

JOE BARNES ALLEY  
Born: June 6, 1908 - Died: July 28, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
August 12, 1982

## Joe Alley dies in Fort Collins

Joe Barnes Alley, 74, died July 28, 1982 at Poudre Valley Hospital, Fort Collins, Colorado. Funeral services were at noon Saturday, July 31, at the Goodrich Chapel with the Rev. Ronald P. Nickel officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memory Gardens.

Mr. Alley was born June 6, 1908, in Winfield, Kansas. He graduated from Oxford High School in Oxford, Kansas, and attended Kansas State University. He married Clara Dammel October 28, 1939, in Lewistown, Montana. She survives.

Mr. Alley farmed and ranched in the Geraldine, Montana area and owned and operated the Alley Implement Company there. He served several terms as mayor of Geraldine and was an active leader of the Boy Scouts.

Joe worked in the south Chester area in the late 1930s. His father and brother, Claude and Jack Alley, and friends, George Gass, Jack King, and other friends came to Montana from Kansas to work on farms for Mike Kammerzell and Henry Kolstad.

In 1963 he moved to Colorado and worked as a heavy equipment operator until retiring in 1980. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and Operators Union No. 9.

Other survivors include two brothers, Howard Alley, Conrad Montana and Jack Alley, Edwardsville, Kansas; three sisters, Berta Smith, Greeley, Colorado, Katherine McElhaney, Bentonville, Arkansas, and Betty Poovey, Oxford, Kansas; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church Children's Library Fund in care of the the Goodrich Mortuary.

Howard Alley, Conrad, and Una Moog, Inverness, attended the funeral in Fort Collins, Colorado.

## CLYDE BAKER

Born: October 26, 1906 - Died: November 26, 1982

Liberty County Times

December 2, 1982

Clyde Baker, south Rudyard resident, died Friday afternoon (November 26th) at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester following a week's stay there. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon (November 29th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery.

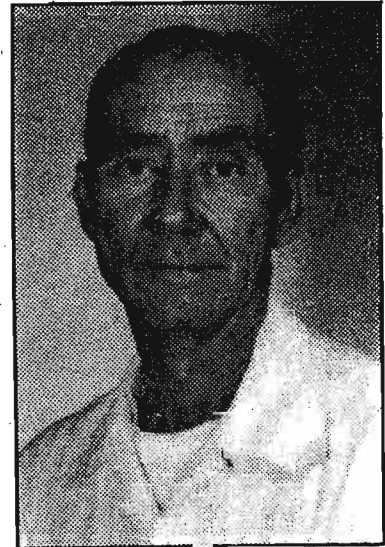
Clyde Cecil Baker was born in Middletown, Ohio on October 26th, 1906. He was one of three children and his parents were Sidney and Marie (Schwartz) Baker. He attended schooling in Middletown and graduated from high school in 1924. Clyde worked various jobs in various parts of the country, but for 35 years of his life he worked as an over-the-road truck driver. On May 23rd, 1952 he married Beatrice G. Miller in Indianapolis, Indiana. They resided in Texas, Indiana and Montana. Just prior to Clyde's retirement, he worked as custodian at the Washington Township Schools in Indiana. They came to Rudyard a year ago to be near relatives here. Although

his health has not been good these past few years, it didn't keep him from his great love of travelling. He and Beatrice had a camper trailer and they enjoyed long trips throughout the country. Although his memory was weak in some areas, he had instant recall when it came to roads and highways, probably because of his long-time experience in the trucking industry. At the time of his death, Clyde was 76 years old.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice of south Rudyard; 1 daughter, Mrs. Tony (Connie) McCullum of Fort Worth, Texas; 1 son, Lowell Baker of Dayton, Ohio; 2 step-daughters, Mrs. Fred (Mae) O'Neil of Rudyard and Nella Gass of Conroe, Texas; 1 sister, Mrs. George (Hildred) Snyder of Dayton, Ohio; 21 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. Clyde was preceded in death by his parents, by a son (Ralph), by a brother (Charles), and by a grandson (Warren O'Neil).

The funeral service was officiated by Reverend Greg Kaiser

of Rudyard. Special vocal music by Joe Horel included "The Old Rugged Cross" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus", accompanied by Stanleigh Barbie. Pallbearers were Albert Hansen, Fritz Will, Shy Horel, Marcel Solum, Gene Schrouder and Lloyd Diemert. Arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel in Chester.



Clyde Baker

ROBERTA (BOBBIE) BEALS  
Born: March 19, 1931 - Died: May 4, 1982  
Liberty County Time  
May 13, 1982

## Funeral held for Roberta Beals, 51

Roberta (Bobbie) Beals, 51 passed away Tuesday morning, May 4th at her home at 1014 2nd St. W. Kalispell, Montana.

She was born March 19, 1931 in Havre to Floyd and Jennie Hader. She attended Chester grade and high school. She married Arne Jacobsen in May 1950. One daughter, Tralene Rae of West Unity, Ohio was born to this union. The marriage dissolved and on April 16, 1956 she married Darrel Beals in Great Falls. After their marriage they moved to Ohio to make their home. They lived in Ohio until the death of Mr. Beals in 1979. In 1980 Bobbie moved to Kalispell where she was employed as a hostess at the Outlaw Inn.

Friends and family called at the Johnson Funeral Home for visitation and the body was forwarded to Hollinshead Mortuary in West Unity, Ohio for services and burial.

She is survived by three children, Tralene Weichers, Richard and Shauna Beals, five grandchildren, Her mother, Jennie Hader Zimmer of Whitefish, two sisters Shirley Lybeck of Chester and Margaret Woods of Spokane, Washington. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews and two special brother-in-laws.



Roberta [Bobbie] R. Beals

OPAL E. BECK  
Born: March 29, 1900 - Died: March 25, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
April 8, 1982

## Opal Beck, 81,

KREMLIN NEWS  
By Carol Heggen

Opal E. Beck, 81, died Thursday March 25 in a Havre nursing home. Mrs. Beck was born on March 29, 1900 in Minnesota to Delbert and Amber Swift. With her parents she came to Montana at the age of 10 and they homesteaded north of Rudyard. She was married in 1922 at Wales, North Dakota to John Beck. He died in 1948. Surviving Mrs. Beck are seven children, Morris Beck, Arlee; Vini Bendix, Redwood City, California; Harold Beck, Great Falls; Ann Murphy, San Jose, California; Dale Beck, Havre; Mickey Graham, Havre; and June Donovan, Kremlin; brothers, Kent Swift, Billings and Gene Swift, Yakima Washington, and a sister, Hazel Lindsey, Spokane, Washington; 25 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Opal E. Beck were conducted

Monday March 29th at the sixth Avenue Christian Church with the Reverend Steve Jackson officiating. Interment was in Highland Cemetery. Lynn Jackson was organist and Donna Wilson sang, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Pallbearers were Bob Valasek, Tom Graham, Rick Graham, Todd Donovan, Norman Dryland and Bob Beck. Ushers were Herb Bitz and John Hansen.

## HILDRED MARY BENGTON

Born: December 24, 1899 - Died: April 20, 1982

Liberty County Times

April 29, 1982

### Funeral held for Hildred Bengtson

Hildred Mary Bengtson was born on December 24th, 1899 in Waconia, Minnesota. She was one of six children born to Anna Elizabeth Jansen and Frederick W. Swanson. She had a good education, graduating from the teachers college in River Falls, Wisconsin in 1919. She also attended the Northern State College in Aberdeen, South Dakota, after which she taught in various public schools in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and South Dakota. On June 10th, 1925 she married Victor Eugene Bengtson in Russell, Minnesota where they made their home. While there, Victor worked in a hardware store and for the highway department, and Hildred worked in the home. They attended the Russell Presbyterian Church. Hildred was a member of the Eastern Star, Degree of Honor Lodge, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Her husband died in April, 1968 and she came to Montana later that fall to live with her only son, who has worked many years as the Burlington-Northern depot agent in Joplin and Inverness. She and her son lived together in Joplin and Chester until 1980, when she moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge Retirement Complex. Because of recent ill-health, she went into the Liberty County Rest Home for special care. On the early morning of Tuesday

(April 20th), she died at the Chester hospital at the age of 82 years. Prior to this recent illness, Hildred loved to read because it kept her mind active and sharp. She also enjoyed travelling, and they had made many happy trips together over the years.

Survivors include her son, Eugene V. Bengtson of Chester; one granddaughter, Mary Frances Hartmann of Casper, Wyoming; one great-grandson, Wade Kaczmarek of Casper, Wyoming; and one brother, Guy Swanson of Renton, Washington. Hildred was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a brother (Carl) and 3 sisters (Marie, Hazel, and Inez).

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday (April 24th) at the Presbyterian Church in Russell, Minnesota. The Reverend C. L. Solberg officiated. Special vocal music including "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden" was provided by Mrs. Alta Gifford, accompanied by Mrs. Allan Hansen on the organ. Members of Masonic Coteau Lodge #24 of Russell served as pallbearers. Burial was in the family plot at the Russell Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the church fellowship hall. Local arrangements were handled by the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

**PAUL BIEGALKE**  
**Born: July 3, 1921 - Died: February 9, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 18, 1982**

## **Funeral held for Paul Biegelke**

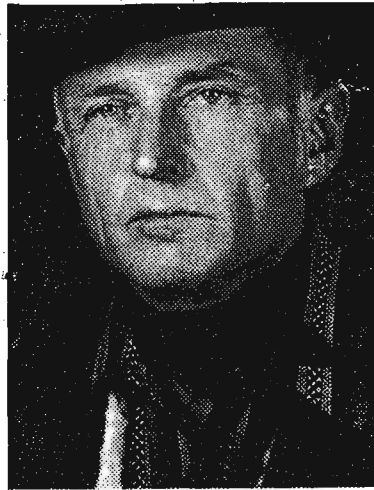
Paul Biegelke, rancher, of the Miles City Moon Creek area, died Tuesday afternoon, February 9, at Holy Rosary Hospital after a long illness of diabetes.

He was born July 3, 1921 at Chester, Montana, the son of Mrs. Matilda Biegelke and the late Paul Biegelke, Sr. He attended the Biegelke school north of Chester, and spent his earlier years on the farm. At the age of 16, following the death of his father, he took over the operation of the family farm.

In 1951, he moved to the Miles City area to ranch on Moon Creek Road until the time of his death.

Paul was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Matilda Biegelke of Chester; one son, Paul Eric of Miles City; three daughters, Mrs. Mike (Darlene) Ballensky of Moon Creek Road, Miles City; Mrs. Russell (Delilah) Duffy of Lewistown; and Mrs. Clay (Deana) Fox



**Paul Biegelke**

of Miles City; and eight grandchildren.

Also surviving are one brother, Francis Biegelke of Stanford; four sisters, Mrs. John (Bernice) Skierka of Chester; Mrs. Everett (Dolores) Hortsch of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Madonna Lovelace, widow of Houston M. Lovelace of

ALICE KINREAD BROWN  
Born: ? ? ? - Died: January 6, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
January 14, 1982

## Funeral held for Alice Kinread Brown

Alice Kinread Brown, 1505 Meadowlark Drive, Great Falls, died Wednesday afternoon in a local hospital following a long illness.

She was the daughter of pioneer Montana ranchers, Thomas Harold and Emily Pugsley Kinread, in the Marias River country southwest of Chester. She grew up in that area going to a country school. She attended the University of Montana and graduated from the University of California at Berkley. She did graduate work at Hillsdale College in Michigan. She was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. After teaching a number of years she married James A. Brown in 1925 at the Kinread ranch. He preceeded her in death.

During the 1940's she lived in the Chester area. She was an instigator in establishing the Liberty County Library and was a District President of the Montana Federation of Womens Clubs.

In 1952 she moved to Great Falls and was a member of the The First Presbyterian Church, Order of Eastern Star, American Association of University Women, Pi Beta Phi Alumni, Pan American Club, Tuesday Music Club, Rainbow Flower Growers and the Arrowhead and Mineral Club.

A daughter, Alice Tourigny and a brother, Harold Kinread also preceeded her in death. Survivors include two sons, James T. Brown, Great Falls; Allen D. Brown, Great Falls and Chester and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian church Gt. Falls, Monday, Jan. 11th at 2:00 PM. A family burial service took place earlier. Memorials are preferred to the Liberty County Public Library, Chester, Montana 59522.

She taught the Laird school one year and at Chester High School many years ago about the time John Hutchison was superintendent of Chester schools. She played violin in an old-time orchestra with well-known Chester residents of many years ago such as Roy Walden. She also substituted in Chester schools as late as the 1940's. Many of the kids of that period will remember her taffee pulls, skating and sledding parties, hot chocolate, wagon rides and snow candy and other things she used to plan for young people.

## STEVEN EUGENE CARLSTAD

Born: August 11, 1958 - Died: August 14, 1982

Liberty County Times

August 19, 1982

### Steve Carlstad services held August 18th

Relatives and friends were saddened to hear of the death and loss of Steven Carlstad, age 24, early Saturday morning (August 14). Steve was involved in a one-car accident in a residential area of Sidney, Montana. The vehicle apparently jumped the curbing and struck a tree, and Steve died at the scene.

Steven Eugene Carlstad was born August 11th, 1958 in St. Joseph, Missouri. He was one of seven children born to Kenneth and Charlene (Orcutt) Carlstad. As a child he was christened into the Lutheran faith at St. Ignatius, Montana. He attended schools in Moses Lake, (Washington), St. Ignatius, and Kalispell, and his high school years were spent at Chester, where he participated one year in the basketball program. After attending high school, Steve worked for his father in the construction business for the next four years. Three years ago he moved to Sidney, where he has been employed as a truck driver for the Midway Asphalt Paving Company.

Steve enjoyed his work and was extremely proud of his truck. He pampered it and kept it immaculate. His hobby was his car, and he was continually scrubbing, waxing and tuning it up. He also liked to build model cars, and had accumulated quite a collection over the years. In his quieter hours he enjoyed reading, and was especially fond of maps and almanacs. He loved music: his favorite type of music was "country western" and his favorite recording artist was Hank Williams, Jr. Steve also liked animals, especially dogs. And last but not least, Steve always held a special place in his heart for children, and children were equally attracted to him. He adored his niece and nephews.



STEVE CARLSTAD

1 niece; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 18th, at 11 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated. Special vocal music including "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Love Lifted Me" was provided by Sue Violet, accompanied by Merna Kolstad. Pallbearers were Donald Pimley, Kenneth Miller, Bob Thompson, Earl Guthmiller, and Charley and Leslie Laas. Honorary bearers were Steve's loving nephews and niece, Tony and Dustin Miller and Kevin and Kandi Carlstad. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery. A memorial luncheon given by members of the local Sons of Norway followed at the church basement. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

Survivors include his parents, Kenneth and Charlene of Lewistown; 2 brothers, Kenneth of Great Falls and Gary of Sidney; 4 sisters, Mrs. Rick (Debra) Miller of Joplin, Mrs. Rob (Sherry) Johnson of Sidney, and Jane and Donna, both of Lewistown; maternal grandparents, George and Elaine Orcutt of Wathena, Kansas; maternal great-grandmother, Ethel Long of Dayton, Oregon; 3 nephews;



GORDON S. DE YOUNG  
Born: November 15, 1904 - Died: April 15, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
April 22, 1982

## Gordon De Young dies in Salt Lake City

Gordon S. De Young, 77, 1721 South Woodland Drive, died Thursday evening at the Veterans Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born November 15, 1904 in Whitlash, Liberty County, the son of Samule and Edith De Young. Before coming to the Flathead Valley in 1946, De Young worked as a drilling contractor in eastern Montana as well as a farmer in northern Montana. He also served two stints in the army before coming to the Kalispell area. While here, he continued working as a driller until he retired.

In 1953 he married Iva Geraldine Cobb, who died August 12, 1958. De Young was a member and past master of the Kalispell Masonic Lodge. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1908, his father in 1915, three half brothers, John, Matt and Tom Morgan, and a half sister, Leatha Hanson.

On July 17, 1967, he was married to Isabel Petrie in Coeur d' Alene, who survives him. He is also survived by his son Craig, a daughter Junellen Winchester, both of Kalispell; a sister, Alice Burns of Strattonvill, Pennsylvania; a half sister, Mary Carrall of Kevin, Montana; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Chauncey Biffle, associate pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Conrad Memorial cemetery, where ritualistic Masonic graveside rites were

conducted. Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for the crippled children in Spokane.

## VIVIAN ANN DOLEZAL

Born: May 24, 1923 - Died: January 18, 1982

Liberty County Times

January 28, 1982



Vivian Ann Dolezal was born on May 24th, 1923 to Edward and Lucy (Hansen) Rockman. Her parents farmed a relinquished homestead 16 miles north of Lothair; however, Vivian was born in a little homestead shack just east of Lothair. Of interest was the fact that the doctor came from Havre in a freight train box-car, got off as the train neared the shack, walked to the house, and delivered baby Vivian.

Her early education was at the Trommer country school, and she later transferred into Chester. She graduated with good grades from Chester High School in 1941. She was Chester's first drum majorette and filled those shoes during her four years at Chester High.

Following graduation she took a year of rest-and-relaxation and traveled out west. Vivian married John D. Dolezal at St. Ann's Cathedral in Great Falls on June 4th, 1942, and after a honeymoon to Spokane, they settled on the Dolezal homestead north of Chester. They raised a fine family of four children and had a wonderful wedded life together for nearly forty years.

Vivian was a dedicated 4-H leader and worker while her children were growing up. Although she never played a

musical instrument herself, she saw to it that all of the children had music lessons. She also insisted that the kids had a good education. Not only was she a good wife and mother, but at times was called upon to be a hay-hand, calf-puller, truck-driver, and whatever. She was a talented seamstress and cook. In her quieter hours she enjoyed reading. John and Vivian have been active bowlers for many years in the mixed double leagues in Chester and Shelby. They were members of St. Mary's Church where Vivian served on the Altar Society. She had also been a member of the home demonstration group, "The Other Club".

After a long siege with cancer, Vivian passed away on the evening of Monday, January 18th, at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. She would have been 59 years old this coming May.

Left to mourn are her husband, John of Chester; a son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Cheri of Kewanee, Illinois; a second son, Richard of Seattle and his fiancée, Susan Pratt; a daughter, Jackie of Chicago and a daughter and son-in-law, Jan Dell and Larry Nelson of Havre. Also surviving is a brother, Leslie Rockman of Helena; 5 grandchildren, including Jeff, Julie, Danielle, and Natasha Dolezal and Michael Nelson; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. Vivian was preceded in death by her mother (who died from cancer at age 48 in 1954) and by her father (who died from natural causes at age 89 in 1981).

Vigil prayer services were held Thursday evening at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. On Friday, January 22nd, Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church by Fathers Rene Petit and Tim

Werner. Special music was provided by members of the St. Mary's choir, accompanied by Helen Ann Aaberg on the organ. Songs included "Father of Peace", "Alleluia", "Hosanna", "Be Not Afraid", and "Morning Has Broken". A vocal solo by Wayne Wardell during the preparation of the gifts was "Turn, Turn, Turn", and John Seidlitz accompanied him on the guitar. Altar servers were Terry Manska and Jack Wagner, and the Terwolbeck's presented the communion gifts. Ushers were Gary Violet and Steve Brown. Vivian's godson, Marv Sunderland, gave the eulogy. Pallbearers included B.J. Oswood, Eugene Rockman, Donald Raunig, Lawrence Frederickson, Leo Hawks, Gordon Kammer-

zell, and Artie Morrison. Lady honorary bearers included Rosalie Sunderland, Dorothy Brown, Gladys Meissner, Alice Morrison, Betty Frederickson, and Lois Brauer. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery. Following graveside services, a luncheon was given to family and friends at St. Mary's. A memorial fund is being established.

**HOWARD ELMER ERICKSON**  
**Born: April 25, 1918 - Died: April 9, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 15, 1982**

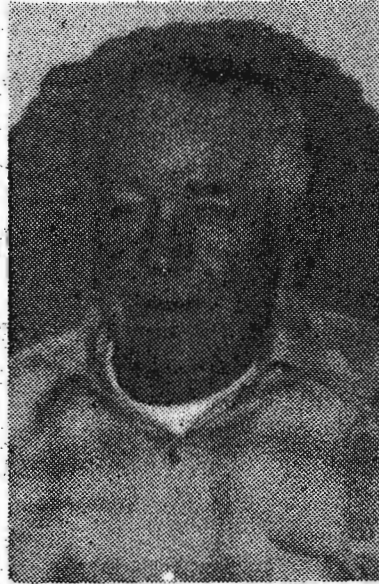
## **Funeral held for Howard Erickson**

Howard Elmer Erickson was born on April 25th, 1918 on his parents' farm located 15 miles south of Chester. His parents, Fred and Emma Erickson, had come to Montana and homesteaded there in 1913. Howard was one of eight children, and at an early age was baptized by a nondenominational minister. He was later confirmed Lutheran. He attended the Erickson and Pugsley country schools near the farm. Howard took over the farming operations in 1940 after his father became ill. He has farmed on that original homestead since that time. He never married.

In his younger days he enjoyed hunting. He has always been an avid fisherman, but his love for fishing intensified these past ten years. He found the sport very relaxing, and could sit for hours without even a nibble. Even though his health had not been good this last year, he still made a trip with his old boat to Two Medicine Lake this past fall. Also in years gone by, he used to play the fiddle, as did most of his brothers. Although not a "church-goer", Howard did have faith, and had proclaimed this faith to his sister, Mildred, on several occasions.

Howard's health had deteriorated rapidly these past six months, so in March he went to the Liberty County Rest Home to live. He died there on the late evening of Friday (March 9th) at the age of 63 years.

Survivors include two sisters, Mildred Hanson of Chester and Freda Ouren of Richland, Wash-



**Howard Erickson**

ington; one brother, Oscar of Chester; and numerous nieces and nephews. Howard was preceded in death by his parents, by two sisters (Erma and Alvina), and by two brothers (George and Donald).

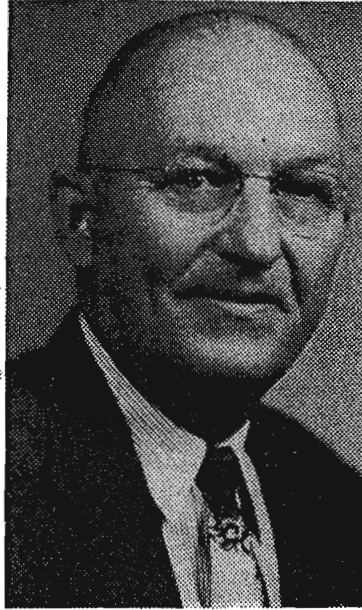
Funeral services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. Easter Monday, April 12th. Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated. Vocal music provided by Sue Violett included "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" and "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Juanita Wardell on the organ. Ushers were Cliff and Curt Hanson, and neighbors serving as pallbearers included Robert Pugsley (Sr.), Aden Ward, Delmar Wolfe, Robert Pugsley (Jr.), Bob Woodward and Dale Nelson. Interment was in the Erickson Cemetery located near the farm. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Following graveside services, a memorial luncheon was held at the church.

HUGO VICTOR FUHS  
Born: October 26, 1895 - Died: February 19, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
February 25, 1982

## Funeral held for Hugo Fuhs, 86

Hugo Victor Fuhs was born in Ireland, Indiana on October 26th, 1895. As a child he moved to Wisconsin with his parents, Alois and Catherine (Eckstein) Fuhs, who homesteaded there in the Clayton community. He attended schools in Clayton and helped with the farming operations. On July 9th, 1918 he married Alpha E. Gravning in Turtlelake, Wisconsin. The next month he enlisted in the U. S. Army, where he achieved the rank of corporal during World War I. He was honorably discharged in 1919, and returned to Perley, Wisconsin where he farmed. He also took over a family-owned implement business in Clayton. Hugo and Alpha made their home in Wisconsin until the mid-1940's, when they came to Havre, Montana. Hugo worked as a salesman in the parts department for Winks Ford in Havre for several years. They moved to Chester in 1955 and ran the old Grand Cafe until his retirement in 1966. They have made their home in Chester since that time. Because of ill-health, Hugo entered the Liberty County Rest Home in January, 1980. He died there on Friday morning, February 19th, at the age of 86 years.

Hugo had been a member of the American Legion since its



Hugo Fuhs

inception in 1919. While in Havre, he was active in the Elks Club. He had been an avid hunter and fisherman his entire life, in fact, had made several hunting trips into the Alaskan wilderness. In younger years he participated in the sports of boxing and baseball, and played the clarinet in a band in Wisconsin. In his later years he enjoyed yardwork, and always kept a nice flower and vegetable garden. He was a general "fix-it" man, and as a hobby he

like to refinish old furniture. In his quieter hours he enjoyed reading and watching television.

Hugo is survived by his wife, Alpha of Chester; 2 sons, Marvin of Anchorage, Alaska and Norman of Clarkston, Washington; 5 daughters, Mrs. Hazel Ross of Chester, Mrs. Lloyd (Dorothy) Welch of New Richmond, Wisconsin, Mrs. Betty Early of Hammond, Indiana, Mrs. John (Loretta) McKay of Eagle River, Alaska, and Mrs. Tom (Darlene) Kelly of LaVerne, California; 27 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death not only by his parents, but also by an older brother (Bernard) and an identical-twin brother, Victor Hugo.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 22nd, at 2 p.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Pastor Dan Mielke of the Chester Assembly of God Church officiated. Special music including "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" was provided by Mrs. Carole Hanson. Pastor Mielke sang "It is Well With My Soul", accompanied by Marion Thielman on the organ. Memorial bearers were all of his friends in American Legion Post #88, and those serving as active pallbearers were Swen Sundgren, Don Buffington, Mort Skari, Lennie Limesand, Ray Zorn, and Buzz Zorn. Military rites were presented by members of the Legion and V.F.W. at the Chester Cemetery. Following graveside services, a luncheon was given to family and friends at the Assembly of God Church.

RICHARD GATZEMEIER  
Born: ?, 1921 - Died: July 9, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
July 15, 1982

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## Funeral held for Richard Gatzemeier

Richard Gatzemeier, 61, died Friday at his home. Funeral was at 10 a.m. Monday at First Lutheran Church in Havre, with burial in Highland Cemetery there. Born in Dahlen, North Dakota, he moved to the Hingham area with his parents as an infant. He lived on that homestead for most of his life. In 1947 he married Florence Klindworth at Great Falls. He is survived by his wife, Havre; a son, Alvin, Havre; his mother, Carrie Gatzemeier, Havre; two sisters, Celia Schroeder, Helena, and Katherine Shovic, Great Falls, and one grandchild. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home, Havre, was in charge of the arrangements.

--Great Falls Tribune

AL E. GEHLEN  
Born: August 16, 1910 - Died: April 28, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
May 13, 1982

## Al Gehlen dies in Coeur d'Alene

Al E. Gehlen, 71, Coeur d'Alene, died Wednesday, April 28, 1982, in Kootenai Memorial Hospital.

Born August 16, 1910, in Glencoe, Minnesota, he moved to Hingham, Montana in 1913 and married Cecilia Hoffard in Glasgow, Montana, in 1938. He lived 17 years in Sandpoint before moving to Coeur d'Alene in 1960. He was a member of St. Pius Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and the Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include his wife at home; son Jerry of Post Falls; daughters Sharon Beneze of Boise and Judy Ruddach of East Wenatchee, Washington;

brothers Raymond of Havre, Montana, and William of Oakland, California; sisters, Esther Murray of St. Paul, Minnesota, Clara Donovan of Kremlin, Montana, Hildegard Spicher of Great Falls, Montana, Monica Lindstrom of Lakeside, Montana, and Lorraine Doris of Hayward, California, and 12 grandchildren.

Rosary was at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening in Yates Funeral Home, Coeur d'Alene. Funeral mass was at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Pius Catholic Church with Reverend William Wassmuth officiating. Burial was in St. Thomas Cemetery.

## ARMAND DALE GILBERTSON

Born: December 17, 1933 - Died: September 15, 1982

Liberty County Times  
September 23, 1982



Dale Gilbertson

### Funeral held for D Gilbertson

Armand Dale Gilbertson was born in Kalispell, Montana on December 17th, 1933. His grandfather had homesteaded in the Stillwater community in 1892, so Dale grew up on the family farm. He was the youngest of three children born to Conrad and Blanche (Lee) Gilbertson. He was baptized and confirmed Lutheran and completed his early education at the Sparks School located near the farm. Dale graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell in 1951. While in high school he was involved in F.F.A. and Glee Club. In the few years following graduation he owned and operated a gas station in Kalispell. Dale then went to work as an apprentice printer for Trippett's Print Shop. After he received his journeyman's license, he became part owner and founder of Thomas Printing in Kalispell, and he worked there until 1966. For the next 10 years he worked in auto and equipment sales for Flathead Motors, Day Equipment Company, and Roy Stanley Chevrolet. On June 23rd, 1975 Dale married Linda Marie Long in Elko, Nevada. On January 1st, 1977 they moved to Chester where they purchased the Tip Top Tavern Lounge. They have lived and worked in Chester since. On the afternoon of Wednesday, September 15th, Dale suddenly collapsed. He

was pronounced dead at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He was just 48 years old.

In his younger years in Kalispell, Dale had been active in the Jaycees club. In his later years there, he held memberships in the Eagles and Elks, and also served on the Flathead County Draft Board. In the mid-1950's he served a 6-year term in the National Guard and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. At one time he was also quite involved in the Democratic Party in Kalispell. Since coming to Chester he has joined the "Sons of Norway" and has served on the Liberty County Draft Board. He has always enjoyed bowling, and he and Linda bowled on the Rudyard Mixed-Doubles League. He has been a loyal sponsor and fan of the Chester softball program and has also been an avid Chester High School basketball fan. Over the years Dale has enjoyed hunting and fishing, and more recently has enjoyed deep sea fishing. Together, Dale and Linda enjoyed traveling, camping and motorcycling. As a hobby, Dale collected bottles.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of Chester; 3 children, David of Helena, Mrs. Gary (Danna) Zahller of Spokane, and Bryan of Kalispell; 1 brother, Colonel C. LeVaughn Gilbertson

of Helena; 1 sister, Mrs. Robert (Delores) Blake of Kalispell; 3 grandchildren, John, Eric and Kristen; parents-in-law, William and Dorothy Long of Kalispell; and numerous nephews and nieces. Dale was preceded in death by his father in 1959, his mother in 1980, and a brother in infancy. A memorial fund is being established to the Heart Association.

Funeral services were held in Chester at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Saturday afternoon (September 18th). Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated. Ushers were Roy Phillips and Dennis Hanson. Jan Christoffer-son was organist, and she accompanied Shirley Tutvedt, who sang "In the Garden", "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace". A memorial luncheon given by the Chester "Sons of Norway" followed in the church basement.

A second service was held for Kalispell friends on Monday afternoon, September 20th, at the Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell. The Reverend Rusty Halaas officiated. Ushers were Rlynn Rockman and Paul Tutvedt. Mrs. Mary Helen Halaas was organist, and again Shirley Tutvedt offered special vocal music. Interment followed in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. A second luncheon was given at the Northridge Church by the Ladies Circle and Eagles Auxiliary.

Pallbearers at both services included Rick O'Brien, Rod Keith, Milt Just, Jay Kilpatrick, Robert G. Blake and Bruce Gilbertson. Memorial bearers included two friends - past and present - Dean Biby and Bill Daley. Local arrangements were handled by the Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

LILA FERN GORTON  
Born: October 8, 1930 - Died: October 25, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
November 4, 1982

## Lila Gorton Died Oct. 25

Lila Fern Gorton, 52, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Monday, October 25, following a lengthy illness.

She was born October 8, 1930, in Havre, the daughter of Martin and Nellie Dahler. In 1943 she moved with her family to Kalispell, where she attended local schools, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1948.

She was employed as a stenographer for Equity Supply until her marriage to Willis Gorton May 10, 1957 in Kalispell.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and was serving as financial secretary of the church at the time of her death. She also was a member of the Fairmont-Egan Ladies Club and the Hobby Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Willis Gorton, Kalispell; two sons, Bradford Gorton, Kalispell, and Dan Gorton, Cut Bank; a daughter, Sue Gorton, attending Northern Montana College, Havre; two brothers, Lloyd Dahler, Waipahu, Hawaii, and Vernon Dahler, Helena; a sister Evelyn Pierson, Kalispell; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. Thursday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Howard Mars officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Cancer Fund.



MARTIN HAALAND  
Born: ?, 1888 - Died : June 28, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
July 15, 1982

## **Martin Haaland, 94, dies in Seattle**

Martin Haaland, 94, died in Seattle June 28. Haaland homesteaded north of Inverness and farmed there for some 40 years. Since retiring he had lived in Seattle. Survivors are his wife, Jorene, Seattle, and two sisters living in Norway.

--Great Falls Tribune

RICHARD "DICK" E. HANSEN, SR.

Born: 1895 - Died: May 1, 1982

Liberty County Times

May 13, 1982

## **Funeral held for Richard Hansen Sr.**

Richard E. (Dick) Hansen Sr. died May 1, 1982 in Renton, Washington. He was 87. September 8, 1921, he married the former Margaret Carver, of Inverness, Montana, and is survived by his wife who lives in Renton. Also surviving are two sons: Jack Hansen, Renton, and Richard Hansen Jr., Great Falls; a brother, George Hansen, Fresno, California; two sisters, Grace Brennan, Whitefish, Montana, and Mary Maskey, Las Vegas, Nevada, as well as four grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

He operated the family homestead at Joplin for some 40 years, retiring in early 1970, and moving to Havre, where he lived and operated a cabinet shop for several years before moving to Washington.

While living in Joplin, he was a member of the Joplin Masonic Lodge, as well as serving on the school board, and was active in many civic and community activities. He was a member of the Inverness Methodist Church, and later transferred to the Havre Methodist Church.

During World War I, he served in the U.S. Navy, with the rank of Fireman 1st Class. Prior to that, he also served in the U.S. Army under General Pershing in the Pancho Villa skirmish in Mexico.

Interment was in the Washington Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Seattle. Remembrances can be sent to: Fern Hazlegrove; 10407 S.E. 174th, Apartment 1309, Renton, Washington, 98055, and will go to the Childrens Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle.

FINN A. HANSON  
Born: ?, 1915 - Died : November 25, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
December 2, 1982

**Funeral held for  
Finn Hanson, 67**

Finn A. Hanson, 67, died Thursday at a Havre hospital. Funeral was held at 10 a.m. Monday at Holland and Bonine Chapel. Burial was in South Gildford Cemetery in Gildford. Born south of Gildford he was raised and schooled in that area. He married Anna Nelson in Box Elder in 1948. Hanson had farmed in the Gildford area until retiring recently. His wife survives at the family home in Gildford. Also surviving is a son, Arthur, Havre, two grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Mabel Johnson, south of Gildford.

**CAROLINE NATHALIE HARTSHORN**  
**Born: January 15, 1894 - Died: August 17, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 19, 1982**

## **Nathalie Hartshorn Dies August 17**

Caroline Nathalie Hartshorn was born on January 15th, 1894 in Brooklyn, New York. Her parents were Charles and Susie (Bennit) Hartshorn and she was one of four children. Nathalie grew up and was educated in New York, and for many years had worked as a secretary for the Chase Manhattan Bank System there. She retired in 1970. She was very active in the business world and never married. She was a member of the "Daughters of the American Revolution" and many other ladies clubs in Brooklyn. In 1977 she came to Chester to live with her nephew, Ellis Stewart. Because of failing health, she entered the Liberty County Rest Home in Decem-

ber of 1979. She lived there until her death on the early morning of Tuesday, August 17th. She was 88 years old.

She is survived by her nephew, Ellis Stewart of Havre; a niece, Elizabeth Ann Fischer of Monroe, New York; and a brother-in-law, Charles Stewart, also of Monroe, New York. She was preceded in death by her parents, by two brothers (Elwin and Henry Clay), and by a sister (Marion).

Private family funeral services are being planned. Any memorial gifts will be given to the American Heart Association. Local arrangements were handled by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

## CRIST HAUGEN

Born: ?, 1886 - Died : September 5, 1982

Liberty County Times

September 9, 1982

### Funeral held for Crist Haugen

Crist J. Haugen, 97, died in a Havre nursing home Friday. Funeral was at 3 pm Tuesday at the Kremlin Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery at Havre. Born in Norway, he came to Minnesota with an uncle in 1908 and moved to Montana in 1912 with another uncle. He homesteaded five miles north of Kremlin. In 1915 he married

Kjersti Evjii in Kremlin. She had homesteaded next to Mr. Haugen. She died in 1958. He remained in Kremlin until moving to a Havre nursing home two years ago. Haugen served on the Kremlin school board for four great-grandchildren. A son, John, died in 1980 and another son died as an infant. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**JOE A. HAUSSER**  
**Born: January 9, 1913 - Died: July 19, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 22, 1982**

## **Joe A. Hausser**

Joe A. Hausser, 69, Conrad, Montana died Monday in a Great Falls hospital following a sudden illness. He was born January 9, 1913 at Plankenton, South Dakota and moved to Salisbury, Missouri with his parents at the age of seven. He attended schools in Salisbury and farmed with his father before going into construction work. He entered the U.S. Army of Engineers in 1943 and served until 1946. Following the service he worked on construction projects in several states before moving to Montana in 1950. He was married to Ila Hanna in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho December 16, 1952. He farmed in the Ledger area until they retired to Conrad in 1974. They spent their summers in Conrad and their winters in Mesa, Arizona.

Survivors include his wife Ila, brother Richard in Salisbury; three sisters, Virginia Williams, Ballwin, Missouri; Agnes Duisen, Bridgeton, Missouri; Pat Stangel, Merit Island, Florida. Two step-sisters, Pauline Schutte, O'Fallon, Missouri; Ann Gladrock, Brunswick, Missouri; two step-brothers, William Stern of Brunswick and Garhard Stern, Jefferson City, Missouri. Four nieces and three nephews.

Services will be today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at the Pondera Valley Lutheran Church with Pastor Steve Nelson officiating.

**CLARENCE DUKE HAWKS, JR.**  
**Born: April 19, 1920 - Died: September 10, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 16, 1982**

## **Funeral held for Duke Hawks**

Clarence Hawks, Jr. was born on April 19th, 1920 in Chester. At an early age he acquired the nickname "Duke", which has remained with him his entire life. Duke was the eldest of three children born to Clarence and Sena (Sletager) Hawks. His father had homesteaded 20 miles northwest of Chester in 1910, so Duke grew up on the farm there. He was baptized and confirmed at the Trinity Lutheran Church, located near the farm. He attended the Corral Creek County School, which was also near the homestead. Duke farmed with his parents until age 20, then began farming with his brother, Henry. In October of 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II. He served in Germany, Czechoslovakia, and France in the campaigns of Rhineland and Central Europe. He achieved the rank of sergeant in the 9th infantry regiment and was honorably discharged in January of 1946. Duke returned to Montana and continued farming. In 1951 he purchased a farm 6 miles north of Dunkirk. He later met a Libby girl, Billie B. Blackwell, and they were married in Kalispell on July 9th, 1962. They made their home on the Dunkirk farm and in Shelby until 1968, at which time they

sold their place and retired to Bigfork. Duke has suffered from a lingering illness since 1977. In April of this year he entered the Bigfork Convalescent Center, where he died on the afternoon of Friday, September 10th. He was 62 years old.

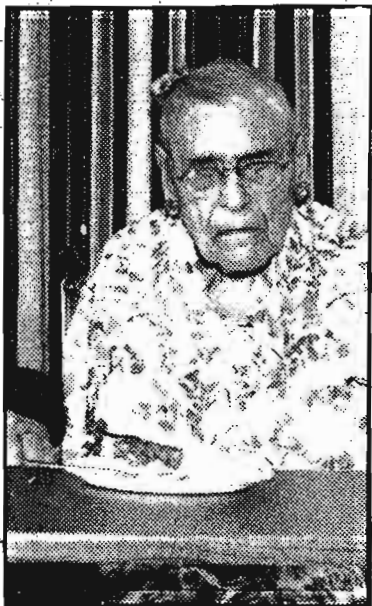
Duke had been a life-member of the Chester V.F.W. Post, then later transferred his membership to the Shelby Post. He was also a long-time member of the Shelby Elks Lodge and had remained on the roles of Trinity Church. In his youth he enjoyed music, and played the harmonica, violin, and guitar. He also liked to dance, and for relaxation he enjoyed bowling. Duke has always loved fishing and hunting, and he added camping and boating to his hobbies following his retirement. In addition, he liked to travel, he enjoyed landscaping, and was a general "handyman". Over the years he was very devoted to his family, especially his mother.

Survivors includes his wife, Billie of Bigfork; his mother, Sena of north Chester; 2 brothers, Henry and Leo, both of north Chester; 3 stepchildren, Kurt Kelley of Portland, Georgia Rayson of Libby, and Kim Sebree of Pasco, Washington; 4 nephews; and 2 nieces.

Duke was preceded in death by his father in 1952.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 13th, at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. The Reverend Ken Bartle of the Trinity parish officiated. Special vocal music by Dolores Matteson included "Sunrise" and "Beyond the Sunset", and she was accompanied by Dorothy Heydon. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art". Leonard Matteson served as usher and the pallbearers included Jim Brunn, Irvin Brown, Arnold Lawrence, Ben Taylor, Jack Parker, and Lawrence Frederickson. Memorial bearers were all of Duke's many friends. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with military rites performed there by members of the Chester and Shelby VFW Posts and the Chester American Legion. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

MINNIE ELIZABETH HEIMBIGNER  
Born: July 2, 1892 - Died: December 1, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
December 9, 1982



Minnie Elizabeth Heimbigner was born on July 2nd, 1892 in Great Falls, Montana. Minnie was the eldest of eight children born to Leonard and Bertha (Meisenbaugh) Herbolsheimer. Her parents had homesteaded in the Eden community south of Great Falls, so she grew up and attended country schools there. On December 8th, 1920 she married Henry F. Heimbigner in Great Falls. That same year they moved to Williams, Montana where Henry worked

on a ranch. In 1923 they came to Chester to be near Henry's family. They have lived and worked on various ranches in this community since that time. They have made their home in Whitlash since 1951. Minnie went to live at the Liberty County Rest Home in December of 1981. She died there on the evening of Wednesday, December 1st, at the age of 90 years.

Minnie had been a long-time member of the Chester Methodist Church. She had also been active in the Eutopia and Whitlash Home Demonstration Clubs. Her hobbies included sewing, embroidery, and fanciwork, and she was an exceptionally good cook. She loved baseball, and in those early years of the Chester Sports Complex, she and Henry spent many hours watching softball games. Minnie was very faithful to her family and friends, and was well-known for sending birthday, anniversary, and other greeting cards. Minnie and Henry had a happy, loving marriage that lasted 62 years...

Survivors include her husband, Henry of Whitlash; 1 son, Virgil of Albuquerque, New Mexico; 1 daughter, Edna Neidhardt of Sumner, Washington; 4 grandchildren; 8 great-grand-

children; 6 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Minnie was preceded in death not only by her parents, but also by all of her siblings (including George, Harold, Ben, Alma, Vera, May and Edna).

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon, December 6th, at the Chester United Methodist Church. Wendy (Platte) Duggins and Reverend Bill Mulette officiated. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again", accompanied by Caroline Hall. Vocal hymns by Karen Kultgen included "How Great Thou Art" and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder". Friends and neighbors served as pallbearers. Active bearers included Claude Demarest, Earl Thompson, Roy Heimbigner, Urban Kultgen, Glenn Aiken and Norman Waite. Honorary bearers included Jim Hall, Alvin Howery, Walt Stratton, Troy Lakey, Nelson Bingham and Darby O'Brien. Burial followed in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by the Rockman Chapel.



**WALTER CLARENCE HEIMBIGNER**  
**Born: August 5, 1892 - Died: May 13, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 20, 1982**

Walter Clarence Heimbigner was born in Odessa, Washington on August 5th, 1892. He was one of 12 children born to Conrad and Katie (Schiffner) Heimbigner. At an early age he was baptized German Lutheran. In 1909 when he was seven years old he came to Montana with his family, who homesteaded north of Chester. Walt was educated in Chester, attending schools through the eighth grade. He helped on the family farm, then at age 16 went to work on the railroad section crew. His father died in 1923, so he took over the farming operations. On April 14th, 1927 he married Alice Shettel at Havre in the Methodist faith. They continued farming near Chester. They bought the old Nordstrom farm, then later the McMaster place.

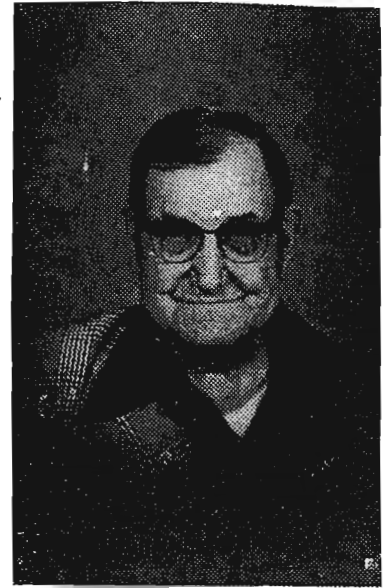
In conjunction with farming, Walt worked intermittently at Chester Motors and also was in the house-moving business with his brother-in-law, Alva Shettel. In the early 1950's he retired from farming and took up the carpentry trade. They moved into Chester in 1953. In the years 1957-58 he ran the Husky Service Station in town; in fact, a memorable occasion was the trip to the Rose Bowl that he won for gas and oil sales. In 1959-60 Walt worked on the city crew, then became the janitor and maintenance man at the county courthouse, a job he held until his retirement in 1969.

Since then, he and Alice have lived in their home in Chester. Walt's health has deteriorated these past several years, and he had been in-and-out of the hospital several times this past year. He died on Thursday afternoon, May 13th, at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre at the age of 79 years.

Walt had been a member of the Farmer's Union. In his younger years he enjoyed working with horses, and was exceptionally good at breaking them. His hobbies included fishing and big game hunting. His family will remember him as a loyal husband and caring father.

Survivors are his wife, Alice of Chester; 2 sons, Roy and Donald, both of Chester; 4 daughters, Mrs. Irvin (Rudy) Borst of Havre; Mrs. Clarence (Opal) Borske of Great Falls, Mrs. David (Pearl) Morton of Culloden, West Virginia, and Mrs. Jerry (Donna) Perdue of Chester; 4 brothers, Henry of Whitlash, Sam of Superior, Harry of Chester, and Fred of Spokane; 18 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Walt was preceded in death by his parents, by 7 siblings (Dave, Joe, Lucille, Mary, Clara, and 2 infants), and by 4 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Chester United Methodist Church. Reverend Bill Mullette of the Methodist Church and Reverend Wayne Bungum of the Lutheran Church officiated. Special organ music was provided by Iris White. Jack Seidlitz sang "It Is No Secret" and Anne Seidlitz sang "God Be With You". A vocal duet by the Seidlitz's was "Beyond the Sunset". Ushers were Alfred Hanson and Darby O'Brien. Nephews serving as pallbearers included Jerry and Jim Shettel, Elmer and Lyle Hadford, and Delbert and Harry (Jr.) Heimbigner. All of Walt's other nephews were honorary bearers. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. Following graveside services, a memorial luncheon was given to family and friends at the church.



**Walt Heimbigner**

**LYLE RICHARD HEYDON**  
**Born: April 11, 1926 - Died: August 28, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 2, 1982**

## **Funeral held for Heydon, 56**

Funeral services for Lyle Richard Heydon, 56, mayor of Fort Benton, were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Benton Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Heydon died Saturday in a Great Falls hospital. He had been suffering from a heart ailment and had undergone open-heart surgery.

Heydon was elected mayor of Fort Benton last fall and had served since January 1. He had never run for public office before and was convinced to file for the office only minutes before the deadline.

Heydon was born on the family homestead north of Joplin. He graduated from Joplin High School.

He served in the U.S. Army during 1945 and 1946. Afterward he returned to the family farm. He married Patricia Ann Stoner at Havre in 1948.

They moved to Havre in 1966 where he worked for Valley Furniture. In 1977 he moved to Fort Benton where he owned and operated Benton Home Furnishings.

Survivors include his wife, Pat; two sons, J. Thomas, Fort Benton, and David L., Havre; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Lyla) Jensen, Havre and Ann D. West, Fort Benton; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Clyde, Joplin and Ferroll, Havre; and three sisters, including Mrs. Havreen Frydenlund, Devon, and Mrs. Elmer (Dorma) Hadford, Joplin.

FRANCES EDITH HODGES  
Born: March 27, 1884 - Died: May 13, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
May 20, 1982



Edith Hodges

Frances Edith Hodges was born in Ponteg, South Wales, England on March 27th, 1884. She was one of seven girls born to Mary Ann Hewett and Alfred Golding. Her father was a coalminer in England. In her youth she attended schools and was raised Presbyterian. In the years that followed, she worked in factories, then immigrated to the United States to marry her sweetheart who had come here several years before. Edith arrived in New York on January 15th, 1916, then came to Montana. She married Thomas Hodges on February 28th, 1916 north of Joplin, where he had homesteaded in 1910. The year they were married, Tom also filed a homestead in Canada, but sold the two homesteads in 1922 when they returned to England. For the next three years, Tom worked in the coalmines there, then they returned to Montana in 1925. They bought another farm 19 miles north of Joplin which they operated until their retirement in 1955. They lived in Joplin until 1969, when they both moved into the Liberty County Rest Home. Tom died

there in 1972. Edith remained in the rest home until her death of the evening of Thursday, May 13th. She died at the Liberty County Hospital at the age of 98 years.

Although Edith had a very quiet personality, she was very loyal to her family and friends. There were many times in years past that she would stay with sick neighbors for long periods to nurse them back to health. She was an outdoors person and enjoyed working with Tom on the farm. They both liked to walk, and it wasn't unusual for them to walk 10, 20, or even 30 miles at a time back in those early years. Edith liked to make rugs and she was a good cook. She loved to go on picnics and fishing trips with her family, and her grandchildren gave her great joy. She and Tom did

some travelling after their retirement, and they were happily married for 56 years.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Gus (Frances) Robo of Chester; a sister, Florence Mundy of England; 2 grandsons, Jerry Robo of Fort Benton and David Robo of north Joplin; 6 great-grandsons; and numerous nephews and nieces. Edith was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by 5 sisters (Jeanette, Elizabeth, Annie, Gwen, and Jessie) and a granddaughter (Violet Marie Robo in 1960).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday (May 18th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend John N. Olson of the Joplin Bethel Lutheran Church officiated.

Special organ music was provided by Myrna Kolstad, and Sue Violett sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden". Pallbearers were Robert, Don, and Norbert VanDessel and Dean, Wayne, and Willis Hodges. Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the Gus Robo home in Chester.

**JOSEPH W. IRVIN**  
**Born: October 24, 1896 - Died: May 31, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June, 1982**

**Joseph Irvin**

Services were held June 4 at the Community United Methodist Church in Shelby for Joseph W. Irvin, 85, a Shelby trucking pioneer, who died May 31.

Officiating were the reverends Grover Briggs and Thomas Edwards. Music was sung by Rosemary Johanssen, accompanied by Laila Lindberg.

Pallbearers were Mike Irvin, David Irvin, Joey Irvin, Mark E. Irvin, Mark (Irvin) Furr, Eric Edmister, Jason Edmister and David R. Irvin.

Honorary pallbearers were Harry Benjamin, Lester Nevins, George Koke, Ben Taylor, Tex Clark and Ron Gilchrist.

Burial followed in Mountainview Cemetery, Shelby.

Irvin was born Oct. 24, 1896 to Bill and Ella Irvin in Cambria, Wyo. He moved with his parents to his grandfather's farm, 18 miles southeast of Belt, where they lived until 1904, when the family took up a homestead south of Geysers. During his boyhood years, Ir-



vin became acquainted with Charles M. Russell, the Montana cowboy artist, who was a friend of his parents.

He left the area in 1918, taking up a homestead about 40 miles north of Denton on the Missouri River, with the idea of becoming a stockman, a lifelong dream. Success in the livestock industry eluded him, however, and during the time he had his homestead, he

worked for nearby ranches, including the famous P and N Cattle Co., for ready cash with which to supplement his income.

In 1925, he gave up the ranching business, moving to Shelby Feb. 28 that year. Two weeks later, March 17, 1925, Irvin went to work for Lee Eckel at the Ford Garage, where he stayed for about two years.

He later worked for Scotty Henderson, a local contractor, during which time he helped build the present Methodist Church building. Then, he worked at Syster's Garage in Shelby.

He met Marjorie Grieve, a school teacher, in 1928, and they were married June 25, 1931.

With the encouragement of his wife, Irvin bought out a dray service operated by E. E. Gibson July 2, 1932. His principal business was delivering freight for the former Great Northern Railroad (now part of the Burlington Northern Railroad).

Over the years, he developed and expanded the business until his retirement

in 1973, when he was 76, to a grandson, Mike Irvin, who operates today under the name I and T Transfer.

His wife died June 1, 1956.

He is survived by the couple's four children, Dick and Dwayne, both of Shelby, Nancy, Seattle, and Janice Edmister, Malta; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In Memory Of  
**JOSEPH W. IRVIN**

Date of Birth      October 24, 1896  
Date of Death     May 31, 1982

Services  
Friday, June 4, 1982 2:00 P.M.  
Community United Methodist Church

Officiating  
Reverend Grover Briggs  
Reverend Thomas Edwards

Music  
Laila Lindberg  
Rosemary Johanssen

Pallbearers  
Mike Irvin                    David W. Irvin  
Joey Irvin                    Mark E. Irvin  
Mark (Irvin) Furr           Eric Edmister  
Jason Edmister             David R. Irvin

Honorary Pallbearers  
Harry Benjamin            Lester Nevins  
George Koke                Ben Taylor  
Tex Clark                    Ron Gilchrist

Interment  
Mountainview Cemetery  
Shelby, Montana

ARTHUR JENSEN  
Born: ? - Died: January ?, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
February 4, 1982

## Final rites for Arthur Jensen

Funeral Mass for Arthur Jensen was conducted at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness Friday morning, January 22nd, with Father Philipsen officiating.

Gravesite services in Highland Cemetery were conducted by the Rev. Michael McHugh, S.J., officiating.

Iris White was organist. Selections were "Old Rugged Cross," "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were Earl Jensen, Monte Jensen, Jack Adams, Jim Adams, Allan Derbyshire, and Jack Derbyshire.

Honorary pallbearers were Martin Jochim, Jan Phillips, Duane Frasier, Gene Bengston, Don Adams and Roger Adams.

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## LEO WAYNE JENSEN

Born: January 25, 1929 - Died: June 19, 1982

Liberty County Times

June 24, 1982

# Final rites for Leo W. Jensen

Leo Wayne Jensen was born in Chester on January 25th, 1929. His parents, Hans and Bertha (Ness) Jensen, had come to Montana in 1911 and homesteaded 20 miles northeast of Chester. Leo was one of seven children. He was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran in Chester. His elementary education was completed at the Fairview Country School near the farm, then he transferred into Chester and graduated from high school in 1948. While at Chester High, he participated in the basketball program and played the trumpet in the band. Following graduation he leased the Jabes farm near town. In 1950 he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served in the Signal Corps in France and Korea. He achieved the rank of Sergeant and was honorably discharged in 1953. He returned to Chester and continued farming. Early that next year he purchased the old Biegalka farm 10 miles N.E. of town.

About this same time Leo met a Chester school teacher, Sylvia Crepeau, and they were married in Great Falls on November 24th, 1954. They continued farming in the Chester community, and over the years Leo accumulated more land, but they made their home on the original Biegalka place. Leo and Sylvia were blessed with four fine daughters. The girls were all involved in school activities, so in 1964 they purchased a home in Chester. They lived there until 1981, when they sold the house after their youngest daughter graduated. Since then they have lived intermittently on the farm and at Leo's mother's house in town.



LEO WAYNE JENSEN

For the past seven years Leo has been treated for cancer. He never gave up, even after several serious operations. The disease finally took its toll these past few months as his health deteriorated rapidly. He died at home on the early morning of Saturday, June 19th, at the age of 53 years.

Leo is survived by his wife, Sylvia of Chester; 4 daughters, Mrs. Bill (Julie) Gemar of Missoula, Mrs. Charley (Jackie) Frey of Chester, Jan of Missoula, and Jeri (a student at Eastern Montana College); 1 grandson, William Wayne Gemar of Missoula; 2 brothers, Ole and Harold, both of Chester; 2 sisters, Mrs. Gordon (Hazel) Broeder of Kalispell and Alice Richardson of Cut Bank;

parents-in-law, Les and Zetta Crepeau of Simms; 2 uncles; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father in 1955, his mother in 1979, and twin brothers who died in infancy.

Leo was very community orientated. He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Post #3997 and had served as post commander. He was actively involved at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and had served on the church council. He was a longtime member of the Chester Lions Club, and for the past 27 years held membership at the Shelby Elks Lodge #1696. He had also served on the Chester School Board and the Farm Home Administration in Shelby. In recent years he was on the Board of Directors of the Liberty Bank of Montana.

Leo was also a sports enthusiast. He was a Chester Booster from the word "go", especially when his girls were involved, but remained loyal to high school sports even after his girls graduated. In past years he participated in the Chester and Rudyard bowling leagues. In the early years of the Chester Sports Complex, he played softball on the old Vets Club team.

Although he had no hobbies in the true sense of the word, he did many things for relaxation and enjoyment. He loved to read, especially Louis La-Mour books and the "Farmer's Almanac". He wasn't a gambler, but liked to play cards now and then. For many years he called "Bingo" at the Vets Club. He liked good food, and especially had a sweet-tooth for fudge. Prior to his illness he had been a workhound. He was a farmer's farmer: he loved farm work -- he loved his fields and watching his crops grow -- and he loved his machinery. And believe it or not, he even like Sylvia's garden! Recently he has spent a lot of time at home and has become very good friends with his pet dog.

# Leo Jensen

"Rusty". Leo was a dedicated family man. He was always concerned about his daughters - their well-being and happiness. He was devoted to his wife, Sylvia, whom he loved deeply, and he was a good neighbor and a loyal friend. Friendships were important to Leo. He always took time to visit and be with friends, be it over a cup of coffee or a glass of beer, or just on the street. As Robert Lewis Stevenson once said, "A friend is a present you give yourself", and Leo gave himself a lot of presents over the years.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 22nd, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. The Reverend Gregory Kaiser from Rudyard officiated. A special vocal duet by Sue Violet and Wayne Wardell was "Come Unto Me"

(taken from the book of Matthew 11, verse 28). The congregation sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus", with accompaniment by Merna Kolstad. The obituary was read by Rlynn Rockman, and ushers included Armand Anderson, Gordon Nelsen, and Earl Keith. Pallbearers were Don Anderson, Ed Kenny, Bob Nordstrom, Ray Hemmer, Pete Henderson, and Neil Shepherd. Friends serving as honorary bearers were Joe Minnehan, Sandy Anderson, Willard Lybeck, Ed Mlinar, Joe Brannon, Bob Dauwalder, Martin Olsson, Joe Seidlitz, and Speck Helmbrecht. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with military rites by members of the VFW and American Legion. Echo taps were played by Larry Thorsen and Jack Wagner. Following the committal service, a luncheon was held at the church for family and friends. A memorial fund is being established.

## Leo Wayne Jensen

Date of Birth  
January 25, 1929

Date of Death  
June 19, 1982

Services: 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 22nd, Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester

Officiant: Reverend Gregory Kaiser

Vocalists: Sue Violet & Wayne Wardell

Accompanist: Merna Kolstad

Ushers: Armand Anderson, Gordon Nelsen, & Earl Keith

Pallbearers: Don Anderson, Robert Nordstrom, Pete Henderson, Neil Shepherd, Ed Kenny, & Ray Hemmer

Honorary bearers: Joe Minnehan, Ed Mlinar, Sandy Anderson, Willard Lybeck, Joe Brannon, Bob Dauwalder, Martin Olsson, Joe Seidlitz, & Speck Helmbrecht

Interment: Chester Cemetery [with military rites by V.F.W. & American Legion]

Survivors: Wife, Sylvia; 4 daughters, Mrs. Bill [Julie] Gemar, Mrs. Charley [Jackie] Frey, Jan, & Jeri; 1 grandson, William Wayne Gemar; 2 brothers, Ole & Harold; 2 sisters, Mrs. Gordon [Hazel] Broeder & Alice Richardson; parents-in-law, Les & Zetta Crepeau; 2 uncles; numerous nephews, nieces, & cousins; loyal pet, "Rusty"; and a host of friends....

Luncheon: At the church following services.

*To everything there is a season,*

*And a time to every purpose*

*under the heaven.*

*A time to plant and*

*a time to harvest...*

*Taken from Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3*

*As God sows and reaps*

*Each tiny seed in the soil,*

*He cares for us from first light*

*And far beyond our earthly toil.*

**LILLIAN ODELLA (HOUSKE) JEPPESEN**  
**Born: September 13, 1898 - Died: December 13, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 19, 1982**



**LILLIAN JEPPESEN**

Lillian had been a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, past president of the Ladies Aid, and Sunday School teacher. During the war years, she served as chairman of the local Red Cross. More recently she was active in the Garden Club, the Liberty Arts Village, and had worked as a substitute librarian. In her youth she enjoyed the relaxation of fishing. Later hobbies included knitting, tatting, ceramics and painting. She loved books and was an avid reader. Lillian was a good neighbor and friend and had a very proud and peaceful personality that will not be soon forgotten.

Survivors include 1 son, K Grant of north Chester; 3 daughters, Mrs. Alford (Gladys Jewett) of Lancaster, California and Mrs. Stanley (Donna) Goodbar of Cheyenne, Wyoming; 5 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren. Lillian was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother (Alfred), and 2 grandchildren (Richard and Karla Goodbar).

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon (December 16th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Reverend Wayne Lungum officiating. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and the vocal duet of Jack and John Seidlitz sang "Abide With Me." Jan Christofferson was the organist. Pallbearers included Harold Jensen, Hales Scalese, George Meissner, Marvin Jeppesen, Glenn Houske and Karl Jeppesen (Jr.). Ushers were Steve Scalese and John Seidlitz. Following graveside services at the Chester Cemetery, a memorial luncheon was given to family and friends at the church by the A.L.C.W. Funeral arrangements were handled by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

## **Funeral held for Lillian Jeppesen**

Lillian Odella Houske was born on September 13th, 1898 in Bemidji, Minnesota. She was one of two children born to Oscar and Tilda (Gilbertson) Houske. When Lillian was 5 years old her father died, so the family moved to Towner, North Dakota to live with the Andrew Gilbertson family. In 1912 she came with her mother and brother to Montana where they purchased a relinquished homestead 2 miles south of Chester. Lillian finished her schooling in Chester and then attended the Intermountain College in Helena for a year. She returned to Chester to take a job as cashier at the Chester Trading Company. On June 29th, 1920 she married Karl H. Jeppesen in Havre. Karl had homesteaded near the Sweetgrass Hills in 1909. In conjunction with the ranch, Karl served as the Liberty County Assessor from 1920-1954, and also served for awhile as Chester's Mayor. Lillian was Liberty County's first Deputy Assessor. Following Karl's death in 1955, Lillian took a job as clerk at the ASCS Office. She retired in 1966. She maintained her own home in Chester until 1980, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge. Because of ill-health she moved into the Liberty County Rest Home in April of 1981. She remained there until her death on the early morning of Monday, December 13th. She was 84 years old.



## HANNAH LILLIAN JOHNS

Born: December 28, 1887 - Died: July 16, 1982

Liberty County Times

July 29, 1982



HANNAH LILLIAN JOHNS

### Funeral held for Mrs. Charles Johns

Hannah Lillian Johns was born on December 28th, 1887 in Grand Forks County, North Dakota. She was one of 13 children born to Martin and Hannah Enerson. As a child Lillian was baptized Lutheran. She grew up and attended schools in the Grand Forks community. On December 4th, 1909 she was married to Charles O. Johns in Grand Forks. They came to Montana in 1913 and homesteaded 26 miles north of Chester. They were active in farming-ranching operations there until their retirement in 1946. Mr. Johns had served as Liberty County Commissioner for 20+ years.

In 1956 they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Chester Methodist Church.

Lillian was an outdoorsy person. She enjoyed flowers and gardening, and especially liked to take long walks.

Following her husband's death in 1961, Lillian lived in Chester at the Wheat Sheaf Motel.

Since 1971 she has lived in Sun City, Arizona with her daughter, where she has been active at the First United Presbyterian Church. Her health had been relatively good until two weeks ago, when she went into a private nursing home in Sun City. She died there on Friday evening, July 16th, at the age of 94 years.

Survivors include 1 daughter, Mrs. Everett (Marian) Auren, Jr. of Sun City; 1 son, LeRoy (and wife, Pearl) of Grand Forks, North Dakota; 1 sister, Mrs. Marie Johnson of Chester; 2 granddaughters, Mrs. Howard (Joanna) Truchot of Missoula and Mrs. Don (Sharon) Ellwood of Everett, Washington; 6 great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by 11 siblings and 1 grandson.

Memorial services were held at the First United Presbyterian Church in Sun City on Monday morning, July 19th. Reverend Lee Edwin Walker conducted services there. The body was shipped to Chester for final disposition on Tuesday. Funeral services were held at the Chester United Methodist Church on Thursday, July 22nd, at 2 p.m. Reverend Bill Mullette officiated, and he was assisted by seminary student Wendy Platte. Mrs. Pearl Johns sang "Softly & Tenderly" and the congregation sang "Abide With Me" and "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by Meredith Anderson. Pallbearers were nephews, including John Olser, Rudy and John Marvin Cicon, and Victor, Maynard, and Paul Johnson. Lillian was buried next to her husband in the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon followed back at the church. Local arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel, Chester.

### Funeral today for

### Mrs. Charles Johns

H. Lillian Johns, wife of former Liberty County Commissioner Charles Johns, died Friday evening (July 16th) in Sun City, Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Johns had homesteaded north of Chester in 1913 and farmed there for many years. She is the sister of Mrs. Marie Johnson of north Chester.

Funeral services will be today (Thursday) at 2:00 p.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Bill Mullette officiating. Burial will be in the Chester Cemetery. Local arrangements by Rock-

man Chapel. See next week's "Times" for complete obituary.

FRED. R. JOY  
Born: ?, 1916 - Died : September 6, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
September 9, 1982

## Funeral held for Fred Joy, 68

Fred. R. Joy, 68, died Saturday at a Havre hospital. Funeral services were 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Holland and Bonine Chapel, with burial in the Havre Highland Cemetery. He was born in Glasgow, where he lived until moving to Bowdoin as a child, where he attended school. He also attended Northern Montana College and the University of Montana. He taught school in the Joplin area. In 1936 he married Refa Miles in Missoula. They moved to the Joplin area, where they began farming. In 1959 he married Edna Mae Wood. They have lived in Joplin since. She survives with daughters Edith Ann Erwin, Oregon; Linda Rosalee Drong, Wyoming; Jo Ann Brekhus, Havre; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; mother Oleanne Joy, California; sisters Olga Joy, California; Jean Bogen, Joplin; Wanita Elmer, Arizona; brothers Earl, California; Chet, Washington; and Dick, Texas.

--Great Falls Tribune

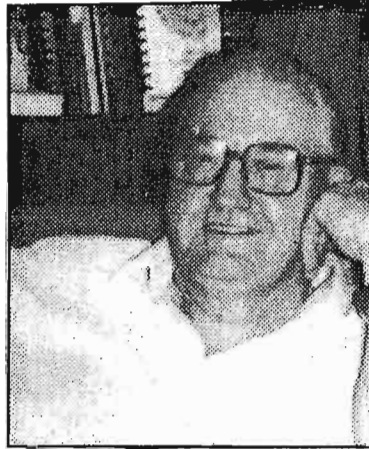
**LESTER KENFIELD**  
**Born: January 12, 1915 - Died: October 1, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 7, 1982**

### **Funeral held for Les Kenfield, 67**

Lester Kenfield, 67, died at the Liberty County Hospital Friday of natural causes. The funeral was held at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre Monday with burial in Highland Cemetery.

A native of Inverness, Kenfield grew up here and married Fannie Freeman in 1935. She preceded him in death in 1943. Kenfield married Ira Mae Anez in 1945 at Spokane. He farmed in the Inverness area for a few years before purchasing and operating Les' Cash Store for 42 years until retiring in 1982. He was among the organizers of the Hill County Water Association. Survivors are his wife; three sons, Dennis Kenfield of Chester, Barry Kenfield of Missoula and Dirk Kenfield of Kalispell; two sisters, Kiemele Kenfield of Box Elder and Alice Sanvik of Hot Springs; a brother, Clifford Kenfield of Pascal, Washington; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were his three sons, Dennis, Barry and Dirk and three grandsons Tim, Bret and Davy Kenfield.



**Lester Kenfield**

FRANCES LAVALLEY  
Born: June 15, 1899 - Died : May 14, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
May 20, 1982

## Heart attack claims Frances LaValley

Frances LaValley, 82, of Great Falls, died suddenly Friday evening of heart failure while en route to a visit with relatives in Polson.

She was born June 15, 1899, in Snohomish, Washington, and moved to Montana with her parents in 1916. In January 1921, she married Howard Low in Chester. He died in 1950. In July 1952, she married Mark LaValley in Hardin. He died last September.

During the 1950's she worked as a cook in the Cascade County Jail.

She is survived by one son, Ralph Low, Medford, Oregon; one stepson, Jim LaValley, Tonopah, Nevada; two brothers, Lester Canfield, Wolf Creek, and Cecil Canfield, Vaughn; two sisters, Mrs. Foster (Florence) Fitz, Polson, and Pearl Hemminger, New Meadows, Idaho; 13 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A son, Willard Low, preceded her in death.

**BRUCE LERUM**  
Born: March 4, 1963 - Died: January 1, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
January 7, 1982

## Bruce Lerum services Jan 4

Services were held Monday, January 4, at 11 a.m. in the Shelby High School Gymnasium. It was a triple service for Ben Sisk and David Stafford along with Bruce Lerum. Rev. Ken Bartle, Father Rene Petite and Reverend Grover Briggs officiated. The organist was Loila Lindberg. The music was group sang. The pallbearers were: Mike Seymour, Tim Fenger, Mike Hemmer, Duane Markuson, Al Rosgaard and Bernie Rosling. Larry Brooks and the class of 1981 were the honorary pallbearers. The Honor Guard of the Boy Scout Troop 558 presented the U.S. Flag, state flag, and scout flag in the honor of Bruce as he was an Eagle Scout and Ben was in Scouts. The Honor Guard was Leonard Matteson, David Rosgaard, Shawn Sherrard, Greg Matteson, Joe Larson, and Paul Sundgren.

Interment was at the Galata Cemetery.

Bruce was born on March 4, 1963 at Fort Benton. He went to school in Galata through the 8th Grade. He graduated from Shelby High in May 1981. He was an Eagle Scout of Troop 558. He was attending college at Northern Montana in Havre. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cliff and Doris Lerum. He lived with his brother, Monte, north of Galata for 15 years. Alice and Walt Heimbigner took care of Bruce prior to living with Monte.

He is survived by 3 brothers—Gordon, Chester, Monte, Galata,

and Westley Lerum Hemmerling, Medford, Oregon and 3 sisters—Vivian House, Great Falls, Betty Heimbigner, Chester, and Diane Pearce, Medford, Oregon.

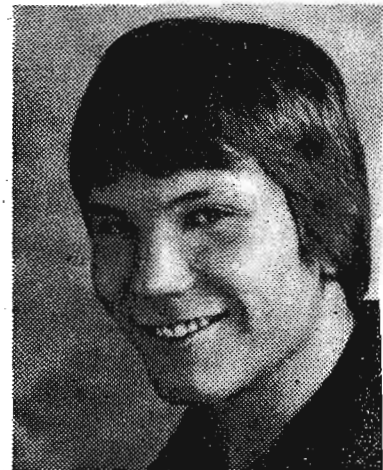
## Evening ceremony dedicates tv room to Bruce Lerum

The recently remodeled and refurbished TV room and main lounge of Morgan Hall at Northern Montana College in Havre was dedicated to the memory of Bruce Lerum in evening ceremonies there on February 22.

The president of the house council, Paul Pilgeram of East Glacier, presented the plaques, one to remain in the room, and one for Bruce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Lerum of Galata. The commemorative plaque given to the Lerums was made by Dave McCabe, a resident assistant in Morgan Hall. It featured "NMC" carved through the Montana-shaped wood piece allowing a mirror placed at the back to highlight the initials.

Those representing the college included the president, Dr. James Erickson who also spoke to the group, Dean Cynthia Bryson, the House Council members, the R.A. staff and several students.

The students on the fifth floor of Morgan Hall where Bruce had been a resident during the fall quarter initiated the dedication plans. Bruce, a 1981 Shelby High School gradu-



**Bruce Lerum**

ate, was a victim in a single car accident on January 1, 1982 that claimed three lives.

A reception followed in the Fireside Lounge of Morgan Hall. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Lerum, guests included Bruce's brothers, David and Dean, and Duane Markuson, all of Galata, and Mrs. John Brooks and Larry Brooks, both of Shelby.

## MARIE BELL TILFORD MOULDEN

Born: September 12, 1889 - Died: September 13, 1982

Liberty County Times

September 23, 1982

### Funeral held for Marie Moulden

Marie Bell Moulden was born on September 12th, 1889 in Westphalia, Kansas. Little history is available, as she was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and all of her brothers and sisters. It is known that her parents were Alexander and Wealthy Tilford and that she grew up in Kansas. At the young age of 14 she married Mathew, Oscar Moulden. In those early years they ran a live theater house in Coffeerville, Kansas, then moved to Oklahoma where Mathew learned the oil business. In the early 1920's they came to Montana where Mathew worked as an oil driller in the fields near Cut Bank and Kevin. It was about 1925 that they came to Joplin. Mathew or "M.O." as he was better known worked for the L.M.S. Implement Company and at the Joplin Store for many years. Marie (or Pet

as she was better known) was a homemaker and did sewing and alteration jobs for people in the Joplin and Chester communities. They retired in 1957, but continued to raise a nice garden and a few chickens and pigs for a little extra income. They never had any children of their own, but always had a special fondness for all of the neighborhood kids. M.O. died in 1969. Pet lived alone for the next seven years, then moved to the Chester Rest Home in August of 1976. She died there on the afternoon of Monday, September 13th, the day after her 93rd birthday.

Pet was not only an immaculate housekeeper and a good cook, but also a very well-kempt person and a very proud lady. She and M.O. could be described as "home-bodies", that is, they didn't get out-and-about much, but they were nice



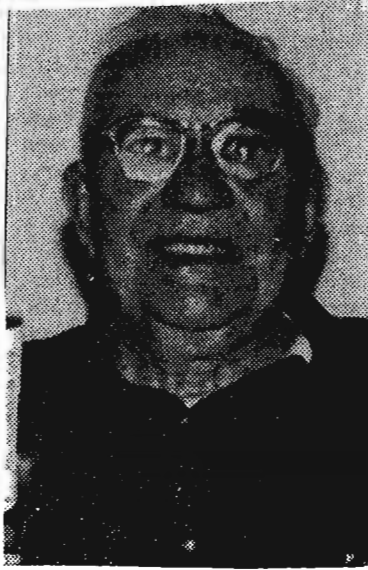
Marie Moulden

people and good neighbors. Not only was Pet an excellent seamstress, she also did beautiful fancywork (including needlepoint, crewel, knitting, and crocheting). She loved flowers and always had a "dream garden" of Joplin. Both Pet and M.O. enjoyed playing cards, especially whist, pinochle, and rook. In her later years Pet enjoyed attending Bethel church and meeting with Ladies Aide. She was a very pleasant, courteous and congenial lady, to say the least.

Her only survivors are several nephews and nieces, all of whom live out-of-state.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday (Sept. 16th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. The Reverend John N. Olson of the Bethel Lutheran Church officiated. Special organ music was provided by Mrs. Thelma Anderson and the congregation sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "How Great Thou Art". Pallbearers included Harley Rudolph, Norbert VanDessel, Bud Poppler, Clarence Bakke, Prosper Anderson, and Howard Hall. Memorial bearers were "all of Pet's friends and neighbors..." Interment followed in the Joplin Cemetery.

**ALPHONSE H. MULLER**  
Born: June 9, 1890 - Died: May 19, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
June 10, 1982



## Alphonse Muller rites May 25th

Funeral Mass for Alphonse H. Muller was conducted on Tuesday, May 25, at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham with Reverend Martin Philipsen officiating.

Interment was in the Hingham cemetery.

Sharon Spicher was organist and Francie Miller sang "Amazing Grace", "Heart of Jesus Hear", "Panis Angelicus", and "May the Angels Lead You Into Paradise".

Pallbearers, all nephews, were Ray Gehlen Sr., Archie Kimpel, Gerhart Kimpel, Bud Ellert, John Ellert, and Carl Ellert.

Ushers were Virgil Jurenka and Edwin Sorenson.

Terry Muller was lector and Diane Kenfield gave the eulogy.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Following the funeral ladies from Our Lady of Ransom Altar Society served a luncheon for family and friends.

Alphonse H. Muller was born on June 9, 1890, in Glencoe, Minnesota, the youngest of six children of John and Mary (Bunger) Muller.

His father, a carpenter, taught Alphonse his trade and the two worked together until 1910 when Alphonse left for

Montana and filed a homestead north of Rudyard.

On October 2, 1913, he married Hilda Mayer in Glencoe, Minnesota, and brought her to his home in Montana, where Alphonse continued to farm and carpenter. Many of the homes and buildings on the Hi-Line are the results of his fine workmanship.

In January 1973, Hilda died, 9 months before their 60th wedding anniversary.

With the exception of 5 years that the family lived in Missoula during the 1950's, Alphonse spent all his adult life in the Hingham area. And it was at his home in Hingham that on

the morning of May 12 he suffered a stroke. He died one week later in the Havre hospital peacefully in his sleep.

He will be remembered by his 3 daughters, Mrs. Howard (Viola) Rambo, Libby, Montana; Mrs. Fred (Eileen) Buchholz, Golva, North Dakota; and Mrs. Phil (Clara) Lipp of Hingham and by 2 sons, Dr. John Muller of Hibbing, Minnesota, and James Muller of Rudyard. Also 19 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Hilda, 3 sisters, 2 brothers, 2 grandsons, and 1 great-granddaughter.

## BRUCE LLOYD PACKER

Born: November 22, 1918 - Died: December 30, 1982

Liberty County Times

January 7, 1983

Bruce Lloyd Packer, lifetime farmer and rancher of the north Inverness area, passed away at his home on the evening of Wednesday, December 30th. He was one of five children born to the pioneer family of Erwin M. and Martha (Suckow) Packer. Bruce was born on the family farm on November 22nd, 1918. He was educated in the Rudyard school system, but because of the untimely death of his father, he attended only two years of high school. At the age of 15 he became the man of the family and farmed in partnership with his mother. In the winter of 1942 he attended Montana State College in Bozeman. In the two winters that followed he attended Hillcrest Christian College in Medicine Hat in preparation for a lifetime of service and devotion to his Lord.

Bruce and Winifred E. Middleton were married in Great Falls on November 12th, 1955, and to this union was born a son, Daniel Bruce. From the time of their marriage they have made their home on the family farm located 24 miles north of Inverness.

Bruce had been very active at the Grace Evangelical Church, serving in many capacities including church officer, member of male quartet, youth teacher, and class leader. He had been president of the early day Hill County Sunday School Association. In the beginning of the Montana "Youth for Christ" work he served as regional director. In later years Bruce served as trustee of O.M.S. International, the Western Evangelical Seminary in Portland, the Hillcrest Christian College in Medicine Hat, and the local Farm Bureau.

Bruce was a student of the Bible and enjoyed sharing his knowledge at Lay Witness Missions. He was also a great "historian"; the past was important to him and he tried to preserve it as best he could.

For instance, he has maintained the original homestead shack on the farm over all these years. Recently he has worked with draft horses as a hobby, in fact, used some of the old harnesses & equipment in working with them. In past years he enjoyed hunting and flying, and had a private pilot's license at one time. He was very proud of his orchard, which consisted of crab apples, berry trees, & Ponderosa pines, and because of this he named his place the "Whispering Pines" ranch. Bruce was quite a craftsman, too, and one of his most recent projects was a hardwood cradle for his granddaughter, which is now a very treasured possession. Bruce has been highly esteemed amongst loved ones & friends, and as it has been so aptly put: "A big part of the salt of the earth left with him". At the time of his death he was delighting in the responsibility of teaching an Old Testament history class at Grace Gospel Church, where he has served faithfully as an elder. We will all cherish his memory...

Bruce is survived by his wife, Winnie of north Inverness; son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Marylee of Seattle; granddaughter, Nicole; 4 sisters, Mrs. Edgar (Marie) Lincoln of Rudyard, Mrs. Charles (Doris) Kegel of Havre, Mrs. Frank (Cora Mae) Theobald of Boston, & Mrs. John (Dorothy) Duncan of north Joplin; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Sunday (January 3rd) at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Pastor Don Kelley of Grace Gospel Church and Pastor Doug Eneberg of Calvary Evangelical Church officiated. The vocal trio of Lorraine Lincoln, Shirley Jackson, and Linda Eneberg sang "If I Could See Beyond Today". A second special number by Doug and Linda Eneberg was "Because He Lives". The congregation sang "To God Be The Glory", accompanied by Rachel

Blake on the organ. Piano accompaniment was provided by Linda Eneberg. Pallbearers were Keith and Bruce Duncan, Lee & Joe Lincoln, Glenn McFarlane, and Jim Hall, Jr. Interment was in the Grace Church Cemetery, located near the Packer farm. Following burial, a luncheon was given to family and friends at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

Memorials will be divided between Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch and the Gideon Bible Society.



Bruce Packer



## HARRY AUDRA PATRICK

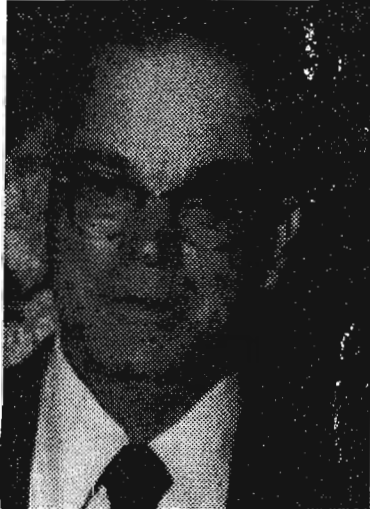
Born: September 17, 1907 - Died: March 14, 1982

Liberty County Times

March 18, 1982

### Services for Harry

### Patrick March 18



Harry Patrick

Harry Audra Patrick was born in LaBelle, Missouri on September 17th, 1907. He was one of four children born to Henry and Elsie (Lawson) Patrick, who farmed in Lewis County there. Harry attended schools in LaBelle and graduated from high school in 1925. While in school, he participated in track and excelled in the high hurdles event. He also enjoyed tennis. After graduation, he attended the LaSalle Electrical Institute in Chicago for a short time before returning to LaBelle to help with the farming operations. On October 4th 1929 he married Anna L. Crandall in LaGrange, Missouri. They came to Montana on a trip in 1932 and he fell in love with this state. Four years later they moved to Rudyard and purchased the Schneible farm 20 miles north of town. They farmed there until their retirement in 1973. They have made their home on the farm since, although the farm work was taken over by the families

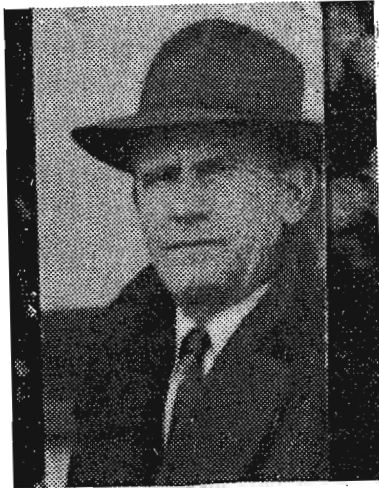
of their son, Ralph, and daughter, Mary Ellen. Because of deteriorating health, Harry entered the Liberty County Rest Home about two weeks ago. He died there on the afternoon of Sunday, March 14th. He was 74 years old.

Harry was a member of the Grace Evangelical Church north of Rudyard, and in past years had served as Sunday School Superintendent. He had also been the co-director of the Hill County Farm Bureau and was a member of the Farmer's Union. When he first came to Montana, he enjoyed playing softball at the old Sage Creek clubhouse. He had a good voice and loved to sing, in fact, in years past had sung at many funerals. He loved to tinker in his shop and was especially good at working with metal products. Harry enjoyed people in general, and had been a wonderful companion, husband and father. Because of his love for children, a memorial fund will be established to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch.

Survivors include his wife, Anna of Rudyard; 1 daughter, Mrs. Orville (Mary Ellen) Solum of Rudyard; 2 sons, Gene of Chicago and Ralph of Havre; Rudyard; 2 sisters, Ella Dean of Kansas City and Thelma Morrow of Kahoka, Missouri; 1 brother, L. Roy of Los Angeles; 11 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 2 nieces; 1 nephew; and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Douglas Eneberg of the E.C.N.A. will officiate. Special music will be provided by Ken and Renae Solum, Edith Hodges and Orville Solum, and Ed and Phil Solum. The congregation will sing "How Great Thou Art", with Linda Eneberg and Sharon Spicher handling the accompaniment. Pallbearers will be Melvin Kops, Jim Hall, John Duncan, Wayne Hodges, Albert Gifford, and Willie Hodges. Friends serving as ushers will be Richard Jackson and Joe and Roger Lincoln. Burial will be in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial luncheon will follow at the church.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PHILLIPS**  
**Born: July 21, 1894 - Died: March 15, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 25, 1982**



**Benjamin Franklin Phillips, age 87, retired Rudyard farmer, died Monday afternoon at the Liberty County Rest Home.**

**Funeral services will be Friday, March 19th, at 2:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Greg Kaiser will officiate. Interment will follow in the Rudyard Cemetery.**

**See next week's paper for complete Obituary...**

Benjamin Franklin ("B.F.") Phillips was born in Williamsburg, Kentucky on July 21st, 1894. He was the third of seven children born to Nathan and Elizabeth (Henderson) Phillips. In 1905, after his father's death, the family moved to Wilbur, Washington where he finished his education. During the summer months he worked on wheat ranches and in the winter he worked at a meat market. In 1910 his mother and other relatives came to Montana where they filed a homestead in the Goldstone area north of Rudyard. Frank was not old enough to file, but he and his brother (Mac) did all the improving of the land on his mother's place. At the outbreak of World War I, Frank enlisted in the army and left from Havre to Fort Lewis, Washington. He was a corporal in Battery C, 348th Field Artillery, and served in Germany and France. He was honorably discharged on April 20, 1919 at Fort Russell, Wyoming. He worked in Idaho for several years, then returned to Goldstone. On January 5th, 1925 he married Hilda C. Ledin in Havre. They made their home west of Rudyard until the following year, when they moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where Frank worked for the Oil Well Supply Company. In 1935 they returned to Rudyard where Frank farmed until his retirement in 1961. With failing health, Frank entered the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester on August 13th, 1976. He remained there until his demise on the afternoon of Monday, March 15th. He would have been 88 years old this coming July.

Frank liked all kinds of sports, especially baseball, and had played on many hi-line teams in past years. In fact, he got his nickname, "Bif", from some of his old baseball buddies. He also enjoyed trap-shooting and bowling, and had spent much time fishing and hunting. His great love was for people, and he never passed up an opportunity to visit. Frank was a member of the Chester American Legion Post #88 and had been a member of the Presbyterian Church in Tulsa for their nine years there.

He was preceded in death by a son (Hal Ray), by his parents, by two brothers (Mac and Robert), and two infant sisters. Survivors include his wife, Hilda of Rudyard; two sisters, Nora Sawyer of Corvallis, Oregon and Mary Whitney of Tulsa; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 19th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. The Reverend Gregory Kaiser officiated with arrangements by the

Rockman Chapel, Chester. Special music, including "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross", was provided by Mike Stevenson and accompanied by Sharon Spicher. Pallbearers were Bill Gorder, Alvin Krejci, Chuck Cross, Fred Rigg, Allan Strissel and Allen Chinadle. Ushers were Jerry Langel and Albert Budeau. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery with military rites by members of Chester American Legion Post #88. Following graveside services, a luncheon was given to family and friends at the church.

## LEANNAH BELLE WILDER POIER

Born: June 21, 1909 - Died: September 15, 1982

Liberty County Times

September 23, 1982



Leannah Poier

### Funeral held for Leannah Poier

Leannah Belle Wilder was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania on June 21st, 1909. She was the only girl from a family of five and her parents were George and Clara (Young) Wilder. As a child she moved with her family to Granite Falls, Washington where she attended elementary and high school. On February 23rd, 1930 she married Leonard W. Poier in

Granite Falls. Leonard's family had homesteaded 10 miles north of Rudyard, so they came to Montana to help with the farming operations. In 1936 they purchased the family homestead and continued to farm there until they retired in 1965. During much of the time since 1945 they lived intermittently on the farm and in town, but moved into town after their retirement. Leannah was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the A.L.C.W. She was an excellent cook and homemaker. Her hobby was ceramics. She could be described as a "naturalist" because she loved the outdoors, flowers, trees, birds, and streams, and she enjoyed traveling. She had a strong faith and good mental attitude about life in general.

Leannah was a fighter, too, in the fact that she battled polio in her youth and cancer and diabetes in her later years. Following a long recent hospitalization, she died at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 15th. She was 73 years old.

Survivors included her husband, Leonard of Rudyard; son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Elaine of north Rudyard;

daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Ed Bordelon of Inverness; 4 grandchildren, Machel, Michael, Larita, and Brenda; 1 great-grandson, Tyler; 2 brothers, Thomas Wilder of Seattle and Orville Wilder of Granite Falls; and numerous nephews and nieces. Leannah was preceded in death by her parents and 2 brothers (Manley and Richard). Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Hospital Xray Fund.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning (September 18th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Reverend Greg Kaiser officiating. Terry Stevenson sang "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross", and Sharon Spicher accompanied him on the organ. The congregation sang "Just As I Am". Ushers were Lyle Twedt and Frank Phillips. Active pallbearers included Dennis Anderson, Bob Wehr, Bill Gorder, Lowell Strissel, Dale Greeno, and Bob Toner. Honorary bearers were Selmar Sanvik, Bob Blake (Sr.), Thomas Wilson, Morris Ewald; Ted Langel, and Morris Smith. Burial was in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial luncheon followed at the church.

## JOSIE PAULINE QUALEY

Born: May 8, 1899 - Died: June 8, 1982

Liberty County Times

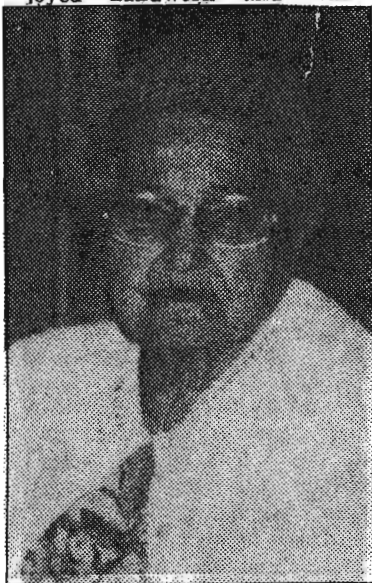
June 17, 1982

### Funeral held for Josie Qualey

Josie Pauline Qualey was born on May 8th, 1899 in Litchfield, Minnesota. She was one of 13 children born to Hans and Annie (Peterson) Olson. Josie was baptized and confirmed at the Ness Lutheran Church, a Norwegian parish in the Litchfield community. She also received her education in Litchfield. While in her teens, she came to Wibaux, Montana where she worked as a clerk in a candy store. In 1918 she came to Hingham to visit her sister. It was there that she met Austin Qualey, who had homesteaded near Hingham. They were married on June 25th, 1919 on the Petrick farm near Hingham. Since that time, they have made their home in the Hingham community. In the summer of 1977 they celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. Austin died later that fall. Josie maintained her home in Hingham until 1979, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. Her health had been good until this past year. She passed away peacefully during her sleep on the early morning of Tuesday, June 8th, in her apartment at the Lodge. She had just turned 83 years old last month.

Josie has been a member of the Hingham Lutheran Church since she first came here. She was totally involved in the church and had served in many capacities, including Sunday school superintendent and teacher. Whenever there was a family in need or a community concern, she was always there to help however she could. She had babysat numerous Hingham children over the years and had worked as a cook at the school

for a period of time. In past years she had been active in the American Legion Auxiliary Post #61. She loved music and in earlier years had sung in the church choir. She was a good housekeeper and an excellent cook. One of her many hobbies included cake decorating, and she had made many cakes for assorted weddings and birthdays in the community. Josie had a green thumb, too, and always maintained a beautiful flower and vegetable garden. She enjoyed handwork and was a



Josie Qualey

talented seamstress, in fact, sewed most of her own clothing all these years. And last, but not least, she had loyal affection and concern for her family, and she especially loved her grandchildren.

Josie is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Norman (Donna) Kapperud of Gildford; a brother, Clarence Olson of Minneapolis; 3 sisters, Emma Norquist of Portland, Clara Petrick of Chester, and Laura Klien of Litchfield; 9 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by a son (Lester), 6 brothers, and 2 sisters. A memorial fund is being established by the family.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 11th, at 2 p.m. at the Hingham Lutheran Church. Pastor Tom Barthelmeh of the Hingham parish and Pastor Wayne Bungum of the Chester parish officiated. Special organ music was provided by Sharon Spicher, and Terry Stevenson sang "How Great Thou Art", "The Lord's Prayer", and "Amazing Grace". Active pallbearers were Evan Hansen, Lyle Wise, Erwin Carlson, Orville Welsh, LaNay Kapperud, and Leonard Chvilicek. Memorial bearers were Syver Nordby, O. E. Fagerberg, Walter Welsh, and Carl Lee. Ushers included Lowell Twedt and Robert Petrick. Interment was in the Hingham Cemetery with arrangements by the Rockman Chapel in Chester. Following graveside services, a luncheon was given to family and friends at the church.

ELSIE KULBECK QUINLAN  
Born: September 2, 1891 - Died: August 15, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
August 26, 1982

## Elsie Quinlan died August 15th

Elsie Kulbeck Quinlan, 90, died at Northern Montana Hospital Sunday, August 15th, just 16 days before her 91st birthday.

Elsie was born at Mineral Point, Wisconsin to Marie and Chris Hanson on September 2, 1891. She was the oldest of seven children. While she was still in elementary school, her family moved to New Auburn, Wisconsin where she was later a seamstress until her marriage to Walter Kulbeck.

The newly married couple spent their honeymoon traveling in a cattle car and coming to Lonesome Prairie to homestead.

To this union were born five children. Surviving are Mrs. Aaron (Marie) Wilson, Rudyard, and Willis Kulbeck, Big Sandy. Preceding her in death were her husband Walter and children Charles, Neil and Ruth.

Also left to mourn her passing are a sister, Mrs. Ethel Wendlandt, Bloomer, Wis.; brothers Leo Hanson, Belsidere, Ill. and Phillip Hanson, Elgin, Ill.; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild, as well as many nieces and nephews.

On November 12, 1942 she married Patrick Quinlan of Rudyard, he died in 1949. For a time Mrs. Quinlan rented rooms and boarded college students while living in Havre. In the

1950's she dedicated her talents and time as a housekeeper for Fr. Inkes at Hingham for a couple years then with Fr. Tim Werner at Hingham, Chester, Cut Bank and Green Bay, Wis. until ill health forced her to retire. From that time on she made her home with her children until she entered the Heritage Home in Big Sandy and later the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, Havre.

Mrs. Quinlan served as president of the Lutheran Ladies Aid at Kenilworth for 16 years and was known throughout the community as an excellent cook and was always ready to help a neighbor in times of need, in happy times and intimes of sorrow.

Funeral mass was conducted by Fr. Timothy Werner at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church in Big Sandy on Wednesday and burial was in the Kulbeck family plot in Big Sandy. Mrs. Alice Green was organist. Robert Boettcher, accompanied by his wife, Ann, sang "In the Garden" and "Whispering Hope," her favorite hymn.

Pallbearers were grandsons Aaron Boehm, Neil Kulbeck, Phillip Kulbeck, Joel Kulbeck, Kelly Kulbeck and Kirby Kulbeck. Ushers were Kenneth Stromberg and David Hassa.

After the services lunch was served in the church hall and a family dinner served at the Willis Kulbeck home, provided by their neighbors.

**MARTIN (MARK) REISENAUER**  
**Born: September 19, 1889 - Died: February 16, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 25, 1982**

## **Funeral held for Martin Reisenauer**

Martin ("Mark") Reisenauer was born on September 19th, 1889 in Colton, Washington. He was one of twelve children born to Michael and Margaret (Britt) Reisenauer, who were early pioneer settlers in the State of Washington. Mark and his brother, George, came to Montana in 1913 and homesteaded on the Adobe Ridge located 14 miles north of Chester. In those early homestead days when times were tough, Mark worked winters in the mines to earn seed money for the coming spring. He was a determined man, as many homesteaders were, to conquer nature's adversaries (hail, wind, drought, insects, etc.), and he did. In 1931 he married a Chester area school teacher, Beryl Ann Jennings. The product of the marriage was two children. Mark made his home on the farm until his retirement in 1956, when his daughter's family took over the operations. He moved into Chester in 1967 and maintained his own home until 1975, then moved into the Liberty County Rest Home. Following a short stay in the Chester Hospital, he died on the early morning hours of February 16th. He was 92 years old.

Mark had been active in St. Mary's Church, in fact, had helped build the original St. Mary's church building. He was a longtime member of the Shelby Elks Club. He enjoyed traveling, and when his health was still good, he spent his winter months in California. Up until 1974 he made a yearly trip to Colton for their Annual Pioneer Day services. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, even in his senior years. Those that knew Mark will remember his rough and tough spirit, yet on the other hand he was a humble, dignified, Christian man.

He is survived by a Daughter, Mrs. Charles (Rosemary) Dailey of Great Falls; 4 grandchildren, Brooks, Brett, John, & Christy Dailey of Great Falls; a brother, Carl of Colton, Washington; and several nephews and nieces. Mark was preceded in death by his son (Martin J. in 1975); by his parents, and by 10 siblings (Rudolph, Mike, Joe,

George, Fred, Francis, Annie, Clara, Margaret, & Rose).

Rosary prayers were recited by Sister Caroline Lally at the Rockman Funeral Chapel on Thursday evening, February 18th. Funeral mass was celebrated by Father Rene Petit at 11:00 a.m. Friday (February 19th) at St. Mary's Church in Chester. Reader was Sister Lally and altar servers were Jack Johnson and Terry Manska. Music provided by St. Mary's choir included "I Am the Bread of Life", "A Prayer to St. Francis", & "For All the Saints", and Helen Ann Aaberg accompanied the group. Pallbearers were Brooks, Brett, and John Dailey, Jim Hillyard, George and Jennings Mattson, and Darby O'Brien. Following graveside services at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was given at the church to family and friends by the Altar Society. A memorial fund is being established to the Heart Association.

**KENT L. RIGGIN**  
**Born: ?, 1961 - Died: May 15, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 20, 1982**

## **Auto accident kills Kent Riggin, 21**

Kent L. Riggin, 21, was killed early Saturday morning in a one-car accident that also put the car's driver, Matthew Yelvington, in the hospital with neck injuries.

The accident occurred shortly before 2 a.m. when the car went out of control and hit a tree at 8214 14th St. SW, Great Falls, according to Cascade County Coroner Dick Donovan.

Riggin was a brother of Liberty County Deputy Sheriff Doug Riggin.

**OLIVE ALICE AVERY ROCKMAN**  
**Born: October 12, 1901 - Died: March 23, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 1, 1982**



**THE REVELATION**—was a series of paintings by Olive Rockman. In this picture she is shown with one of the paintings. The picture was published in the Times in April of 1979.

Olive Alice Avery Rockman was born on October 12th, 1901 in Prentice, Wisconsin. Her parents were Richard and Mary Louise (Ducharm) Avery, and she was one of four children. In 1906 the family moved to the state of Washington, where Olive attended grade school in Belfast, high school in Burlington, and graduated from Wilsons Business College in Seattle. For the next two years she worked in Seattle as a bookkeeper. She had met Sevier "Sid" Rockman, and they were married on February 4th, 1925 in Olympia. Sid was a farmer in Montana (he had purchased a relinquished homestead in 1914 north of Chester near the Sweetgrass Hills), so after their marriage they came to the farm to live. It was there that Olive discovered her hidden talent: painting. She was 45 years old when she painted her first picture. Because of her serious

new-found interest, she ordered a book that contained a complete "home art course", which took her five years to finish. During that time, she spent many pleasant hours drawing by the kerosene lamp in her kitchen. Later she moved into a reconditioned chicken coop, which became her studio. Sid and Olive had no children, but they had each other and became "best friends". They farmed until 1965, when they retired and sold the place to a nephew, Bud Ish. From that time on, they spent their summer months at home in Chester and their winter months in Arizona. A happy occasion in 1975 was the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. After a relatively short illness, Sid died in Chester on October 19th, 1977. Olive has lived alone since. This past winter she was hospitalized on numerous occasions for a heart ailment. She died at home on the early morning of Tuesday, March 23rd. She was 80 years old.

Olive was a former member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, located near the farm. At the time of her death she was a loyal member at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester and the ALCW "Lydia Circle". She loved the "Holy Bible" and spent many hours reading it. In years gone by she taught Adult Sunday School classes, and for the past five years was an active participant in the Thursday night Bible study group at the Methodist Church. Years ago she used to crochet, and in fact, had won many awards for this at the Shelby Fair. Olive was a very generous, loving person and was extremely dedicated to her family and friends. Her peaceful, pleasant, devoted nature was exemplified in many of her paintings. Her mediums were many: pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, water colors and oils. The backgrounds of many of her paintings came from what she observed on the farm, the hills, and the animals which she learned to love. Her subject matter consisted of landscapes, portraits, still lifes, and an extensive series of interpretive paintings from the Book of Revelations and Zachariah. Olive donated these paintings to the Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle and they are presently being used for teaching purposes there.

Olive's only survivors are a sister, Blanche Chaffer of Surrey, British Columbia; several brothers and sisters-in-law; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by a sister (Pearl) and a brother (Richard).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday March 27th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated and there was a special taped message from former pastor, David Barker, who was very close to Olive.



LAURA T. ROCKS

Born: April 7, 1903 - Died: July 18, 1982

Liberty County Times

July 29, 1982

**Laura Rocks, 79  
services July 21**

Laura T. Rocks, 79, died Sunday in a Kalispell hospital. Funeral services were 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Weatherford Funeral Home. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell.

She was born in Duluth, Minnesota and moved in 1913 with her family to Havre, where her father worked for the railroad. In 1930, she married Julius Rocks in Havre. They then lived in Joplin, where they farmed until moving in 1954 to Kalispell, where she has lived since.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1973, and two brothers. Survivors include one son, Donald J. Rocks, Joplin; two daughters, Loraine M. Hodges, Joplin and Mrs. Delores M. Humphrey, Sacramento, Clifornia; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren and five step great grandchildren.

In Memory of  
**LAURA T. ROCKS**  
1903 - 1982

**SERVICES**

Weatherford Funeral Home  
Kalispell, Montana  
Wednesday, 2:00 P.M.  
July 21, 1982

**OFFICIATING**

Pastor Ray Pierson  
Central Bible Church  
Kalispell, Montana  
Majel Lamoreux, Organist  
Terri Miller, Vocalist  
Musical Selections:  
"Beautiful Isle Of Somewhere"  
"How Great Thou Art"

**INTERMENT**

Glacier Memorial Gardens  
Kalispell, Montana

**CASKETBEARERS**

Dan Hodges	Myron Rocks
Jerard LaBorta	Randall Rocks
Kevin Rocks	Marcel Solum

## CLARENCE J. ROMAIN

Born: April 9, 1914 - Died: March 20, 1982

Liberty County Times

March 25, 1982

### Funeral held for Clarence J. Romain

Clarence J. Romain, 67, Chester, a Liberty County rancher for many years, died Saturday in a local hospital.

He was born in Keuterville, Idaho, and grew up on a homestead in Liberty County. He attended Marias School, and was graduated from Fort Benton High School.

During the Depression, he served with the Civilian Conservation Corps. He ranched and farmed several years with his father and brothers.

On July 8, 1944, he married Marian See in Chester. After his marriage, he continued farming and ranching south of Chester. Romain ranched there with his son at the time of his death.

He was a founder and major stockholder of Marias Equipment Company of Chester.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Kenneth, Dennis and Brian, all of Chester, and Dallas, stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with the U.S. Army; one daughter, Connie Rockman, Great Falls; five



Clarence J. Romain

brothers, Lawrence and John, Great Falls; Raymond of Chester; Bernard, Grangeville, Idaho, and Alfred, Lompoc, California; two sisters, Mrs. Delores Hutchison, Chester, and Mrs. Lena Hoene, Cottonwood, Idaho; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Alliance Church, Chester. Burial was at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Manchester Cemetery.

**AGNES J. SKABRONSKI**  
**Born: May 30, 1910 - Died: October 9, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 14, 1982**

**Funeral held for**  
**Agnes Skabronski**

Agnes J. Skabronski, 72, of Polson, died Saturday night in a Ronan nursing home.

She was born May 30, 1910 in Stockett to John and Susan Bubnash and moved with her family to northcentral Montana, where they owned and operated a farm. She attended schools in Chester and at the age of 16, she was employed by the Turner Ranch on the Marias River, where she cooked and served as ranch foreman.

She married William Skabronski on May 8, 1929. The couple lived at Galata until 1936 when they moved to Lake County. They farmed west of Polson until 1965. She was employed as a social worker in the Lake County Welfare Department until her retirement in 1975. In recent years she had traveled widely.

She was a member of the Royal Neighbors, the Altar Society of the Immaculate Conception Church of Polson and the Polson Senior Citizens.

Survivors include two sons, Joseph, Searcy, Ark., and Carl Gooding, Idaho; five daughters, Lorraine Peck, Seattle, Mardell Lockwood, Missoula, Wilhelmina Johnson, Whitefish, Margaret Fay, Ronan, and Elizabeth McMurtrey, Polson; two brothers, Nick Bubnash, Vaughn; 21 grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

Mass of the Christian Burial was held Wednesday in the Immaculate Conception Church with the Rev. Ernest Burns officiating. She was buried in Lakeview Cemetery.

--Flathead Courier, Polson

**Correction!!!**

In the Agnes Skabronski obituary last week there was a typographical error. Among the survivors there should have been two brothers, Nick Bubnash of Chester and Andrew Bubnash of Vaughn.

**ELWIN ROY STANBERRY**  
**Born: March 2, 1931 - Died: December 28, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 6, 1983**

Elwin Roy Stanberry was born in Havre, Montana on March 2nd, 1931. He was the oldest of four children born to Roy and Minnie (Geesey) Stanberry. He grew up in the Minneota Community north of Inverness and attended country school there. The Stanberry family moved to Rudyard in 1945 so that the children could attend high school, and Elwin graduated from Rudyard High in 1949. He attended college at Northern for a brief time, then returned to the family farm, located 23 miles north of Inverness. Elwin farmed with his folks until 1968, at which time he took over the operations. He married Eva L. Cottrell, and together they raised Eva's children and provided care to 19 foster children. Elwin had suffered from diabetes since age 10, and following a short stay at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, he died on the evening of December 28th at the age of 51 years.

Elwin's hobbies included bowling and trap-shooting. He had been active in the Rudyard Gun Club and the Montana Trap Shooters Association. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge in Havre. He was an avid hunter, an excellent free-hand drawer, and enjoyed gardening. He loved the sport of baseball, and had the opportunity of attending several World Series over the years. Elwin had a special love for children, and he was a very kind, caring and generous man.

Survivors include his wife, Eva of Rudyard; 4 daughters, Carolyn Setla of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Sherry Rutherford of Renton, Washington, Lorene Ludwig of Anchorage, Alaska, and Charlene Ramthun of Rockwell City, Iowa; 2 brothers, Raymond of Joplin and Melvin of Thermopolis, Wyoming; 1 sister, Mrs. Jerry (Mary Lois) Hybner of Rudyard; 8 grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Elwin was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Monday morning, January 3rd, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. The Reverend Gregory Kaiser officiated. Vocal music by Mike Stevenson included "Beyond the Sunset's Radiant Glow" and "Good Night Here, But Good Morning Up There", accompanied by Stanleigh Barbie. Ushers were Dennis Snyder and Harold Struck, and pallbearers included Allan Strissel, Dick Ditmar, Chuck Lineweaver, Tom Ludwig, Clive Owens, and Harold Twedt. Honorary bearers were Clarence Wehr and "all of Elwin's many friends." Burial was in the Highland Cemetery in Havre, and a memorial luncheon followed back at the church in Rudyard. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

## WILLIAM FREDRICK STRISSEL

Born: January 18, 1927 - Died: March 24, 1982

Liberty County Times

April 1, 1982

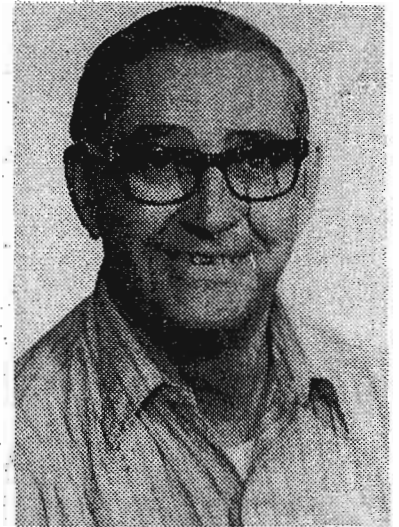
William Fredrick Strissel was born on January 18th, 1927 in Rudyard, Montana. He was one of two children born to William H. and Wilhemina (Elling) Strissel, who were homesteaders in the Rudyard community. Bill was baptized and confirmed in the old St. John's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. He attended his first few years of school in the country south of town, and finished his education in Rudyard, graduating in 1944. In the summer months he worked with his folks on the farm, and in the winter he worked at the Chinook sugarbeet factory or did furnace and plumbing jobs around Rudyard. On November 4th, 1951 he married Betty L. Sanvik in Rudyard. They have made their home here since. At the time of their marriage, Bill farmed and ran a feedlot. In 1969 he took employment at Sanvik Brothers where he has worked faithfully as the grocery department manager. Bill discovered he had cancer about four years ago and his health has deteriorated since. He died at the age of 55 years on the evening of Wednesday (March 24th) at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester.

Bill had always been community orientated as evidenced by his many memberships. He was active at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and had been on the church council. He was a former school board member and had been on the Hill County 4-H advisory committee. He also served on the Hill County Cemetery Board, was the Director of the Montana Food Distributors, and was active in the Rudyard Commercial Club. Bill was also a volunteer fireman and belonged to the Montana Trapshooting Association, the North Montana Trapshooting Association, and the Rudyard Gun Club. In his youth he enjoyed playing baseball, but in later years his sporting activities included goose hunting, creek fishing, and bowling (he participated in

both men's league and mixed-doubles). He was also an avid basketball fan. For relaxation in the summer months, he planted and maintained a vegetable garden, and was especially proud of his corn crops. He was also a "rock hound" and enjoyed digging for sapphires. Bill liked to visit. We'll never forget his pleasing personality - he always offered a warm reception with a pleasant smile...

Survivors include his wife, Betty of Rudyard; son and daughter-in-law, Lowell and Denise of Hingham; daughter, Karla of M.S.U. in Bozeman; brother, Allan of Rudyard; parents-in-law, Selmer and Margaret Sanvik of Rudyard; 2 grandchildren, Dionne and Davilyn; and 3 nephews and 1 niece. Bill was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial fund is being established to Our Savior's Lutheran Church and to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon (March 27th) at Our Savior's with Reverend Greg Kaiser officiating. The congregation sang Bill's favorite songs, including "Rock of Ages" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Stanleigh



Bill Strissel

Barbie was organist with Terry Stevenson singing "Abide With Me" and "The Lord's Prayer".

Pallbearers were Otto Stuber, Bob Finke, Harold Twedt, Bob Toner, Dick Ditmar and Alvin Krejci. Honorary bearers were Clarence Aevermann, Roland Ritter, Albert Hansen, Leonard Poier, Clarence Wehr and Tommie Wilson. Ushers were Frank Phillips, Ron Remick and Orville Sather. Following graveside services in the Rudyard Cemetery, a luncheon was held in the church basement. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel in Chester.

**JENNINGS W. (JACK) SWINNEY**  
**Born: ?, 1897 - Died: April 25, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 29, 1982**

## **Funeral held for Jack Swinney, 85**

Jennings W. Swinney, 85, died at his Gildford home Sunday, April 25. Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Holland and Bonine Chapel, Havre, with burial in Highland Cemetery.

A native of Kansas, he grew up in Alberta and lived in the Flathead and Gildford areas of Montana. Swinney married Bessie Dezell in 1920 at Havre. Since 1923 they had farmed near Gildford.

Mrs. Swinney died in 1972. A son, Jack, also preceded him in death. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Evan (Emma) Hansen, Mrs. Jack (Eunice) Staples, and Mrs. Charles (Esther) Griffith, all of Gildford; three brothers, Leslie of Gildford, Martin of Vancouver and Walter of Nampa, Idaho; a sister, Allena Porter, Vancouver, Washington; 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

**HAZEL SYLVIA ZANDA TAYLOR**  
**Born: May 8, 1930 - Died: May 11, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 20, 1982**

**Funeral held for  
Hazel Taylor**

Hazel Sylvia Zanda was born on May 8th, 1930 at the family home in Chester. She was one of two children born to Albin and Alma (Larson) Zanda. In her youth she was baptized and confirmed Lutheran. Hazel attended schools in Chester, graduating from high school here in 1949. Following high school she married and farmed south of Chester for the next ten years. She then moved to town where she worked for various business establishments. Since 1970 she has been an Avon cosmetics representative. Even though she suffered a stroke at about age 30 that has left her partially disabled and has also suffered from the ailments of diabetes, she maintained a home and a very loyal and personal Avon business. In 1979 she moved into the Sweetgrass Retirement Lodge as one of the original occupants. Following a short stay in the Liberty County Hospital, Hazel died on the morning of Tuesday, May 11th. She had just turned 52 years old the Saturday before.

Hazel was a long-time member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary and the Royal Neighbors of America. She was a life-time member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and also served on the A.L.C.W. In past years she was an avid bottle collector, but more recently she saved butterfly and owl memorabilia. Before she developed problems with her legs, she enjoyed bowling and dancing. For relaxation with friends, she liked to play cards, especially pinoche and cribbage. In her quieter hours she did some handwork, specifically, embroidery and crochet. She loved gardening and flowers. But most of all, she loved her family and friends, and never passed up an opportunity to visit.



**Hazel Taylor**

Survivors include her mother, Alma Zanda of Chester; sister, Mrs. John (Audrey) Nuxoll of Chester; 3 nieces, Wanda Rude of Havre, Wendy Nuxoll of Chester, and Sherry Decker of Colstrip; and 1 great-niece, Katie Rude of Havre. Hazel was preceded in death by her father and 2 infant children.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday morning (May 14th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with Reverend Wayne Bungum officiating. The vocal duet of Jack and Anne Seidlitz sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The 23rd Psalm", accompanied by Juanita Wardell. Ushers were Cliff Hanson and George Braun. Pallbearers included Alfred and Albert Hanson, Olaf Smedsrud, Ken Wolfe, Earl Keith, and Joe Gagnon. Members of the V.F.W. Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, and R.N.A. served as honorary bearers. Following interment in the Chester Cemetery, a memorial luncheon was given at the Sweetgrass Lodge by the A.L.C.W., Auxiliary, and R.N.A. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel. A memorial fund is being established to the National Diabetes Foundation.

**EDWARD O. THIELMAN**  
**Born: March 9, 1910 - Died: July 9, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 15, 1982**

Edward O. Thielman, 72, Chester businessman and former Chester Mayor died Friday at the local hospital following a cardiac arrest. He entered the hospital Wednesday noon. Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Monday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester.

Born at Gardena, North Dakota, he moved to the Chester area in 1916, homesteading northeast of Tiber. He was graduated from Chester High School in 1928. Thielman worked as an elevator operator at Tiber and later at Chester and did some farming. He married Marion Patterson at Big Sandy in 1938. In 1948 he became an implement dealer, operating Thielman Implement in Chester. He served two terms as mayor of Chester in the 1950's.

Survivors include his wife and a son, James, both of Chester; two daughters, Mrs. Ed (Jodine) Kenny, Chester, and Marge O'Neil, Springfield, Oregon; two sisters, Frieda Rosch, Ellendale, North Dakota, and Mrs. Fred Sitch, Chester; a brother, Harold, Chester, and eight grandchildren. A son, Richard, preceded him in death in 1948.

Grandchildren include Kenlyn Thielman, San Diego, California, Kimberly Thielman, Jackson, Wyoming, Ralph O'Neil, Thomas Thielman, Edward Thielman, Tim Kohrman, Bonnie Kohrman and Jason Thielman all of Chester.

Pastor Wayne Bungum officiated at the funeral. Helen Ann Aaberg played the organ. Jan Christofferson sang two solos. Casketbearers were Alfred Hanson, Delmar Wolfe,

George Mattson, Jennings Mattson, John Nuxoll and Vern Trogstad. Honorary casketbearers were Dennis Snyder, Bill Yackley, Lawrence Schaefer, Darby O'Brien, Bud Greer, Jake Wormsbecker and all close friends and neighbors. Ushers were Gale Thielman and Terry Thielman.

He enjoyed fishing. He was an avid reader in many areas concerning history, political science, economics and enjoyed visiting and discussing issues and current trends with his friends. Jim Hall, who was county and city attorney during the period when he was mayor of Chester, said of him, "His knowledge of city and county laws is most amazing, it is reliable and true.

"He was a just man and a man of his word in dealings with the farmers of this area, because of these qualities he was highly respected by them."

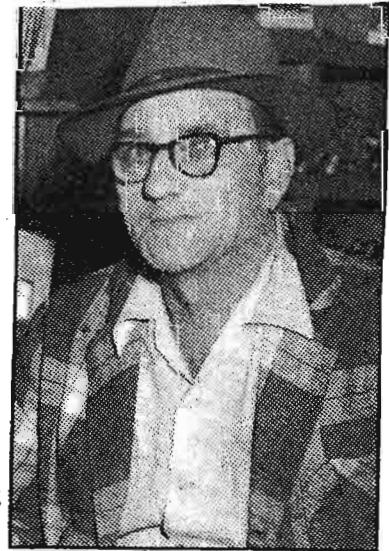
Delmar Wolfe delivered the following eulogy:

"I feel a great honor has been bestowed upon me by being asked to deliver this eulogy to a very dear and trusted friend, Mr. Edward Thielman, also known as Mr. Ed., Mr. Machinery, and Dad Thielman. It has to be one of the greatest pleasures in a person's life to have known, associated with, and worked for a man of Ed's stature.

"He was a man of honour and strong convictions, but he highly regarded the opinions of others. He sincerely wanted to know both sides of all issues and would read or discuss them until he was satisfied. I have enjoyed many hours of interesting discussions with him and

have never known him to belittle the achievements of other people nor boast of his own. I am but one of the many that has had the experience of benefitting from his generosity, his trust in human beings, and his sound advice on many problems."

"Ed had a great deal of foresight and was always searching for ways or methods to improve the status quo of the Hi-Line area, and our town of Chester. Many of the achievements and improvements we tend to take for granted today are the results of his quiet but



**ED THIELMAN**

persistent efforts. Ed! For a friend in need you were a friend indeed. We will all miss you greatly, good friend. Until we meet again, may you transcend to the peace and rest you so rightfully deserve."



## MARION GRACE THIELMAN

Born: June 3, 1914 - Died: October 12, 1982

Liberty County Times

October 21, 1982



Marion Grace Thielman was born on June 3rd, 1914 in Mandan, North Dakota. She was one of two children born to James & Maude (Loveland) Patterson. Marion grew up in the Mandan area and graduated from high school in 1931. She attended teacher's college in North Dakota & Washington, and earned her elementary teacher's certificate. After teaching a year at a country school, she came to Chester in 1937 and taught one year of grade school here. On January 15th, 1938 she married Edward Q. Thielman in Big Sandy. They made their home in Chester, where Ed eventually became owner & operator of Thielman Implement. In addition to home-making, Marion taught piano lessons for many years. Ed died in July of this year. Marion suffered a heart attack on Oct. 6th and entered the Liberty County Hospital for treatment. She expired there on the early morning of Tuesday, Oct. 12th at the age of 68 years.

Marion had been involved in many community organizations over the years. Even though she suffered from narcolepsy, she remained active & enthused. She was a great supporter of the Democratic Party and had served both on the state & local level in the

Democratic Women's Club. She had also served as treasurer of the local V.F.W. Auxiliary. Her great love in life was music, and after her children grew up. She continued her music education for a short while at the University of Montana in Missoula. She was past president of the Montana Music Teacher's Association and had served in several capacities in the State Music Federation. Marion was received into the Catholic Faith in the 1960's, and since that time has been a member of St. Mary's Church and Altar Society. About eight years ago she was proudly appointed by Governor Judge to serve on the State Board Council, and she was presently serving her 2nd term on that board.

Marion had many hobbies. In her youth she enjoyed tennis & dancing. In later years she liked to play cards, work in the garden, and make ceramics. More recently, she enjoyed cooking, eating, & entertaining, and loved to travel. In her quieter hours she liked to sew or do needlepoint & crewel. But most of all, she loved to play the piano & organ. Her work as a piano teacher had extended over the past 40 years, and each year she had 20-30 students. In addition, she had been the accompanist for hundreds of weddings, funerals, and other church & school functions. There's no doubt that her loyal contribution to music in this community will be greatly missed.

Marion is survived by 1 son & daughter-in-law, James & Deanna of Chester; 2 daughters, Mrs. Dick (Marge) O'Neil

of Springfield, Oregon and Mrs. Ed (Jodine) Kenny of Chester; 8 grandchildren including Kenlyn Thielman of Borrago Springs, California, Kimberly Thielman of Missoula, and Ralph O'Neil, Tim & Bonnie Kohrman, & Thomas, Edward, & Jason Thielman (all of Chester); and numerous nephews & nieces. Marion was preceded in death not only by her husband, but also by a son (Richard) in 1948, a brother (Arthur), her parents, and 2 grandchildren.

Rosary services were held Thursday evening at St. Mary's Church. On Friday morning (Oct. 15th) the funeral mass was celebrated by father John E. Coady at St. Mary's. Patricia Seidlitz served as lector, Bob Kimball served as cross bearer, and Joe Dahinden & Eugene Seidlitz served as altar boys. A special organ rendition by Iris White was "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (a favorite of Marion's). The church choir sang several songs including "I Am the Bread of Life", "Sing a New Song", "Prayer of St. Francis", & "Father of Peace." Nephews, Dale & Terry Thielman, served as ushers. Pallbearers were Marion's 5 grandsons and her 2 sons-in-law. Honorary bearers included Alfred Hanson, Dave Wilmes, Frank Meldrum, Larry Terwolbeck, Darby O'Brien, Walt Laas, Dave James, & Fred Barrett, and memorial bearers were members of the V.F.W. Auxiliary. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery where the Auxiliary made a short presentation of emblem & flag. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

Memorial gifts will be used to establish a music scholarship fund.

**DONALD TKACHYK**  
**Born: ?, 1936 - Died: April 8, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 15, 1982**

**Funeral held for Donald Tkachyk**

Donald Tkachyk, 46 died in a Great Falls hospital of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound sustained in his trailer home in Lothair. He was discovered Thursday forenoon by Ona May Schwan. The Liberty County ambulance took him to the Liberty County Hospital, and he was transferred to the Columbus hospital in Great Falls.

Tkachyk was upset over the failure of Coast Trading Co. According to Mrs. Schwan he felt it was his fault that farmers may lose their wheat money because of the elevator company failure. She said he was a conscientious man who felt he had been let down by the company. He had worked diligently for the elevator, and except for those who had dealings with him through the elevator, he was not well known in the community.

Rosary was recited Monday at 7 p.m. in the Waller Funeral Chapel in Scobey. Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Philips Church followed by burial in St. Michaels Cemetery.

Born at Scobey, Tkachyk grew up there. He served two years in the U.S. Army and for

the past five years had managed a grain elevator at Lothair. He also worked as a part-time hauler for the Great Falls Tribune. Tkachyk never married. Surviving are his mother, Julia Holyk, Scobey; three sis-

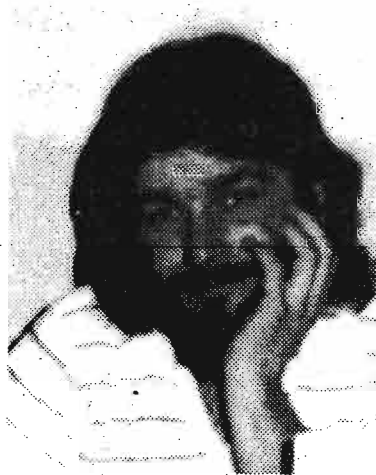
ters, Irene Richards, Williston, North Dakota; Margie Rathbun, Billings, and Annie Melows, Grandview, Washington; three half-sisters, Tekla Ehman, Glendive; Joan Burgess, Santa Maria, California, and Betty O'Leary, Downey, California; and a half-brother, Carl Tkachyk, Anaheim, California.

**NORBERT ARNOLD WENDLAND**  
**Born: April 9, 1956 - Died: March 18, 1982**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 25, 1982**

Norbert Arnold Wendland was born in Chester, Montana on April 9th, 1956. He was one of eleven children born to Phillip George Wendland and Lorena Ruth Diemert. His family farmed south of Rudyard, so he grew up and was educated in the Rudyard community. He graduated from high school in 1974, after which he worked in general construction and carpentry. Since February, 1981 he has been employed by C.G.G. (Consolidated Georex Geophysics), a seismograph company stationed near Scobey, where he worked as a drill-push and shooter. On the early morning of March 18th, Norbert and a fellow-worker (Ralph Keller from Dickinson, North Dakota) were killed in a single-car rollover near Scobey. Norbert was 25 years old.

In his youth he was involved in the Rudyard Little League program. While in high school he participated in football, had served as a class president, was the wrestling team manager, and was active in C.Y.O. A memorable event was the senior class trip to the Grand Canyon. After high school, Norbert joined the Rudyard Jaycees. For a short while he lived in Three Forks where he and his brothers built a home for their mother. It was there that he played softball on the "Over the Hill Gang". He retained his membership at Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham, where he had served as an altar boy as a youngster. For enjoyment he liked to hunt, and as a hobby he recently started a collection of hats. Norbert was a very quiet, "laid back" sort of person and never asked anything from anybody. His memory will not be forgotten by his family and friends.

Survivors include his mother, Rena of Three Forks; 6 brothers, including Phillip Allen of Havre, Roland August of Inverness, Lewis Andrew of Richland (Washington), Martin Arthur of Rudyard, Leonard Anthony of Rudyard, and Joseph Aaron of Beach (North Dakota); 3 sisters, including Delores Arlene Nichols of Three Forks, Gladys Aurelia Wendland of Belgrade, and Marie Alice Wendland of Three Forks; and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins. Norbert was preceded in death by his father, a



**Norbert A. Wendland**

sister (Cecelia Ann), and his grandparents.

Rosary Prayers were recited Sunday evening (March 21st) at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at the church at 11 a.m. Monday by Father Martin Phillips. Organ music was provided by Rachel Blake and the congregation sang "O Lord, I Am Not Worthy" and "Amazing Grace". Two songs were sung by Alberta Langel, "Be Not Afraid" and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee." Friends serving as pallbearers included

David Hadford, Terry Hybner, Dan Frick, Clyde Brandt, David Twedt and Sam Hansard. Ushers were Glen Elling and Chuck Gatzemeier and altar servers were Sylvester Wendland and Don Gatzemeier. Memorial bearers included "all of Norbert's many friends..." Burial followed in the Highland Cemetery in Havre, after which a lunch was given to family and friends at the Catholic Hall in Rudyard. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

EDNA MAE WILSON  
Born: ?, 1907 - Died: April 10, 1982  
Liberty County Times  
April 15, 1982

## Funeral held for Edna Wilson, 75

Edna Mae Wilson, 75, died Saturday at a Havre hospital. Funeral services were Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Burial was in the Rudyard Cemetery under the direction of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre.

A native of Minnesota, she came to a homestead near here as a child. Except for the last five years, which she had spent in a Havre nursing home, she had lived all of her life in the Rudyard area. In 1923 she married Emery Haymaker. She married Burle Wilson in 1945 and he died in 1968.

Survivors include nine daughters, Lorraine Laursen and

Harriet Moore, both of Havre; Marion Labrum, Vernal, Utah; Betty Layton, Lakeside; Darlene Myers, Snohomish, Washington; Edna Hansen, Renton, Washington; Virginia Wilmes, Mills, Wyoming; Beryl Thomasson, Boonesville, California; and Coral (Penny) Taylor, Springfield, Illinois; three step-daughters, Dorothy Ulman of Oregon; Doris Welch and Connie Haas, both of Hingham; two sons, Lloyd and Clinton Haymaker, both of Havre, a sisiter, Hattie Gustafson, Rudyard; two brothers, Henry Bradbury and Ben Bradbury, both of Rudyard; 36 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

-Great Falls Tribune

IRENE HYLE ZEORB

Born: November 1, 1899 - Died: January 1, 1982

Liberty County Times

January 7, 1982

**Funeral held for Irene Zeorb**

Irene Hyle Zeorb, 83, resident of the Osburn area, died Saturday, January 1, at the Shoshone Living Center in Kellogg, Idaho.

Born in Belville, Pa., November 1, 1899 she came to Montana in her early years and lived north of Inverness. She attended school at Inverness. She married Ervin Zeorb at Havre on November 21, 1916. They lived north of Rudyard until moving to Murray, Idaho in 1936 and then to Osburn in 1941 where they lived until entering the rest home at Kellogg.

Survivors, in addition to her husband include four daughters: Mrs. Harvey (Vivian) Legault of Osburn, Mrs. Emery (Ruth) Adams of Pinehurst, Idaho, Mrs. Charles (Lois) Smith of Springfield, Oregon, Ruby Jam-

ison of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Two sisters, Mildred Walker, Kansas City and Bernadean LaValley, Spokane; two brothers, Turrie Hyle of Dallas and Jerry Hyle of Yakima. 12 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The funeral was held Wednesday, January 5 at the English Chapel in Coeur d'Alene with burial in the River-view section of Forest Cemetery there.