attracting others to the task at hand. Above all was his habit of always crediting others with whatever success was achieved.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia; his son, Larry and wife, Pat of Billings; son, Ron and wife, Stephanie, of Louisville, Ky; and daughter Lynn and husband, Richard, of Bowling Green, Ky; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Austin Funeral Home from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, and a funeral liturgy service will take place at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5.

Donald Eugene Peterson, 68

Donald Eugene Peterson, 68, "passed to heaven" on Feb. 17, 2003, from complications of a stroke he had about a week before. He had chronic heart disease and diabetes; "we are glad he hurts no more."



Donald was born in Tioga, N.D., on June 8, 1934, the son of Weldon and Mabel (Moe) Peterson. His family moved to Kalispell from North Dakota in 1937. Don went to grade school at Egan (two of his children attended there as well), and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1953.

He met Marilyn Beardsley on a blind date and they were married a year later on Aug. 19, 1955.

Don had many occupations. He was always a farmer, but in addition to farming, he did hard manual labor for the railroad. He was also a painter and a carpenter. In May of 1964, he worked for the

National Park Service as a utility foreman, until September 1990, when health concerns forced his retirement.

Donald's parents, Weldon and Mabel and four siblings, Winnifred, Harold, Leland, and Larry all preceded him in death. "We trust that he is reunited with them now."

Donald is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn; two sons, Tad Peterson and Thomas Peterson; and one daughter, Tammy and husband, Wayne Grilley; three grandchildren, Seth Peterson, and Jake and Kate Grilley, who will all miss him so. His many other relatives, neighbors, and friends will also miss him.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Larry Stapler officiating. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Donald K. Peterson, 76

Donald K. Peterson, 76, of Bigfork, died of natural causes Friday, June 13, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Born in Cut Bank on Nov. 13, 1926, to Emma and Carl William Peterson, Don was the youngest of nine children.

A graduate of Cut Bank High School, Don joined the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. After his military service and a move to Missoula and the University of Montana, he participated in Grizzlies varsity basketball and golf. A lifelong sports enthusiast, Don competed most heavily in basketball, golf, fast-pitch softball and bowling. On Nov. 25, 1949, Don wed Dorothy Marie Eide of Cut Bank.

Peterson's career as an educator and coach began in Florence-Carlton even before completing his degree in mathematics. Math principles formed the foundations of stellar athletic accomplishments throughout his career. A noted speaker, he lectured on topics from athletic directorship to fundamentals for elementary sports programs.

Don earned faculty and/or administrative appointments in Frenchtown, Belt (twice), and Choteau before retirement in Lau-

rel in 1980. Upon retirement, he held the record for the most victories in the history of Montana high school basketball and was honored with enshrinement in the Montana Coaches Hall of Fame.

After retirement from education, Don launched a second career in the crop insurance business. "Pete" sold the insurance business in 1994, then emerged from retirement again to coach Bigfork High School boy's basketball for two years. After involvement in six decades of Montana high school sports, Coach Peterson's storied mentorship concluded in Bigfork in 1996. Active in church and community, his final years were spent in Bigfork with friends and family.

Don is survived by Dorothy, his wife of more than 53 years and their six children: Ric of Lancaster, Texas, Lon of Cut Bank, Dee Baxter of Laurel, Rand of Boiling Springs, S.C., Lori Valgardson of Mount Vernon, Wash., and Rolf of Laramie, Wyo. Additionally, he is survived by his sister, Helen Schuette of Cut Bank; 13 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are through the Bigfork Funeral Home with services at Bethany Lutheran in Bigfork at 2 p.m. Monday, June 16 and interment at Crown Hill Cemetery in Cut Bank on June 17. A memorial service in Laurel is planned (date to be announced).

Georgia A. Peterson, 93

Georgia A. Peterson, 93, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003, at St. John's Hospital in Libby.

She was a lifelong resident of the Flathead Valley and was born on June 3, 1909, in Columbia Falls. Her parents, George and Gussie Green, were well-known pioneer homesteaders in the Coram area.

She was married to Phil Peterson in 1927. They resided in Bigfork and Kalispell before moving to Coram in 1940. She has resided in Coram for the past 62 years.

Georgia was noted for her participation in shooting a rogue grizzly bear near Coram and for her



love of fishing.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Philip, in 1964; and a son, George, in 1986.

Georgia is survived by a sister, Daisy Deneen, of Kalispell; two brothers, Don Green of Kalispell and Herbert Green of Eureka, Calif.; a daughter, Phyllis Bertelsen, of Kalispell; a son, Jerald Peterson of Woodinville, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

A viewing will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Columbia Mortuary.

Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery near Kalispell.

Hedvig F. Peterson, 87

Hedvig F. Peterson, 87, died Oct. 10, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, of natural causes.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Loendorf of Valier. Funeral services will be held

at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Valier Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery in Valier.

The Pondera Funeral Home in Conrad is in charge of arrangements.

James Duane Peterson, 43

James Duane Peterson, 43, of Libby, died Saturday, June 21 2003. He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Peterson of Libby.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, 2003, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Vivian Y. Peterson, 81

Vivian Y. Peterson, 81, died Friday, Oct. 24, at her home in Libby.

She is survived by two sons, Wayne Peterson and wife Kathy of Coeur d' Alene; Donald Peterson and wife Joni of Provo, Utah; daughters Joan Schmidt Dietz and husband Mel of Wiggins, Colo.; Cecelia Hill and husband Bill of Pocatello, Idaho;

and Linda Paulsen and husband Tom of Libby.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the LDS Church. Interment will be in the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home and, prior to service time, in the church Relief Society Room.

Joyce Nethel (More) Petram, 83

Joyce Nethel (More) Petram, age 83, of Willow, Alaska, died Jan. 28, 2003, at L.V.'s Assisted Living Care home in Wasilla, Alaska.



Born Sept. 7, 1919, in Hingham, Mont., she was the youngest of eight children born to Maurice and Myrtle More, the latter of Whitefish. All preceded her in death.

She married William Henry "Bill" Petram, of Kalispell on April 22, 1942. The couple raised two sons, William Albert and John David, while traveling extensively throughout Bill's career as a U.S. Air Force pilot. Joyce was the consummate homemaker and had a knack for making every place they lived home.

After Bill's retirement in 1967, they bought a ranch near the head of Big Beaver Creek outside of Thompson Falls. They were joined there by their ranching partners and long time family friends, Clayton "Clay" and Louise Kohler, where they all lived until Bill's death in 1972.

In the summer of 1972, Joyce

returned to live in Whitefish next door to her niece and best friend, Peggy Long and her husband, Dave. Her youngest son, John, was finally able to persuade her to join him for a while and she moved to Texas in the summer of 1980.

But in 1984, the heat drove her back north; way north! She moved to Alaska and lived the remainder of her years with William "Pete", often wishing for a little Texas heat.

John also preceded her in death.

She is survived by Pete and his wife, Sondra "Sandy"; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Mary Jane Bergman, and her husband, J. Wallace "Wally," of Kalispell and many nieces and nephews.

The family will forever miss her wit, wisdom and kindness, and never forget her willingness to share all she had with others. "One more hug from 'Gramma' would be nice, too."

The Reverend Glenn Woodson, Epworth United Methodist Church, will assist family and friends in a graveside celebration of Joyce's life at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 8.

James H. Pewonka, 87

James H. Pewonka, 87, passed away Friday, Nov. 21, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born Aug. 2, 1916, in Saco to John and Anna (Fivie) Pewonka.



Jim attended the county schools and enlisted in the United States Air Force during World War II. After his service time in the military, he came to the Flat-head Valley and worked in the woods and for different sawmills. Jim then was employed at Kal-Mont Lumber for seven years, and later was a boiler engineer at Louisiana-Pacific Lumber for two years.

On April 17, 1975, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, he married Mary M. (Christensen) Eayrs, and for the next 13 years Jim and Mary were the managers at Glacier Manor in Kalispell. Jim was a 59-year member of the Eagles Club. He was past president of Aerie 234, Kalispell, and was instrumental in organizing the Polson and Columbia Falls Eagles clubs. He served as a board member of the Kalispell Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.) and was a charter member of the Moose Lodge, Chapter 1710, Kalispell.

For many years Jim played music and entertained for the resi-

dents of the valley nursing care centers. He was a guitar and fiddle player, and a member of the Old Time Fiddlers. His biggest joy in life was the love of his family and spending time with them and the kids. He was especially fond of his two grandchildren and their kids.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Lloyd, Robert and Walter; and two sisters, Meryl Landon and Mildred Brenna.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Pewonka, a stepson, Don Eayrs, and his wife, Carol, and a stepdaughter, Linda Hadley, all of Kalispell; stepgrandchildren, Amy Marsh, and her husband, Kurt, and their children, Gunnar and Grant, of Kalispell; and Heather Schiele, and her husband, Robin, and their children, Tashea and Gavin, of Helena; two beloved nieces, Gracie Watters, of Arizona, and Nadene Christy, of Kalispell, and four beloved nephews, Don Landon, of Kalispell, and Marvin Landon, Jimmy Landon and Frank Landon, all of Oregon.

Memorial services for James Pewonka will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the chapel of Johnson Mortuary. Pastor Ron Pierce will officiate. The family suggests memorials be given to the Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Alice M. Phillips, 79

Alice M. Phillips, 79, died Friday, Jan. 24, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Dottie Roark, and son, Gerald Lee Mayes.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Gregory Allen Pierce, 54

Gregory Allen Pierce, age 54, died Sunday, August 24, 2003 at his home in Whitefish.



Greg was born April 30, 1949 to Kenneth and Bonnie Pierce in East Liverpool, Ohio. He graduated from East Liverpool High School in 1967. He served two years in the U.S. Army in Fort Devons, Mass. After serving in the armed forces he attended college in Worcester, Mass, majoring in liberal arts.

In 1972 he transferred to Ohio State University and pursued a career in law enforcement. While in Ohio, Greg served as head ranger for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Liverpool chief of police, headed the felony investigation department from 1976-1979 and was an independent private investigator.

He was a hard-working man

who took great pride in his law enforcement background. He made many friends whom he cherished and shared special memories of them often.

He was a very proud father who enjoyed spending time with his boys in the outdoors. Greg is survived by his sons, Gabriel Michael of Salem, Ohio, and Benjamin George (and wife Holly) of Boise, Idaho, and his beloved puppy, Lugnut. He is also survived by his mother Bonnie Pierce of East Liverpool, Ohio, brothers David (and wife Cheryl) and Kenneth, and sisters Leslie and Donna and numerous nieces and nephews.

Greg loved hunting, fishing, photography and especially his grandchildren Hayden, Hannah and Samuel. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. The Rev. Dr. David Kauffman will officiate.

Blythe Logan Pichette, 22

Blythe Logan Pichette, 22, died early Dec. 29, 2003, at Orchard View Home in Polson.

Blythe was born Aug. 28, 1981, in Washington, D.C. She moved to Helena in 1983, with her parents, Alicia and Michael, and sisters, Claire and Anne. She attended special education classes in Helena schools and especially enjoyed music and pottery classes, and being in holiday programs. Blythe graduated from Helena High School in 2001.

Blythe enjoyed day trips and outings with care givers and friends. She was quick to laugh

and to get a laugh. Her positive influence on others helped open doors for people with disabilities.

In addition to her immediate family, she is survived by her grandfather, Don Utter of Billings; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cause of death was seizure disorder associated with cerebral palsy. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, the Blythe Pichette Memorial has been set up at Valley Bank, Box 5269, Helena, MT 59604 for projects to enhance community accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

Otto Robert Pinta Jr., 83

Otto Robert Pinta Jr., 83, died Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born March 27, 1920, in Chicago to Otto Robert Pinta Sr. and Mae Pinta.



He was born at home by a midwife who had forgotten to provide a record of birth to his parents. So his actual record of birth was listed on his birth certificate as March 28, 1920. He always made a joke of the fact that he had two birthdays.

He attended high school in Chicago, but only went through the 11th grade. He had to quit school to help support his mother, as it was just the two of them. On June 28, 1941, he married Geraldine June Neuzil in Chicago. They had one child, Scott Ronald Pinta.

Otto had a lifelong career at Graybar Electric Co., starting out as a janitor and working his way up to a bookkeeper. This position

he held until he retired 25 years later. After retirement, he moved to Kalispell and lived here until the time of his passing.

He was an avid pilot for many years, and also very active as a Shriner. The light of his life was his granddaughter, Kimberly Ann, and his great-grandchildren, Tanner Scott, Travis Robert and Stephanie Rose. They all brought an exceptional joy to his life.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Geraldine Pinta, of Kalispell; one son, Scott Ronald Pinta, and wife, Jade, of North Fort Meyers, Fla.; two grandchildren, Kimberly Ann Woodland of Kalispell and Troy Pinta of North Fort Meyers, Fla.; and three great-grandchildren, Tanner Scott, Travis Robert and Stephanie Rose Woodland, all of Kalispell.

At his request, no services will be held. The family suggests memorials be given in his name to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Janet Mount Pipkorn, 74

Janet Mount Pipkorn, 74, of Bermuda Run, N.C., and Whitefish, died on Sept. 10, 2003, at the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home in North Carolina.

She is survived by her husband, John B. Pipkorn; and three children, Katie Pipkorn

Kenney of Bermuda Run, Lauren J. Pipkorn of New York City, and William J. Pipkorn of Deltona, Fla.

A memorial service will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Whitefish.

Paul A. Plaas, 85

Paul A. Plaas, 85, a longtime Libby and Troy resident, died Friday, August 8, 2003, at his home in Troy. He was born in Renton, Wash., on July 24, 1918, to Clarence and Maude Plaas. He attended school at Yakima, Wash.

Paul served in the United States Army during World War II, serving in central Europe. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

Paul worked in numerous phases of heavy construction for over 40 years, working not only throughout the Northwest, but throughout the country along with several overseas projects. He had been a longtime member of the Sheetmetal Workers International. He also had operated Libby Sheetmetal Works along with partner Bill Managhan and later operated Paul Plaas Construction.

Paul had been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and The American Legion. He enjoyed

camping, fishing, cooking, pets, pool, "456" jokes, dancing, playing music and traveling with family, friends and co-workers.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Twila, and second wife, Arlene.

Surviving him are his wife, Georgia Lee Woody Plaas; sons, Michael, Paul and Richard; a stepdaughter, Valeria Lee, and husband Charlie, along with their sons, Kyle and Ethan; and Ellie (Georgia's cousin and Paul's caregiver); as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many kind regards and thanks also to Connie Boyd whose care made it possible for Paul to remain at home until his death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, at the City of Libby Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the VFW Memorial Fund, 108 W. Second St., Libby, MT 59923.

Ada L. Pluid, 81

Ada L. Pluid, 81, died Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She was born Sept. 18, 1921, in Kuna, Idaho, to George Evins and Minnie Moore Evins. She came to the Tobacco Valley with her family in 1929 where she was raised and educated.

She married Winston Pluid March 19, 1940, at Eureka. They remained in Eureka where she had raised her family. She later had worked as a restaurant cook and retail store clerk in Eureka as well as bookkeeper for the family sawmill business.

A dedicated and loving wife, mother and grandmother, she was very gifted in many handcrafts and arts, including tole painting and ceramics as well as sewing and crocheting, especially in making wonderful afghans and other items for her children and grand-

children. She enjoyed bowling and gardening and was an excellent cook.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Winston, at the family home in Eureka; six children, Lyle Pluid and wife, Courtney, Bill Pluid and wife, Bessie, Don Pluid and wife, Linda, Sally Douglas, Jake Pluid and wife, Pam, all of Eureka, Judy Pluid of Clinton; two brothers, George Evins of Kalispell, and Dean Evins of Eureka; two sisters, Vi Shelby of Vale, Ore., and Doris Blanchard of Hot Springs; 24 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Services will be 3 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church; interment services will follow at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today and until noon Saturday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Ivan Pollman, 70

Ivan Pollman, 70, of Polson, died on Thursday, June 12, 2003, at Evergreen Health and Rehab Center in Polson from cancer.

A memorial service was held

on June 17 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Polson.

Cremation and arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home & Crematory, Polson.

Margaret Jane 'Peg' (Dieterle) Pontious, 79

Margaret Jane "Peg" (Dieterle) Pontious, 79, passed away April 13, 2003, due to a herniated small intestine.

She was born Feb. 18, 1924, in Detroit, and raised in Toledo, Ohio.

She graduated from Scott High School in Toledo in 1941, and Toledo University in 1947. Peg continued her education in arts and languages at George Washington University in the mid-1950s, later pursuing French and German at the University of Maryland in the late '60s and early '70s. She also took art lessons at the Corcoran Art School and Gallery in Washington, D.C. Peg won numerous awards for her oil paintings. Her "Circus" painting was a favorite of her children, Megan and Greg.

She served with the WACs and was honorably discharged on Feb. 16, 1945. She was a member of the group staff of Toledo's Civil Air Patrol where she gained a basic knowledge of planes and flying. She requested secretarial work in the WAC but what she really wanted was to "sprout wings" and fly like her brother, Jack Dieterle. She trained at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and worked in Romulus, Mich. She then requested to join the European Theater in England.

In 1944, she worked at D'Arcy's Advertising Co. in St. Louis, that held the Coca-Cola account and others; the National Exchange Club in Toledo, Ohio in 1945; was a substitute teacher during the early 1960s in College Park, Md.; art teacher to home-bounder children that were either terminally ill or had long recuperation periods through the hospital education program; was a floral designer at Wood's Florist and Marche's Florist; and a bus driver for the Prince George's County School District.

On May 7, 1949, she married Howard Moore Pontious at Washington Congregational Church in Toledo, Ohio. They were married for 44 years.

During the late '50s to early '70s, Peg and Howard took in boarders from the University of Maryland studying for their masters or Ph.Ds. Also during the '50s they raised a couple of German shepherd dogs, Vicki and Queen Ann, for the blind society.

In 1999, Peg moved to Bigfork, to co-own and manage the (Jorja Jane's) Candlewycke Inn bed and breakfast with her daughter,



Megan. It was Megan's dream to retire to Bigfork and Peg helped make that dream come true. The name "Jorja Jane's" was Megan's name for a daughter, to keep the tradition of all the girls on Peg's side of the family having Jane as their middle name, i.e. (grandma) Ruby Jane, Margaret (Peggy) Jane and daughter, Megan Jane. Since Megan didn't have any children, the bed and breakfast was her baby girl, (probably costing the same as a child).

Community activities include Girls and Boys Club, Girl and Boy Scouts, and raising German shepherds for the blind society.

Hobbies and interests included painting, decorating, landscaping — all types of art and design. She became interested in photography since moving to Bigfork, in 1999, in hopes of painting again. She sewed her daughter's childhood clothes and created award-winning costumes for school activities. Peg and Howard won the Home Beautification awards in 1985-1989 from the city of College Park.

She loved to work in the yard creating colorful landscapes that bloomed in every season. She enjoyed working with brick and stone to create a minimum maintenance yard. Her love of the ocean and seashore inspired her to use landscape materials and plants that reflected that feeling, seagrasses, pillings, seagulls, etc.

After moving to Bigfork and becoming acquainted with the deer population, she worked with Hooper's Nursery to use landscape shrubs and plants that had an extended life. She was looking forward to this season so she could plant some of her favorite trees, the lilac and plum.

She was a collector of folk art. She and Howard took classes in tole painting. She collected over 80 baskets that were displayed in her apartment on ceiling beams and featured in the Hobby Press book, "How do B&B collectors showcase their collections." She enjoyed seeing her collection of teddy bears that she, her friends and daughter purchased for her as gifts.

She is survived by her daughter, Megan Jane Vandegrift.

A cremation memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson's Mortuary, 525 Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901; (406) 752-6666. Her ashes will be scattered at various private gardens and at a memorial garden created at the Candlewycke Inn B & B which she co-owned with her daughter, Megan.

Caroline Marie Porteous, 82

Caroline Marie Porteous, 82, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born on Sept. 19, 1921, in Somers, to Bert Keith and Lillian E. (Lee) Bull. She attended grade school in Somers and graduated from Flat-head County High School in 1940. She married Clifford Porteous on May 11, 1940.

Caroline and Clifford operated the White Cottage Cafe in Kalispell for many years. In later years, she and Clifford were employed as custodians at the First Interstate Bank in Kalispell.

Caroline loved her home, flowers, cooking, painting, dancing and music. She was baptized into the Methodist Church in Somers and was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America.

Her husband, Clifford, preceded



her in death in 1987; also her parents; and three sisters, Beatrice Bays, Amy Rydeen, and Charlotte Lester.

She is survived by her son, Clifford Allen Porteous and wife, Vera Joy, and grandson, Clifford Joseph Porteous, all of San Diego; two great-grandchildren, Christa Ann Joy and Clifford Axel-Kane of San Diego; her brother, Edward Bull and wife, Martha, of Kalispell; with many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Glenn Woodson of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Internment services will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Bobbe F. Post, 70

Bobbe F. Post, 70, passed away Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003, at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita, Kan.

She was born May 26, 1932, in Meade County, Kan., to Jack and Luetta Richardson.

Bobbe was just moving to Kansas when she became ill and passed away.

She is survived by daugh-



ters, Ramona Chisholm and Rhonda Brensinger; three grandchildren, Kevin, Matthew, and Brystal; brothers, Ronnie Mai, Gary Brown, Larry and Darrell Richardson, and Jim Mai.

"Mom was greatly loved and will be missed."

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell.

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

Donald C. Potter, 86

Donald C. Potter, 86, died Saturday morning at his home in Eureka.

His wife Winifred preceded him in death in 1991.

Survivors include his three daughters, Suzanne Soper of Glasgow, Donnalle Heiser of Eureka, and Jerilynn Lawrence of Seymour, Texas; stepsisters Frances Erickson and Benicia Goodrich, both of

Washington.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at the Church of God, with Pastor Al Carrigan officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time at the church.

Arrangements are under Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Sandra L. Potter, 66

Sandra L. Potter, 66, formerly of Kalispell, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003, in Spokane Valley, Wash.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, George Potter of Spokane Valley; and daughters, Carrie Chapel of Billings, Jennifer Quantock of Spokane, and Lisa Prior of North Bend, Wash.

A Funeral Mass will be cele-

brated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1115 W. Riverside in Spokane with Rev. Msgr. James M. Ribble celebrant. A Committal Service will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, 7200 N. Wall.

Hennessey Valley Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements, 1315 N. Pines Rd.

Cloan Norris Powell

Cloan Norris Powell, recent resident of Whitefish, and of Harrisville, Utah, and devoted family patriarch and physics professor, died peacefully with his family

around him at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 23, 2003, in Ogden, Utah. Church memorial services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Harrisville, Utah.

Cloan was born at Grayhaven, Milwaukie, Ore., on Dec. 9, 1925, the son of Samuel Powell and Jeanie Gray. Orphaned early in life, he was raised by his grandmother, Grace Howard Gray, and his aunt, May Gray, of the Oregon pioneer Gray-Howard family. His grandfather, Capt. James T. Gray, and brothers were steamboat captains on the Willamette, Columbia and Alaskan rivers of the Northwest. Great-grandfathers, William H. Gray and his wife, Mary Augusta Dix, came west with Marcus Whitman of the Whitman Mission; and General Oliver Otis Howard was one of President Ulysses S. Grant and Sherman's generals of the Civil War, founder of Howard University of Washington, D.C., and was the victor and duty-bound



captor of Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce at the Battle of Bear Paws in Montana.

Cloan was recently honored belatedly with a Bronze Star, of which he was proud. He received his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from Reed College and Oregon State University, was a teacher of physics at Monterey Peninsula College in Monterey, Calif., for 30 years, furthering his university work through grants at the University of California-Berkeley, New Mexico State University, South Dakota School of Mines, Iowa State University, University of Oklahoma, Texas A & M and the University of Wyoming. Raising his family in California and retiring as Professor Emeritus of Monterey Peninsula College, with a great love for his work on into his "retirement" period, he remained in his field for another seven years, teaching physics in Ocala, Fla.

He was honored father of five children and their spouses, Matthew Howard Powell of San Diego, Guy William Powell of Harrisville, Utah, John Gray Powell of Elkhorn, Calif., Grace Ellen Powell Guest and husband, Mark, of Kalispell, and Timothy Adrian Powell of South Jordan, Utah; and 17 Powell grandchildren.

Cloan's children all were at his side as he passed away.

Marie M. Powell, 78

Marie M. Powell, 78, passed away on May 6, 2003, in her Woods Bay home surrounded by her loving husband, Roy, and family members.

Marie was born Jan. 22, 1925, in Tullulah, La., to Everet and Beatrice Patrick Terry. Her early years were spent in Louisiana and Arkansas.

The family headed west in 1927 during the Dust Bowl years, working in the fields and orchards of California. Marie was proud of these years. As family historian, she told countless stories of her family's experiences. Her family settled in the San Joaquin Valley, where she met her husband.

Marie married Roy E. Powell in Carson City, Nev., on Aug. 11, 1952. They raised their young family in Selma, Calif.

In 1977, Marie and Roy moved to Bigfork. Together she and her husband owned and operated the Tall Pines Lounge, spreading cheer and friendship to many friends and patrons. Later, they started the Woods Bay Grill until retiring in 1996. Marie loved her

home in Montana surrounded by mountains, water and family.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Edith Fitzgerald; and brother, Bill Terry.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Roy E. Powell; and her children, Tom and Sheila Powell, Kathy Nelson, Kari Powell, and Scott and Candace Powell. Marie so loved her grandchildren, Tommy, Brooke, Ryan, Jennifer, Ashley and Drew. She was also thrilled and blessed to have a great-grandchild, Jordan, and was looking forward to another great-grandchild to be born this year. Sisters, Bertha Kautz, Irene Cossey, Margie Magill; and brothers, Elmer Terry and Delmer Terry of Oregon and California, also survive Marie.

At Marie's request, no service will be held. In lieu of flowers and in celebration of Marie's life, the family suggests donations to Hospice Options at 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory

Arnold Prestbye, 86

Arnold Prestbye, 86, died peacefully of natural causes at home Sept. 10, 2003.

Arnold was a caring and charitable man who was always willing to take time to help other people. He was a dedicated, hardworking man who instilled respect, dedication and hard work in others.

Arnold was born June 30, 1917, near Kalispell, to Hans and Margaret Prestbye.

He had a tremendous work ethic his entire life and a great sense of humor even through the last days of his life. The pride he had for a job well done was exceeded only by the love and devotion he had for his family.

He was a dedicated care giver for his wife, Beulah, with whom he shared 56 wonderful years.

He filled the lives of those around him with wonderful stories of his work days and growing up on the family farm in the Stillwater area of the Flathead Valley.

Arnold had a green thumb his whole life. He raised various exotic and alternative crops including growing popcorn for sale to the local theaters.

He owned and managed various business enterprises, including buying and selling telephone poles, fence posts, Christmas trees and wreaths, and Presto-

logs.

He owned and operated an over-the-road trucking business for many years, taking his son, Rick, with him on many multi-state trips during the summers. He worked as a heavy equipment operator during the construction of Libby Dam.

Arnold shared his passion for Alaska with his wife, Beulah, daughter, Carol, and granddaughter, Amber. He transported materials for the Alaska Pipeline and was loadmaster at the Fairbanks Airport. He also owned and operated a snow plowing, landscaping, and yard maintenance business in Alaska.

He was a manager of the Gateway West Mall and continued to work during his "retirement" years in landscaping, yard and lot maintenance and parking lot striping.

He was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church. He sang bass in the Barbershop Association for many years.

Arnold is survived by his wife, Beulah, now residing at the Immanuel Lutheran Home; and his son, Rick.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be made in Arnold's memory to the charity of the donor's choice.

Edward Jenson 'Jay' Prescott Jr., 55

Edward Jenson "Jay" Prescott Jr., born Nov. 27, 1947, in Minneapolis, died in a car accident on May 17, 2003, in Boise, Idaho.

Jay is survived by his daughter, Christain Lee Prescott of Columbia Falls; his mother, Ethel Prescott of Minneapolis; two brothers, Steve and Jack of Minneapolis; and one sister, Penny Otis of Minneapolis; two grandsons, Brandon Prescott, 12, and Johnny Sapa, 6; and many

good friends.

Jay enjoyed hunting, cooking, fishing and golf. He was a great chef. Throughout his life, Jay had some interesting occupations including being a jockey, poker dealer, investment banker and loving father.

There will be a celebration of life at 1 p.m. May 30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Club in Whitefish.

Barbara Jean Price, 76

Barbara Jean Price, 76, died Thursday, July 10, 2003, at her home in Bigfork.

Private family services will

be held at a later date. Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Donald Gilbert 'Don' Price, 58

Donald Gilbert "Don" Price, 58, passed away Sept. 8, 2003, at Baptist Hospital in Pensacola, Fla.

Don was born Feb. 7, 1945, to Jack and Evelyn Price of Kalispell.

It was here he attended school, graduating in 1963 from Flathead High School. During high school, he played football and tennis.

His military career in the U.S. Navy began in 1963 when he enlisted for four years and received his training as mess management specialist at U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

He attended Culinary Arts School, then worked for the Hilton Hotel and others as a chef.

In 1969, he re-enlisted in the Navy and his tours included USS Oklahoma City, Fighter Squadron 151 (Pacific Fleet); naval stations in San Diego and Fallon, Nev.; USS Lockwood; USS Meyerkord; and USS Belleau Wood. In the course of his assignments, he demonstrated dedication and devotion to his duty, receiving numerous awards, including the National Defense Service medal, Good Conduct medals, Navy Achievement medal, Sea Service ribbon, and battle "E" ribbon. Vietnam Service medals, Armed



Forces Expeditionary medal (Korea) and Meritorious Unit Commendation. He also received several letters of commendation and appreciation. He retired from active duty in 1985, then served in Merchant Marines from 1985-1986. He became a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Fleet Reserve.

Don was an avid golfer and bowler and played in many leagues and tournaments, and had a great love for water and snow skiing, fishing, hunting and metal-detecting.

On March 27, 1993, he married Teresa DeLora. He was a wonderful and caring husband and was thrilled to become a father in 1996, when they adopted Dakota Hunter Price. His family was his pride and joy.

Don is survived by his wife, Teresa, and son, Dakota, of Pensacola; his mother-in-law; numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and many devoted friends.

Memorial services were held in Pensacola with military honors at Barrancas National Cemetery.

Remembrances may be made on Don's behalf to the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc., 1750 Radford Blvd, Suite B, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL 32508.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date in Kalispell.

David Castillo Prieto, 58

David Castillo Prieto, 58, died on Sept. 6, 2003, at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, of Kalispell; mother, Lucy, of San Antonio, Texas; and children, Michael Prieto and Cynthia Castillo, both of

Puerto Rico, and David and John Prieto of Kalispell.

Cremation will be followed by Mass at 10 a.m. today at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. Burial will take place at Fort Harrison with military honors, also today.

Esther Provence

Esther Provence of Priest River, Idaho, formerly of Marion, died on June 22, 2003.

She is survived by her husband, John "Jack" Provence,

and her children, Bert Filis and Janice Mullaly, all of Priest River.

Graveside burial services were held on June 27 in Priest River.

Bonnie Maxine Pruett, 80

Bonnie Maxine Pruett, 80, passed away, Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was one of nine children born to Amber and Elsie Eby on Nov. 16, 1922, in Tolley N.D. She grew up in Oilmont, Mont.

She married and moved to California where she raised six children. She retired in 1986 after 30 years service as an aviation mechanic with the federal government.

After retirement, she and her husband toured the United States, settling in Essex. They enjoyed spending summers in Montana and traveled to warmer climates for the winter months.

She was preceded in death by her son Steven James Gillies.

She is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Ken Pruett; daughters and son-in-laws, Bonnie Rae and Charles Trammel, Mykel Winterowd, Teresa and Cory Hartley, Starla and Michael Saucier, and her son and daughter-in-law Monty and Nonie Pruett; grandchildren Sonja Stone, Stacy Hobbs, Stephanie Duffey, Schele Hayes, Kris Winterowd, Mark Winterowd, Miken Delaney, Steven Gillies, Monty Beeton, Amber Beeton, Michael Saucier, Vanessa Saucier, Taylor Saucier; 12 great-grandchildren; her brother, Gerald Amber Eby of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 1 p.m., at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

David Perry 'Big Red' Puchalski, 45

David Perry "Big Red" Puchalski, 45, passed away on Sept. 3, 2003, at his home in Las Vegas, from an apparent heart attack.

Dave was born on March 3, 1958, in Glendive, to Edward and Bette Puchalski. He moved to the Flathead Valley in 1971.

After leaving high school, Dave went to Billings to study automotive repair. He began his auto apprenticeship under Don Wilson of Don's Auto Body in Kalispell, in 1980, and continued in the trade until his death.

Dave loved running and had been involved in track as well as other sports in high school. He enjoyed dancing and was known as a very good dancer.

He loved anything with a motor, especially if it was fast and loud. He enjoyed demolition derbies, and had won many ribbons and prizes in Las Vegas in his favorite colored demolition derby cars — pink.

He was preceded in death by an

infant son, David.

He is survived by his wife of one year, Brenda Burton Puchalski; his two daughters, Taylor and Janlynn of Las Vegas; two stepsons, Scott and Daniel Feichko of Denver; one stepdaughter, Lori Feichko of Las Vegas; his parents, Edward and Bette Puchalski of Marion; two brothers, Lonnie and wife, Pam, of Billings, and Roger Puchalski of Las Vegas; two sisters, Linda and husband, John Swaim, of Kila, and Diane Puchalski of Kalispell; one nephew; three nieces; two grand-nieces; and numerous aunts, uncles and other friends.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

JoAnne D. Purdy, 68

JoAnne D. Purdy, 68, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She was a longtime employee of the Libby Public School District, serving as secretary at the former Plummer Elementary School for 27 years.

She is survived by her husband, Art Purdy, of Libby; daughters, Denise Patrick of

Libby, and Rebecca Craver of Albuquerque, N.M.; and sons, Kevin Purdy of Boulder, Colo., and Craig Purdy of Fort Collins, Colo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home chapel, with interment following at the Libby cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

William J. 'Bill' Purvis, 81

William J. "Bill" Purvis, 81, formerly of Kalispell, died April 8, 2003, at a local health care center in Las Vegas.

He was a government civil engineer and had been the public works director for the City of Las Vegas.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine of Las Vegas; and son, Robert of Denver.

Memorial services were held in Las Vegas.

Arrangements were by Palm Mortuary-Cheyenne of Las Vegas.

Sandi Pyburn, 43

Sandi Pyburn, 43, of Gillette, Wyo., formerly of Kalispell, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at her residence in Gillette, Wyo.

Survivors include her husband, Ron Pyburn, and two daughters, April Davis, and

Jennifer Pyburn, all of Gillette.

A private family service will be held.

Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette is in charge of arrangements.