

JAMES LANE ALLEN, JR.

Born: August 4, 1940 - Died: August 15, 1979

Liberty County Times

August 23, 1979

Whitehall man drowns, Lake Elwell

The Liberty County Sheriff's office reported Thursday that James Lane Allen Jr., 39, of Whitehall, a Tiber Dam construction worker, drowned in Lake Elwell.

The man suffered cramps while swimming with a 15 year old daughter Wednesday evening, according to Sheriff Richard Burrows. Three other children of the victim were watching from shore, he said.

The sheriff said the incident occurred about 5:11 p.m. The body was recovered about two hours later by rescue workers of the sheriff's department, an ambulance crew and a fellow construction worker who is a diver.

The man was found in water about 20-25 feet deep. Lake Elwell is the reservoir behind Tiber Dam.

Born in Butte, Allen attended school there and served in the U.S. Army before going into construction work. At the time of his death he was employed by R.L. Johnson Construction Co., the main contractor on the Tiber Dam modification project.

Funeral rites were held Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Whitehall.

Survivors are three daughters, Kris, Traci and Jennifer, and a son, Cory, all of Butte; parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Sr. of Whitehall, and two brothers and a sister.

The drowning occurred in what has been named the VFW swimming area, across a cove from where at one time numerous boat houses were located. It has been a very popular swimming area.

The drowning brings to four

the number of lives lost in the lake. Of these, three have been in the past 13 months. May 26 of this year Charles Grice Jr. of Big Sandy drowned near the dam. June 15, 1978 Joe Lever-

ture of Great Falls drowned near the same area. In May of 1959 Aloyse Nold of Gildford drowned following a boating accident in the Willow Creek arm of the lake.

CLARENCE ELMER (ANDY) ANDERSON
Born: January 19, 1905 - Died: March 17, 1979
Liberty County Times
March 17, 1979

C.E. Anderson services held

Clarence Elmer ("Andy") Anderson was born on January 19, 1905 in Brocklet, North Dakota. His parents were Enoch and Anna (Sketzvold) Anderson. Andy was reared and educated in North Dakota, but later found his way to Montana where he worked as a general laborer in the Great Falls area for many years. He had resided in the Eagles Manor in Great Falls until last week, when he moved to

Chester to be near his daughter, Yvonne McCallum. He was the first move-in resident at the new Sweetgrass Retirement Lodge. He passed away quietly in his sleep there on the early morning of March 17th. He was 74 years old.

Survivors include 1 daughter, Mrs. Bruce (Yvonne) McCallum of Chester; 2 sons, Duane ("Dewey") of Columbia Falls and Tyrone of Great Falls; 1 sister, Emma Sundeen of North

Dakota; 2 brothers, Art of Washington and Obert of North Dakota; and 8 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife (Mary) and son (Stephen).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home in Great Falls. The services were conducted by Reverend Bob Hermstad of the Chester United Methodist Church. Andy's daughter, Yvonne, accompanied his daughter-in-law, Carol, who sang "Given All to Jesus" and "Tears Are Language." Congregational selections included "The Old Rugged Cross," "How Great Thou Art," and "Just As I Am." Interment followed in the Ulm Cemetery, where he was buried next to his son, Steve. Local arrangements were made by the Rockman Chapel.

EVELYN AYRHART
Born: ?, 1917 - Died: March 26, 1979
Liberty County Times
April 12, 1979

Former resident dies in Idaho

Word has been received concerning the death of Evelyn Ayrhart, 62, on March 26 at Twin Falls, Idaho. She is survived by her husband, Walter Ayrhart.

The Ayrharts came to the Joplin community in 1933 and worked in the area for several years before buying the Earnest Minckler farm northeast of Chester. They farmed there for many years before selling their holdings to Donald and Bobbi Swank.

ANNABELLE BERGER

Born: June 27, 1905 - Died: September 28, 1979

Liberty County Times

October 18, 1979

**Annabelle Berger
dies in Spokane**

Annabelle Berger passed away in a Spokane hospital September 28, 1979. She was born June 27, 1905 at Stockett, Montana.

She is survived by her husband, Jackson; one daughter, Bonnie Sadler, Spokane; one son, Warren Johnston, Seattle; one step-son Jackson Berger, Jr., Post Falls, Idaho; one sister, Agnes Skabronski, Polson, Montana; two brothers, Nick Bubnash, Joplin, Mt. and Andy Bubnash, Vaughn, Mt.; step daughter, Gay Hill, Spokane; 20 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Rosary was held Monday, October 1, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. at the Chapel of Flowers, Ripplinger Funeral Home, Spokane, Washington.

Funeral mass Tuesday, October 2, 1979 at 10 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church of Spokane with Rev. Donan Paskey OFM officiating. Interment at Holy Cross cemetery in Spokane.

Family suggests memorial contributions may be given to Gonzaga Preparatory School of Spokane in her memory.

EUGENE W. BERGSTROM

Born: September 13, 1907 - Died: December 17, 1979

Liberty County Times

December 20, 1979

Funeral held for Eugene Bergstrom

Eugene W. Bergstrom, 72, of Rudyard died Monday of last week in a Havre hospital after a brief illness. Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Eliason Funeral Home, Havre was in charge. Pastor Gregory Kaiser officiated. Terry Stevenson was the soloist singing "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art." Iris White was the organist. Burial was in the Joplin cemetery. Pallbearers were Morris Smith, Harold Wanke, Marcel Solum, Ralph Patrick, Clifford Ulmen and Wayne Wolery. Ushers were Stuart Smith and Norman Kapperud.

He was born in Melby, Minnesota September 13, 1907 and came to the Rudyard area as a child. He was a farmer all of his life except for five years spent in the United States Army during World War II. He served in North Africa and India.

He never married.

Survivors include a brother, Algot Bergstrom, Rudyard; sisters, Myrtle Bergstrom, Rudyard and Emily Wheelbarger, Portland, Oregon; 9 nieces and nephews and 27 great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and two brothers.

SPENCER L. DAHL
Born: ?, 1905 - Died: April 7, 1979
Liberty County Times
April 12, 1979

Former Joplin Sup. Dahl dies

Spencer L. Dahl, 74 of 2029 9th Ave. S., former superintendent of schools at Fairfield and Joplin died unexpectedly at his home early Saturday morning. He was to have left Saturday to attend the funeral of his brother, Arthur W. Dahl, who died Thursday in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

He was born at Montevideo, Minn., and attended schools at Lake Preston, S.D. and Dwight, N.D., finishing his high school education at the Concordia College Academy, Moorhead, Minn., and graduating in 1922. Dahl took two years of college at Concordia and earned his bachelor's degree from Mayville State Teachers College in Mayville, N.D. In 1949, he earned a master's degree from the University of Montana.

Dahl taught at Squaw Gap, Edgeland and Selfridge, N.D., then served as superintendent of schools at Wimbledon, N.D.; Frazer and Joplin. He organized Fairfield High School and was superintendent there from 1939 to 1953 when he retired and went to work for Northern School Supply. He retired from that job in July, 1969.

He belonged to the Sons of Norway, Lodge 138, and Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Dahl was married to Ethel Haugland, who died in 1971. In November 1973 he married Olga Bakkeby at Polson.

She survives with his daughters, Mrs. Jim (Betty) Dirkes,

Fairfield, and Mrs. Don (Charlotte) Fornall, Browning; sons, William L. Dahl, Fairfield, and Darrell L. Dahl, Novato, California; 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and sisters, Mrs. K. (Esther) Larson, Grand Forks, N.D., and Mrs. Max (Leona) Wipperman, Hankinson, N.D.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the O'Connor Funeral Home.

ANNA MARIE DEDIC
Born: August 20, 1886 - Died: June 8, 1979
Liberty County Times
June 21, 1979

Anna Dedic, 92 passes on in Idaho

Anna Marie Dedic, age 92, died June 8, 1979 at a nursing home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Mrs. Dedic was born August 20, 1886 in Ulen, Minnesota. She grew up in Ulen, Minnesota. In 1913 she came to Montana where she homesteaded near Rudyard, Montana. She married Frank Dedic December 16, 1916 in Rudyard, Montana.

They farmed near there and then later owned and operated the Dedic's Cafe for 18 years in Rudyard. They came to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho in 1947 after retiring. She worked at the Coeur d'Alene Homes and that is where they lived for 15 years. Mrs. Dedic was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She is survived by: daughters, Mrs. Walter "Ruth" Hovee of Inverness, Montana; Mrs. Cyrus "Evelyn" Bailey of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; brothers, Adolph Klemetson of Rudyard, Montana; Gustav Klemetson of Ulen, Minnesota; sister, Mrs. Bert Twedt of Hingham, Montana; 5 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Tuesday, June 12, 1979 at 10:30 a.m. at the Coeur d'Alene Homes Chapel with Rev. Glenn Husby officiating. Burial followed at the Restlawn Memorial Park. Yates Funeral Home, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho was in charge of arrangements.

MARION BERNICE DIEMERT

Born: April 26, 1894 - Died: December 28, 1979

Liberty County Times

January 3, 1980



Marion Diemert

Marion Bernice ("Molly") Diemert was born on April 26, 1894 in Dedham, Maine. She was one of 12 children born to Edwin and Ida May (Webber) Rideout. She attended schools in the Ellsworth, Maine area and graduated from high school in 1912. She obtained a teaching certificate and taught school in Maine before coming to Montana in 1915. At that time Marion taught in an elementary country school near Conrad.

On September 9, 1918 she married August L. Diemert, who had homesteaded south of Rudyard. He farmed and she taught at the Kenilworth School

west of Big Sandy. In 1920 she quit teaching to raise a family.

Marion and August were active in St. Ann's (Black Coulee) Mission south of Rudyard for many years. After raising five children, she returned to teaching in 1944. She taught at various country schools in Hill and Chouteau counties for the next 19 years, retiring in 1963.

August had retired from farming in 1959, when they moved into Rudyard and made their home. Marion's memberships were many, including Our

Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, Holy Family Altar Society, V.F.W. Auxiliary, M.E.A., and Black Coulee Home Demonstration Club. Her hobbies were many too, including quilting, knitting, sewing, crocheting, and tatting. She loved to play the piano and

sing, and at quiet moments she loved to read. She was an excellent dryland gardener. Probably her best attribute was her love for people, and she was always there when needed.

In March of 1978 Marion moved into the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester. August died in November, 1978. Marion died on Friday, December 28th at the nursing home at the age of 85 years.

Survivors include 2 sons, Lloyd of Rudyard and Fritz of Selah, Washington; 3 daughters Mrs. Harlan (Eleanor) Wendland of Rudyard, Mrs. Victor (Rosina) Pegar of Big Sandy and Mrs. Phillip (Lorena) Wendland of Three Forks; 2 sisters-in-law, Audrey and Sue Rideout, both of Maine; 40 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in

death by her husband, parents and all 11 siblings.

Rosary prayer services were held Sunday evening, December 30th at Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham. Funeral mass was celebrated Monday morning at 11 a.m. by Father Martin Philipsen, assisted by Father R. Rekofke of Big Sandy.

Special organ music was provided by Rachel Blake and the congregation sang "Hail Holy Queen" and "Whispering Hope" (one of Marion's favorites).

Pallbearers were grandsons Dave and Duane Pegar, Tom Diemert, and Joe, Louis and Peter Wendland. A group of ladies from the Auxiliary served as honorary bearers. The reader, servers, and ushers were all grandsons, including Mike Wendland, James Diemert and Sylvester Wendland and

John and Martin Wendland, respectively.

Committal services were at the Rudyard Cemetery, followed by a luncheon for family and friends at the Catholic Hall in Rudyard. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

BEN DOMIRE

Born: December 26, 1902 - Died: July 4, 1979

Liberty County Times

July 12, 1979

Services held for Ben Domire, 77

Bennie Domire was born in Portland, North Dakota on December 26, 1902. His parents were Olaf and Mathilda (Olson) Domire, and he came to Montana with them in 1910. They "homesteaded" in the Goldstone Community 20 miles north of Rudyard. Bennie attended the Swift country school there. In 1929 he purchased his own farm 1½ miles north of Rudyard. Bennie and Ann Sohm were married in Hingham on September 21, 1937 and they made their home on the farm. They worked the farm together until retirement in 1977, when they moved into Rudyard. Bennie had been a past member of the P.T.A. and Farmer's Union. He loved horses and in his younger years was an excellent rider. The love of his life was 'farming,' although he did enjoy raising a few livestock and busying himself in the shop during the off-season. Bennie had suffered a heart attack several years ago, but had been

doing relatively well as of recent. After spending a nice day with his family at the old farmhouse on July 4th, he suffered an attack that evening. He was taken to the Liberty County Hospital via Rudyard ambulance, but was pronounced dead at the emergency room there.

Survivors include his wife, Ann of Rudyard; 2 sons, Clarence of Falls Church, Virginia and Joseph of Rudyard; 2 daughters, Mrs. George (Dianne) Folk of Lewistown, and Mrs. Rodney (Kathleen) Tibbetts of Hawley, Minnesota; 1 brother, Carl of Rudyard; 2 sisters, Mrs. Mabel Rivitt of Seattle, Washington and Mrs. Lenore Connolly of Rudyard; 9 grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother who died in infancy.

Funeral services were held on Saturday morning, July 7th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Wayne Pris of Our Savior's officiated. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Children of the Heavenly Father," accompanied by Mrs. Iris White on the organ. Pall-

IDA ELIZABETH DORN
Born: August 10, 1909 - Died: March 11, 1979
Liberty County Times
March 15, 1979

Ida E. Dorn services held

Ida Elizabeth Dorn was born in Bremer County, Iowa on August 10th, 1909. Her parents were Julius and Augusta (Rosol) Dorn and she was one of four children. She lived in the Waverly, Iowa area all her life. She and her brother farmed their parents' place; she kept house and raised chickens and he did the farming. After her brother died in 1972, she moved to Montana to live with her sister and brother-in-law Loretta and Andrew Schwan, 30 miles north of Rudyard.

After an extended illness dating back to May, 1978, she died at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester on Sunday morning (March 11th) at the age of 69 years. She was a lifetime member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly and had also belonged to the Ladies Altar Society there.

During her last 6 years in Rudyard she belonged to the Minneota Friendly Club, the Goldstone Ladies Guild, and the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. She kept a garden, as she has for years, and even raised a few chickens on the side.

She loved to be outdoors, and made a point of going outside even on subzero days. She was an avid reader and enjoyed relaxing hours watching a few favorite TV programs. She never married. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Andrew (Loretta) Schwan of Rudyard; a niece, Mrs. Helen Bullen of Waterloo, Iowa; and numerous cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, by her brother (Edward), and by her sister (Alice).

"Mass of the Resurrection" was held Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. The celebrant was Father Martin Philipson, who also recited vigil prayers prior to service. Mrs. Herb White played the organ and accompanied the duet of Orville and Mary Ellen Solum, who sang "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Vocal solo's by Alberta Langel included "How Great Thou Art" and "To Jesus' Heart All Burning." Pallbearers for the event were Stanley Langel, John Schaller, Robert Cononr, Paul Schwan, Lloyd Wolery, and Cliff Ulmen. Arrangements were by the Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

The body was transported to Waverly, Iowa for additional services and burial. A second mass will be conducted by Father J. David Pepper at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly today (Thursday) at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow in the family plot at St. Joseph's Cemetery there.

DONALD JOSEPH ERICKSON
Born: May 12, 1928 - Died: August 5, 1979
Liberty County Times
August 9, 1979

Donald Erickson

Donald Joseph Erickson was born on May 12, 1928 on his parents' homestead. His parents, Fred & Emma Erickson, had come to Montana and homesteaded about 15 miles south of Chester in 1913. Don attended the Erickson and Pugsley country schools. High school years were spent in Chester, after which he and brother Howard took over the original homestead.



Donald Erickson

On January 3, 1949 he married Jeanette "Penny" Johnson in Great Falls. The product of that marriage was two

children, a son and a daughter. They lived and farmed in the Chester area until Penny's death on November 26, 1978.

Don's general health had declined since that time. Following a 3-day stay at the Liberty County Hospital, he expired on August 5th at the age of 51 years.

In younger years he was an active hunter and fisherman. In more recent years he enjoyed relaxing behind a good book or in front of the television.

Don's survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Stuart and Linda of Chester; a daughter, Mrs. Raymond (Colleen) Crane of Belgrade; 2 brothers, Howard and Oscar of Chester; 2 sisters, Mrs. Mildred Hanson of Chester and Mrs. Freda Ouren of Richland, Washington; 4 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; and nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by a brother (George) and 2 sisters (Erma and Elvina).

LEON C. FIELDS
Born: February 6, 1889 - Died: April 13, 1979
Liberty County Times
April 19, 1979

Services for Leon Fields-Tuesday-Rudyard

Leon C. Fields was born on February 6, 1889 in Huntington, West Virginia. His parents were Cornelius and Louana (Wayne) Fields. He came to Montana in 1907 and "homesteaded" three years later in the Goldstone Community 20 miles north of Rudyard. On March 27, 1922 he married Rose Schneible in Havre. They farmed together until Leon turned 70, then he retired. But he loved the farm too much to stay away from it, so they "summered" on the farm and spent their winters living in Rudyard. Following a short illness, Leon died at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester on April 13th at the age of 90 years. He had been active in several organizations over the years, including the Odd Fellows #117 of Hingham, the Farmer's Union & GTA of Rudyard, and the American Legion Post of Gildford (he had been in the military in World War I). In addition, he had served as clerk for many years for the Goldstone School District #23. *April 19, 1979*

Survivors include the wife, Rose of Rudyard; son, Wayne of Pocatello, Idaho; 8 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; 3 half brothers, Clarence of Navoo, Illinois and Oscar and Homer of Portland, Oregon; 2 half sisters, Cleo Wagner of Great Falls and Mabel Hagen of Lincoln; nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death not only by his parents and 3 brothers (who all died in infancy), but also by a son (Victor), a half brother (Oliver) and a grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 17th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Wayne Pris officiated. Special music was provided by Iris White on the organ and Terry Stevenson as vocalist. Musical numbers included "How Great Thou Art" and "Never Alone." Ushers for the event were Frank Phillips and Jerry Hybner. Pallbearers included Algot Bergstrom, Morris Smith, Kenneth Bangs, Harold Wanke, Clifford Ulmen and Melvin VanWechel. Members of the American Legion served as

honorary bearers and special recognition was given to the "Odd Fellows." Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery under the direction of the Rockman Chapel, Chester. Following graveside services, a luncheon was held at the church in Leon's memory. A memorial fund will be established.

EDMOND D. FURLONG
Born: August 15, 1914 - Died: September 21, 1979
Liberty County Times
September 27, 1979

Ed Furlong, 65 died Sept. 21 services Sept 24

Edmond D. Furlong, 65, Kalispell died Friday, September 21.

He was born August 15, 1914 in Chester, the son of Edward and Ina Furlong. He had received his education in Chester and in 1935 moved to Kalispell where he has resided since.

After going to Kalispell he entered business with Joseph Hewitson in the Sunset Electric, which later became Sunset Carburetor and Electric. He later became a partner with Harvey Knebel in this same business until it was then sold to Gary Anderson. Furlong continued employment at Sunset Carburetor and Electric until his retirement this year.

He was a veteran of World War II and served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Kalispell Lodge 42 A.F.&A.M., Cyrene Commandry 10, Kalispell Chapter 13; Algeria Temple and the Adah Chapter 13 Order of the Eastern Star.

On September 7, 1940, he was married to Dorothy Hewitson in Kalispell and is survived by her at the family home. He also is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Gregory (Sandra) Mullaly of Las Vegas, Nevada and Mrs. Ivan (Connie) Lorentzen of Kalispell; grandchild, Elizabeth Mullaly of Las Vegas; five brothers, Noel of Kalispell, Russell and Miles both of Chester, Phillip of Denver, Colorado and Warren of Spokane; three sisters, Lillie Eveland and Alice Morrison, both of Chester, and Ina Belle Foreman of Los Angeles, California and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1949, his mother in February 1979 and by one brother, David Furlong.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Monday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Odin A. Baugh, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Shriners Hospital or to the First Presbyterian Church.

INA MARIE FURLONG
Born: May 3, 1894 - Died: February 3, 1979
Liberty County Times
February 8, 1979

**Funeral held for
 Ina Furlong, 84**

Ina Marie Keith was born in Williamsville, Illinois on May 3, 1894. Her parents were Edmond and Lillie (Smith) Keith and she was the eldest of 8 children. Ina attended first grade in Illinois, then came to Montana in 1902 with her parents, who homesteaded in the Sweetgrass Hills area. She continued her schooling in Chester until 1909. While working as a waitress at the old "Golden West Hotel," she met her husband-to-be, Edward R. Furlong. They were married on December 5, 1911 in Chester where he operated a blacksmith shop. Two years later they filed

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 a homestead five miles north of town, so Ed kept very busy. Ina was busy, too, with the responsibilities of motherhood; she raised 7 sons and 3 daughters. Still, she found time for social and community activities, including 50-year memberships in the Royal Neighbors and Eastern Star, membership in both the VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries, and in recent years active involvement in the Garden club and Senior Citizens Center.

Ina's husband died in 1949. She continued to live and maintain her own home in Chester since that time.

Last year during our Pioneer celebration she was commended for having lived 76 plus years in the Chester community, and this was one of the highlights of her life!

Another day of remembrance for her was the fact that she was crowned "Queen for the Day" on her 80th birthday in 1974. Ina had many hobbies, including floral care and gardening, and could spend countless hours doing fancy-work (crocheting, knitting, etc.). She loved to play "Bingo." She was an avid reader and enjoyed music of all kinds. In her younger years she even wrote poetry. But her favorite hobby was people and friendship!

Ina remained active to the end. She became ill on the evening of January 30th and was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital the following day. The complications of old age took her on Saturday afternoon, February 3rd at age 84.

Survivors include 6 sons, Russell and Miles of Chester, Edmond and Noel of Kalispell, Philip of Denver, Colorado and Warren of Spokane, Washington; 3 daughters, Mrs. Howard (Lilla) Ekeland and Mrs. Art (Lilla) Morrison of Chester and Mrs. (Lilla) Ekeland, For man of Pittsburg, California; 3 sisters, Mable Graber of Scottsdale, Arizona, Frances Moore of Winfield, Kansas, and Lola Zimmerman of Shelby; 26 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; and nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a son (David); a brother (Miles), and 3 sisters (Ellen, Evelyn & Mollie).

Funeral services were held

Wednesday, February 7th at 2:00 p.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Bob Hermstad officiating. Vocalist Wayne Wardell sang, "The Old Rugged Cross," accompanied by his wife, Juanita on the organ. Juanita also played piano prelude and postlude music, including "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Somewhere My Love," respectively. Pallbearers included George Mattson, Darby O'Brien, Don Buffington, Bob Aitken, Chet Eveland and Robert Woodward. Ushers were Leo Jensen and Bob Mattson and also served as honorary bearers with Troy Lakey, John Dolezal, Richard Burrows, Wilbur Eveland and Harvey Harstad. A memorial luncheon followed at the R.N.A. Hall. Due to inclement weather, interment was made the following morning in the Chester Cemetery. A memorial fund is being established for the Senior Citizens Center.

Ina's own quote from "Our Heritage" seems to add perspective to her existence here: "I love life and people, and although life has not always been easy, it has been very rewarding and worthwhile."

MANFORD CLARENCE GILBERTSON
Born: June 12, 1907 - Died: March 27, 1979
Liberty County Times
April 5, 1979

Manford Gilbertson died Mar 27-Ronan

Manford Clarence Gilbertson died at his home Tuesday afternoon, March 27th in Ronan, Montana at the age of 71 years and 86 days.

He was born in Franklin, Minnesota to Gilbert and Dora Gilbertson on June 12, 1907; he came to Montana with his pioneering parents, two brothers and two sisters—all have preceded him in death except Olive.

Three families came out to the west in 1910 from Franklin and all settled west of Kremlin; the Casey's, the Williams' and the Gilbertson's. John Donovan was from Franklin also but he migrated from North Dakota and settled on land near the Milk River north of Kremlin.

These pioneers "proved up" on 320 acres of land each obtaining patent grants from the U.S. Government. They built tar paper shacks and started cultivating coal that was hauled from the Red Rock coal mines several miles away with team and wagons—it usually took a week for the entire trip.

Water was hauled in wooden barrels from various sources until wells could be dug by hand.

Jim and Fred Shucka came west about the same time and lived directly across from the Gilbertsons.

The families mentioned have remained friends all these years but as time has gone by, only a few of the second generation

are still around—the friendship still exists.

Five children were born to the Gilbertson's in Franklin; Harvey, Myrtle (Mrs. William Bruning), George, Manford and Olive. Four started school in Franklin but after the Minnesota river continued to flood out their crops year after year, they decided to try a drier climate.

Manford was a baptized, confirmed Lutheran. He was married to Helen Hilman in 1931 and they made their home in Kremlin until she passed away in 1952. He moved shortly to the Flathead area and later married Edythe Graham Granell. They farmed near Pablo and he went into diversified farming adding cattle raising to his already full schedule.

After a time, they sold out in Pablo and bought a small ranch out of Charlo. Edythe died about seven years ago, Manford's health began to decline so he moved to Ronan.

He leaves his sister Olive Pentland of Sandpoint, Idaho, five nephews: John and George Pentland of Seattle, Kenneth Gilbertson and Don Gilbertson of Alaska, Aubrey Bruning of Great Falls. Two nieces: June Watkins of Missoula and Helen Miller of Milton, Washington, a step daughter: Joan Siefert of Washington and two step children: Roxanne and Bill Siefert of Washington.

Services were in the Lutheran church and burial in Havre.

EMMA B. (BERGAN) HAGEN

Born: 1904 - Died: September 20, 1979

Liberty County Times

September 27, 1979

Emma Hagen, 75 died Sept. 20th services Sept 22

Emma B. Hagen, 75, a former resident of Columbia Falls, died Thursday in Whitefish. Her funeral was Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Van Leuven Funeral Home, followed by burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Columbia Falls.

A North Dakota native, she received her education there and married Oscar Hagen at Devils Lake in 1922. The couple moved to Joplin in 1928 and to Everett, Washington, in 1941.

She worked at the Boeing Aircraft Co. during World War II. In 1947 they moved to Columbia Falls, where they made their home until moving to Whitefish in May of this year.

Survivors are her husband; sons, Everett, Honolulu, Hawaii; and Curtiss, Kennewick, Washington; a daughter, Harriett St. James, Whitefish; sisters, Alvina Johnson, Orsna-brock, N.D., and Ruth Olson and Myrtle Popplar, both of Joplin and brothers, Palmer Bergan, Glasgow, and Hillman Bergan, Rugby, North Dakota.

ROBERT H. HEITZIG

Born: December 11, 1935 - Died: February 12, 1979

Liberty County Times

March 1, 1979



Robert H. Heitzig

Heart attack claims SSC Robert Heitzig

SSC Robert H. Heitzig, 43, was born December 11, 1935 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Bernard S. and Mabel E. Heitzig. He passed away February 12, 1979 of a massive heart attack at Womack Military Hospital at Fort Bragg, N.C. after serving his country for 26 years, (six years National Guard and 20 years active service). He saw combat service twice in Vietnam, was stationed in Korea, Japan and several times in Germany.

He attended Flathead High School in Kalispell and college at Western Montana in Dillon.

June 20, 1960 he was united in marriage at Somers, Montana to Rosalie V. Hunt (daughter of the late Wallie and Agnes Hunt of Joplin). To this union was born three children, Dawn Fay, Bobbiann and James Michael.

Funeral services were held in Curtis Funeral Chapel at Thomason, Georgia February 16 with burial at National Cemetery, Florence, South Carolina. The military memorial service was held at Fort Bragg.

He was preceded in death by children Dawn Fay and James Michael and parents Benard and Mabel Heitzig.

Survivors are his wife Rosalie and daughter Bobbiann of Rt. 1 Box 203 F., Dearing, Georgia 30808.

SARAH ANN HODGES

Born: January 14, 1902 - Died: April 1, 1979

Liberty County Times

April 12, 1979

Former Joplinite dies in Libby

Sarah Ann Hodges, 77, long-time Joplin resident, passed away April 1st at the Libby Convalescent Center in Libby, Montana. Mrs. Hodges was born January 14, 1902 at Pontypool, England.

She came to Canada in 1911 and later to the United States in the early 1920's. She married Harry Lee Hodges March 20, 1924 at Port Orchard, Washington. Shortly after their marriage, they came to Joplin where they had farmed for many, many years.

Her husband was known as the "Mustard King" in the Joplin area as he had raised mustard seed on his farm.

He preceded Mrs. Hodges in death in May of 1943. Mrs. Hodges had since lived in Chester, Havre and Yellow Bay before coming to Libby in 1972 where she had made her home until the time of her death.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Virginia Hodges of Libby; 1 sister, Agnes Rowland of Pontypool, England; a brother-in-law, Frank Hodges and a nephew, Lee Hodges, both of Joplin; 2 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held Tuesday, April 3, at the City of Libby Cemetery with Pastor J.E. Jacobson of the Assembly of God Church officiating.

VINCENT HORINEK
Born: September 24, 1891 - Died: April 9, 1979
Liberty County Times
April 19, 1979

Funeral Service Vincent Horinek

Funeral services for Vincent Horinek, 87, of Hingham, were held Wednesday, April 11, 1979 at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, with burial in Calvary Cemetery in Havre. Holland-Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He was born September 24, 1891 in Rawlins County, Kansas, and died April 9 at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. On February 1, 1916 he married Alice Malone in Newkirk, Oklahoma. She survives him at the family home in Hingham.

Other survivors include one daughter, Mrs. John (Helen) Morrissey of Hingham; nine grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and one brother, William Horinek of Hingham. Two sons, Albert and Charles, preceded him in death.

He came to the Hingham area in 1911 to homestead, and has farmed there ever since. He was a member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, and of the Modern Woodsmen.

BERGETTE (BERTHA) JENSEN
Born: December 9, 1889 - Died : August 21, 1979
Liberty County Times
August 30, 1979

Bertha Jensen funeral held

Bergette "Bertha" Jensen was born on December 9th, 1889 in Barton, North Dakota. Her parents were Jorgen and Johanna (Dahl) Ness and she was the only daughter of six children. Bertha was baptized and confirmed Lutheran and attended schools in the Barton community. On June 26th, 1909 she married Hans P. Jensen in Rugby, North Dakota. In May of 1911 they came to Montana and "homesteaded" 20 miles northeast of Chester. Drought, insects, disease and other hazards of that time made it tough to stick it out, but like most homesteaders they managed to make ends meet. Bertha not only helped with the farming and ranching, but baked and sold bread, milked the cows and sold milk, cream and butter and tended a garden. On top of that she raised five children. Hans died in March of 1955 at the age of 74 years. Bertha remained on the farm until 1968, when she moved into Chester. She lived by herself until 1972 at which time she entered the Liberty County Rest Home. She resided there until her death. On Tuesday morning, August 21st she expired in the Liberty County Hospital at the age of 89 good years. She had been a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the Ladies Aide. She loved flower gardening and excelled in embroidery, knitting and crocheting.

Survivors include 3 sons, Ole, Harold and Leo all of Chester;

2 daughters, Mrs. Gordon (Hazel) Broeder of Kalispell and Mrs. Alice Richardson of Cut Bank. Two brothers, George Ness of Willow City, North Dakota and Martin Ness of Rugby, North Dakota; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and 3 brothers (John, Harold and Louis).

Funeral services were held Friday, August 24th at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. The Reverend David Barker officiated. Organ music was provided by Juanita Wardell, who accompanied the congregation in "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Special vocal music was provided by Wayne Wardell, who sang, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In The Garden". Pallbearers included Joe Seidlitz, Herbert Poetzl, Jennings Mattson, Charles Smith, Eldon Graff and Ed Mlinar. Ushers were Armand Anderson and Bob Mattson. Following graveside services at the Chester Cemetery, a memorial luncheon for family and friends was held in the church basement. Arrangements were handled by the Rockman Chapel. A memorial fund is being established.

ELIZABETH DIANE VOELKER JOHNSON
Born: September 17, 1946 - Died: March 10, 1979
Liberty County Times
March 15, 1979

Fire claims Diane Johnson; services held

Elizabeth Diane (Voelker) Johnson was born on September 17, 1946 in Glendale, California. Her parents were Carl Voelker and the former Olive Anderson. She was raised in the Joplin, Montana community and attended elementary school there.

In 1964 she graduated from Inverness High School, and had been active in chorus, drama, and pep club. Following high school she moved to Chester where she worked as a nurses aide at the Liberty County Nursing Home.

In 1970 she moved to Great Falls where she was employed again as an aide at the Deaconess Hospital. Two years later she moved to Salt Lake City, Utah where she has worked several jobs, including nurses aide, collection agent and meat processor. She was living in Salt Lake City at the time of her death, the result of an apartment fire on Saturday morning, (March 10th). Although she hasn't spent much time in Montana these past several years, she still remained loyal to her family; she crocheted personal afghans for her mother and each of her siblings.

Diane is survived by her parents, Berger and Olive Johnson of Joplin; 2 brothers, Duane of Great Falls and Wayne (& wife, Sandra) of Joplin; 3 sisters, Mrs. Wayne (Charlene) Johnson of Bozeman, Mrs. Richard (Lenora) Chadwick of Billings, and Terrie of Joplin; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Joe (Amelia) Rubino of Joplin; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Her remains were forwarded from Utah to Montana for services and disposition. Arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel, Chester. Private family graveside services were held at the Joplin Cemetery at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Reverend Timothy Solberg of the Joplin Bethel Lutheran Church conducted the ceremony.

Diane was confirmed at the Bethel Lutheran Church and had been a loyal Sunday-schooler there, so a memorial fund to the Bethel Sunday School is being established.

DEVALL WILLIAM (SHORTY) KEITH
Born: May 28, 1894 - Died: December 24, 1979
Liberty County Times
January 3, 1980

Devall Keith Funeral held

Devall William "Shorty" Keith was born on May 28th, 1894 in Alma, Nebraska. He was the youngest of seven children born to Fred and Elizabeth (DeVall) Keith. He came to Montana in 1913 with his brother, Russel, and worked as a "cowhand" on the Jake Becker ranch south of Chester. On November 1st, 1920 he married Hazel Violet Staudacher in Chester (they were given Liberty County marriage license #8).

In the next ten years they lived in Montana, Idaho, Wisconsin, and Minnesota where he worked various jobs including the oilfields, lumber industry, and railroad. Shorty was a licensed steam engineer for the Ferdig Oil Company, and his experience there prompted him to build a small distillate refinery; this was in 1931 and the refinery was built on the Staudacher farm south of Chester.

Shorty owned and operated the refinery and sold the distillate to surrounding area farmers. The following year Conoco approached him and offered him their bulk plant in Chester. In addition he built and managed the Conoco service station here until 1946 when he retired to Lakeside. He and Hazel returned to Chester in 1960 for permanent residence.

Shorty has lived at the Liberty County Rest Home for the past 3½ years.

Hazel died in November of 1977; they had been married 57 years. Shorty died at the Liberty County Hospital on Monday, December 24th at the age of 85 years.

In years past he had been active in local civic affairs including the school board, fire department, county draft board, Lion's Club, and Commercial Club to name a few. He had several hobbies, including wood-working and gardening (he loved flowers). He was an active hunter and fisherman and thoroughly enjoyed the spectator sports, especially basketball and baseball (in fact, he was manager of the Chester Town Team baseball group many years ago).

Shorty was preceded in death not only by his wife, and parents but by a son (Lloyd), a grandson (James), 4 brothers (Chester, Ross, Forrest and Russel) and a sister (Sadie). Survivors include 2 sons, Alvin R. of Grand Forks, North Dakota and Robert J. of Great Falls; 1 daughter, Elaine Thelma Perugini of Boulevard, California; 1 sister, Charlotte Mizell of Choppell, Nebraska; 12 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren and many nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 29th at 11 a.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church. Reverend Dan Mielke officiated and special organ music was provided by Juanita Wardell. Two vocal numbers by Jodi and Casey Tuckerman were "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art," and the congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross." Shorty's grandsons served as pallbearers: Donald, David, Rodney, Calvin, Kelly and Gene Keith and Richard Perugini. Ushers were Dick Harmon and Dale Staudacher. Interment followed in the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon was held for family and friends at the Senior Citizens building following the graveside services.

RICHARD THOMAS DODDS KEITH
Born: December 18, 1890 - Died: May 22, 1979
Liberty County Times
May 31, 1979

Funeral held for Dodds Keith, 88

Richard Thomas Dodds Keith was born in Carco, Texas on December 18, 1890. He was one of two children born to Thomas Dodds & Ellen Keith. Because of health reasons and hopes of new prosperity, the Keith family moved to Montana in 1902.

They arrived in Chester on Thanksgiving Day that year, and shortly thereafter Dodds' father filed a "homestead" 23 miles north of town. He attended local schools and at the same time helped his parents on the ranch.

In those early years in Montana, Dodds experienced harsh winters, long hours working on sheep and cattle ranches, cooking for haying crews, building miles of fences, and the hazards of range-wars. Those were tough times with tough people, and he managed to survive it all. On June 26th, 1913 Dodds married Pearl A. Sullivan at the Spring Coulee Ranch north of Chester. Together they ranched the homestead, then in 1926 Dodds ran for the office of Liberty County Sheriff. He was elected, and retained that position for the next 34 years.

He sold the ranch in 1954 to Ken Tempel and retired as sheriff on January 1, 1962. He and Pearl moved to Great Falls where they have resided since at 1621 1st Ave. No.

Dodds had been raised a Presbyterian, but attended the Methodist church while in Chester.

He was one of the founding fathers of the Liberty Bank in Chester and had been an officer there for many years. He was also on the Board of Directors of the Bank System of Montana. He was a member of the Montana Stockgrowers Association and was a past-president of the Montana Sheriff's & Peace Officer's Association. He was also a life member of the Elks, Masons and Shriners (Al Bedoo Lodge). He was a humble, generous, dedicated man whose personality brought him many friends from far & wide. Dodds was unique in the fact that he never had an enemy even though he was in police work all those years.

Dodds had been suffering from a short illness, but became acutely ill at home on the morning of May 22nd. He was taken via ambulance to the Deaconess Hospital but was pronounced dead there.

Survivors include the wife, Pearl (of Great Falls), a son, Dean (of Olympia, Washington), a daughter, Peggy Wiley (of Great Falls) and a grandson, Dodds Keith Wiley (of Grand Forks, North Dakota). He was

preceded in death by his parents, a daughter (Kathryn) and a brother (Milam).

Funeral services were held Friday, May 25th at 2 p.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Bob Hermstad officiating. Wayne Wardell sang "Softly & Tenderly" & "In the Garden," accompanied by Marion Thielman on the piano.

Pallbearers included Charles Rubie, Joe Gagnon, Emmers Berg, Clarence McDowell, Kenneth Tempel & Clarence Kolstad.

Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Interment followed in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery. Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home and the Chester United Methodist Church.

CLARENCE A. KOLSTAD
Born: ?, 1906 - Died : December 1, 1979
Liberty County Times
December 6, 1979

Clarence Kolstad dies, Great Falls

Clarence A. Kolstad, 73, 405 Park Drive, Great Falls, a retired farmer and rancher, died Saturday in a Great Falls hospital where he had been a patient two days.

Born at Larimore, N.D., he moved with his family to a homestead south of Chester in 1910. He farmed and ranched south of Chester until moving to Great Falls in 1974.

Kolstad married Alta Ann Worden in Spokane, Washington, in June 1931. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a life member of the Elks Lodge.

His wife, who survives, has been in Australia for the past year visitng their son, Harley. He is also survived by sons Galen of Lothair and Clark of Great Falls; eight grandchildren and a brother, Selmer of Great Falls.

His body has been cremated and as he requested, no services are planned.

IONE MEYER KRAFT
Born: July 3, 1917 - Died : August 27, 1979
Liberty County Times
August 30, 1979

Ione Kraft, 62 died Monday

On August 27th, Ione passed away after a long illness at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls.

She is survived by her husband Frank C. Kraft, a daughter Naurita Groth of St. Ansgar, Iowa, two sons Edward and Eugene Kraft both of Inverness, Mt. A son Alvin Kraft preceeded her in death in 1963.

Ione is also survived by four sisters, LaVern McFadden of Great Falls, Mt., Alda Meyer of Chester, Mt., Claudette Alex, Eileen Han, a brother Donald Meyer all of Inverness, Mt., and nine grandchildren.

Ione was the daughter of Rose and Mike Meyer, she was born July 3, 1917, raised and schooled in Inverness. Frank and Ione were married on July 27, 1938 in Inverness and have lived almost all of their life in the area engaged in farming they also established the bowling alley in Rudyard in 1958 which they operated until sold in 1975. Since then they have been engaged in farming with their two sons.

GEORGE G. LAKE
Born: July 17, 1893 - Died: October 4, 1979
Liberty County Times
October 11, 1979

George G. Lake was born in Halstad, Minnesota on July 17th, 1893. His parents were Gust and Anne (Nordness) Lake and he was one of five children. He was baptized and confirmed Lutheran, and attended schools in Ulen, Minnesota. He worked as a laborer in the Ulen community until age 21, when he came to Montana with his family 1914. They "home-steaded" 32 miles north of Joplin.

He served in the Army infantry in 1918-1919 and was wounded in action at the battle of the Argon Forest in France. Following the war, he returned to Montana where he worked at the Great Falls Smelter for about 10 years before returning to farming north of Joplin. George never married. He farmed with his sister until 1963, then returned and sold the farm to his nephew.

In the years that followed, he wintered in Arizona and summered in Montana. For the past six years he has resided in Great Falls. His health had been good until this past year. Following a short illness he died at the Deaconess Hospital this past Thursday, October 4th at the age of 86 years.

George enjoyed music, in fact, was quite a violinist in his younger years. He will probably be remembered best for his friendliness; he never missed an opportunity to visit with old friends. In later years he loved to walk for both exercise and the pleasure of it.

His only survivors include his sister, Blanche Lake of Joplin, and his nephew, Robert Lake and family of Joplin. Family members preceding him in death include his parents, a sister, Pearl, and two brothers, Hjalmer and Martin.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 8th at 3 p.m. at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Reverend Dave Barker of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester officiated. Special music, including "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden" and "Rock of Ages" was sung by members of the Bethel Church Choir with Mrs.

Thelma Anderson accompanying. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace".

Ushers for the event were Harley Rudolph and Jack Nelson, and those serving as pallbearers included Albert Gifford, Enoch Anderson, Knute Svenson, Robert Turner, Lawrence Terwolbeck, and Frank Meldrum. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery under the direction of the Rockman Chapel, Chester. All memorial gifts will be given to the Shriners in Spokane.

A luncheon for family and friends was held in the Kjos Hall following services.

ARTHUR VERNON LAVALLEY

Born: November, 1904 - Died: August 13, 1979

Liberty County Times

August 23, 1979

Arthur LaValley funeral held

Arthur Vernon LaValley was born on November 8, 1904 in Blue Earth, Minnesota. His parents were P.H. & Sophia LaValley. He came with them as a child in 1910 from the Daisy, North Dakota area to Montana where they "home-steaded" one mile north of Joplin. Art attended elementary schools in the Joplin community and graduated from high school in Inverness.

On June 16, 1925 he married Bernadine Hyle in Fort Benton. They eventually made their home in Joplin where he worked in a general merchandise store. He later went into business for himself in the International dealership at Joplin, and also had farming interests. In 1947 they sold the farm and moved to Kalispell. He worked as a machinist for the General Electric Company in Hungry Horse and other areas. His job took him to Rufus, Oregon where he retired in 1967 and has resided since. After a long period of illness, he died Monday (August 13th) at the Columbia Basin Nursing Home in The Dalles (Oregon) at the age of 74 years.

Art loved Montana. He spent most of his life here. His story in "Our Heritage" makes mention of tough times and hazards of living in Montana in those early days: breaking land by hand, long hours of building fences and digging wells, droughts and fires, depression, etc. And still, he wouldn't have traded those years away for anything.

Art was a member of the Joplin Masonic Lodge #114, the Shriners and Scottish Rite, and the Carpenter's & Machinist's Local.

Survivors include the wife, Bernadean of Rufus; 2 sons, Arthur (Jr) of Spokane and Terry of Joplin; Four daughters, Mrs. Tom (Fern) Wood of Joplin, Mrs. Wayne (Betty) Wolery of Joplin, Mrs. Ray (Elaine) Lukes of Spokane, and Mrs. Gail (LaVon) Clemens of The Dalles, Oregon; 1 brother, Colonel Weeson of Minneapolis; 11 grandsons; 10 granddaughters; and 13 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 brother, 4 sisters, and a son (Earl Gray).

Funeral services were held Saturday (August 18th) at 2 p.m. at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Reverend David Barker of Our Savior's in Chester officiated. Special music, including "The Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art," was provided by members of the Bethel Church chorus accompanied by Mrs. Thelma Anderson. Ushers were Clifford Anderson and Bud Poppler. Grandsons serving as pallbearers included Paul and Kenneth Wolery, Todd and Kelly Lukes, Tom Wood (Jr), and Bill Clemens, and those serving as honorary bearers included Craig

Lukes, Jim Clemens, Larry and Marty Wood, and Jeff LaValley. Graveside services included Masonic rites by the Joplin Lodge at the Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

JOSEPH A. MANGOLD

Born: August 14, 1911 - Died: November 15, 1979

Liberty County Times

November 22, 1979

Funeral held for Joseph Mangold



Joe Mangold

Joseph A. Mangold was born in Inverness, Montana on August 14, 1911. He was one of ten children born to Adam and Katherine (Beck) Mangold. He attended Inverness schools, after which he pursued farming as a career. On November 26, 1935 he married Amelia Schweitzer in Goldstone. They farmed together 2 miles south of Inverness, where they raised 5 daughters.

Joe was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness and the Knights of Columbus affiliate. He had served on the Inverness school board in past years and had been a member of the Havre Elks Lodge.

Even though Joe retired about 11 years ago, he was a true "farmer at heart" and couldn't get far away from it. For the past seven years Joe and Amelia spent their winter months in Arizona, but returned to Montana in the summer months to be near their families and farm. Joe was family-orientated and loved the experiences of father and grandfatherhood.

Joe was an avid card player, especially pan, and loved pool.

Following a sudden illness, Joe died Thursday morning, November 15th in Mesa at the age of 68 years. Survivors include his wife, Amelia; daughters, Mrs. Tom (Delores) Peck of Columbia Falls, Mrs. Daryl (Joyce) Spicher of Hingham, Mrs. Bruce (Marilyn) Meier of Missoula, Mrs. Steve (Janice) Hoppes of Conrad and Mrs. John (Evelyn) Fischer of Billings; 3 brothers, Frank of Cottonwood, Arizona, Mike of Billings and Andrew of Hingham; 3 sisters, Mrs. Arnold (Helen) Gangness of New Hope, Minnesota, Mrs. Charles (Marie) Cross of Rudyard, and Mrs. Barbara Schaefer of Chester; 13

grandchildren; 1 great grandchild and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers (Leon, Walter, and Nick) and a grandson (Joey).

Funeral services were held in Mesa on Friday, November 16th for family and friends there, then the remains were forwarded to Montana for additional services and burial. Rosary was recited on Sunday evening at the Sacred Heart Church in Inverness. Father Martin Philipsen celebrated the "Mass of the Resurrection" at Sacred Heart at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning. Traditional mass renditions were provided by organist, Iris White, and special vocal numbers including "A Closer Walk With Thee," "The Lord's Prayer," and "A Prayer of St. Francis" were sung by Francie Miller. Ushers for the mass included Ray Warhank and Ray Lincoln. Nephews serving as pallbearers included Joe Schweitzer, Don Schaefer, Calvin Schweitzer, Ron Mangold, Lenny Schweitzer and Marlin Cross. Interment was in the Inverness Cemetery followed by a memorial luncheon at the church basement. Local arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel in Chester.

ANNA MARIE (LAIRD) MAY
Born: February 1, 1958 - Died: April 13, 1979
Liberty County Times
April 19, 1979

Anna Marie [Laird] May

A head-on collision between two vehicles seven miles west of Chester on U.S. Highway No. 2 at 1:25 a.m. Friday, April 13 took the life of 21 year old Anna Laird May of Joplin. The driver of the second car, Robert Richter, 26, of Inverness, Montana is in stable condition at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester.

Richter suffered multiple lacerations of the head and face and a fractured leg in the accident. Bob's father Jake Richter, a rider in the second vehicle was treated as an out-patient at Liberty County Hospital and was released, following the accident.

According to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office the accident occurred when the May vehicle, a 1979 Courier pickup, was traveling westbound toward Chester, while the Richter vehicle, a 1972 Mercury Marquis was reportedly in the east bound lane.

The cause of the head-on collision has not yet been determined according to Larry Bergum of the Montana Highway Patrol. He said the May vehicle was found in the westbound lane facing east. The second vehicle was found on the south shoulder facing in a northwesterly direction. There were no skid marks to help in the investigation of the accident. Highway Patrolman Bergum is in charge of the continuing investigation which is expected to take several weeks.

An unidentified couple from Minnesota traveling east in a motorhome was the first on the scene of the accident. They drove to the Joe Wilmes farm to summon help and call authorities. Wilmes returned to the scene with them and first aid was administered to Jake Richter in their motorhome.

Under-Sheriff Doug Ruggin Liberty County Sheriff's Dept. was on duty west of Chester and responded first to the accident scene.

Larry Bergum of the MHP and Sheriff Dick Burrows also responded to the call. Three ambulance attendants responded to the call in the Liberty County ambulance, while two more attendants came in their own vehicles. Bergum said those who helped at the scene were very much appreciated. He regretted not getting the name of the Minnesotans who gave so much aid and left soon after help arrived.

Anna May was pronounced dead on arrival at the Liberty County Hospital by Dr. Richard Buker.

Anna Marie (Laird) May was born in Chester on February 1, 1958. She was the only daughter of six children born to James and Patricia (Cox) Laird. Anna was baptized and confirmed at the St. Mary's Parish in Chester and attended elementary and high school in Chester, graduating in 1976.

Some of her activities at C.H.S. included Pep Club, "C" Club, girl's basketball, and "Coyote" yearbook staff. She loved basketball and participated all four years while in high

school. She has remained a loyal Coyote fan since graduation and has even helped with the girl's elementary basketball program since that time.

On June 11, 1976 she married David J. May at St. Mary's in Chester. They made their home north of Joplin, where David has farmed and worked construction with his father. Anna was presently a church member at Sacred Heart in Inverness and also belonged to the Ladies' Altar Society there.



November 13, 1977 she gave birth to a daughter, Rochelle Corrine, who has been her pride and joy. She remained active, participating in Hi-Line league bowling, women's softball, and all spectator sports. Recently, she worked part time at the local Tastee Freez.

On the early morning of Friday, April 13th, Anna was the victim of a two-vehicle crash that occurred on Highway 2 about 7 miles east of Chester. She was dead on arrival at the local hospital.

Survivors include her husband David and daughter Rochelle of Joplin; parents, Jim and Pat Laird of Chester; 5 brothers, Kenneth of Texas, Mike and wife Cheryl of Great Falls, Jim and wife Vonda of Bozeman, John and wife Rita of Chester and Scott of Chester; parents-in-law, Con and Esther May of Joplin; paternal grandfather, Louise Kane of Vancouver, Washington; brothers-in-law, Greg and Brian May of Joplin; sisters-in-law, Christy Fossen of Belgrade, Susan Van Dessel of Joplin and Marie May of Joplin; nephews and nieces and a host of friends.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

*THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES:
HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE
PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE..
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF
THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL:
FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND THY STAFF
THEY COMFORT ME. THOU PREPAREST A TABLE
BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP
RUNNETH OVER.. SURELY GOODNESS AND
MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS
OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL DWELL IN THE
HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR EVER.....*

Arr. by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester

Anna Marie (Laird) May

Date of Birth Date of Death
February 1, 1958 April 13, 1979

Services:

*Vigil prayers: Sunday, April 15th, 7
p.m., St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chester.
*Mass of the Resurrection: Monday,
April 16th, 2 p.m., St. Mary's Church.

Celebrant: Father Rene Petit

Music:

Organist: Iris White
Soloist: Mary Ann Zorn
Mass Music: St. Mary's Choir

Pallbearers: Greg May, Lamont Kantoro-
wicz, Paul Wolery, David Mlinar, Gary
LaValley and David LaValley

Ushers: Bernard Rosling and Larry Evans

Interment: Chester Cemetery

Survivors: Husband, David; daughter,
Rochelle; parents, Jim & Pat Laird;
brothers, Kenneth, Mike, Jim, John &
Scott; parents-in-law, Con & Esther May;
paternal grandfather, Louis Kane;
nephews & nephews & nieces

CONRAD GEORGE MAY, SR.

Born: May 28, 1897 - Died: January 15, 1979

Liberty County Times

January 22, 1979

Funeral held for Conrad G. May, Sr.

Conrad George May, Sr. died Monday, January 15th at the age of 81 years. He collapsed suddenly in a local Inverness store and was dead on arrival of rescue personnel.

Conrad was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on May 28, 1897. He was the son of John and Anna (Schitz) May. On February 3, 1919 he married Frances Evans in Wanda, Minnesota. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to the Inverness community where he purchased a farm 32 miles north of Inverness. Six children were born to this union, but one son, David died in infancy. Conrad & Frances worked the farm until 1963, when they retired to their home in Inverness. Since that time he has been active with hobbies, including hunting, fishing, gardening, woodworking, and visiting his children. He was an active outdoor sportsman, in fact, he enjoyed snowmobiling and could handle a machine with the best of them.

In later years they did a fair amount of travelling, and had recently returned from a trip to Minnesota.

Conrad was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness and the Knights of Columbus, and had been a past member of the Farmer's Union.

Survivors include the wife, Frances of Inverness; 3 sons, Leo of Fort Benton, Conrad (Jr.) of Joplin and Ephraim of Etzikam, Alberta; 2 daughters, Mrs. Frank (Flora Ann) Aevermann of Rudyard and Mrs. Larry (Annette) Riley of Taco-

ma, Washington; 4 brothers, George Evans of Hayre, Ernest Evans of Inverness, Otis Evans of North Redwood Falls, Minnesota and Clinton Evans of Rudyard; 3 sisters, Evelyn Olson of New Ulm, Minnesota, Leone (Hengel) Wagner of St. Cloud, Minnesota; and Merle Lipetzky of Kinsel, North Dakota; 25 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death not only by his parents and son, but also a brother (George P. May of Inverness) and a sister (Katherine Fox of Sanborn, Minnesota).

Rosary services were held Thursday, January 18th in the evening at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. Mass of the Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart with Father Martin Philipsen celebrating. Pallbearers and ushers for the event were the "grandsons" and the Knights of Columbus served as honorary bearers. Music was provided by Mrs. Herb White on the organ and Mrs. Judy Lake singing vocal numbers including "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," "Heart of Jesus, Hear," and "Because He Lives." Interment was in the Inverness Cemetery under the direction of the Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

Following the graveside services, a memorial luncheon was given by the Sacred Heart Ladies Altar Society. A memorial fund is being established.

BLAKE JAY MCDOWELL
Born: November 2, 1939 - Died: October 12, 1979
Liberty County Times
October 18, 1979

Blake McDowell services Tues

Blake Jay McDowell was born in Great Falls, Montana November 2, 1939. His parents were Clarence "Bud" and Shirley (Blake) McDowell, and he was the eldest of 3 children.

Blake attended Chester schools excepting for his freshman year when he attended Shelby High, but returned to Chester and graduated in 1958. While in high school, he participated in band, football and track. For the next two years he attended Northern Montana College in Havre where he received a degree in Ranch & Farm Management, and while there participated in college football and rodeo.

On March 29, 1959 he married Arlene Albright in Chester. Following college they returned to Chester where Blake worked in the Land Classification Office. He later moved back on the family ranch and worked there for several years. In 1964 they moved to Helena where Blake attended flight school for a year and earned a commercial pilot's license.

In the 5-6 years that followed, he worked as a commercial freight pilot in Alaska and Michigan, and then went into the real estate business in Washington. He has been involved in real estate sales for the past 7 years, working predominantly in Missoula, Billings, and Great Falls. In addition, he sold steel siding for U.S. Steel Products out of Great Falls.

Blake had gone to Havre on the evening of October 12th on business. He was found dead, apparently of natural causes, in his motel room the following morning. He would have been 40 next month.

Blake was a past member of the Galata Masonic Lodge #106 and the Chester JayCees, and had served on the school board of the Laird School north of Chester. More recently he was involved in the Billings Ski Club and had served as president of that organization. Blake was an avid sports enthusiast and loved horses. Those who knew him will always remember his friendly, free-spirited nature.

Survivors include 2 sons, Shawn & Blaine Meissner of Chester; father and step-mother, Bud and Annetta of Chester; mother, Shirley McDowell of Kalispell; brother, Lance of Chester; sister, Mrs. Roger (Peggy) Nystrom of St. Paul, Minnesota; 1 niece, 1 nephew and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 16th at 2 p.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Bob Hermstad officiating. Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, sang, "Whispering Hope," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "Amazing Grace" accompanied by his wife, Juanita. Pallbearers were Tom Lakey, Bob Dafoe, B. J. Oswood, Dennis Iverson, Doug Demarest, and Dale Gunderson. Jim Thielman and Russell Meech served as ushers. Burial followed in the Chester Cemetery with special rites there by the Galata Masons. A memorial luncheon for family and friends was held at the church following graveside services.

JOHN KEITH MCDOWELL

Born: October 1, 1929 - Died: August 5, 1979

Liberty County Times

August 16, 1979

Keith McDowell Funeral held

John Keith McDowell was born in Great Falls, Montana on October 1, 1929. His parents were John H. "Jack" and June (Standiford) McDowell, and Keith was one of three children.

He grew up on the family farm north of Chester and attended the Laird country school there. His high school years were spent at the Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman where he graduated in 1949. The next two years were spent at Walla Walla College in College Place, Washington where he majored in business.

Keith then returned to Chester to farm with his parents, and eventually purchased land from his father and began farming on his own. He sold the farm in 1971, at which time he bought a home in Great Falls and began employment for the ConAgra Fertilizer Company there. He was later promoted to assistant manager for that company.

On December 31, 1971 he married Delores Golden in Las Vegas, Nevada. They made their home in Great Falls. In November of 1974 his illness was diagnosed, so he was given disability retirement from ConAgra. In 1975 Keith and family moved to Kennewick, Washington where they lived until the winter of '77.

Since that time Keith has made his home with his mother in Shelby. His health had been generally good until late June of this year. He entered the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home for a short stay, and died there on Sunday, August 5 at the age of 49 years.

Keith will probably be remembered by his friends as a quiet, humble, generous man. He had several hobbies in life including fishing and reading, but his most serious were antiques and rocks. He bought and restored antique furniture and collected rocks and old copper buckets. His adult fantasy was to own and operate a "rock shop." Keith had been a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church since his teens, and reconfirmed his faith this year by baptism on July 21st. Keith's survivors include his mother, June of Shelby; a sister, Mrs. Lloyd (Mary Nell) Ott of Spokane, Washington; 3 nieces (Rebecca, Bonita and Bethany) and many aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother (James).

One of Keith's favorite books this past year has been "Our Heritage," the Liberty County Bicentennial history. Many

nights when he couldn't sleep, he would sit up and read this book.

During the last days he was able to talk, he expressed the wish for baptism to reaffirm his faith and love of God. So on Saturday, July 21st, he was buried in baptism at the Shelby Seventh Day Adventist Church.

A favorite Bible verse was from Romans 8:38-39, which reads: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord."

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 9 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. The Reverend Del Griebel of the Shelby Seventh Day Adventist Church officiated. Organ music was provided by Juanita Wardell, and her husband, Wayne, sang, "Amazing Grace" and "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow." Friends serving as pallbearers included Maynard Johnson, P.J. Johnson, Willard Lybeck, Dick Gemar, Tom Woods and Charles Smith. Honorary bearers were Cliff Lybeck, Robert Turner, Kenny Enewold, Ron Hodges, Bob Moog, Willis Hodges, and Tim Campbell. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Rockman Funeral Chapel.

INA MARY McNEIL

Birth: 1897 - Died: March 29, 1979

Liberty County Times

April 5, 1979

Funeral service for Ina McNeil

Ina Mary McNeil, 83, died Thursday in Havre. Services were Saturday at 2 p.m. at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre.

Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Born in Freeport, Ohio, she came to Hill County in 1910. She was married in 1913 in Inverness to W. Lester McNeil, who died in 1970.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Howard (Marion) Williamson, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Lloyd (Jean) Hovee, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Mrs. Kenneth (Mildred) Scharfe, Billings, and Mrs. Robert (Betty) Jondahl, Edna, Minnesota; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Jack (Neta) Henderson, Sandpoint, Idaho and two brothers, Ira McFadden, Great Falls and Dean McFadden, Inverness.

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JEAN MELDRUM
Born: ?, 1906 - Died : April ?, 1979
Liberty County Times
April 12, 1979

Jean Meldrum service held in Scotland

Frank Meldrum and Lillian James have received word of the death of their stepmother, Jean Meldrum, 73, in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Mrs. Meldrum suffered a stroke last August from which she never recovered. In the 1950's Mrs. Meldrum was a frequent visitor in the Joplin area. She lived in Great Falls nine years before returning to Scotland in 1961 following the death of her husband, William Meldrum.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. John Duncan of Scarborough, Ontario; stepdaughters Mrs. Connie McDonald of Great Falls and Mrs. David James of Joplin; stepsons Julian Meldrum of Long Beach, California and Frank Meldrum of Joplin; also several nephews and nieces in Scotland.

Funeral services were held in Aberdeen on April 10.

MARY MLINAR
Born: November 14, 1889 - Died: March 31, 1979
Liberty County Times
April 12, 1979

Mary Mlinar service held



Mary Mlinar

Mary Mlinar was born in Butte, Montana on November 14, 1889. Her parents were Joe and Mary Matey, and she was one of four children. She lived at home until she met and married Joseph Mlinar in Minneapolis on July 1, 1917. Following their marriage, they came to Montana and "homesteaded" about 15 miles northwest of Joplin. They farmed until 1948, when they retired and moved to Kalispell. Joseph died in 1961. Mary remained in Kalispell for a few years more, then moved to Hartford, South Dakota in 1964 to live with her daughter. Because of failing health associated with old age, she has resided in the "Mom & Dad's Rest Home" in Sioux Falls these past few years. After a bout with pneumonia, she went on to expire there on Saturday, March 31st at the age of 89 years.

Survivors include 2 sons, Les & Edward (both of Joplin); 1 daughter, Mrs. Ralph (Dorothy) Tyler (of Hartford, South Dakota); 7 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and nephews & nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her husband & parents, but also by 3 daughters (Anna, Doris & Lorraine), 2 brothers (Joe & John), 1 sister (Ann), and a half-sister (Mary).

Funeral services were held in Sioux Falls Tuesday at Our

Savior's Lutheran Church where she had been a member. The Reverend Virgil Johnson conducted the services there. She was then transported to Montana for additional services and burial.

Reverend Timothy Solberg conducted services at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin on Thursday afternoon (April 5th). Mrs. Thelma Anderson, organist, accompanied members of the Bethel Church Choir, who sang, "How Great Thou Art" and "In the Garden." Congregational numbers included "The Old Rugged Cross," "Beautiful Savior," and "What A Friend We Have in Jesus."

Pallbearers were Frank Meldrum, Leo Jensen, Clyde Heydon, Herbert Poetzl, Norbert VanDessel & Lawrence Terwolbeck. Ushers included Bud Poppler & Ellsworth Graff. Interment followed in the Joplin Cemetery under the direction of the Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial luncheon was held in the church fellowship hall for family and friends.

HAROLD LEROY MOCK
Born: February 12, 1911 - Died: September 27, 1979
Liberty County Times
October 4, 1979

Funeral held for Harold Mock

Harold Leroy Mock was born in Chewku, Kansas on February 12, 1911. Following his school years in Chewku, he moved to the Cheyenne, Wyoming area where he pursued an occupation as a carpenter. He later took employment with "Weyerhaeuser" in Klammath Falls, Oregon as a woodworking machine operator.

He spent 1943-44 in the U.S. Army. He came to Montana in 1948. Harold met and married Lucille Guertzgen in Chinook on August 12, 1950. In the 10 plus years that followed he lived and worked in the Havre/Chinook communities and helped raise Lucille's 5 sons.

In 1961 he moved to Great Falls where he has assumed permanent residence since. For the past 10 years he has been retired due to ill-health, but worked intermittently at the Pappy's Bar in Chester when it was owned by Wally & Lucille Thomsen.

Following a recent month's stay in a Great Falls hospital, he came to Joplin to live with the Thomsen's. His health continued to deteriorate and he went on to expire on the evening of September 27th in Chester.

He was preceded in death by his parents and the whereabouts of his only sister is unknown. His only known survivors include his 5 stepsons: Larry Guertzgen of Seattle, Mick Guertzgen of Los Angeles, Dale Guertzgen of Helena, Byron Guertzgen of St. Louis, and Bill Guertzgen of Havre. Harold had been a member of the Carpenter's Union. In his younger days he had been an avid hunter, but his recent pasttimes included fishing and a love for television.

A memorial service for family and friends was held Monday morning, October 1st at 10 a.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. The Reverend David Barker of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester conducted the services. Mrs. Juanita Wardell provided special organ music. Following services, the remains were transported to Great Falls for cremation.

MARY M. MOULTON
Born: October 2, 1894 - Died: September 2, 1979
Liberty County Times
September 13, 1979

Services held for Mary Moulton

Services for Mrs. Mary M. Moulton, 84, 426 1st Ave. S.W., Great Falls, Montana were held at the O'Connor Memorial Chapel at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday with Rev. Father David Dwyer officiating. She passed away Sunday, September 2, 1979. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Among the pallbearers were her nephews, Lester and Don Peters, Lee, Joe and Edward Nickol.

Mrs. Moulton was born October 2, 1894 at Tintah, Minnesota. She received her early education in that state and came to the Conrad area as a young woman. She married Floyd C. Moulton in Spokane in

July 1919. The couple farmed east of Conrad until 1945, when they sold their interests and moved to Shelby. He died October 13, 1977 at Shelby. She lived in Great Falls the past 30 years and was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Max (Kay) McCracken, Great Falls and Mrs. Frank (Mary) Shong, Big Sandy; two sons, Vernon L., Kalispell and Bob R., Sedona, Arizona; a sister, Mrs. Anna Peters, Ledger; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

ANNA MARY BAKIE MUNCY
Born: October 31, 1936 - Died: October 4, 1979
Liberty County Times
October 11, 1979

Anna Mary Muncy was born in Bangor Saskatchewan, Canada on October 31st, 1936. Her parents were Vendel and Mary (Vach) Bakic and she was one of four children. She was baptized at St. Elizabeth's Church in Stockholm, Sask. Ann attended schools in Bangor and belonged to the St. Michael's Catholic Church there. In 1956 she moved to Montana where she took employment as a nurses' aide at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. She later worked as a bookkeeper for Floyd DeFrance when he owned the old Marias Equipment.



It was in Chester that she met her husband, Dale R. Muncy, and they were married on October 28th, 1957 in Bangor. They made their home in Chester and she eventually became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Anna was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester and taught Catechism there for 15 years. She was also active in the VFW Auxiliary. Dale and Anna had two daughters, and taking care of them was her main objective in life. As her daughters came of age, her goal was accomplished, so these past three years she has kept herself busy at work at the Chester Trading Company.

Although she has suffered from the ailments of rheumatoid arthritis for many years, her life was happy and free of complaints. Following complications, she died in the early morning of Thursday, October 4th at the age of 42 years. Survivors include her husband, Dale of Chester; 2 daughters Kathryn of Helena and Teresa of Sunburst; mother, Mary Bakic of Bangor; brother, Milan Bakic of Bangor; sister, Mrs. Jennings (Olga) Mattson of Chester; and several aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Jolanda.

Vigil Prayers and Rosary were recited by Father Rene Petit on Sunday afternoon at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated by Father Petit on Monday morning, October 8th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Traditional mass music and special numbers including "Whispering Hope", "Panis Angelicus", "How Great Thou Art", and "Ave Maria" were

sung by members of the St. Mary's Choir accompanied by special friend, Iris White.

Pallbearers were Bill Gunderson, Darby O'Brien, Jake Wormsbecker, Jennings Mattson, Leo Jensen and Bill

Hunt. Memorial bearers included "All Special Friends and Relatives". Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with special rites by members of the local VFW Auxiliary. A fellowship luncheon given by the Ladies Altar Society was held for family and friends following graveside services. Memorial gifts will be distributed to the National Arthritic Foundation, to St. Mary's Church in Chester, or to St. Michael's Church in Bangor.

CARL LUDWIG NARESTAD
Born: April 12, 1913 - Died: August 5, 1979
Liberty County Times
August 9, 1979

Carl Narestad funeral held

Carl Ludwig Narestad was born in Iola, Wisconsin on April 12, 1913. His parents were Thomas and Bessie (Tippie) Narestad, and he came with them as an infant to Montana where they "homesteaded" north of Rudyard. He attended country schools near Rudyard and later graduated from high school in Cut Bank. Following his school years he returned to the homestead and farmed with his mother until his retirement in 1957. At that time he sold the farm to a nephew and moved into Rudyard. Because of declining health he entered the Liberty County Rest Home 4½ years ago, and remained there until his death on Sunday evening, (August 5th).

Carl was a past member of the Eagles Lodge in Havre, the Farmer's Union in Rudyard, and the Grace Church north of Rudyard. He had also served as superintendent of the Grace Church Sunday School many years ago. He enjoyed reading.

Survivors include 3 sisters, Mrs. Jacob (Gertrude) VanWechel, Mrs. Ted (Netes) Langel & Mrs. Frances Evenson, all of Rudyard; and many nephews and nieces. Carl was preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers (Evan, Harvey and Ludwig).

Funeral services were held yesterday (August 8th) at 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Douglas Eneberg of the E.N.C.A. officiated. Organist, Sharon Spicher, accompanied Terry Stevenson, who sang old favorites "Rock of Ages" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Pallbearers were Melvin Van Wechel, Doug Langel, Fred Herman, Richard Anderson, Ed Norenberg, and James Pester. Burial was in the family plot in the Grace Church Cemetery, located 20 miles north of Rudyard. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

FRED C. NICKOL
Born: November 26, 1911 - Died: June 3, 1979

Liberty County Times
June 28, 1979

Fred Nickol died
June 3rd-Canada

Fred C. Nickol, a rancher northeast of Coaldale, Alberta, died about noon, June 3rd in Saint Michael's Hospital, Lethbridge. He had been failing in health for several years, with a progressively serious heart condition, but had continued many of his usual activities to the extent that he could, and was hospitalized only a week before his death.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, his daughter, Judith, his son Charles with wife, Lynda and children, Curtis, Daniel and Erin; son, Geoffrey; and daughter, Denise with husband, Donald Norrie and their two children, Steven and Katherine. All of his children live on or near the family ranch. Other survivors include his sister-in-law Rosemary McKeon of Baltimore; brothers, Lee of Conrad, Montana, Joseph, Edward, John and Frank, all of Ledger, Montana; sisters, Clara (Mrs. Hoy Rayburn) of Tacoma, Washington, Mary Young of Seattle, and Miss Anna Nickol of Ledger. Two aunts, Anna Peters, also of Ledger and Mary Moulton of Great Falls, as well as many nephews and nieces.

Fred Nickol was the son of George and Elizabeth Nickol, who moved to Montana from western Minnesota in April, 1911. Fred was born on the homestead, November 26, 1911 and lived there until 1966.

His funeral was held in Assumption Catholic Church in Lethbridge and interment, June 6th, was made in Calvary cemetery, in that city. It was attended by family, friends and neighbors from both sides of the border.

BERT OTIS NORDSTROM
Born: January 1, 1903 - Died: June 10, 1979
Liberty County Times
June 14, 1979

Funeral held for Bert Nordstrom

Bert Otis Nordstrom was born in Stronghurst, Illinois on January 1, 1903. He was one of seven children born to Axel and Jennie (Erickson) Nordstrom. As a child he came to Montana with his parents, who homesteaded north of Chester.

He attended schools in Chester, graduating from high school in 1922. Following graduation he helped on the family farm, then accepted a job as city water supervisor, town police chief, and city treasurer for the town of Chester. On October 27th, 1938 he married Anna Schwab in Hingham. They made their home in Chester where he continued his job with the city.

In 1945 Bert purchased the local Phillips 66 station ("Roosevelt Service"), and owned/operated that business until his son took it over in 1968. Since that time he has been retired, but has continued to spend time at the station, helping with the books and greeting old friends and customers.

Bert had been active in the Chester Commercial Club and served on the school board as chairman for several years. He was a real sports enthusiast, being an active participant in his early years and an avid spectator in his later years. In fact, he had gone to the local ballpark on Sunday to watch some of the softball tournament when he became weak and was consequently admitted to the hospital. He went on to expire there later that afternoon. Bert was 76.

Funeral services were held yesterday, June 13th at 11:00



Bert Nordstrom

a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend David Barker officiated. Ushers for the service were Leo Jensen and George Braun. Pallbearers included Pete Thieltges, Bill McCormick, Tom Osterman, Joe Gagnon, Kenny Wolfe, and Robert Pugsley, Sr., Helen Ann Aaberg played the organ and special music was provided by the vocal trio of Betty Jean, JoAnn and Helen Wolfe.

Arrangements were handled by the Rockman Funeral Chapel. Following interment in the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was given to the family and friends at St. Mary's church basement by the Ladies Altar Society.

Bert's survivors include his wife, Anna; son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Barb; sisters, Ellen Irons and Florence Trovatten; granddaughters, Tracey, Jami and Christy; and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and 4 brothers (Frank, Harry, Jack, and Ed).

Bert is gone, but his memory will live on.

MAUDE MARIE PATTERSON
Born: September 5, 1883 - Died: September 3, 1979
Liberty County Times
September 6, 1979

Maude Patterson died Monday, services Wed.



Maude Patterson

Maude Marie Patterson was born on September 5, 1883 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Her parents were Sarah Ellen Hart and Leonard Olin Loveland, and she was one of six children. She attended schools in LaCrosse, graduating from high school in 1901. She continued her education at the LaCrosse Community College, graduating as a stenographer in 1903. Maude worked in LaCrosse for a short time, then moved to Mandan, North Dakota. It was there that she married James E. Patterson on June 12, 1912. James was a railroad engineer, and after suffering a retiring disability, they moved to Tacoma in 1937. James died in 1956. Maude continued to live in the Tacoma area.

Her son, Arthur, died in 1965. Two years later she moved to Chester to live near her daughter, Marion. She remained independent until 1974, when she entered the Liberty County Rest Home. She remained there until her death on September 3rd, just two days before her 96th birthday.

Maude's whole life was her church. She was baptized Methodist and was an active member of the United Methodist Church. While in Mandan, she taught Sunday school, was on the church board, and was

active in the W.S.C.S. group. While in Tacoma, she was an active member of the Asbury United Methodist Church. And while in her early years in Chester, she was active in the local Methodist church and got great enjoyment out of attending Dr. Buker's Adult Sunday school class. She was also a past member of the Eastern Star. Her family describes her as a well-disciplined lady. She was an avid Bible reader and loved poetry, especially that dealing with nature. Maude loved birds and trees. She was an excellent seamstress, and excelled in quilting and needlepoint.

Survivors include the daughter, Mrs. Ed (Marion) Thielman of Chester; a sister, Mrs. Pearl Digby of Mandan; 7 grandchildren, including James Thielman and Mrs. Jodine Kenny of Chester, Mrs. Marge O'Neil of Great Falls, James Patterson of Seattle, Mrs. Rosemary Hansen of North Bend (Wash.), and Gloria and William Patterson of Salem, (Oregon); numerous great grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only her parents, husband and son, but also by 4 siblings (Charles, Walter, Leonard and Mabel).

Funeral services were held yesterday, (September 5th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Bob Hermsstad of the Chester United Methodist Church officiated. Wayne Wardell sang "Beautiful Savior" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer," accompanied by his wife, Juanita. Pallbearers included all of her great grandchildren. The body was forwarded to Tacoma, Washington for graveside services, which will be tomorrow, (September 7th) at 2:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Memorial Cemetery. The Reverend Robert G. Albertson of the University of Puget Sound, who was Maude's past clergyman and friend, will handle the committal services.

HAROLD BAILEY PRESCOTT
Born: December 4, 1893 - Died: October 2, 1979
Liberty County Times
October 4, 1979

Funeral held for Harold Prescott

Harold Bailey Prescott, oldest son of pioneer Montana stockman A.K. Prescott and Mary Bailey Prescott, passed away October 2 at the Montana State Veterans Home of Columbia Falls.

Mr. Prescott was born in Helena on Dec. 4, 1893, attended schools there, the Lawrenceville Academy, and the University of Wisconsin, where he was a member of the Chi Psi Fraternity. He returned to ranching at the main Prescott ranch in the Sweetgrass Hills and married Lillian Hedges, daughter of Henry and Dora Hedges.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps in the early part of World War I, taking part in every major battle in which the 5th Marines participated and after the war he was on "The Watch of the Rhine".

Mr. Prescott, with his brother Allen, ran the Montana ranches and the Prescott Idaho farms and property from the time of Harold's discharge from the Marine Corps.

His wife, Lillian, passed away in 1924. He later married Artie Lee Hart.

Upon the sale of the main Prescott Ranch in Liberty County, part to Matt Thielges and part to the Meissners brothers in 1952, Harold and Artie Lee bought acreage near Victor, running it until poor health forced Mr. Prescott to sell. They have made their home near Corvallis since that time.

Mr. Prescott was an active and long-time member of the Montana Stockgrowers and the Montana Woolgrowers Assn. He was also a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his widow Artie Lee Prescott of Corvallis; one son, Gordon Hedges Prescott of Victor; one brother Robert of Seattle; one sister, Mrs. J. Maurice Dietrich of Deer Lodge; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A brother, Allen, and one sister, Katherine Prescott Towle, preceded him in death.

Graveside services were held at the Forrest View Cemetery in Helena at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 5, with the Rev. William Burchart officiating.

DORIS MAXINE (STUART) RATHBUN
Born: March 31, 1929 - Died: September 10, 1979
Liberty County Times
September 20, 1979

**Doris Rathbun died Sept
10 services Sept 13**

Services for Mrs. Robert (Doris Maxine) Rathbun of Hingham were Thursday at 10 at the Hingham Lutheran Church, with burial in the Havre Cemetery.

Mrs. Sharon Spicher was at the organ. Terry Stevenson sang "How Great Thou Art," "In the Garden," and "Morning Has Broken." The congregation sang "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less."

Pallbearers were Russell Dolph, Phil Lipp, Terry Reistad, Dick Spicher, Walter Welsh and Chester Welsh.

Ushers were Bob Petrick, Lyle Wise, Don Dolezal, Bill Spicher, Walter Meyers and Evan Hanson.

The Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of services.

She died Monday at the Havre Hospital at the age of 50.

She was born March 31, 1929, in Havre to Lloyd and Julia Stuart, and was raised and schooled in the Gildford area. On October 8, 1947 she married Robert Rathbun in Havre.

She is survived by her husband; her mother, Mrs. Julia Stuart, Gildford; a son, Bill, Hingham; a daughter, Mrs. Ron (Beverly) Groseclose, Hingham; a sister, Mrs. Arnold (Joyce) Dees, Kremlin; a brother, Lowell Stuart, Gildford; four grandchildren; and 11 nieces and nephews. One sister, Mrs. Jean Hume of Novato, California died June 6, 1979.

Memorials have been established to the Cancer Fund or to the Hingham Lutheran Church.

WINIFRED EVELYN (WINNIE) RATHBUN
Born: December 10, 1893 - Died: October 27, 1979
Liberty County Times
November 1, 1979



Services for Winnie

Rathbun held Monday

Winifred Evelyn "Winnie" Rathbun was born on December 10, 1893 in Shelburn, Indiana. She was one of two daughters born to Abraham Boyer and Elen Lourene Martin. She attended schools in Shelburn, graduating from high school in 1911. Winnie then attended Winona State College in Indiana, where she played basketball and received her teaching certificate.

In 1916 she came to Montana where she met Alfred E. Rathbun. They were married in Havre in 1917, and made their home on his homestead south of Inverness. For the several years that followed Winnie taught elementary school in rural communities south of Gildford and Inverness, then retired to homemaking. She loved flowers and gardening so busied herself with this in addition to raising two daughters. In those earlier years she had been a member of the Methodist Church in Inverness.

Winnie had suffered from ill-health for the past 35 years

and had been in and out of hospitals during much of that time. For the past 6 years she has resided at the Liberty County Rest Home, where she died early Saturday morning, (October 27th). She was 85 years old.

Survivors include her husband, Pete of Rudyard; 2 daughters, Mrs. William (Lourene) Willis of Sun Valley, California and Freda Hansard of Rudyard; 7 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. Winnie was preceded in death by her parents, a sister (Wortha), an infant daughter (Virginia) and a granddaughter (Tammy).

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, (October 29th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Bob Hermstad of the Chester United Methodist Church officiated. Mrs. Iris White provided special organ music and the congregation sang, "Faith of Our Fathers" and "Amazing Grace." Friends serving as pallbearers included Elmer Jensen, Marcel Solum, Raymond Lincoln, Leo Bialek, Martin Joachim, and Vic Gatzemeier. Interment was in the Rudyard cemetery. Following graveside services a luncheon was held at the Rudyard Senior Citizen's Center.

GILBERT RICHARDSON
Born: ?, 1896 - Died : October ?, 1979
Liberty County Times
October 25, 1979

G. Richardson former theater owner dies

Word has been received here that Gilbert Richardson, 83, died recently in Las Alamos, New Mexico, where he has been living with his son Bob. Details are lacking, but it is known he was suffering from emphysema and has been in failing health for some time.

Richardson will be best remembered here as the man who started the Liberty Theatre. He came to Chester in about 1935. Previously he had lived in the Malta area, and had been operating a theatre at Fort Peck during the dam construction.

When he first came to this area he was presenting shows in Hingham, Chester and Sunburst on a weekly basis, renting whatever hall was available. In January of 1936 he purchased the Trommer building and converted it into the Liberty Theatre.

His two sons, Joe and Bob were raised in Chester and were well known in the community.

He is survived by his son Bob and grandchildren. Joe passed away several years ago.

After operating the theatre here about 24 years he moved to Choteau in 1959 where he was also in the theatre business.

His first wife, Vi, passed away in Chester during World War 2. His second wife, Olive passed away while they were living in Choteau.

HARRY DANIEL ROCKMAN

Born: April 4, 1911 - Died: November 25, 1979

Liberty County Times

November 29, 1979



Harry Rockman

Funeral held for Harry Rockman, 68

Harry Daniel Rockman was born in Chester, Montana on April 4, 1911. His parents were Chris I. and Helga (Johnson) Rockman and he was one of ten children in the family. He was raised and schooled in the Chester community and later graduated from the Coyne Electrical School in Chicago. On October 9, 1934 he married Cecelia J. Dolezal in Shelby. They made their home in Chester, where they farmed about 10 miles northwest of town.

At the outbreak of World War II they sold the farm and moved to Seattle, where Harry worked as an electrician in the shipyards there. They came back to Montana in 1948, at which time they purchased and managed the Telephone Exchange in Rudyard.

They later moved to Superior, where Harry worked as an electrician/carpenter for the

Diamond Match Company. From 1965 to 1977 they lived in the Flathead Valley, where he was employed by the Plum Creek Lumber Company in Polson. He retired in 1973, but has worked as a self-employed hobby carpenter since that time.

In 1977 Harry and Celia moved to Three Forks, where they have lived since. Harry was diagnosed as a cancer patient several months ago and died early Sunday morning, November 25th at the Deaconess Hospital in Billings. He was 68 years old. He will probably be best remembered by his friends for his congeniality and quick-wit. His family reports how he used to tell stories about the "good old days" and recall his experiences as a boy. He loved to read and enjoyed the "great outdoors." He never passed up an opportunity to go fishing or watch a good baseball game. His creativity and ingenuity were remarkable when it came to remodeling an old building. Evidence of his "handiwork" can be found in the homes of many family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Celia of Three Forks; son, Gene of Billings; 3 daughters, Mrs. Wayne (Jeanette) Janicke of Troy, Mrs. Norman (Claudette) Klein of Centralia, Washington; 3 sisters, Ruth Ish and Lillian Wright of Chester and Helen Carr of Poulsbo, Washington; 10 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. Harry was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers (Sid, Gunnar, Willard and Lloyd).

Vigil Prayers were recited Wednesday evening at the Rockman Funeral Chapel. Mass

of the Resurrection will be 11:00 a.m. today (Thursday) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. The funeral mass will be celebrated by Father Rene Petit with traditional mass music by members of the St. Mary's choir. Special music by Marcella Hull, accompanied by Helen Ann Aaberg, will include "Danny Boy," "I Believe," and "How Great Thou Art." Pallbearers will be nephews Bud Ish, Ty Rockman, John Dolezal, B. J. Oswood, Rlynn Rockman and Ron Senger. Burial will be in the Chester Cemetery followed by a memorial luncheon given by the Altar Society in the church basement.

LEON LEE SANDS
Born: February 19, 1909 - Died: January 13, 1979
Liberty County Times
January 18, 1979

Leon Sands dies at home

Leon Lee Sands died at his house at the Christian ranch in the Sweetgrass Hills January 13. He has been employed at the cattle ranch by Steve Christian since 1965. He was born on February 19, 1909 at Woodstock, Wisconsin. He was a veteran of World War II serving under General Patton. He has been supervisor for Northern Plastics in Crosswinds, Wisconsin and was one of the originators of printed circuits. He worked as a custom cutter before settling in northern Montana. He is survived by his mother, Eva Curtis of LaCrosse, Wisconsin; a brother, James Norman of Stockton, Wisconsin; and three sons, Ron Gerry and Mike all of LaCrosse. A fourth son Gary is deceased. He had 11 grandchildren.

Services will be held at Burns Funeral Chapel in Shelby at 2:00 p.m. January 19.

DeFOREST LEONARD SCHWEDE
Born: June 10, 1912 - Died: June 10, 1979
Liberty County Times
June 14, 1979

DeForest Schwede



DeForest Schwede

DeForest Leonard Schwede was born on June 10, 1912 in Donnybrook, North Dakota. His parents were Edward and Amelia (Kuhfeldt) Schwede and he was from a family of four. He attended schools in the Hartland, North Dakota community, graduating from high school there in 1932.

Forest (or "Woods," as he was often called) spent the next few years in the C.C. Corps in North Dakota and Arkansas.

In the late 1930's he "hopped a freight" and came to Montana. He found employment at McNutt Brothers in Chester in 1939-40. Following this he worked as a clerk at the Chester Trading Company. On January 6, 1941 he married Alice I. Layton in Glasgow. They bought a farm 8 miles south of Chester in the fall of 1946 and worked that place for the next 26 years.

In 1960 they adopted three children. They retired and sold the farm in 1972 and moved into Chester. Forest's work capacity was limited because of a heart condition, but together they maintained the cemeteries in Liberty County for the next 2½ years. A stroke in 1974 forced him into strict retirement.

Although Forest was baptized Lutheran, they have attended the Methodist Church in Chester. He was one of the early members of the Chester Lions Club and was also a 30-year member of the Eagles Lodge in Havre. He loved fishing, and in earlier years enjoyed backpacking and hunting in the Montana wilderness. He liked all kinds of music and spectator sports.

On the early morning of Sunday, June 10th, DeForest died at home on his 67th birthday. Survivors include his wife, Alice (of Chester); 1 son, Terry (of Monticello, Mississippi); 2 daughters, Joy Peterson (of Bozeman) and Mrs. Albert (Jeanne) Larson (of Chester); 1 brother, Floyd (of Berthold, North Dakota); 1 sister, Lulu Sloan (of Chester); 5 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Raymond.

Funeral services will be tomorrow (Friday, June 15th) at the Chester United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Bob Hermstad will officiate under the direction of the Rockman Chapel, Chester. Special music by Wayne Wardell will include "In The Garden" and "How Great Thou Art." Juanita Wardell will accompany, and the congregation will sing "In the Sweet By and By." Pallbearers/ushers will include nephews: Duaine and Curtis Sloan, Melvin and Gerald Schwede, Gary and Steve Layton, and Jim Thompson. Interment will be in the Chester Cemetery. Following graveside services a memorial luncheon will be given by the Royal Neighbor ladies at the R.N.A. Hall.

Honorary pallbearers are Chester Lions and good friends.

FRANCES LILLIAN SLOCUM
Born: April 17, 1907 - Died: May 12, 1979
Great Falls Tribune
May 17, 1979

**Frances Slocum
dies at Whitefish**

Mrs. Frances Lillian Slocum, 72, died Saturday, May 12, 1979 after a short illness in the North Valley Hospital, Whitefish, Montana.

Frances was born April 17, 1907 at Bardstown, Ky. Her parents were James Francis Coomes and Lillie E. (Clements) Coomes. Her father died 4 months before she was born.

She attended school at St. Matthews school, St. Louis, Missouri. Then moved to Gildford, Montana with her mother and sisters and step-father Leo A. Wolff in 1915 and resided there on their homestead for several years.

She attended school at Gildford and graduated from St. Vincents Academy, Helena, Montana in 1925. Then took nurses training at St. Joseph's Hospital in Louisville, Ky.

She married B.A. (Art) Slocum at the Lady of Ransom Church at Hingham, Montana November 26, 1926. They farmed near Gildford until 1932.

They lived in Shelby, Montana from 1932-1941 and then moved to Whitefish.

She worked as a nurse at the Whitefish Hospital retiring in 1960.

She had six children. Art died October 16, 1969. Her daughters Mary and Rosalie and one son, Bruce and one grandson Duane Slocum also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, Robert Slocum, Whitefish, Montana, William Slocum, Garfield, Washington, Bernard Slocum, Spokane, Washington; fourteen grandchildren, four great grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Edward Cole, Chester, Montana and a number of nieces and nephews.

Rosary services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 21st at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, Montana. Mass of the Resurrection 10 a.m. May 22 Tuesday at the Catholic Church, Whitefish and interment at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 23 in the Calvary Cemetery at Havre, Montana.

MAUDE ALICE (DUNCAN) SMITH
Born: January 1, 1880 - Died: June 19, 1979
Liberty County Times
June 28, 1979

Funeral held for Maude Smith, 99½

Maude Alice (Duncan) Smith was born in Weatherby, Missouri on January 1, 1880. Her parents were Robert & Zerelda (Denny) Duncan. She attended schools in Weatherby and was baptized and confirmed Methodist.

On September 25, 1907 she married Robert F. ("Bert") Smith in DeKalb County, Missouri. Following their marriage they moved to Chico, California where he worked on a ranch and in a match-factory. In October, 1913 they came to Montana and "homesteaded" 28 miles north of Joplin. For the next 37 years they lived and worked on the farm and in Joplin. Bert also had interests in the old "LMS Trading Company" in Joplin.

After their retirement in 1950, they moved to Kalispell and made their home, although they frequently wintered in Arizona. Bert died in November, 1962. Maude continued to live in Kalispell until 1973, when she came to Chester and took residence in the Liberty County Rest Home. She remained in the nursing home until her death on June 19th. She was 99½ years old.

Her family describes her as a very ambitious lady; she worked hard on the farm with her husband and was an excellent gardener. Although they never had any children of their own, they loved all the kids in Joplin, but in particular, had special feelings for their nephews and nieces.

Maude's survivors include nephews and nieces: John Duncan of Joplin; Merle Duncan of Kalispell; Charles Smith of Chester, Ina Kelly of Scottsdale, Arizona; Robert Duncan of Joplin, and others in Missouri. She was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by 3 brothers (Elmer, Troy and Cleve), a half-brother (Delbert Williams), and a half-sister (Ruby Williams Hettrick).

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Torrance Harvey of Kalispell officiated. Organ music was provided by Mrs. Bruce (Tammy) Duncan and the congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Nearer My God to Thee."

Pallbearers included great-nephews: Bruce and Tim Duncan, David and Dan Kidd, and Jack and Frank Smith. Friends serving as honorary bearers included David James, Knute Svenson, Ed McClellan, Bud Poppler, George Colbry, Jack Nelson, Eugene Bjornstad, and Ray Gulick. Maude's body was forwarded to Missouri for additional services on Saturday. She was buried next to her husband in the Fairport Cemetery there.

NORMAN CARL SNEIDER
Born: ?, 1921 - Died : August 30, 1979
Liberty County Times
September 6, 1979

Norman Sneider dies in farm accident

Norman Carl Sneider, 58, died Thursday of internal injuries suffered while harvesting wheat on his farm south of Rudyard. He apparently suffered an epileptic seizure and fell onto the header bar of his combine.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with the pastor Wayne Pris officiating.

Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Havre. Eliason Funeral Home was in charge.

He was a lifelong resident of Rudyard. He never married. Survivors include two sisters, including Mrs. Anna Emmanuel Gabbert, Chester, three nieces and a nephew.

JAMES RICHARD STAUDACHER
Born: January 26, 1937 - Died: January 20, 1979
Liberty County Times
January 25, 1979

James Richard Staudacher was born in Chester on January 26, 1937. He was the son of Thomas and Aina (Johansson) Staudacher and was one of five children. Jimmy was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and attended schools in Chester.

In his post-education years he helped his dad farm, then pursued work in the construction/carpentry field. Most of his years were spent in the Chester community; however, he had worked for short periods in Utah, Wyoming, Wisconsin and Washington.

In more recent years he worked on the missile bases near Conrad and did some carpenter work in Chester.

In October, 1977 he sold his house in Chester and moved to Spokane where he worked construction.

While in Spokane he met Eleanor (Cebulski) Harding and married her on September 22, 1978. They have lived and worked in Spokane since that time.

Jimmy passed away on Saturday, January 20th following a week's stay in the Holy Family Hospital, Spokane. He was a member of the Carpenter's and Laborer's Union, Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, and a past member of the local J.C.'s. His hobbies included welding, cabinetry, and carpentry; he was essentially a self-educated "handyman."

Survivors include the wife, Eleanore and 5 step-children, Deannine, Danielle, Dalene, Dean and Dale, all of Spokane; parents, Tom & Aina of Chester; 2 brothers, Tom of Everett, Washington and Dale of Havre; 1 sister, Mrs. Bob (Lois) Bonnes of Bend, Oregon; parents-in-law, Edward and Ann Cebulski of Buffalo, New York; and nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn in 1941.

**Funeral today for
Jim Staudacher**



Jimmy Staudacher

Family prayers were held at the Riplinger Funeral Home in Spokane on Monday, then the remains were forwarded to the Rockman Chapel in Chester for services and burial.

The funeral service will be held today, January 25th at 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Today's "message" by Reverend Dave Barker will be based on Romans 7:15 through Romans 8:2. Music will be provided by Juanita Wardell on the organ, and vocal duets by Wayne Wardell and Sue Violett will include, "Children of the Heavenly Father" and "Come Unto Thee All Ye Who Labor." Pallbearers will be Curt Mor-krid, R. H. Kruckenber, Donald Heimbigner, Mort Skari, Dick Eveland, Arlo Skari, Clarence Shettel and Harvey Harstad. Interment will follow in the Chester cemetery and a luncheon in Jimmy's memory will be held in the church basement.

CHARLES B. STILLINGER
Born: November 7, 1894 - Died: May 13, 1979
Liberty County Times
May 17, 1979

Charles Stillinger dies in Walla Walla

Former western Montana resident Charles B. Stillinger, 84, Walla Walla, Wash., died Thursday in Walla Walla.

He was born November 7, 1894, in Ravalli. He attended schools in Superior, the Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Mo., and the University of Washington. He served in the armed forces during World War I.

After the service, he was employed in the safety division of the Corps of Engineers, working at Fort Peck and later at McNary Dam until his retirement in 1962. While in Fort Peck, he married Alice Nelson in 1939, a former resident of Joplin.

Mr. Stillinger was a member of the Walla Walla Country Club, the Walla Walla Historical Society, the National Federation of Employees and Elks Lodge 287 in Walla Walla.

Survivors include his wife; a sister, Charlotte Rahte, Missoula; two nieces and a nephew.

Friends and family may gather at Livingston-Malletta Funeral Home by 12:45 p.m. Tuesday for the procession to Missoula Cemetery, where graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. by the Rev. Ben Gum and Hellgate Lodge 383, BPOE. Barracks 835, Veterans of World War I, will provide an honor guard.

Memorials can be made to the Walla Walla Historical Society or to any charity.

EZRA B. SUCKOW
Born: August 5, 1893 - Died: December 7, 1979
Liberty County Times
December 13, 1979

Ezra Suckow, 86 dies in Missoula

Funeral services were held November 26 in Missoula for Ezra B. Suckow, who passed away at his home at the age of 86.

Et Suckow was born in Great Bend, North Dakota August 5, 1893 to Rev. and Mrs. William Suckow, a pioneer Evangelical circuit-riding pastor in North Dakota. Et received his education in Dakota, graduating from Fargo College, before coming west to Inverness, Montana where several of his family had come in the homestead era. He farmed at Choteau and north of Rudyard. He married Emma Taylor on January 6, 1926 and they continued farming near Rudyard until they moved to Ronan in 1942. They farmed there, later moving to Missoula to retire.

Et taught school in North Dakota and in Montana. He was an active church member and community worker in each community where he lived. He was police judge in Ronan for a number of years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, also his 2 brothers and 3 sisters, all of whom lived in the Rudyard area at one time. Et is survived by his wife, Emma who resides at 810 Tower St., Missoula; his son, Bert, also of Missoula, and his son, Ted of San Francisco, four grandchildren and one great grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

LEATHA SUROVI
Born: ? - Died: October 13, 1979
Liberty County Times
October 13, 1979

Leatha Surovi services Oct 16

Services were held for Leatha Surovi Tuesday, October 16 in Our Saviours Lutheran Church in Hingham, with Pastor Kirby Nave officiating. The Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Surovi died Saturday, October 13 in a Havre hospital.

Born in Rice, Minn., she came to Montana in 1912 with her parents, who homesteaded in the Black Coulee area. In 1926 she and Paul Surovi were married in Hingham. After their marriage, they farmed south of Hingham.

She was active in the Rebecca Lodge and Royal Neighbors. Her husband died in 1971. She is survived by a daughter, Esther Libin, Encino, California; a sister, Genabell Brevik, Havre; and four brothers, Earl Rathbun, Hingham; Alfred Rathbun, Rudyard; Phillip Rathbun, Lewistown; and John Rathbun, Kalispell.

Sharon Spicher was at the organ, and soloist Terry Stevenson sang, "Amazing Grace," "Rock of Ages," and "Abide With Me." The congregation sang, "Children of the Heavenly Father."

Pallbearers were Hugo Aspevig, Vic Gatzemeier, Phil Lipp, Bob Petrick, Gordon Twedt and Chet Welsh.

Honorary bearers were Charles Mikulecky, Ambrose Muller, Martin Sylte, Jim Smrz, and LaVerne Hoganson.

Ushering were Ralph Sylte and Lyle Wise.

Memorials have been established to the Big Sky Christian Youth Ranch, the Yellowstone Boys Ranch, or to a memorial of the donor's choice.

RALPH S. TAPLIN
Born: May 11, 1908 - Died: June 1, 1979
Liberty County Times
June 14, 1979

**Ralph Taplin, 71
died in California**

Ralph S. Taplin, 71, died recently in Carmichael, California. He was born in Kingsley, Iowa in 1908 and moved to Chester, Montana in 1911. He resided in Chester and married Mary Ryan. They moved to Great Falls in 1941 where he worked for the Anaconda Copper Mining Company.

For the past six years he has resided in Carmichael, California and was preceded in death by his wife.

He is survived by his sisters: Amelia Rubino of Joplin, Sadie Marshall of Chester, Annie Williams of Havre, Bertha Head and Agnes Jury of Oregon and

his son, Dennis Taplin, Carmichael, California and two daughters, Barbara Kyle, Sacramento, California and Nancy Hotchkiss, Helena, Montana and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters and his parents.

MARY KREITMEIR TEMPEL

Birth: July 6, 1890 - Died: June 11, 1979

Liberty County Times

July 14, 1979

Funeral services for Mary Tempel Wednesday

Mary (Kreitmeir) Tempel was born in Ismaning, Germany on July 6, 1890. She came to the United States in 1908, and later migrated to Montana where she and her husband, Edward H. Tempel, homesteaded north of Joplin. They retired from farming in 1945, and a few years later moved to Missoula. Edward preceded her in death in August, 1960. Mary remained in Missoula until two years ago when she moved to Havre. She lived in the Eagles Manor for a year and resided in the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd this past year. She expired at the age of 88 in the Havre Hospital early Monday morning, June 11th.

Survivors include 6 sons, Edward of Chester, Ted of Joplin, John of Lakeside, Bill of Colfax, Washington, Bert of Las Cruces, New Mexico and Ben of Whitefish; 2 daughters, Helen Hodges of Joplin and Mary Gormley of Choteau; 27 grandchildren; and 20 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers and 1 sister.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, June 13th at 2:00 p.m. at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. The services were conducted by the church pastor, Timothy Solberg, and by Mary's grandson, Reverend Richard Hodges. The older grandsons served as pallbearers and ushers. Pallbearers included David, Rodney, Gary, Jerry, Eddy, Lee, Jim, Curtis, Bruce, Greg, Mel & Tim Tempel and Grant Gormley. Ushers were Dean Hodges and Russ Tempel. Music was provided by Thelma Anderson. Members of the Bethel choir sang "In the Garden" and "Rock of Ages," and the congregation sang "Beautiful Savior" and "I Know My Redeemer Lives."

Graveside services and burial will be today, Thursday, June 14th at 2:00 p.m. at the Missoula City Cemetery in Missoula. Mary had been a 30-year member of the First Presbyterian Church in Missoula, so Reverend David Berry Joachim of that church will conduct the committal services. Arrangements were handled by the Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

DONALD R. TOMPKINS
Born: November 6, 1940 - Died: March 18, 1979
Liberty County Times
March 22, 1979

Services held for Donald R. Tompkins

Donald R. Tompkins, 38, a retired Air Force master sergeant, died Sunday, March 18 in the Bigfork Convalescent Center.

He was born November 6, 1940, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, son of Lewis and Hazel Tompkins. He attended schools in Philadelphia and graduated from Pitman High School, Pitman, New Jersey.

After graduation, he worked as a mechanic on pipe organs in Philadelphia. He entered the Air Force in December 1959. He was stationed in France, Germany and Alaska, as well as several stateside bases. In May 1977, while stationed in Los Angeles, he retired from the Air Force because of a medical disability.

He married Ardith Spicher of Hingham on May 24, 1963. She survives him along with their three sons, Brian, Michael and Mark all at the family home near Kalispell. Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Lewis Tompkins, Pitman, New Jersey and his sister, Nancy Marini, Collinswoods, New Jersey.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 21, 1979 in the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell with interment in the Glacier Memorial Gardens at Kalispell with military graveside rites by local veterans.

Casketbearers were his brothers-in-law, Roger Borlaug, Elio Marini, Marlin C. Spicher and Wayne Spicher, Phil Olson and James Timlick.

FLORENCE VICTORIA NORDSTROM TROVATTÉN
Born: March 3, 1900 - Died: October 7, 1979
Liberty County Times
October 11, 1979

Oct 11-1979
Services held for Florence Trovatten

Florence Victoria Nordstrom was born in Bigsville, Iowa on March 3rd, 1900. Her parents were Axel and Jennie (Erickson) Nordstrom and she was one of eight children. Shortly following her birth, the family moved to Stronghurst, Illinois. Three years later they took up a homestead in Nanton, Alberta, Canada. It was in March of 1910 that they came to Montana and homesteaded north of Chester. It was here that Florence attended schools. In Great Falls on September 23rd, 1923 she married Liberty County's first Sheriff, John Morgan. To that union was born a daughter, Wanda Zell. They made their home in Chester until John's death on January 24th, 1930. In 1934 Florence married George Trovatten. They lived in Devon until 1952, when they purchased a home in Chester. George died in May of 1954. Florence never passed up an opportunity to babysit because she adored children. Because of this, many families in Chester came to know her as "Grandma".

Florence was baptized and confirmed Lutheran, and was active in the Royal Neighbors. In March of this year she moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge where she has participated to the fullest. She was an avid pinochle player and loved to sing. Unknown to many, she wasn't too bad on the harmonica. She was good at crocheting, but cooking was her specialty (especially homemade apple pie!). Following a relatively short illness, Florence died at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls on Sunday (October 7th) at the age of 79 years.



Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Earl Keith of Chester; 3 granddaughters, Mrs. Bob (Earlene) Hemmer of Belgrade, Mrs. John (Ryndee) Trotter of Missoula, and Rhonda (presently a student at MSU in Bozeman); 1 great-granddaughter, Jenifer; sister, Ellen Irons of Chester; sister-in-law, Anna Nordstrom of Chester; and several nephews and nieces. Florence was preceded in death by her parents, 6 brothers (Frederick, Jack, Ed, Harry, Frank, and Bert), and a granddaughter (Jenny, who would have been 29 this October 13th). Sadly

enough, Harry, Frank, Bert, and now Florence have all died within this past year's time.

Funeral services for Florence were held yesterday Wednesday, October 10th at 10:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. The Reverend David Barker officiated with services being directed by the Rockman Chapel. Mrs. Juanita Wardell accompanied Darlene Hanson, who sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer", "Little Brown Church in the Dell", and "How Great Thou Art". Those serving as bearers included Frank Hemmer, Tom Osterman, Bud Ish, Armand Anderson, Rudy Skonard, and Neil Shepherd. Honorary bearers included her good friends: The Liberty County Senior Citizens. Bob Mattson and Larry Anderson served as ushers. Interment followed in the Chester Cemetery, after which a luncheon was held in her memory for family and friends at the Sweetgrass Lodge.

MINNIE C. TWEDT
Born: April 3, 1888 - Died: June 3, 1979
Liberty County Times
June 7, 1979



Minnie Twedt

Minnie C. Twedt was born in Ulen, Minnesota on April 3, 1888. She was one of eight children born to Gunder & Christina (Klemetson) Sylte.

She was baptized and confirmed at the Atlanta Church in Ulen and attended schools there. She lived in Minnesota until 1912, then came to Montana with other members of the Ulen community and filed a "homestead" 14 miles south of Rudyard in the Black Coulee Community there. One of her childhood friends, Swen A. Twedt, homesteaded near her quarter-section.

They returned to Ulen in 1915 to be married in the Atlanta Church. That December 16th wedding was a memorable occasion to the community because it was the first evening service at the church with the advent of gas lights. They returned to Montana and continued farming.

They were community orientated, and helped build and dedicate the old Black Coulee Meeting Hall in 1916. It was in this hall that the Black Coulee community held their church services. This Lutheran charter was later transferred to Our Savior's in Rudyard in 1926.

Swen and Minnie spent their entire married life in the Rudyard area, excepting for 1922-1925 when they farmed near Hingham. They retired from farming in 1961 and moved into Rudyard. They lived together there until five years ago when Minnie entered the rest home in Chester.

On June 3rd at the age of 91 years she died at the nursing home. Minnie was devoted to her family: four sons and a husband she had been married to for 63 years. She was also devoted to her church, helping organize the L.D.R. Ladies Aide, and Sunday school program in the south country, and memberships at the Hingham Lutheran Church and Our Savior's in Rudyard. She had also served as secretary of the Black Coulee Farmer's Union and in earlier years had worked as a cook in the old Spaulding Motel in Hingham. She was also an avid quilt maker and in

later years enjoyed writing short histories about experiences in Montana.

Survivors include the husband, Swen of Rudyard; 4 sons, Gordon of Great Falls, Donald of Elma, Washington and Harold and Allen of Rudyard; 1 brother, Martin Sylte of Hingham; 1 sister, Mrs. Robert (Nora) Twedt of Cheyenne, Wyoming; 12 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister (Anna) and four brothers (Gus, Casper, Edwin & Oscar).

Funeral services will be today (Thursday) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard at 2:00 p.m. Reverend Wayne Pris will officiate, and interment will follow at the Rudyard Cemetery.

Minnie's grandchildren will act as bearers and ushers. Organ music will be provided by Mrs. Stanleigh Barbie with congregational singing. Arrangements were handled by the Rockman Chapel in Chester.

LEONARD (BUD) ULMEN
Born: August 2, 1913 - Died: November 30, 1979
Liberty County Times
December 6, 1979

Leonard Ulmen dies in Arizona

Leonard (Bud) Ulmen, age 66, former Hingham resident died Friday, November 30th at his home, 2431 W. Echo Lane in Phoenix, Arizona.

Bud was born August 2, 1913 in Ray, North Dakota and moved with his family to the Rudyard area at the age of 2 months. He attended local schools and served in the Marines during World War II.

He worked in the Hingham, Rudyard area until moving to Phoenix with his family in 1966.

He married Ruth Price in 1955. She survives at the family home with their three daughters, Susan, Debbie and Nancy.

He also is survived by 6 brothers, Clem and Dennis of Big Sandy, Cliff of Rudyard, Lee of Manhattan, Victor of Portland, Oregon, Linus of Kennéwick, Wash. Five sisters Alice Deck, Leona Flynn and Mary Ulmen of Portland, Oregon, Clara Cook of Big Sandy and Ellen Tschache of Helena.

Funeral services were held Monday in Phoenix.

AUGUST WESTPHAL
Born: ?, 1889 - Died: April ?, 1979
Liberty County Times
April 6, 1979

Westphal **funeral Tuesday**

August Westphal, 90, a resident of a Big Sandy rest home for the past six years, died Friday in a Big Sandy Hospital.

Services were Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home, Havre, with the Rev. Conrad Rhoads officiating.

Westphal was born in Russia and moved with his parents to Canada and later to South Dakota before settling on a homestead near Gildford in 1905. He was married October 5, 1957, in Missoula to Edith Butler who survives him.

RICHARD P. WILLIAMS
Born: 7, 1948 - Died: November 10, 1979
Liberty County Times
November 15, 1979

**Gunshot wound fatal
to Hingham coach**



Richard P. Williams

A Hingham High School teacher and coach of the school's varsity basketball team was found dead of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound four miles north of Chinook Saturday.

Richard P. Williams, 31 reported missing Thursday morning. Hill County law enforcement officials flew the Hi-Line Friday searching for his pickup, but found no trace of it. The truck was found by two Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks employees Saturday. It was parked where it was not visible from the county road.

Williams apparently died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound Thursday, said Blaine County Coroner Marvin Edwards.

Memorial services were at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the Hingham Lutheran Church. Funeral Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Brundage Funeral Chapel, Dillon. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery, Dillon. Edwards Funeral Home, Chinook is in charge of arrangements.

Williams graduated from Dillon High School and Western Montana College with a degree in education and was working on his master's degree. He taught in Dixon before coming to Hingham in August. He coached girl's and boy's varsity basketball teams there.

He was a member of the Montana Coaches Association and was active in the Boy Scouts and the Lutheran Church. He married Nancy Dergeson in 1968 at Dillon. Survivors include his wife, a son, Richard Craig, at home, his stepmother Marion Williams Dillon, and three sisters, including Mrs. Lynn (Marlene) Stone-lake, Dillon.