

Kenneth D. Sagen, 68

Kenneth D. Sagen, 68, a long time Libby resident, died Sunday, Aug. 24, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital.

He worked as a heavy equipment operator for J. Neil's Lumber Co., and later worked for St. Regis Paper Co. and Champion International.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Sagen of Libby; and

three children, Kenneth Sagen of Bucyrus, Kan., Julia Rothstein of Tempe, Ariz., and Tyrena Drury of Libby.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby. There will be a reception immediately following the committal service at Vic and Dixie White's, 220 Dolphin Way.

Ken Sagmiller, 73

Ken Sagmiller, 73, of Ronan, died at his home in Ronan after a courageous battle with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, on April 21, 2003.



Ken was born to John and Matilda Sagmiller on July 12, 1929, in Hazen, N.D. He lived there with his family throughout the depression, working the farm and raising cattle. In 1947, his family moved to Finley Point where they had an orchard, raised cattle and farmed the land.

Ken met Margaret Eloise Jones in the summer of 1949, just prior to his being shipped overseas to Germany as part of the peacekeeping forces during the Korean War. They married in September of 1952 when Ken returned to Finley Point. Ken and Eloise lived in Los Angeles for a short period of time, but the call of the land and the beauty of the mountains brought them back to the Mission Valley.

Ken bought the Charlo Seed plant in 1973 and began his own business, Western Seed and Supply. Ken's uncommon business sense and commitment to the growers and agricultural community soon allowed him to expand his business to Ronan. He bought the Peavey Company Mill in 1978 and later opened a garden store in Ronan. He built a state of the art seed plant and renamed the business, Westland Seed Inc., in 1985. He continued to be a leader in the agricultural community here as well as in the Pacific Northwest and Canada. He was active in many agricultural organizations.

Ken supported his church, Ronan Methodist Church, and his community as well. He was a consistent supporter of the fat stock

sales in both Ronan and Plains. He served on the fair board for 30 years, the St. Luke Hospital board for 12 years, and was a founder of the Mission Mountain Golf Course. He was a leader in the community and gave generously to many charities and organizations.

Ken particularly enjoyed golfing and bowling, and had been on leagues in both sports for over 20 years. He also enjoyed his annual fishing trip to Yakutat, Alaska with his buddies and hunting with his friends and family. Ken enjoyed people and was generous of heart and spirit to those he touched. His family had always been important to him and he watched over them with loving devotion his entire life. He enjoyed special love for Lorraine Bryant and her family for the last nine years.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, John and Matilda Sagmiller of Polson; his beloved wife, Eloise; and two brothers, Del Sagmiller of Beulah, N.D., and Gerald Sagmiller of Polson.

He is survived by his children, James Sagmiller, and long-term partner, Rockey Day of Las Vegas, Dr. Kay Sagmiller of Medford Ore., David and Renee Sagmiller of Ronan, and Shelley Sagmiller Mills of Glasgow. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Janelle Sagmiller of Seattle, Amanda Sagmiller of Spokane, and Brooke Sagmiller and Dylan Sagmiller, both of Ronan. He is also survived by one brother, Norman Sagmiller; and two sisters, Lucille Buchmann and June Sorenson, all of Polson.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the Ronan Community Center.

Memorials may be made to the Lake County Hospice.

Shrider's Mortuary of Ronan is assisting the family with arrangements.

First Lt. Edward Matthew "Matt" Saltz, U.S. Army, 27, was killed in action on Monday, Dec. 22, 2003. He was on patrol in Baghdad, Iraq, when the Humvee in which he was riding was hit by a roadside bomb.



Matthew was born on June 21, 1976, in Helena, to Richard D. and Catherine (Clarkin) Saltz. He was baptized in the First Presbyterian Church at Helena with his sister, Amy, on Easter Sunday morning, 1977. The family moved to Belgrade in 1979 and there he started school. In 1986 — his fourth grade year — the family moved from Belgrade to Bigfork, to an orchard on the East Shore of Flathead Lake.

An enterprising young man, Matt started a raspberry patch with plants from his aunt Alice Brosten. From seventh grade on, he raised and sold raspberries, saving his money for college and helping with the orchard work.

During his high school years Matthew was an honor student who was active in many clubs and sports. He was involved in student council, wrestling, band, Youth Legislature, the National Honor Society, track and football. His senior year he was student-body president, and an All-Conference football player. He was the recipient of the Presidential Academic Fitness Award, various scholarships, and graduated fifth in his class in 1995.

Upon graduation, Matthew went to work for the U.S. Forest Service, Swan River Ranger District, as a summer employee. He continued to work summers for the Forest Service throughout his college life. He was a trained fire fighter for the Forest Service and could be depended on to get any assigned job done right.

Following high school, Matt attended ITT Tech in Spokane, studying electronics. The next year Matthew transferred to Montana State University in Bozeman. At MSU, he joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). He received two Superior Cadet Decoration awards, a Cadet Honors award, and the Cadet Battalion Commander Distinguished Service Award for Most Outstanding Service to Cadet Battalion. He graduated on May 11, 2001, from MSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in business finance.

Following his graduation, Matthew was commissioned into the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lt. on May 11, 2001. He graduated from artillery school at Fort Sill, Okla., and was subsequently stationed at Camp Stanley, Korea. While in Korea, he spent his leave time traveling to Beijing, climbing the

Great Wall of China, and touring Thailand.

In 2002, he received orders for Germany, and in May of 2003, he moved with the First Armored Division to Baghdad, Iraq.

His military awards include the Army Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement medals the National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon, and the Purple Heart and Bronze Star medals to be awarded posthumously.

A man of great personal faith in God, he was known as a true and loyal friend, especially sensitive to others' suffering. He was full of fun and laughter with a great sense of humor. He was known by his Army friends as a great motivator and leader. He loved the outdoors, hiking and fishing, and hunting in the woods. He was careful with his money and likely to advise others about theirs. One of his greatest joys was the purchase of a 1998 BMW in Germany — his first "real" car.

After a near fatal Humvee attack in October, Matt wrote home and said, "I've made my peace with it. Whatever happens, I know I have made a difference here."

He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents, Emil and Pearl Saltz, and Edward H. and Pauline "Sid" Clarkin, and his uncles, Stanley Saltz and Gary Saltz.

Matthew is survived by his parents, Richard D. and Catherine (Clarkin) Saltz of Bigfork; sister, Janelle McKay and brother-in-law, Robert "Bob" McKay of Columbia Falls, and their sons, Erik Saltz, Bradley McKay, Kevin McKay, and Sean Mathis; and his sister, Amy Saltz, of West Redding, Conn. He is also survived by his aunt and uncle, Holley and Reed Marcy, and sons, Frank and Alex of Forsyth; his aunt and uncle, Alice and Arne Brosten, and sons, Mark and Troy Brosten of Bigfork; his aunts, Shirley Millorin and family of Tucson, Judy Clayborne of Jonesborough, Alaska, and family, and Joan Pilon of Sheridan, Wyo., and family; and his uncle, Robert Saltz, of Reno, Nev., and family. Surviving also are great-aunts, Mae Hugos of Missoula and family, Margaret Tooke of Ekalaka and family, Barbara Grill and family of Casper, Wyo., and Donna Munson of Belgrade and family; his great-uncle and aunt, James and Gladys Clarkin of Charlotte, N.C.; and a host of extended family.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in care of Community United Methodist Church, Bigfork, re: Matt Saltz Memorial and Scholarship Fund, 750 Electric Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911.

Memorial services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, in

the Bigfork High School gym. Burial will be with full military honors at the Bigfork Community Cemetery, Swan River Road. A reception will follow at the

Bethany Lutheran Church, Montana 35, in Bigfork.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Florence 'Trudy' Sanders, 70

Florence "Trudy" Sanders, 70, of Polson, passed away from natural causes on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, at her home in Polson.

She was born on Aug. 15, 1932, in Aitkin, Minn., to Phillip and Florence Bolduc. She grew up and attended schools in Aitkin and moved to Kalispell in 1950.

Trudy married Billy J. Sanders on Oct. 21, 1950, in Kalispell. She and Billy moved to Cody, Wyo. for a short time and then moved back to Kalispell for three years. They also lived in Kemmerer, Wyo.,



until 1962. They then moved to their home on the eastshore of Flathead Lake.

Trudy loved feeding hummingbirds and wild birds.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Oliver Bolduc, Phillip Bolduc and Tony Bolduc.

She is survived by her husband, Billy, of Polson; two daughters, Val Knight of Polson and Lorna Scott of Kalispell; and one son, Bill P. Sanders of Polson. She is also survived by one brother, Gene Bolduc of Grand Rapids, Minn.; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several other relatives.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson.

Catherine Ann Owens 'Cathy' Sanford, 43

Catherine Ann Owens "Cathy" Sanford, 43, of Newcastle, Wyo., died Monday, July 7, 2003, at Rapid City Regional Hospital in Rapid City, S.D.

Cathy was born May 10, 1960, in Helena, the daughter of Robert and Helen (Johnson) Owens. Her parents brought her home to Kalispell from the hospital. In Kalispell, she spent most of her childhood years, with the occasional summer in Forsyth. Some of Cathy's fondest memories are those at the family cabin on Echo Lake. While in high school, Cathy participated in track and threw the shot put. Also, she was very active in her youth group at Bethel Baptist Church. In 1978, Cathy graduated from Flathead High School.

Soon after, Cathy would meet Carl Sanford, the love of her life, on July 7, 1979. The following Sept. 28, she and Carl were married at a little white church in Lakeside. In 1980, Carl and Cathy moved to Newcastle, and started their family of three children; Helen, Carl, and Becky. After bouncing back and forth from Montana and Wyoming, Newcastle became their home. She was devoted to her family and loved them very much.

In the nine years of living in Newcastle, Cathy became very active in the community. She was the leader of the Pioneer 4-H Club.

She was a part of the junior livestock committee by being the co-superintendent of the poultry barn with her husband. During this time she worked as a custodian at Newcastle High School. After her four years of service to the school, Cathy retired because of her diabetes.

Cathy is survived by her husband, Carl Ray Sanford Sr.; her two daughters, Helen Elaine Sanford and Rebecca Deshler Sanford; her son, Carl Ray Sanford Jr.; her father, Robert Owens; her two sisters, Elizabeth Parks and family, and Karen Middleton and family; as well as other family and friends.

Her mother, Helen Owens, preceded her in death.

"Cathy was the meaning of joy to all our lives and she brought a light into any room with her smile. Cathy was kind to all and used her heart to love all those who would let her. We will never forget the joy she brought to all of our lives. She now spreads her wings among the angels."

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today, at Worden Chapel in Newcastle, with Pastor Matt Furst of Mountainview Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to dialysis patients in need of transportation to Rapid City.

Dorothy Mae Deshler Bruce Sanford, 65

Dorothy Mae Deshler Bruce Sanford, 65, passed away on Thursday, May 15, 2003, after a lengthy illness at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Nov. 22, 1937, in Wheeler, Mont., to Fred E. and Mary (Kunz) Deshler and was raised by her mother and stepfather, Dean Bruce.

Dorothy married Harley "Jud" Sanford on July 2, 1955, and was married for 28 years before his passing. Dorothy worked as a cook for many local restaurants, retiring from the Husky House, in 1984.

She loved her family very much, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed crocheting and gardening.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Harley "Jud" Sanford; father, Fred E. Deshler; and mother and stepfather, Mary and Dean Bruce.

Dorothy is survived by five children, Jay and Sharon Sanford of Columbia Falls, Deana and William Wilson and Fay and Lee Hagen, all of Kalispell, Carl and Cathy Sanford of New Castle, Wyo., and Roberta Sanford of Drummond; 13 grandchildren, Varley and Diana Sanford of Kalispell, Rusty and Gina Sanford of Fort Hood, Texas, Dean Sanford and

Jacob Sanford, both of Columbia Falls, Myles and Jeri Wilson of Aurora, Colo., Dani and Dustin Jones of Kalispell, Peggy Wilson of Boston, Joshua and Leahtrice Hagen of Kalispell, Helen Sanford and Carl Sanford Jr., both of Laramie, Rebecca Sanford of New Castle, Wyo., and Traci Sanford of Lakeland Fla.; 12 great-grandchildren with a 13th on the way, Jonathon, Kaila, Shelby, Harley Jud, Taylor, Vanessa, Trey, Amanda, Jessica, Samantha, Madelyn, and Amber; four brothers and sisters, Gary and Judy Bruce of Kalispell, Henry and Kitty Bruce of Columbia Falls, Nancy and Paul Fauth of Whitefish, and Mary and Bruce Severon of Kalispell; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral services for Dorothy Sanford will be held on Thursday, May 22, at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with burial to follow at Demarsville Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, Bratsburg Wing, 185 Crestline Avenue, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Sondra Lee 'Sandy' Sanford, 62

Sondra Lee "Sandy" Sanford, 62, Springfield, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2003, in her home in Springfield, Mo.

She was born Nov. 8, 1940, in Harrison, Ark., the daughter of John Bug and Virginia Lee Eagle. Sandy was a graduate of the University of Arkansas.

She was united in marriage to Raymond L. Sanford in Dallas, on June 21, 1980. Sandy had resided in Springfield for the past three years, moving there from Whitefish.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Raymond; two sons and their wives, Sam and Sabrina Carter, and Joe and Jennifer Carter; a stepson and his wife, Christopher Scott and Kimberly Sanford; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Suzanne and



Robert Thomas, and Stephanie and Robert Kaufert; a sister and her husband, Martha "Marty" and Donald Knapp; a half brother and his wife, Bruce and Terri McElhaney; seven grandchildren, John Bug Carter, Jason Carter, Tanner, Kyle and Alex Hux, and Kelsey and Cameron Kaufert; a sister-in-law, Sue Thomas; special friends, Bob and Lynne Mack, Mike and JoAnne Evans, Dan and Laurette Smith, and the Spencer girls, all of Whitefish.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 27, in Gorman-Scharpf University Chapel with the Rev. Charles Bahn officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 3322 S. Campbell, Suite R, Springfield, MO 65807, American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 4995, Springfield, MO 65808 or Community Hospice of America, 1465-A E, Primrose, Springfield, MO 65804.

Dorothy Santa, 83

Dorothy Santa, 83, passed away Wednesday, March 19, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Dorothy was born May 29, 1919, in Missoula. She was one of three children born to John and Blanche (Sedan) Schramm.

Dorothy graduated from Missoula County High School and then attended the Western Montana College, later transferring to the University of Montana, where she was affiliated with the Delta Gamma sorority. She remained an active alumnus for many years.

College was interrupted by the war and a move to Spokane, where Dorothy met and married Lester Santa who was serving as a meteorologist in the Army Air Corps. Following the war, Dorothy and Les returned to Missoula, where they raised three children, John, Ron, and Scott.

Dorothy and Les moved to Whitefish in 1966, where they resided together until Les' death in 1978. While in Whitefish, Dorothy and Les owned and oper-



ated several small businesses, including the Downtowner Motel, the Knitting Shop, and the 19th Hole Restaurant.

Above all else, Dorothy valued her family. She was a devoted, supportive and loving mother. "We will all miss her gentle nonjudgmental love, support, and total acceptance."

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her brother and her husband.

She is survived by her three sons, John and wife, Carol, Ron and wife, Evelyn, and Scott and wife, Kim Santa, all of Kalispell. She is also survived by her sister, Helen; sister-in-law, Bunny Schramm; brother-in-law, Francis Superneau, all of Missoula; grandchildren, Laura, Sean, Jason, Ryan and Kari Dawn; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for Dorothy Santa will be held at a later date in Missoula. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Kalispell Montessori School, 5 Park Hill Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to the charity of your choice.

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

Elsie Helen Richards Sappington, 100

Elsie Helen Richards Sappington, 100, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 6, 1902, in Buffalo, Minn., the youngest child of John H. and Kate (McGary) Richards.

Elsie attended school in Buffalo and, after graduating from high school, enrolled in kindergarten and primary training in Minneapolis. She was then eligible to teach elementary grades, which she did for two years.

On Sept. 1, 1926, in Buffalo, Minn., she married William Harry Sappington who preceded her in death in June 1979. Their first home was in Midwest, Wyo., then Craig, Colo., and in April 1955 they moved to Canon City, Colo.

Elsie was a member of the United Presbyterian Church and served as a deacon for two terms. She was a member of the Order of

the Eastern Star for over 60 years and a member of Circle Beth.

She was a strong believer in our youth and tried to be helpful to them in any way she could.

Elsie is survived by her son, James H. Sappington, and his wife, Marilyn, of Kalispell; three grandsons, James Sappington and his wife, Debra, of Pasco, Wash, Russell Sappington and his wife, Bonnie, and Andrew Sappington and his wife, Jeanne, all of Kalispell; and a granddaughter, Joyce Sappington, of Blaine, Wash. She is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and some well-loved great nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Darold Reiner officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Richard H. 'Dick' Savage, 68

Richard H. "Dick" Savage, 68, passed away peacefully, May 13, 2003, surrounded by the beauty of Glacier National Park. His wife and childhood sweetheart, Audrey, was by his side.

Dick was born in Great Falls, on Dec. 22, 1934. He was the youngest of five boys born to Frank and Stella Savage. His early years were spent in Niehart, where his parents owned a restaurant and boarding house. Later, the family moved to Belton, and then to Somers. Dick attended Flathead County High School and graduated in 1953. He also studied at the University of Washington.

Dick met his future wife, Audrey Treweek, in civics class at the age of 14. Nine years later they were married and spent 44 years devoted to each other in sickness and in health.

Skiing was a focal point in Dick's life. Inspired by his brother, George, he began skiing at King's Hill in Niehart. Later, he was a ski racer for Flathead County High School at Big Mountain. Upon graduation, he pursued a career in the ski industry. His career began in Sun Valley, Idaho, as a ski instructor and ski patrolman. He continued to instruct at Mount Spokane, Mount Pilchuk, and Mount Baker in Washington as well as Whitefish's Big Mountain. He was also in sales for a number of years with Anderson and Thomp-

son Ski Company based in Seattle. He was a lifetime member of the Professional Ski Instructors Association.

Eventually, Dick became involved with Flathead Industries. He was one of the early managers of the recycling center and developed many friendships with clients while working there.

Dick and Audrey raised two children, Dan, a local veterinarian, and Karen, a schoolteacher in Colorado.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Frank and Stella Savage; his brothers, Frank Jr., Gene, and Ralph Savage.

His survivors include his wife, Audrey; his children, Daniel Savage and his wife, Sally Hash-Savage, of Kalispell, and Karen Savage and her husband, Andrew Bricker, of Castle Rock, Colo.; brother, George Savage and wife, Ann, of Deming, Wash.; sisters-in-law, Helen Savage, of Great Falls, and Phyllis Parker and husband, Bobby, of Kalispell, brother-in-law, Jim Treweek and wife, Marge, of Eureka; and several nieces and nephews.

Dick loved to visit Sun Valley and he rarely could be persuaded to vacation elsewhere. His sense of humor and uncanny ability to remember people, places and events endeared him to many. He was a humble man who opened his heart to animals and nature. Although his

health failed him the last years of his life, his strength and determination were inspiring to those who knew him. He was a good man who will be deeply missed.

Memorial services will be held Monday, May 19, at 3 p.m. at Epworth Methodist Church. Reception will follow the services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory. Cremation has taken place.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Intermountain Children's Home, 500 South Lamborn, Helena, MT 59601. They may also be made to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 42 Woodland Park Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to an organization of their choice.

Wilhelmina 'Willie' Saverud, 92

Wilhelmina "Willie" Saverud, 92, passed away Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born May 28, 1911, in Ferndale, to

William J. and Wima (Beusen) Moos. Willie attended Ferndale Elementary School and was a 1929 graduate of Flathead County High School.

She taught school at Bad Rock for two years, and married Peter Saverud on Oct. 6, 1934, in Ferndale. The Saveruds owned and operated their family business, Saverud Paint Shop, in downtown Kalispell from 1944 until 1971, and for several years after with nephew Wayne Saverud. Willie also assisted customers with their decorating projects.

For many years Willie was active with the Business and Professional Women's Club, and was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She was an accomplished seamstress and knitter and made most of her own clothes, and loved to paint oil pictures.

Pete and Willie enjoyed hosting friends and family at their Flathead Lake cabin. They made many trips together to Europe, visiting Pete's family and boyhood home, and visiting Willie's relatives in Germany. They toured Denmark, Sweden, Belgium, Switzerland, France, Spain, Italy, London and



Jamaica.

Willie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister, Gertrude Tykeson; and a niece, Sue Bolstad.

She is survived by a brother, Fred Moos, of Bremerton, Wash.; two sisters, Dorothy O'Flynn, of Kalispell and Martha's Vineyard, Mass., and Marjorie Bolstad, of Kalispell and Borrego Springs, Calif.; numerous nieces and nephews, including Sandra Walker of Seattle, Emily Miller of Kalispell, Jenny Summers and Lillian Ledbetter, of Seattle, Doris Elaine Westcott, of California, Bill Bolstad, of Oregon, Kent Bolstad, of Bigfork, Brian O'Flynn, of Colorado, Rev. Donnel O'Flynn, of Massachusetts, Wayne and Dale Saverud, of Kalispell, and John Saverud, of Seattle; there are 23 nieces and nephews in Norway; and her caregivers who gave her such loving care.

Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, in the chapel of Johnson Mortuary. The Rev. Lindean Barnett will officiate. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901, or Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Lynne R. Sawyer, 58

Lynne R. Sawyer, 58, of Columbia Falls, passed away on Friday, March 21, 2003, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Lynne was born in Pen Argyl, Pa., on Jan. 16, 1945. She grew up in Apgar in Glacier National Park and graduated from high school in Columbia Falls in 1963.

She served in the U.S. Army. She loved music, playing her keyboard, Nintendo, movies, computer, arts and crafts, yard work and angels.

She was preceded in death by her father, Paul O. Sunell of Columbia Falls, and mother-in-law, Helen B. Sawyer of Little



Rock, Ark.

Lynne is survived by her loving husband of 39 years, M. Avery Sawyer II; her mother, Agnes Sunell of Columbia Falls; her brother, Con Sunell and wife, Teri Sunell, and sons, Joel and Kellen of Whitefish; her oldest daughter, Michele "Missy" A. Sawyer of Columbia Falls; her son, Matthew A. Sawyer of Irvine, Calif.; her youngest daughter, Manda A. Howard and husband, Chief Petty Officer Brett A. Howard, and their children, Malyssa, Bethany and Marcus of San Diego.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Billy Ray 'Bill' Schaeffer, 63

Billy Ray "Bill" Schaeffer, 63, died Aug. 18, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was an ironworker for 30 years.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell, under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Helen J. Schaeffer, 77

Helen J. Schaeffer, 77, "went to be with her heavenly Father" on Feb. 21, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center following an automobile accident a few weeks earlier.



Helen was the daughter of Joseph and Caroline Rudick and was born in North Poultney, Vt., on Dec. 27, 1925.

Helen moved to Seattle to aid in the service of her country during World War II in the shipyards there. She met the love of her life at that time and she married Wilbur Schaeffer on April 21, 1944. The couple moved to Fargo, N.D., and then in 1951 they came to Columbia Falls, where they raised their family. Helen has resided here since that time.

Helen was preceded in death by her loving husband, Wilbur; her son, Wilbur Jr.; two sisters, Stella Geiger and Pauline Thurston; and a brother, John Rudick.

She is survived by four sons, Charles, Donald, Rick and Patrick;

two daughters, Gloria and Kathy; a sister, Jean Bromley; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Helen loved hiking in the woods with her dogs, huckleberry picking, crocheting, reading her Bible and spending time with her family. Helen's greatest passion was swimming with her dogs at Lion Lake, and endless hours being in the mountains.

Helen's family would like to express their grateful appreciation for all the community has done for her during her life.

Because of Helen's love for animals, the family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Flathead Humane Society.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Friday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Richard Bishop officiating. Graveside committal will follow services at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

June Evelyn Schabel, 85

June Evelyn Schabel, 85, passed away on Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 24, 1917, in South Bend, Ind., to Frederick E. Wilder and Dolly Singleton Wilder. At an early age, June moved with her parents to Bakersfield, Calif., and then to Visalia, Calif., where her parents farmed until their deaths.

She met Loren Schabel of Dutton while he was a flight instructor at Sequoia Field Army Air Corp Base. They were married on May 8, 1943, and a few years later moved to Dutton where her husband had a flying service and later ran Schabel Brothers Grocery.

In 1958, the family moved to Visalia, and then to Sequel, Calif.,



in 1961, where they were in the restaurant business. Due to her husband's health, they retired and moved to Kalispell, in 1975, where she resided until her death.

June was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

June was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Loren; and a brother, Frederick Wilder Jr.

She is survived by her children, Charles Schabel of Great Falls, and Jeffery Schabel, Cathlyn Sullivan, and Debra Birks, all of Kalispell; one brother, Richard Wilder of Wellton, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

A private family service will be held on Saturday at Johnson Mortuary and she will be entombed next to her husband.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Eddie Diane Schaut, 91

Eddie Diane Schaut, 91, died on Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, at the Beehive Home in Kalispell. Funeral services are pend-

ing at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Clara J. (Schroeder) Schellinger, 96

"The heavens and angels rejoiced when they finally brought home their faithful servant!" Clara J. (Schroeder) Schellinger. Clara passed away peacefully at the Valley View Nursing Home on May 15, 2003, where she was a loved and cherished resident the past five years.

Clara was born to Andrew and Regina Schroeder on Oct. 24, 1906, in Richmond, Minn. She graduated from Cathedral High School in 1925 and went on to attend Normal College and Business College in St. Cloud, Minn.

She married Albert Schellinger in 1927, and, after moving to Minot, N.D., they settled in Glasgow, in 1928. She lived in Glasgow until 1998, but illness made it necessary for her to move to Billings to be closer to her loving family. While in Glasgow, she was an active member of St. Raphael's Altar Society and St. Ann's Group.

She is survived by her sons, Cliff and wife, Vernell Schellinger, of Eltopia, Wash., and Dan and

wife, Faithe Schellinger, of Columbia Falls; a daughter, Bunny and husband, Ed Cerkovnik, of Great Falls; a daughter-in-law, Bonnie Schellinger of Billings; 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Her parents; four sisters; three brothers; her husband, Al; son, Robert; daughter-in-law, Polly Schellinger; and great-grandson, Brett preceded her in death.

Most of all, she enjoyed the times her family came to visit, and she never had anything but kind words to say about anyone. Her presence will be terribly missed by those she left behind, "but we know she is happy joining those family members and friends who have gone before her. Goodbye, Sweetie."

Cremation has taken place and a mass and burial service will be held at 10 a.m. on June 9 at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow.

Memorials may be sent to the charity of one's choice.

Ivy LaRae Anne Schlund, 29

Ivy LaRae Anne Schlund, 29, died Thursday, June 12, 2003, at a Libby hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Gary; children, Alexandria and Andrew, both of Libby; her mother, Darlene Magill of Libby; her father, Allen Magill of Carnation, Wash., and a brother, Arlan Magill of

Granite Falls, Wash.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel with interment services to follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and through noon on Monday.

Phyllis (Hartfield) Scharr

On Nov. 24, 2003, Phyllis (Hartfield) Scharr "began her journey into the spirit world. She fell into a deep slumber" with her children and close friends at her side.



At the time of her passing, Phyllis was in Seattle on a business trip and became ill from complications of a liver ailment. She was going through procedures to get a liver transplant. She had requested that she be videotaped during the steps involved in a liver transplant for hepatitis C, but unexpected complications occurred Nov. 21 and she went into a coma that night.

It was a great loss to our community as she was loved and respected by all who knew her. Her soft-spoken voice has been heard throughout Montana universities, colleges and reservations, speaking out in public and teaching about health education in HIV/hepatitis prevention. It was her hope that she made a stand about the seriousness of preventing an unforgivable disease. Even in her final days, she was thinking how to use her own situation for others to learn from.

Phyllis was born on Feb. 25, 1954, in Japan while her father served in the Air Force as a chief

master sergeant, along with her two siblings.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Scharr; and her brother, Peter Hartfield.

She leaves behind her mother and father, Morgan and Bernice Hartfield of California; brother, Tim Hartfield of Portland; her children, Grace Ann Countryman of Tacoma, Wash., Abraham Hartfield of Seattle, Dosis Nordlund of Tacoma, Juniper Hartfield of Seattle and Heather Olsen-Ostermiller of Billings; seven grandchildren; as well as many friends from all over.

You really couldn't take her anywhere without her knowing someone. Phyllis was an enrolled tribal member with the Karuk Tribe in California. She was often noted for her big heart and her love of beading, gardening and reading.

It was her wish to be cremated and her remains scattered with her husband's ashes in Montana in the spring when the flowers are blooming. And with that, those wishes are being carried out.

"It is our thought that Phyllis on that other side, with Leroy, is finally at peace, looking on with that one-sided smile of hers." There was a celebration of Phyllis' life Friday, Nov. 28, in Seattle.

There will be another celebration of her life in Missoula at a later date. Her memorial may be viewed online at www.columbiafuneralhome.com

Lois G. Schaub, 74, passed away at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, on Thursday July 31, 2003.

She was born in St. Paul, Minn., on July 3, 1929, to Victor and Tilda (Peterson) Anderson. Lois's family moved to Cass Lake, Minn., when she was about four, where she attended school, graduating in 1947. The family moved to Chester, in 1950, where Lois worked at the Liberty County Courthouse.

She met and married carpenter/ farmer Leo Schaub in Chester in 1953. Together they raised two children, daughter, LeAnn and son, Lon. After the children started school, Lois went to work in the Chester School Libraries where she worked for 27 years before retiring in 1990.

Lois loved to travel, and had many memorable trips with her children, brother, and a wonderful cruise to Alaska with her friend Lila. She loved shopping, sewing, reading, cooking, music, scrapbooks and being with her family.

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and Our Saviors



Lutheran Church in Chester. Lois and Leo moved to Kalispell in 1995 for health reasons and to be closer to their children. Leo passed away in 1999. In January of 1999, Lois moved into the Immanuel Lutheran Home where she made several friends and had wonderful caregivers.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and brother, Jerry Anderson.

She is survived by her daughter, LeAnn Howell and husband, Jerry; a son, Lon Schaub and wife, Jere, all of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Kris Schaub of Portland, Tracy Emery and husband, Zach of El Cajon, Calif., Kale Schaub of Butte, Chelsea Howell of Des Moines, Iowa, Sarah Howell and Matt Howell, both of Kalispell; and one great-grandchild, Taylor Emery of El Cajon.

Memorial services for Lois will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. The family invites friends to gather at LeAnn Howell's home following the services for a light luncheon.

You are also invited to send memorial gifts to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901 or the Hi-Line Pool & Rec. (New Pool); Box 325, Chester, MT 59522.

Arrangements are under the

Kenneth Preston Schnur, 53

Kenneth Preston Schnur, 53, "went to be with the Lord" on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2003, at 2:15 a.m., at his Kalispell home with his family by his side.



Ken was born Dec. 23, 1949, to Donald and Minta Schnur. He grew up in southern California before moving to Montana.

Ken worked as a sawyer for 10 years. During this time he met and married Lynn Ellen Nelson in Yaak, on May 19, 1979. Ken began working at Semitool in 1986 and worked there for 12 years. The remainder of his life he was assistant manager at Western Building Center in Kalispell.

Ken was an active member of New Covenant Fellowship. Before Ken's illness was diagnosed, he came into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He was baptized in Jesus' name on April 27, 2003, and was very passionate about his new-found faith.

He was loved by all who met him. He had a great sense of humor and an incredible love for life. In his younger years, Ken was an avid surfer. After coming to Montana, he enjoyed horseback riding and spending time with

family and friends.

Ken is survived by his wife, Lynn; son, Jason Schnur, 32, of Sandpoint, Idaho; daughter, Amber Schnur, 21, of Kalispell; mother and stepfather, Minta and Bob Milner of Kalispell; sister, Dawn Schnur of Kalispell; three grandchildren; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at noon today at New Covenant Fellowship with Rev. Dawn Schnur and Rev. Don Burleson officiating. A luncheon will follow the service at Kalispell Apostolic Church.

Due to Ken's illness, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Lynn Schnur c/o Mountain West Bank, P.O. Box 7070, Kalispell, or Hospice Home Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell.

The family would like to express a very warm heartfelt thanks to Inpatient Rehab Staff of Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Jolene and Hospice, Scott and Cindy Hindsley, Marine Corp. League, and all the "saints" of New Covenant Fellowship, Kalispell Apostolic and other area churches who brought in meals, prayed and were such a wonderful support of Ken and his family. They also want to thank the many people who have brought joy into Ken's life by being who they were to him and his family.

Jacqueline 'Jackie' Louise Schommer, 94

Jacqueline "Jackie" Louise Schommer died Sept. 23, 2003, at her home in Florence, Ore., of cancer. She was 84.

She was born Oct. 22, 1917, in Whitefish, the eldest daughter of John L. and Carrie Akey. She graduated from Whitefish High School in 1935, and the University of Minnesota in 1939.

She moved to Little Chute, Wis., to teach high school English, where she met Earl Schommer. "They were married June 5, 1941. They returned to Montana in 1946 and lived in Missoula and Great Falls, before settling in Whitefish in 1952. She worked as a librarian for the Whitefish Public Library, Whitefish School District and the Flathead County Library. She was a member of PEO.

She moved to Florence, Ore., in 1989 where she volunteered for the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum and the Siuslaw Library District. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic

Church, St. Mary's Belles, and the Peace Harbor Hospital Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl, in 1989; and granddaughter, Jocelyn Wilcox, in 2002.

Survivors include her four children and their spouses; Nancy and Jay Wilcox of Tualatin, Ore., Linda and Tom Bostock of Whitefish, Jack and Jacqueline Schommer of Troutdale, Ore., and Jane and Rick Yecny of Florence; a sister, Leora Grinde of Whitefish, two brothers, John Akey of Urbana, Ohio, and H.L. Akey of Whitefish; and five grandchildren, Jenny Wilcox of Missoula, Kevin and Brad Bostock of Whitefish, and Laurel and Ellen Yecny of Florence.

At her request, cremation has taken place. A memorial mass will be held in her honor at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Florence at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 17.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be sent to either the Siuslaw or Whitefish Public Libraries.

Delmar A. 'Del' Schendel, 85

Delmar A. "Del" Schendel, 85, of Lake Placid, Fla., died Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, in Fort Myers Beach, Fla., from complications after surgery for an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a noncommissioned radiology instructor at Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver. Subsequently, Mr. Schendel began his 36-year career in the wholesale food industry, working his way through the ranks. Having started working in his father's grocery stores in Sherburn and Mountain Lake, Minn., as a boy, he became a traveling salesman for Jewel Tea Co. and later was the manager of Western Grocer and Consolidated Foods in Albert Lea, Minn. He transferred to Edina, Minn., as an executive vice president with the May Company/Piggly Wiggly Stores.

Always among the longest off the tee, Mr. Schendel enjoyed an avid, lifelong love-hate relations with golf. As a member of Green Lea Golf Course in Albert Lea he was most proud of his two holes-in-one. He continued golfing through his retirement and took part in many golf leagues. Bowling and playing cards were his pastimes when not on the golf course.

Mr. Schendel was a longtime member of First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, and Mount Olivet

Lutheran Church in Edina, Minn. He also belonged to the Elks, serving in many capacities.

A devoted family man, Mr. Schendel is survived by his two children, Janine and husband, Dr. Steven Aaker of Elko, Minn., and Dr. Joel Schendel and wife, Gay, of Midlothian, Va.; grandchildren, Joshua, Zachary, and Rachel Schendel; an grand-niece and nephew, Christopher and Sarah Cunningham; his brother, Roger Schendel and wife, Jan, of Eden Prairie; and dear friend and golfing partner, sister-in-law, Evelyn Schendel of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; niece, Barbara Cunningham and husband, Rick, of Kalispell; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; wife, Evelyn "Kaye" Schendel; wife, Dorothy Brayman Schendel; brothers, Martin, and Donald; and nephew, Martin Jr.

A memorial service will be held 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Washburn-McReavy Chapel in Edina, with visitation one hour before the service. A private interment will be held at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont, Minn.

Memorials may be sent to the family and will be dispersed among various charities, c/o Janine Aaker, 8494 East 250th Street, Elko, MN 55020

Albert Steve Schimmel, 89

Albert Steve Schimmel, 89, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 13, 1913, in Stickney, S.D., to Gys and Minnie (Lourence) Schimmel. As a young boy, he started ranching and farming at the age of eight, and for several years after, worked at some of the biggest ranches and farms in Texas and Wyoming, and worked in every state west of the Mississippi. He married Helen "Billie" Orawiec in 1936 in Denver.

Steve began his career with the city of Kalispell in 1953, operating a front-end loader, and was very talented with it. Over a 10-year period, he was instrumental in making Lawrence Park what it is today. He was the one up at 2 a.m. to start plowing the big snows for the city, especially in the Buffalo Hill area. In the early 1970s, the furniture store on Main Street caught fire, and Mr. Steve was there with his front-end loader and, along with the fire department, contained the fire by dozing down walls so the fire wouldn't spread to adjacent businesses.

Every year for spring cleanup, Steve would operate his loader, and usually would end up collapsing down into a tunnel from the railroad workers. He was the one who relocated the cannon and the

Doughboy from Main Street to Woodland Park and the Montana Veterans Home, as well as assisting in the renovation of the Conrad Mansion. He retired from the City of Kalispell in 1976.

For three years he lived on Kodiak Island, Alaska, and came back to Kalispell in 2000. During his lifetime, Mr. Steve dressed as a cowboy, having many different cowboy hats and boots. When he came to the Flathead, it was a logging town, and folks would get a good look at Steve because of his cowboy attire.

Survivors include his son, Steve Schimmel, and wife, Susan, of Escondido, Calif.; five grandchildren, Patrick, Shawn, Ramona, Steve, and Orin; two great-grandchildren, Kevin and Kayla, and a nephew Bill "Wild Bill" Brezniak.

Mr. Steve was preceded in death by his wife, Billie; a son, Patrick; two brothers, Earl and Orin; and a sister, Ann.

Memorial services for Mr. Steve Schimmel will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Rev. Glenn Woodson officiating. Urn burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Arthur Schneider, 90

Arthur Schneider passed away to the beautiful sounds of harp music Dec. 8, 2003, one week after his 90th birthday.

Art was born in Manhattan, N.Y., on Dec. 1, 1913, the second of five children. He grew up in Dumont, N.J., and was the first child in his family to graduate from high school. He played the leading roles in high school musicals, played several musical instruments and performed on the New York stage. He later developed his own orchestra under the name of "Art Stanley." He even copyrighted his own song, called "I Know Now."

In 1934, he married his high school sweetheart, Pearl Frizzell, who died of asthma after 10 years of marriage. Art and Pearl had two daughters, Arlene and Barbara.

In 1946, he married Edna Asplint and moved his family to Colorado Springs, Colo., where he worked as a salesman. He moved to Kalispell, in 1973, and to Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1998.

Art had a wonderful, quick sense of humor and was very musically talented. He was proud that he had "made it to 90," and at his 90th birthday party, surrounded by family, "Gramps" was still singing on tune and with flair, making up some of the words as he went. He sang, "They know that Santa's on his way. He's loaded lots of junk on his sleigh." He loved the stage and the spotlight and was always encouraging someone to "put this down," or videotape him.



His interests included designing and crafting furniture, playing golf, fishing, playing the organ and singing in the Glacier Chorale. He had a tenacious spirit and never let the trials of life get him down.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ethel Lefebvre; his father, Charles Schneider; his brothers, Robert and Harold Schneider; his wife, Pearl Frizzell; his wife, Edna Asplint; and his son-in-law, Richard Goetschius.

He is survived by his daughters, Arlene Goetschius of Cranbury, N.J., and Barbara Walden of Kalispell; son-in-law, David Walden of Kalispell; brother, Walter Schneider of Florida; sister, Ruth Reim of Florida; grandchildren, Cheryl Burdumy, Christine Goetschius, Vance Walden, Viktra and Chris Bumgarner, Valeri and Allan McGarvey, Von and Tina Walden and Molly and Eric Severtson; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. He loved to take generational photos and was especially proud of his photo featuring five generations.

A memorial service has been planned for Dec. 30 at the family lake house.

Edwin R. Schopp, 76

Edwin R. Schopp, 76, died Sunday, July 6, 2003, at the Libby Care Center in Libby.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Troy; daughters, Donna Schopp of Troy, and Mary Schopp of Kalispell; and son, Wayne Schopp of

Barnville, Wis.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Military graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Whitepine Cemetery in Trout Creek.

Kathleen Mary Frances Schlueter, 83

Kathleen Mary Frances Schlueter, 83, passed away at her home in Kalispell, on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003.



She was born on Nov. 19, 1919, in Pearce, Ariz., to George Idaho and Mary Kathleen (Meenan) Moffett. Kathleen was raised in Butte, going to Butte Elementary and graduating from Butte Public High School. She later attended Flathead Valley Community College and earned associate's degrees in applied science and the arts.

Kathleen was a member of Risen Christ Catholic Church. She loved art and music and enjoyed nature and bird watching.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents. She has no survivors.

A mass of Christian burial will be held 10 a.m. on Tuesday, at Risen Christ Catholic Church, with Father

Rudolph Bullman as celebrant. A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Monday at Risen Christ Catholic Church and viewing will be Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

It is suggested that memorials be made to the FVCC Scholarship Fund, 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Gregory Pierce Schmid, 54

Gregory Pierce Schmid, 54, died Sept. 1, 2003, of complications from cancer.

Greg was born Oct. 9, 1948, in Kalispell. He moved to Missoula, in 1966, to attend the University of Montana. Except for three years in Eureka, Missoula remained his home until his death.

Greg married Patty Provence in 1976. Their daughters, Jolene and Kira, were the delight and focus of his life.

Greg worked in the woods as a young man. In the 1980s, in partnership with the Johnson Brothers, he developed and supervised the Eureka Pellet Mill. Returning to Missoula, he was instrumental in creating Johnson Brothers Recycling, which he ran until his death.

Greg enjoyed life, whether it was working on restoring his 1965 Chevy Malibu, playing golf, or skeet shooting. NASCAR races, Grizzly football, playing poker, and visiting with good friends rounded out his life.

One of Greg's most recent joys was walking Jolene down the aisle at her wedding. Leron Johnson was welcomed into the family with open arms for the radiance he

brought to Jolene. Greg was looking forward to attending Kira's graduation in December with her degree in marketing and management. He was so proud of both his girls' persistence and intelligence.

Greg is survived by his children, Kira Nicole Schmid, and Jolene Marie Johnson, and Jolene's husband, Leron; and by Greg's ex-wife and good friend, Patty Provence. He is also survived by his siblings and their spouses, Jan and Terry Schmid, Pam Sowerwine and G. Philip Hooker, and Scott and Cindy Schmid. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and a multitude of cousins. Greg is survived by far too many good friends to list.

Greg was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Alphonse Schmid.

Greg will be deeply missed by many people. He was a kind and loving man who lived life with a passion. His energy and motivation were inspiring to those around him.

"Dad, we love you and miss you!"

Services were held Sept. 4 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Marian J. Schneider, 73

Marian J. Schneider, 73, died on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She is survived by her son, Alan Schneider, of Hungry

Horse.

No services are planned at this time.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

A. 'Mark' Schow, 80

A. "Mark" Schow, beloved husband of Mrs. Barbara Schow of Lethbridge, passed away suddenly at the Lethbridge Regional Hospital on Friday, Jan. 17, 2003, at the age of 80 years.



Mark had recently celebrated his 80th birthday on Dec. 20, 2002.

He was born to George and Ingeborg Schow in Cardston on Dec. 20, 1922.

Educated in Cardston, Mark joined the Canadian Army in January 1943 and served in France and Germany. He was discharged in January 1946. Mark had an electrical contracting business in Cardston for years and in 1988 sold the business and retired.

Time was spent between Cardston and Lake Blaine. Mark and Barb moved to Lethbridge in May 1999.

Mark is survived by his wife, Barbara Jean; sons Ken and wife Sopi of Garden Grove, Calif., Ron and wife Jeannie, and Mike and wife Cindy of Cardston; daughter

Brenda and husband John Decher of Sterling, Va.; stepchildren Vickie and husband Don Jacobson of Lander, Wyo., Duff and wife Janice Van Alstine of Missoula, Scott Van Alstine of Kalispell, and Luci Huyck of Plymouth, Minn.; 20 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Also surviving are sisters Ruth and husband Lee Wolf of Cardston and Virginia Clark of Eatonia, Saskatchewan; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Mark in death were brothers Fred, Rex, Paul and Sid and sister Celestia.

A memorial service will be held at Cornerstone Funeral Home, 2800 Mayor Magrath Drive South, Lethbridge, Alberta, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday with the Rev. Elizabeth Brown officiating.

If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada, No. 608, 5920 -1A Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2H 0G3.

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

Arrangements are by Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2800 Mayor Magrath Drive South, Lethbridge, Alberta T1K 7B1.

Maria Frieda Hardecker Schrade, 92

Maria Frieda Hardecker Schrade, 92, passed away on Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born May 24, 1911, in Grotzingen, West Germany, to Karl and Anna (Ming) Hardecker.

Maria married John Schrade in Grotzingen, in 1937, and moved to America shortly thereafter. They settled on a small farm north of Kalispell where they farmed until 1985. After her husband's death, in 1989, she remained at their home until poor health caused a need for assisted living and finally to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Maria was true to her German heritage of a strong work ethic. In the early years, she took an active part in the farm work. In addition to a large vegetable and flower garden, she helped milk cows, put up loose hay, shocked grain bundles, and picked potatoes. In her later years, she was more dedicated to her garden and raising raspberries for a grocer in Whitefish.

Maria filled her winter days with many hours of embroidery work and knitting wool socks for Trinity Thimble Club. She also enjoyed playing pinochle with friends. Maria was a dedicated member of Trinity Lutheran

Church and remained strong in her faith in the Lord until the end.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; one grandson, Matt; one great-grandson, Spencer; three sisters; and one brother.

She is survived by a stepson, George and wife, Dorothy; a son, Karl Schrade and his wife, Carol, of Kalispell; and a daughter, Linda and husband, Richard Tabatt of Spokane; one brother and sister in Germany; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Maria will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Dan Wurster officiating. Burial will precede the memorial service. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 26, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests that memorial gifts be given to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, MT 59901, or Immanuel Lutheran Home, Bratsburg Wing, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Pauline Schrade, 90

Pauline Schrade, 90, died Friday, May 23, 2003, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She was born at Grotzingen, Germany, on Sept. 4, 1912, and was raised and educated there.

She married David Schrade Feb. 9, 1937, at Grotzingen in the same church where she was baptized and confirmed. Shortly after their marriage, they came to the United States of America where they had resided at Kalispell and Somers. They came to Libby, in 1947, where she had resided for the past 55 years.

Pauline had been a longtime member of St. John Lutheran Church and was active in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

She enjoyed knitting and was an avid gardener who took pride in her flowers and yard. She especially enjoyed her family and frequent visits from her granddaughter, Kerri.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David, in 1972; and her daughter, Irene Bekker in 1998; as well as a brother and two sisters.

She is survived by her son, Richard Schrade and wife, Karla, of Libby; a son-in-law, Gerald Bekker of Havre; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church with Rev. Eric Christiansen officiating; interment services will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, 1017 Montana Ave., Libby, MT 59923.

Frederick V. 'Bud' Schraeder, 73

Frederick V. "Bud" Schraeder, 73, of Bigfork, passed away on May 26, 2003, at Yuma Regional Medical Center in Yuma Ariz., due to complications from a brief illness.

Bud was born in Great Falls on April 8, 1930, to George and Charlotte Schraeder.

On May 16, 1963, he married the love of his life, Lorri. Together they raised seven children.

Bud was an accomplished mechanic who also specialized in the electrical side of automobiles and heavy equipment. He worked for Royal Logging of Columbia Falls (which later became Plum Creek) until 1987. "Beyond his profession, Bud was a Jack of all trades who became known as a go-to-guy when you needed help with something." He loved a good challenge and usually came up with a solution.

Bud loved to fly and owned and operated his own plane until he suffered a disabling back injury. After the injury, his physical ability was limited but he continued to

share his skills and knowledge in repairs and problem solving with many family members and friends. When his physical condition would allow it, he enjoyed fishing with his long time friend, Andy, as well as playing music on his many musical instruments including accordion, harmonica and keyboards.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one daughter, Agnes, "A.J".

He is survived by his wife, Lorri, of Bigfork; his children, Vicki and husband, Ken, of Kalispell, Dan and wife, Sue, of Bigfork, Doug and wife, Lynda, of Prescott, Ariz., Bill of Kalispell, Judy of Manhattan, and Roger and wife, Debbie, of Texas; 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Another great-grandchild is expected in September. He is also survived by two sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation took place at the Yuma Mortuary in Yuma. No public services are planned.

Leona E. Schuldheiss, 91

Leona E. Schuldheiss, 91, died on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Steve Schuldheiss, of Kalispell; and her daughter,

Betsy Osborne of Parker, Colo.

Funeral services are pending at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Joseph M. Schultz, 93

Joseph M. Schultz, "Montana Joe," 93, passed away on Monday, April 28, 2003, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. "The Lord took Joe home" listening to his granddaughter, Tracy Anderson, reading him the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd ..."



He was born on March 8, 1910, outside Cleveland, in Brea, Ohio.

Joe moved to Michigan at a young age and spent 60 years of his life in Michigan in the Union Lake area.

He married Matilda P. Reis on June 25, 1932, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Detroit, Mich. Joe worked as truck driver for Fisher Bros. Furniture Store before going to work for Chrysler in the tank arsenal plant at the Chrysler Corp. in Detroit. While with Chrysler, he also worked as a crankshaft balancer in the engine plant, and as a machine repairman. He retired from the Chrysler Corporation, Mound Road in Detroit, after 34 years of service.

After retirement, Joe visited his daughter and family in Kalispell, and fell in love with the mountains, the people, and the style of life here. He and his wife became full-time residents of the Valley and made their home at 509 Seventh Avenue West in Kalispell. He became known as "Montana Joe" to all his family and friends.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, boating, and spending precious time with his family, both in Montana and Michigan. He enjoyed Raceway Park and many exciting races. He was a part of the ticket promotion and sales, helping out family members.

Joe was a member of 4-H and St. Matthew's Catholic Church. He won "largest sunflower" contest in Kalispell one year with a flower 20 plus inches in diameter. He enjoyed traveling, doing home

improvements, gardening, was a good cook, and spending time with family and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his loving wife, Matilda P. Schultz.

He is survived by his Montana family, including his daughter, Sharon A. Slack and her husband, John, of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Robert H. Hickey and wife, Patti, Michelle Siderius and husband, Dan, Tracy Anderson and husband, Devon, and Marie AuClaire and husband, Aaron, all of Kalispell, and Kimberly Alexander and husband, Dan, of Bozeman; great-grandchildren, Tyler Hickey, Christina Hickey, Bobby Hickey, Austen Siderius, Aaron Siderius, Andrew Siderius, Zak Hanson, Alisia Hanson, Gauge Soucie, Kohl Alexander, Dane Alexander, and Jerum AuClaire; and one great-great-grandson, Hunter Hickey; his Michigan family including his son, Joe Schultz and wife, Sharon, of Cheboygan, Mich.; two grandchildren, Darlene L. Knoll and husband, Kevin, of Cheboygan, and Cheryl A. Schultz of Novi, Mich.; two great-granddaughters, Amanda K. Knoll and Rachel Knoll; one brother, Robert Schultz of Tennessee; and one sister, Grace Clemens of South Carolina. Joe had a very special friend at the Heritage Place, Abbie Crowell, who brought much joy to Joe and his family during his stay there.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans celebrant. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be on Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. with a vigil service at 7 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to Horhe Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the Heritage Place, 171 Heritage Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Daniel R. Schulze, 46

Beloved family man, gear jammer, and 11-handicap golfer Daniel R.

Schulze passed away at the family farm Monday evening, March 10, 2003. He was 46.



Dan was born Jan. 9, 1957, to Carrie Main and George E. Schulze. Raised on the former KalMont Dairy on Whitefish Stage Road, he would have been the third generation Schulze to operate the well-known farm. The bulk of the dairy property was developed, making up much of the current Village Greens Golf Course, and the care and nurturing of Holsteins, was replaced by other pursuits.

For a time, Dan managed the GTA grain elevator in Cut Bank, and eventually operated his own storage site in Lowry, Minn. He moved on to Yelm, Wash., and became involved with prized equine flesh, and by ship and cargo airliner, accompanied several shipments of horses to buyers throughout the Orient, including Japan and Hong Kong. Coming back to the Flathead, Dan drove trucks and operated heavy machinery with his father in the Schulze Construction Co. After helping to fight the infamous Moose Creek fire, one of his later projects was the bulk of ground leveling and preparation for the new Majestic Valley Arena between Kalispell and Whitefish.

But in his own mind, Dan's greatest achievement and contribution to the community were his

three sons, Brandan, 23; Bryan, 18; and Brayden, 12. Eldest son Brandan is a Navy journalist currently aboard USS Oak Hill (LSD 51), home ported in Virginia Beach, Va. Brandan is married to the former Emilie Gross of Bigfork. The younger sons reside at home.

"He was a loving and caring man," says his wife of 24 years, the former Glenda L. Mohn. They were married Nov. 25, 1978.

If Dan was an avid Seattle Seahawks football fan, he was a completely insatiable golfer. He was a fixture on the Village Greens fairways that once were the meadows and pastures of his boyhood home. As is every golfer's dream, Dan even could claim a hole-in-one.

A long-time friend and fellow inveterate golfer, Mike Hawe, became Dads business partner and co-driver in the most recent venture, Him and Hawe Trucking. Two bags full of clubs secured in the sleeper of the tractor assured a round of golf in every new community they visited while making their over-the-road deliveries.

Dan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Kenneth and Thelma Main, and George F. and Anna Schulze.

He is survived by his wife, sons, and daughter-in-law; his mother, Carrie Richards; and father George E. Schulze and wife, Elaine. Also surviving are his natural sister, Lori Nightingale; and siblings Jolene Sipe, Scott and Todd Foster. Dan also enjoyed many cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

At his request, no formal service is planned. The family suggests memorials in Dan's name be made to any charity of choice.

Otto H. Schultz, 80

Otto H. Schultz, 80, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on Sept. 14, 1922, in Kalispell to Gustav and Natalie (Keinas) Schultz.

Otto spent his life farming and running a dairy. He was a lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He attended Boorman Grade School and graduated from Flathead High School.

Otto was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Herman Schultz; and sister, Adeline Schultz.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma Schultz of Kalispell; broth-



er, Edward G. Schultz and wife, Edith, of Columbia Falls; sister, Margaret A. Howard and husband, Donald E., of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Lila Coler; nephew, Gary Schultz; nieces, Janice of Columbia Falls and Rose Clevidence and Ruth Wheat; cousins, Edmund Keinas of Kalispell, Natalie Joy of Polson, Albert Keinas of Libby, and Bob and Joanne Keinas of Somers.

Funeral services will be at noon on Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will precede the service at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Leona E. Schuldheiss, 91

Leona E. Schuldheiss, 91, passed away Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 12, 1912, in Monango, N.D., to Goettlieb and Magdelina (Hein) Oster. Leona and her sister sang together at many church and community events. Her father died and her mother remarried when Leona was in her teens.

Leona graduated from high school and trained to be a teacher, having her first position in Oaks, N.D. Leona met and married her husband Allen Schuldheiss, Sept. 27, 1936, while working with her parents.

After Allen graduated from Concordia College, becoming a pastor, he and Leona moved to several different communities out of state to serve in their local churches. They then moved back to the Kalispell area for retirement. Leona also worked for J.C. Penney in Kalispell and Tecktronics in Portland.

Traveling was one of her interests, traveling to Germany, and other European countries. She

also enjoyed sewing, cooking, gardening and flowers.

Leona was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Lee Schuldheiss in 1993.

She is survived by her husband Allen, and a son, Steve Schuldheiss, both of Kalispell; a daughter, Betsy Osborne of Parker, Colo.; a daughter-in-law, Shiela Fleming of Kalispell; a son-in-law, Bob Osborne of Parker; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Leona E. Schuldheiss will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held Sunday, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests that donations be made to the Trinity Lutheran Elementary School, 495 Fifth Ave. WN, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Gladys A. Schuman, 88

Gladys A. Schuman, 88, passed away Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003, surrounded by her loving family at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 2, 1914, in Bromhead, Saskatchewan, to Albert and Geoline (Gysler) Torgunrud. Gladys spent the early years of her life in Bromhead. She and her sister would sing at weddings and different functions, and she spent time cooking for the local thrashing crews.

Gladys met and later married Walter J. Schuman on July 15, 1943, in Bromhead, and they moved to the Flathead Valley to farm and raise their family. Gladys was employed as a nurse's aid for 17 years at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

As a 35-year member of the Eagles Auxiliary 234, in Kalispell, she received numerous awards, including the Eagles Hall of Fame, and was the 1992-93 Montana Eagles Mother of the Year. Gladys was always involved in the Eagles functions. She was a member of the Scandinavian Fraternity in Kalispell.

Gladys loved to dance. She



enjoyed gardening, fishing with her husband, traveling to family reunions, and most of all, spending time with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Walter, three sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandy Palmer and her husband, Paul, of Fairview, Ore.; three sons, Laurie Schuman and his wife, Bonnie, and Ray Schuman and his wife, Rainey, all of Kalispell, and Keith Schuman and his wife, Marsha, of Sherwood, Oregon; there are 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Jerry Torgunrud and Emma, of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and Ron Torgunrud and his wife, Shirley, of Maple Creek, Saskatchewan.

Funeral services for Gladys A. Schuman will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the chapel of Johnson Mortuary. Pastor Ron Pierce will officiate. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorial be given to the Eagles Auxiliary 234, 37 1st St. West, Kalispell, MT, 59901. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Thelma H. Schultz, 90

Thelma H. Schultz, 90, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Viewing will be Friday, Dec. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon at Johnson Mortuary, followed

by a funeral service at 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Darold Reiner officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Stefanie Edith Lehner Schwab, 78

Stefanie Edith Lehner Schwab, 78, "passed on to her reward" Oct. 29, 2003, at The Village Health Care Center of Missoula after a hard-fought nine-year battle with breast cancer.

She was a fighter till the end and had received her chemotherapy a week before her passing. She was an inspiration to many for her love of life.

She was born in Vienna, Austria, on July 19, 1925, to Theresia and Eduard Lehner. She was the second of four daughters. She received her professional tailoring degree in Vienna in 1942, specializing in women's coats and suits. She was obligated during the war to serve in the service under Russian occupation. In October 1943, she was assigned to work in a ballbearing factory for six months in Steyr, Austria. This was the first site which was bombed in Austria and occurred while she was stationed there. She was then assigned to the Vienna police department. Since food was scarce during the war, she would sew and trade her products for food from the farmers. She was forced to walk many miles for this.

She met her life's partner and husband of 57 years, Alfred Schwab, who was with the Army Military Police stationed in Vienna and soon followed him to Montana in March 1947 on a DC4, landing in Newfoundland and New York and then traveling by train to Missoula. They were married on March 28, 1947, at the United Methodist Church of Missoula.

In 1955, Stefanie proudly became a U.S. citizen.

Stefanie worked briefly as a banquet waitress and as a nurse's aide in St. Patrick Hospital. She later obtained her LPN license in 1954 and worked in St. Patrick



Hospital, in a private home setting for seven years, and at Hillside Manor nursing facility for 23 years.

She enjoyed crafts of all varieties and sold many. She was known as an immaculate housekeeper, enjoyed her garden and flowers and continued to sew. She worked side-by-side with her husband in his construction business and lovingly decorated each home as if it was her own.

She loved to travel and made many trips back to Vienna to visit her family. Her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were extremely important to her and she always showered them with time, love and affection. Her friends were many and her infectious good nature and love of people will be greatly missed by us all.

Her mother and father, and her sister, Anna Kousalik of Vienna, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Alfred; daughter, Linda Robinson, of Kalispell; sisters, Edith Kreiner and her husband, Walter, of Vienna; and Theresia Schlosser of Vienna; grandchildren Ryan Robinson and his wife, Sarah, of Seattle; Kelly Robinson and his wife, Mandy, of Kalispell; and Kimberly Kitchen and her husband, Andrew, of Point Pleasant, N.J. She was blessed with four great-grandchildren, Gracie and Gunner Robinson, and Spencer and Nathaniel Kitchen who will greatly miss their loving "Omi."

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003 at Garden City Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at the First United Methodist Church with burial to follow at Missoula Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Stefanie's name to the Quick Response Unit of Florence, Montana, The Missoula County Cancer Association, 300 J Queen Street, Missoula, MT 59801; or a favorite charity of your choice

Oscar Henry Schwalbe, 73

Oscar Henry Schwalbe, 73, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born on May 26, 1930, in New York City, to Kurt and Meta Buck Schwalbe.

Oscar graduated from Schoharie High School in 1948. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he served for several years.

Oscar married Gertrude Schuller in 1958, in Ellwood City, Pa. He went to work as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Carmichael, Calif. He retired after 26 years.

He liked reading, bowling, candle making and singing in the choir.

Oscar was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude, of Kalispell; his daughters, Heidi and her husband, Vernon Frasch, of Sacramento, Calif., and Lori and her husband, James

Hamann, of Kalispell; one son, Eric Schwalbe of Kalispell; grandchildren, Julie and Jennifer Taylor of Abilene, Texas, and Alex and Ashley Hamann of Kalispell.

Viewing will be from noon to 5 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Memorial services will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating.

The family requests memorial donations be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson Research, P.O. Box 4777, New York, N.Y. 10163; or Montana Veterans Home, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

L. Lois Scovill, 88

L. Lois "Auntie Loie" Scovill, 88, passed away on Monday, April 14, 2003, after a long struggle with COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) at the Whitefish Colonial Manor.

Lois was born May 20, 1914, in Red Lodge, the third of five children of Claude and Louise Scovill.

She graduated from Columbus High School and later worked as a telephone operator for Mountain Bell in Columbus and then Billings, retiring in 1976 after 37 years of service. She moved to Whitefish in 1994 after the death of her sister to be closer to her remaining family, residing until the time of her death at Mountain View Manor, where she made many bingo and dinner friends.

She was a member of Rock Rose Chapter, Order of Eastern Star No. 63 in Columbus. She was a member of the Ladies of the Moose — Whitefish Moose Lodge, and an avid Fri-

day night bingo player at that location. (She loved her bingo.)

"Auntie Loie" will be missed by all of us who knew her well, for her love of cards and bingo, and the time spent with all her family.

"May she now rest in peace."

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Harold and Hank; and one sister, Berneice.

She is survived by her brother Kenneth Scovill and wife Thelma of Somers; nephews Doug Hegland and wife Rita of Whitefish and Don Hegland and wife Sandi of Lethbridge, Alberta; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

Cremation has taken place, and a private burial will be planned at a later date at Mountain View Cemetery in Columbus.

Memorials may be given to the charity of one's choice.

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

Richard R. Schroeder, 80

Richard R. Schroeder, 80, died Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003, at his home in Trego.

He established Edna Creek Construction in Trego.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, at the family home in Trego; two daughters, Stephanie Schroeder of Trego, and Beth Mocko of Eureka;

and a son, Curtis Schroeder of Kalispell.

Mass of the Resurrection will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church; parish vigil and rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home of Eureka.

Parker W. Searcy, 37

Parker W. Searcy, 37, died on Jan. 23, 2003 in Astoria, Ore., of a heart attack.

He had been an underwater welder for Exxon Mobile.

He is survived by his par-

ents, Lee and Carol Searcy of Ferndale; wife, Terry Ann Searcy, of Astoria, Ore.; and son, Thunder, of Astoria.

Cremation and a private service have taken place.

William 'Bill' Franklin Sears, 84

William "Bill" Franklin Sears, age 84, passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born on Nov. 1,

1918, in Fort Collins, Colo., to John William and Elsie (Anderson) Sears.

Bill graduated from Taylor High School in Taylor, Neb., in 1937. He joined the Army in 1940 and served his country in the Algerian-French Morocco, Tunisia, and Italian campaigns. He also received the American Defense Ribbon, European African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon with three bronze stars and one Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Bill married Bette Mae Ackermann on July 18, 1942, in Fort Ord, Calif., and to this union were born John William and Judy Lee. Bette passed away Aug. 21, 1956.

Bill moved to Bigfork in 1947 and, shortly after, purchased the Bigfork Texaco Station which he ran until 1954. He then joined the U.S. Postal Service in 1955 and was a postal carrier until he retired in 1981. During that same time frame he also owned and operated a school bus for Bigfork School District.

On Dec. 16, 1961, Bill married Anna Marie Lecher and had one son, Kevin Wade. The couple divorced a few years later.

On Nov. 18, 1971, Bill married Delores M. Morton. After retirement, Bill worked for North Shore Lanes in Bigfork for many years



and enjoyed his hobbies of bowling, fishing, camping and hunting.

Bill was also a life member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4042 and the American Legion. He held several offices in these organizations throughout the years.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; five sisters; one brother; his first wife, Bette Mae (Ackerman) Sears; and two great-granddaughters, Christina and Jenna.

He is survived by his wife, Delores of Bigfork; sons, John "Butch" Sears and wife Gloria of Seward, Alaska, Kevin W. Sears and fiancée Theresa Meyers of Kalispell, and John Wilson and wife Silvia of Bigfork; daughters, Judy Collins and husband Jerry of Kalispell, Debbie Deshais and husband Ron of Beaverton, Ore., Cheryl Mace and husband Lory of North Pole, Alaska, Dali Evey and husband Bub of Aloha, Ore., Marcia Sandru and John Cola of Fairbanks, Alaska, Tawna Inman and husband Tom of Chinook, and Dee Johnson and husband Joe of Bigfork; sister-in-law, Rosemary Holgren and husband Brian of Kalispell; 26 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Urn burial will follow at the Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead. A celebration of Bill's life will continue at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4042.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Eunice I. Sedgwick, 91

Eunice I. Sedgwick, 91, died on Jan. 4, 2003, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at C.E. Conrad

Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Bill Baumgarten officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Janice 'Jan' Kollenborn Seefeldt, 57

Janice "Jan" Kollenborn Seefeldt, 57, died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell from complications of multiple sclerosis.

She is survived by her son,

Eric D. Sipe of Whitefish; and daughter, Rachel S. Williams of Lafayette, Ore.

A graveside service was held on Friday, Oct. 24, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Royal R. 'Pete' Shepard, 85

Royal R. "Pete" Shepard, 85, formerly of Kila, died Sept. 23, 2003, in Spokane

Valley, Wash.

He is survived by his wife, Laura, of Spokane Valley.

Sandra Lynn (Galles) Shero, 47

Long-time Whitefish resident, Sandra Lynn (Galles) Shero, 47, passed away on Monday evening, April 7, 2003, in Great Falls.

She was born on Feb. 11, 1956, in Spirit Lake, Idaho.

Sandy met and married the love of her life, Stan Shero in 1978, and always said, "it was a marriage made in heaven."

Stan preceded her in death in 1988.

Sandy was also blessed in this life with two wonderful children, Candy Rae, 29, of Rapid City, S.D., and Wade Stanley, 22, of Great Falls. Candy and her husband Vince Rafel, gave Sandy two beautiful grandchildren, Rose Marie, 10, and Felix James, 6. They all were the light in her life.

Sandy is survived by her parents, John W. Galles, of Whitefish, and Patricia Y. Cook, of Great Falls; two brothers, John and Randy of Grand Junction Colo., and six sisters, Judy Hembd and Valerie Westphal of Kalispell, Paula Galles of Grand Junction,



Colo., Deb Gwynn of Eureka, Patrice Galles of Cascade Locks, Ore., and Shari Lindland and her husband, Dan, of Great Falls. Sandy also had 19 nieces and nephews, and 11 great nieces and nephews.

Sandy was very active in her church in Great Falls, and she loved riding horses, sewing and bowling with Stan.

Her beautiful smile and "that laugh" will be missed by all who knew her.

Services for Sandy will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the service, with internment at Whitefish Cemetery, and a reception at the Whitefish Moose Lodge following.

Brian L. Shervey, 21

Brian L. Shervey, 21, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003, at his Kalispell residence.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Buf-

falo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.