

KATIE MAY ADAMS

Born: April 23, 1888 - Died: November 7, 1984

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Katie Adams

Katie May Adams was born in Valley Falls, Kansas April 23, 1888. Her parents were Mary Johanna (Straub) and Royce Edward Higgins. She was the third of seven children. After the death of her father in 1904 her mother moved the family to Perry, Oklahoma to be near her relatives.

Katie met her husband Harvey there and they were married June 16, 1906 at Perry. They raised and bred Percheron horses. They also farmed, raising cotton and watermelons and enjoyed the colored workers and their singing. They moved from this small country community to the large city of Tulsa and had stables and livery barn service. That kept them busy due to the discovery of oil and a booming town.

In 1912 Harvey came west to Inverness and helped build the first elevator there. Land was available for homesteading and he liked the climate so took up a homestead north of Joplin by the Canadian border. Late that fall after building a homestead shack he went back to Oklahoma and they decided to move "out west" about Christmas time. Katie and Harvey and three girls, one only two months old, traveled by train to Inverness, then by wagon north to the homestead.

They experienced the usual hardships and good times shared by all homesteaders. Their fourth daughter was born on the homestead shortly before they decided to move to Oregon in 1922 to be able to better the girls' education. The family lived in Portland about ten years, and returned to the homestead to work the farm again. Several changes took place, from horses to tractors, from binders and threshing machine to combines, kerosene lamps to electricity, horse and buggies to cars and planes. They lived there until retiring and moved to Havre in 1960.

They traveled in the winter time and Katie liked to work outside and raised large vegetable gardens and many flowers. Although she suffered from arthritis she started crocheting when she was 80 years old and finished 19 large afghans in ten years.

At fair time she received several ribbons for her afghans and flower displays.

In 1982 she was chosen as "Western Pioneer Woman of the Year" by the Cascade County Cowgirls. The family homestead history was placed by them in the "Western Heritage Center" at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

In 1983 Katie was interviewed by a member of Montana Historical Society and this was taped and is placed in the Oral Heritage section of Montana State History at Helena.

She played the organ and piano and loved to dance and was a very good horseback rider. She liked horse racing, rodeos and all sports, but especially basketball.

The Sweetgrass Hills were the weather forecaster and the Northern Lights a joy taking the place of city glows.

She was a devoted wife, mother and ones best friend.

Katie is survived by three daughters Mrs. Roy Rimmer (Ruby), Mrs. Opal Johnston, Mrs. David LaValley (Garnett); seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter, several nieces and nephews.

Katie was preceded in death by her husband Harvey, a son, a daughter and two grandsons, also five brothers and a sister.

Funeral services were held Monday at 10:30 a.m., November 26, at Van Orsdel Methodist Church. Rev. William Thomas officiating. Brenda Brown, vocalist, sang "I Come to the Garden Alone" and "The Old Rugged Cross." The congregation sang "How Firm a Foundation" and "Bringing in the Sheaves" accompanied by Rita DeHooge. Pallbearers were grandsons Hal Maddox, Ken Rimmer, Ron, Gary, Dave LaValley and great grandson Brett Schneider. Honorary pallbearers were all her friends. Ushers were great granddaughters Terri Greenwood and Bobbi Bryant. Pastor Thomas concluded the services with Prayer of the Thanksgiving and St. Thomas prayer. Burial was in the Highland Cemetery family plot. Arrangements were by Holland and Bonine. Following graveside services a dinner was served at the church social hall by neighbors and ladies of the church.

FRANK AEVERMANN

Born: January 15, 1918 - Died: November 10, 1984

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November 15, 1984

Frank Aevermann was born on January 15th, 1918 on his parents' homestead located four miles south of Rudyard, Montana. Frank was one of nine children born to Bertha Miller and William Aevermann. He grew up on the farm and attended country school near there. Frank worked on the home place with his folks for many years, and took over the farming operations following the death of his father in 1944. Three years earlier on November 7th, 1941, he married Flora Ann May in Havre. They lead a happily married life and had just celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary last week. Frank was very proud of the fact that he had spent all 66 years of his life living and working on the family farm. This past Saturday evening, November 10th, Frank and Flora Ann had visited with his mother in Havre, after which they went to a dance at the Eagles Lodge. While there, Frank suddenly collapsed and was taken to the Havre Hospital via ambulance. Resuscitative measures were to no avail, and he was pronounced dead in the emergency room.

Frank loved to dance, and it seems fitting that he left us doing something that he thoroughly enjoyed and without apparent pain or suffering.

In his younger years Frank liked to hunt and fish. In more recent years he spent his leisure time working in his shop or in his vegetable garden. For hobbies he collected old radios and tools, and enjoyed trap-shooting. Frank was a self-educated mechanic and was very good when it came to fixing machinery or farm equipment. He was also an excellent sausage-maker and was proud of some old family recipes that had been handed down through several generations. Frank enjoyed playing cards, especially pinochle with his mother and grandson. He was a very patient and efficient man when it came to shopping. When time permitted, he liked to browse at garage sales. Frank liked to visit with people and was especially fond of the Rudyard

and surrounding community. His family were important to him. He and Flora had just returned from a month's visit with their daughter in Oregon, and the family is thankful that they had spent this recent time together.



Survivors include his wife, Flora Ann of Rudyard; daughter, Mrs. Steve (Betty Ann) Heydon of Madras, Oregon; 2 grandsons, Lowell and Darin; mother, Bertha of Havre; 2 brothers, Paul of Mesa, Arizona and Leroy of Havre; 4 sisters Lydia Gustafson of Big Fork, Ruth Bley of Great Falls, (twin-sister) Lorretta Burnell of Havre, and Lorraine Svejkovsky of Conrad; and numerous nephews and nieces. Frank was preceded in death by his father and a sister (Clara Teel).

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 14th, at 2 p.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Rudyard. The Reverend Donald Ryding and the Reverend Jim Sheldon officiated. Special music by the congregation included "Amazing Grace" and "Beautiful Savior" with accompaniment by Stanleigh Barbie. Ushers were Tom Aevermann and Greg May. Pallbearers included brothers, Paul and Leroy Aevermann; brothers-in-law, Con, Leo and Ephraim May; and son-in-law, Steven Heydon. Interment followed in the Inverness Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

ELLA MAY (GRAYSON) AFDAHL
Born: April 17, 1905 - Died: March 18, 1984
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March 22, 1984

Funeral held for Ella Afdahl, 78

Ella May Grayson was born in Lankin, North Dakota on April 17th, 1905. She was one of nine children born to Eliza-



Ella Afdahl

beth Liddle and John Grayson. When she was just a few years old, her parents moved to Antelope, Montana. Ella was educated in Antelope and graduated from high school there in 1923. She attended business college in Great Falls for awhile, then returned to Antelope to help with family obligations. Her folks moved to Canada in 1929 and Ella went with them. She came to Rudyard, Montana in 1932 to keep house for Ervin Afdahl, a young widower with children. For a short time period, she worked at the Inverness Post Office. On October 20th, 1959 she married Ervin Afdahl, and they returned to his farm

northwest of Rudyard. In 1962 they moved into Rudyard, but continued farming until their retirement in 1971. Ervin died on December 21st, 1980. Ella has remained at her home in Rudyard since. Following a short stay in the Liberty County Hospital, she died on the morning of Sunday, March 18th. Ella was 78 years old.

Prior to the loss of her eyesight in the late 1940's, Ella loved to read. She had an excellent memory, and like to keep up on current events and world happenings. She was a neat homemaker and a good cook. Although she had no children of her own, she loved the Afdahl kids and all of their families.

Survivors include 2 sons, Kenneth Afdahl of Rudyard and Elmer Afdahl of Elgin, Oregon; 1 daughter, Mrs. Dale (Joyce) Lumsden of Havre; 3 brothers, J. E. (Jack) Grayson of Seattle, William Grayson of Dallas, Texas, and Roger Grayson of Snohomish, Washington; 1 sister, Gwendolyn Tichenor of Spokane; 9 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. Ella was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by 3 brothers (George, Earl and Walter) and 1 sister (Opal).

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 21st, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. The Reverend Jim Shelden officiated. Vocalist, Alberta Langel, sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "The Lord's Prayer." Stanleigh Barbie served as accompanist. Pallbearers included Gerald Langel, Roger Letang, Joe Domire, Donald Schweitzer, Cliff Ulmen and Mark Widdis. Ushers were Mike Wendland and Roger Ludwig. Burial was in the Havre Highland Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Following graveside services a memorial luncheon was given to family and friends at the church.

BERT W. ALLEY

Born: November 19, 1925 - Died: October 2, 1984

Liberty County Times

October 11, 1984

Funeral held for Bert Alley, 59

Bert W. Alley was born in Oxford, Kansas November 19, 1925. He was one of five children and his parents were Howard and Ellen (Keith) Alley. Bert came to Montana as a child with his family. He attended the Burke country school, Chester school, and graduated from Joplin High School. In 1943 Bert worked in the Idaho mines. The following year he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force and served as a corporal. July 8th, 1945 he married Kathryn M. Van Dessel at Conrad. Bert was honorably discharged from the armed services in November of 1945, and returned to Joplin. For the next few years he farmed for Ed McClellan. In 1947 Bert and Kay purchased a farm five miles north of town. They have owned and operated it since. They have made their home in Joplin since 1972. Bert's medical condition has deteriorated these past few years. Following a long stay in the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre, Bert died Tuesday afternoon, October 2nd. He was 58 years old.

Bert had been a member of the Havre Elks Lodge, Joplin Commercial Club, the N.F.O., and Montana Grain Growers Association. He had served on the Bethel Church Council and was recently appointed to the Liberty County Cemetery Board. Bert loved sports, but was especially fond of baseball. In his prime he had been an active catcher in the old Joplin town team league. He just couldn't get enough of good baseball and was proud of the fact that he had attended numerous world series games over the

years. Bert had a private pilot's license and had crop-dusted for 11 years to help pay for their farm. He loved flying and would have continued to fly had it not been for his health. Bert enjoyed many other activities, including bowling, golfing, water skiing, hunting, fishing and trap-shooting. He had served as a Boy Scout troop leader for about ten years when his sons were active in scouting. In these later years he enjoyed gardening, yardwork and minor remodeling around the house. As a quiet hobby he liked to build model cars. Bert will always be remembered as a man who was always there to help out whenever he could.

Survivors include his wife, Kay of Joplin; two sons, Duane and David, both of Joplin; three grandsons, Jarad, Micheal and Martin; two granddaughters, Danette and Michelle; father, Howard of Conrad; one brother, Keith of Mineola, Texas; two sisters, Una Moog of Inverness and Claudine Lundgren of Great Falls; mother-in-law, Maude Skari of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Bert was preceded in death by a daughter (Judy), mother, and sister (Verdel Pourroy).

Bert was cremated per his wishes. A memorial service was held at Bethel Church on Friday, October 5th. The Reverend John Olson officiated. A women's ensemble made up of Sue Violett, Judy Lake, Kay Milnar, Teddy Phillips, Marlene Rocks and Esther Meldrum sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The King is Coming." Thelma Anderson accompanied the group on the organ. Friends serving as ushers were Tom Wood, Bud Poppler, Frank Meldrum and Kenny Miller. Memorial bearers were "all of Bert's many friends and relatives." A luncheon followed in Kjos Hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

RUBY CHRISTINA ANDERSON
Born: September 26, 1903 - Died: February 15, 1984
Liberty County Times
February 23, 1984

Funeral held for Ruby Anderson

Ruby Christina Anderson was born in Bagley, Minnesota on September 26, 1903. She was the eldest of nine children born to Knute Todahl and Ingaborg Severson. Ruby grew up in the Gonvick community and attended schools there. Following the death of her mother, she quit school and helped with the household chores. Ruby came to Montana in 1924 and met her husband-to-be, Ben A. Anderson. They were married in Plentywood on July 17th, 1925. They made their home on a farm north of Westby, where they raised four children. In 1968 they moved to Plentywood. Ben died in 1977. Ruby remained in Plentywood until July of 1982, when she came to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester to be closer to her two daughters. She suffered a sudden attack at the Lodge on the morning of Wednesday, February 15th. She

died that afternoon at the Chester Hospital at the age of 80 years.

Ruby had been a member of the Plentywood Lutheran Church. She was basically a "home-body" and enjoyed activities in her home, especially cooking and sewing. In her younger years she was a hard worker, especially when it came to milking cows, raising a big vegetable garden, or just helping with the farming operations. For social relaxation she enjoyed playing cards.

Survivors include 1 son, Bazil Anderson of Westby; 2 daughters, Mrs. Alfred (Ione) Hanson of Chester and Mrs. Richard (Rose Ann) Brough of Havre; 1 brother, Carl Todahl of Fertile, Minnesota; 2 sisters, Ida Hoch and Olga Flom, both of Glasgow; 16 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. Ruby was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a son (Herbert in May, 1963) and 5 siblings.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 18th, at the Plentywood Lutheran Church. The Reverend Allan Turmo officiated. Interment was in the Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Local arrangements were by Rockman Chapel in Chester.

JOHN HENRY ARNST
Born: ? 1898 - Died: August 22, 1984
Great Falls Tribune
August 24, 1984

VALIER — ARNST, John Henry, 86, died unexpectedly while working in the shop on his farm four miles west of Valier Wednesday morning. Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Valier Methodist Church with interment following in the family plot in Lakeview Cemetery. He was born in Russia and immigrated to Nebraska as an infant with his family. They moved to Ritzville, Wash., in 1900 and moved to a homestead southwest of Chester in 1910. He married Emma Steiger in Colfax, Wash., in 1924. The couple moved to Great Falls later that year and purchased a farm west of Valier in 1925. He served as a member of the Valier School Board for 17 years. He was an accomplished violinist. He was preceded in death by two brothers. Survivors include his wife, Emma; three sons, Bob and Dale, both of Valier and Jack of Geraldine; one brother, Jake of Valier; three sisters, Sarah Voegele of Great Falls,

Marie Runion of Dickinson, N.D., and Anne Strandwold of Valier; 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Wyse Funeral Home of Conrad is in charge of arrangements.

EARL W. BROWN

Born: November 10, 1968 - Died: August 10, 1984

Liberty County Times

August 16, 1984

Boy killed in fall while climbing Haystack Butte

A 15-year-old Ohio boy died Friday evening from injuries suffered in a fall from a butte near the Sweetgrass Hills, the Liberty County Sheriff's Office reported Saturday.

Earl W. Brown of Medina, Ohio, was climbing about 30 miles north of Chester when he lost his handhold on Haystack Butte and fell about 30 feet, then rolled another 628 feet down a slope, according to the sheriff's office.

His companions went to the B.J. Oswood home to call the Liberty County ambulance. Jerry and Dennis Ghekiere, Reverend Charlie Hanson and Nelsa Fox answered the call. The boy was pronounced dead on arrival at the local hospital. He had suffered multiple and extensive internal injuries. C.P.R. was administered at the scene of the accident until the ambulance arrived, but there was no response.

Earl Wayne Brown was born in Medina, Ohio on November 10th, 1968. He was the eldest of three children born to Thomas and Nina (Tackett) Brown. Earl attended the Allacanaban Elementary School in Medina through grade six. He completed grades 7 through 9 at the First Baptist Christian School in Medina. He would have been a sophomore in high school there this coming school year. While in school, he played soccer and basketball, but loved all sports. Earl had been active in the First Baptist Church following his baptism in 1976. As a hobby he was learning to play the banjo.

Earl had come to Montana these past three summers to work for his aunt and uncle, Betty and Bill Skinner, of Lothair.

Survivors include his mother, Nina Brown of Medina, Ohio; 1 brother, Tom and 1 sister, Mary Ruth, both of Medina; maternal grandmother, Mary Tackett of Minter City, Mississippi; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Earl was preceded in death by his father (in 1975), by his maternal grandfather, and by his paternal grandparents.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 15th, at the First Baptist Church in Medina with Reverend Max Deffenbaugh officiating. Burial followed in the Eastlawn Cemetery in Brunswick, Ohio. Earl had been attending the Baptist Church in Shelby during these past three summers, so a memorial service was held there Sunday, August 12th. Local arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

INEZ EEN BROWN

Born: December 22, 1928 – Died: December 30, 1984

Liberty County Times

January 17, 1985



Inez Brown

Memorial service for Inez Brown

Inez Een Brown passed away in Benson, Arizona December 30th. She was born December 22, 1928 in Rudyard, Montana. She was 56 years old.

She is survived by two children, Douglas Brown of Bakersfield, California and Shellie Owens of Dickson, Tennessee; also six grandchildren.

Other family members include two sisters: Bertha Smith of Superior, Montana, and Bernice Kittleson of St. David, Arizona; four brothers, Perry Een of St. George, Utah, Arthur Een of Tombstone, Arizona, Clarence Een of Rudyard, Montana and Robert Een of Alexandria, Virginia.

Memorial services were held at the Benson Funeral Chapel January 4th with Pastor Sears officiating. Burial will be held in Nashville, Tennessee.

MARY LYNN (HILL) BUCK
Born: July 9, 1895 - Died: December 17, 1984

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December 27, 1984



Mary Lynn Buck

Mary Lynn Hill was born in Mount Hope, Iowa July 9, 1895. She was the eldest of 12 children born to Ernest Lynn Hill and Flora Cameron. Her family lived in Florida for awhile, and following her secondary education she began nurses training at a Presbyterian school in New Orleans.

After her family moved to Montana, Mary transferred to the Great Falls Deaconess Hospital nurse's school and graduated as an R.N. in 1920. That same year she married a Great Falls policeman named George Knutson and from that marriage came two daughters. They made their home in Great Falls until George's death in 1932.

About a year later Mary was wed to Garnett Barrett in Great Falls. She remained there until 1938, when she came to Chester and opened the "Mary Lynn Hospital." This hospital was a ten-bed facility in a private residence.

Mary's third marriage was to Ray E. Buck in 1939. They ran the hospital until 1947, when they closed it after the only doctor left town. Mary and Ray moved to Great Falls where she continued

in the nursing profession. A few years later they moved to California, where Ray died in 1962. Mary came back to Chester and worked for a while at the new hospital here and then went to Wolf Point to manage the Faith Lutheran Nursing Home. She retired in 1965, just ten days short of her 70th birthday. She has made her home in Chester since.

Mary moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge in 1979, but following a broken hip in 1980, she transferred to the rest home. She died there the morning of Monday, December 17, at the age of 89 years.

Mary was a past member of the Eastern Star and Rebekah Lodge No. 64. She had served as District Director of the Liberty County B.P.W. Club in 1969. She was a staunch Republican and well-read on political issues. Her membership in the Methodist Church dates back many years.

Mary enjoyed both vegetable and flower gardening and especially loved to raise African violets. She also embroidered and crocheted. She was a Scotch lady of the old school who believed that nothing should be wasted. Her housekeeping skills were excellent and she was very organized. She was proud to have been a "Soddy," that is to have lived in the ers of sod huts.

Mary loved her family and her heritage and was very interested in geneology. Many things can be said, but her main role of life was nursing. In 1970 she was honored by the Deaconess Alumni Association for her 50 years of nursing service. Her hard work at the "Mary Lynn Hospital" was actually the seed that grew to become the present Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home. Of additional interest is the fact that during those eight years she worked in her own hospital, she helped delivery 245 babies, including two of her own grandchildren.

Mary is survived by a daughter, Mary Lynn Cicon of Chester; 1 grandson and his family, Howard, Deanie, Gayle and Pam; 1 granddaughter and her family, Glenda, Bill, Tamara, Jim and Erin; 1 granddaughter-in-law and her family, Maureen, Jodi and Kevin; 1 brother, Howard Hill of Point Arena, California; 3 sisters, Nellie Jeffers of Calgary, Alberta, Viola Dickson of Yuma, Arizona, and Elsie Koepke of Chehalis, Washington; and numerous nephews and nieces. Mary was preceded in death not only by her parents and husbands, but also by a daughter in infancy (Georgia May), a grandson (James Lynn Cicon), a son-in-law (Jim Cicon), 6 brothers and 1 sister.

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Nancy Wright and Reverend Don Kelley Friday, December 21 at the Chester United Methodist Church. Special music was provided by the trio of Lynn Turner, Bev Kelley and Pat McDowell. Accompanist was Gail Cicon. Pallbearers included Emmers Berg, Sterling Wardell, Wilbur Eveland, Eldon Graff, Alfred Hanson, Lawrence Schaefer, Troy Lakey and Darby O'Brien. Ushers were John, Marvin and Rudy Cicon. Memorial bearers included "all of the children born at the Mary Lynn Hospital."

Following a luncheon at the church, the family went to Great Falls where graveside services were conducted at Highland Cemetery at 3:30 p.m. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

ADRIAN L. BUCKLAND

Born: ?, 1912 - Died: August 3, 1984

Liberty County Times

August 9, 1984

Adrian Buckland dies, Whitefish

Adrian L. Buckland, 72, died Friday at a Whitefish hospital. Funeral services were 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial followed in Glacier Memorial Garden Cemetery.

He was born in Nonan, North Dakota, and attended schools in Scobey and Helena. In 1928, he began working for the Great Northern Railway in the signal department and retired in 1974 as signal inspector. He married Helen Glover in 1936. She survives along with three sons, Lauren and Lee, both of Atlanta, Georgia, Stan, Marietta, Ohio; a daughter, Randi Mallory, Whitefish, 10 grandchildren; two brothers, including Gordon, Helena, and four sisters out of state.

Buckland was signal maintenance man for the Great Northern in Chester about 40 years ago.

MARY MORGAN CARROLL

Born: March 20, 1899 - Died: October 23, 1984

Liberty County Times

November 1, 1984



Mary Morgan Carroll

Mary Elizabeth Morgan was born the 20th of March, 1899 in Minot, North Dakota, the youngest daughter of Thomas Francis Morgan and Edith Brinkman. Her father came to Montana in the 1870's and worked for the T.C. Power Co. for some years. After Thomas and Edith were married in February of 1885 he had a store in old Stanford and wanted the town called Dubuque, but the name didn't hold. When they moved to Minot in the early 1890's he raised race horses and had herds of horses, which he sold; he was a lover of horses. Edith Brinkman was the daughter of early pioneers. Herman and Marie Brinkman came to Montana from Minnesota in the 1860's and lived in the Fort Benton and Marias area.

Mary's father died in Fort Benton in 1900 and her mother, along with her family moved back to Fort Benton. Thomas and Edith Morgan had six children: Patience, Thomas, Mathias, John, Leatha and Mary, all of whom preceded her in death.

In 1901 Edith Morgan married Samuel D. Young in Great Falls and they lived on a ranch in the Sweetgrass Hills near Whitlash and Mary attended the Whitlash school. Two children were born of this marriage, Alice and Gordon D. Young. Gordon passed away in April of 1982.

Mary's mother died in 1908, leaving young children, and her step-father in 1915. In 1908 the younger children were in the St. Thomas Orphans' Home for about two years, then Sam D. Young brought them back to the ranch and raised them until his death.

Mary clerked at a store in Gold Butte, Montana then went to work for the Strain Brothers Store in Great Falls for five years. October 14th, 1928 she and Robert H. Carroll were united in

marriage at Choteau, Montana.

Robert H. was the son of early Sweetgrass Hills settlers, William and Minerva Carroll. Bob was partners with Kirby in well drilling and he and Mary lived at Lewiston and later moved to the Kevin area, where Bob managed oil leases. In 1958 they moved a house to the Oilmont area and built on to that.

Bob and Mary had a very close marriage and she cared for him at home, after he was an invalid. He passed away June 18th, 1971. Mary lived at home until she broke her hip in November of 1982. After a short confinement in the Park Place Nursing Home, she moved to the Hillbrook Nursing Home at Clancy, Montana in February of 1982. She resided there until her death the evening of October 23rd, 1984.

Mary was a master at crocheting and many benefited from her ability. She was a free spirited individual and an independent lady with grit. Mary was considered an excellent horsewoman in her day and some people can still remember her riding through the hills with her hair flying in the wind. She also prided herself on shooting gophers around the house area, when she was in her seventies.

Mary Carroll is survived by her step-son Bob, his wife Kelly and their two sons, Robert E. of Helena, Richard of Kent, Washington and their families, two great-grandsons, Dan and Patrick; a sister Alice Burns of Clarion, Pennsylvania and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 27th at the Burns Funeral Home with Father Murray officiating.

Rosemary Johannsen was vocalist, accompanied by Mary Lou Thornton on the organ.

Pallbearers were Ben Taylor, Glen Aiken, Hank Sieben, Ed Vander Pas, Claude Demarest, Bob McCormick and Ron McPhillips.

Interment was in the Angelus Memorial Cemetery, Shelby, Montana.

JACK COCKRELL

Born: June 10, 1918 - Died: June 13, 1984

Liberty County Times

June 21, 1984

Jack Cockrell died very unexpectedly June 13, at the age of 66. Jack was born in Galata June 10, 1918, to John and Mabel Cockrell. He graduated from the Galata High School, and spent his life in the Galata-Shelby area. October 28, 1941 he married Lucile Larsen at the Galata Lutheran Church. He served in the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945. He returned to Galata and continued farming south of Galata until he retired in 1969.

Jack is survived by his wife, Lucile of Shelby, a daughter, Janet Fenger of Galata, a son, Richard, of Columbia Falls, two sisters, Bonnie Berglund of Townsend, and Darlene Friend, of Yakima, Washington; three grandchildren, Michael, Matthew and Mary Fenger, several nieces and nephews, and his son-in-law, Jerry, and his daughter-in-law, Judy. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Marvin, and an infant brother and sister.

Memorial services were held June 15, at 11:00 at the Galata Lutheran Church, with Rev. Ken Bartle officiating. Connie Buechler of Galata, sang "Going Home" and "Amazing Grace", and the congregation sang "Beautiful Savior" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Liala Lindberg of Shelby was the organist. Burial was in the Mountain View Cemetery, June 16.

MARGARET ANNA CURFMAN
Born: February 10, 1900 - Died: May 6, 1984
Liberty County Times
May 10, 1984

Funeral held for Margaret Curfman

Margaret Anna Curfman, 84, Billings died Sunday evening at the Western Manor Nursing Home. She was born February 10, 1900 in Douglas County, Missouri. She was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Porter. She came to Galata in 1910 and was married to Paul Leslie Curfman December 29, 1917 in Havre. Following marriage they lived in Wolf Point and Havre, owned and operated the General Store in Gildford from 1928-41. Owned and operated the General Store in Belfry and 1948-50 the Circle S motel in Billings.

She suffered a stroke in 1950 that left her paralyzed for 34 years.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Billings, also a member of the Rebecca Honor Lodge #88, Gildford-Hingham, for 54 years.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Brain, Chester, Mrs. Robert (Evelyn) Fradet, Columbus, Mrs. Gerald (Donna) Kinney, Fountain Valley, California, Mrs. Robert (Rosemary) Davis, Billings; 1 son, Lloyd Curfman, Gildford and 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, 1:30 p.m. at the Dahl Funeral Chapel, Billings with burial in Mountain View Cemetery, Columbus.

RAY WALTER CUSHING

Born: April 17, 1897 - Died: November 23, 1984

Liberty County Times

November 29, 1984

Funeral held for Ray Cushing, 87

Raymond Walter Cushing was born in Omaha, Nebraska on April 17th, 1897. He was one of nine children born to Edward and Mary Ellen Cushing. Ray attended the St. Agnes Parochial School in Omaha, then came to Montana in 1911 with his mother. He took a job on the Milwaukee Railroad and worked on the section from Arrow Creek to Paterson Lake until 1912. He was too young to homestead, so he leased some ranch land on the Marias River. In 1918 Ray was inducted into the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged the following year. He returned to the Marias River country and continued ranching. On April 7th, 1922 he married Elizabeth Muir in Fort Benton. They worked on various ranches in the Highwood/Geraldine area until the early 1930's, when they came to the Sweetgrass Hills to farm the Muir family homestead. Ray worked intermittently for the Liberty County road department for about 30 years. Following the death of Elizabeth in 1960, Ray retired. He has remained in Chester since. On the evening of Friday, November 23rd, Ray was found dead at his residence. He was 87 years old.

Ray was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Chester American Legion. He was a very independent man. Because he had been in the Chester community for some 45 years, he knew and enjoyed a lot of local history. He also told many colorful stories about the Geraldine area. Ray loved horses and cattle and hunting and fishing. Since his retirement he had kept himself busy in his vegetable garden or behind a good book. He was well-read and felt it important to stay up on current affairs. Ray was mechanically inclined and had kept his '56 Chevy "running like a top" all these years. He was proud to be one of the few remaining World War I vets left in this community. Ray enjoyed his grandchildren and had shared many hours of nursery rhymes with them. His quiet, peaceful nature will long be remembered.



Raymond Cushing

Survivors include 4 sons, Thomas of Sunnyvale, California, James of Seattle, Washington, Robert of Billings, and David of Trumbull, Connecticut; 3 daughters, Mrs. John (Betty) Nickol of Ledger, Mrs. Tim (Rose) Campbell of Chester, and Mrs. Jerry (Pat) Seibert of Chester; 25 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Ray was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, 6 brothers, and 2 sisters.

Vigil prayer services were held Monday evening at Rockman Chapel in Chester. Funeral mass was celebrated by Father John Goady Tuesday morning, November 27th, at St. Mary's Church. Duets by Kathy Jutila and Dean Fox included "The Wayfaring Stranger," "The Lord's Prayer," and "Whispering Hope," assisted by members of St. Mary's Choir. Ray's grandsons served as pallbearers and ushers were Lawrence Schaefer and Darby O'Brien. Memorial bearers included friends: Ole Jensen, Jennings Mattson, Robert Pugsley, Ken Broadhurst, George Meissner, Earl Thissellie, Dale Soper, Albert Hanson, Carl Harlem and Elmer Hadford. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with military rites by the Chester American Legion and VFW. Following graveside services, a luncheon was held in the church as provided by St. Mary's Altar Society.

VEVA LENORE (STARCHER) DAMMROSE

Born: April 29, 1887 - Died: April 3, 1984

Liberty County Times

April 12, 1984



Veva L. Dammrose

Veva Lenore Starcher was born in Washington County, Kansas April 29, 1887. Her parents were Lafayette and Sarah (Breckenridge) Starcher, and she was the fourth of six children. Veva was baptized Methodist. At age 5 she moved with her family to Idaho where she received her education near Lewiston. She lived and worked with her family until her marriage to Ernest F. Dammrose December 27, 1905. Together they farmed the Dammrose family farm near Reubens, Idaho until 1910, when they came to Montana. They filed a homestead near Highwood (20 miles southwest of Fort Benton), and they farmed and ranched there until their retirement in 1943. They moved to Belt. Ernest died in 1949. Veva remained in Belt until 1969; she lived in the "Doc" Steward house for 10+ years. From Belt she went to Big Sandy. In 1976 she broke her leg and moved to the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester. Veva died there on the early morning of Tuesday, April 3. She was just 26 days shy of being 97 years old.

Veva came from a very musical family. She loved to sing, and in her youth she played the piano and the guitar. She was a typical homesteader's wife in the fact that she helped with the farming operations, including the milking and raising chickens. She was a concerned mother when it came to nutrition and was very strict with

her children on the use of the English language. She liked to crochet and sew, and made a lot of quilts for family members over the years. Veva had been a loyal church member at the Belt Methodist Parish and was also active in the church circle. In her quiet hours she loved to read or do crossword puzzles. Prior to breaking her leg she was very active; in fact, she enjoyed taking long walks even into her 80's. Veva loved to dance and play games, especially pinochle, bridge, scrabble and bingo. Because she lived almost a century, she was the last original homesteader from the North Bench area of Highwood. Her family remembers her as a proud, prim, and appreciative lady who always showed great concern and compassion for others. Because of this her memory will not be soon forgotten.

Survivors include 3 daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Lander Hubber of Great Falls, Mrs. Eleanor Bissell of Great Falls, and Mrs. Ed (Jean) Reynolds of Hamilton; 11 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Veva was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by 1 son in infancy, 1 grandson, 4 brothers (Otis, Carl, Roy and Ora) and 1 sister (Lean).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 6 at the Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Chapel in Great Falls. The Reverend Jack H. Severns officiated. Special music provided by a small choir of Veva's grandchildren included "The Old Rugged Cross" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Grandsons serving as pallbearers were Bruce, Douglas, and James Lander; Tom Cummings; Don and Ernie Bissell; Ron Christofferson; Ron Brownlie; and Richard Reynolds. Interment was in the Great Falls Highland Cemetery with arrangements by the Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

CLARK EUGENE DIEMERT
Born: August 24, 1919 - Died: July 5, 1984
Liberty County Times
July 12, 1984



Clark Diemert

Funeral held for Clark Diemert

Clark Eugene Diemert was born north of Lothair (near the old Trommer place) on August 24th, 1919. He was one of four children born to Eugene "Ike" Diemert and Anna Drury. Clark attended school in Lothair and was raised on the family homestead located 1/2 mile south of town. Following his school years he worked on the family farm. His mother died in 1941. He bought the farm from his father in 1943. On June 28th, 1944 he married Nellie Marie Wickum in Chester. They made their home on the farm. Clark farmed with his cousin, Albert, during the years 1935-1961. In 1983 Clark and Nellie retired and moved to Great Falls. They have lived there at 1712 Alder Drive since. They spent the 4th of July holiday with family and friends at Galata and Whitlash. On the following afternoon, Clark collapsed at his farm and was later pronounced dead at the Chester Hospital. He was one month shy of being 65 years old.

Clark had been very active in ranching, too. For many years he raised and sold registered hereford stock. He was a charter member of the Marias Hereford Breeders Association, a lifetime member of the American Hereford Association, and a member of the Montana Stock Growers and National Cattleman's Association. Clark was also a member of St. Mary's Church in Chester. He had been active in the 4-H program in Liberty County and had served as a leader for many years. He held membership in the Shelby Elks Lodge #1696 for the past 38 years. Clark loved to travel, and they spent the past several winters touring the southern states in their motor home. Clark was an avid sports fan, especially when the sports involved his children and grandchildren. For entertainment he liked to bowl and play cards, but his greatest love was his farm and his family. He was a dedicated husband, and he and Nellie just celebrated their 40th Anniversary this past June 28th. Clark liked people and people liked him. He is gone, but he won't be forgotten...

Survivors include his wife, Nellie of Lothair; children, Linda and Tom Satterthwaite of Butte, Dennis and Sonja of Galata, Karen and Rlynn Rockman of Shelby, Kay and Bill Hunter of Livingston, Ed and Marcis of Lothair, Don and Lois of Seattle, Washington, and Kelly and Carlene of Lothair; 17 grandchildren; two sisters, Abbie Skierka of Cut Bank and Edna Wickens of Great Falls; mother-in-law, Beulah

Wickum of Chester; and many cousins. Clark was preceded in death not only by his parents, but also by a sister and a grandson.

Vigil prayers were held at 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening, July 8th, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Funeral mass was celebrated at 2:00 p.m. Monday by Father John Coady. Iris White, Carole Hanson, and the Seidlitz family, including Jack, John Patsy and Anne, provided musical tributes. Some favorite songs were "How Great Thou Art", "The Evening Prayer", "Just As I Am", "Prayer of St. Francis", and "Ava Maria". Friends serving as pallbearers included Raymond Fritz, Claude Demarest, T.C. Morris, Leonard Fritz, Bukke Svare, Les Mlinar, Ben Taylor and Neil Shepherd. Ushers were Errol Fritz and Ed Mlinar, and the reader was Allen Kolstad. Altar servers were Joe Fritz, Gordon Standiford and Ivan Wodarz. Interment was in the Lothair Cemetery. A luncheon given by the St. Mary's Altar Society followed at the church.

CLARA DONOVEN
Born: August 14, 1908 - Died: January 2, 1984
Liberty County Times
January 12, 1984

Funeral held for Clara Donovan

KREMLIN NEWS

By Carol Heggen

Sympathy of the community is extended to the family of Clara Donovan who passed away at a Havre hospital Monday, January 2nd. Funeral Mass for Clara M. Donovan, 75, a well-known Kremlin area resident for many years was conducted at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre 11:00 a.m., Thursday. Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Holland and Bonine Funeral Chapel. Interment was in the Highland Cemetery. Clara was born August 14th, 1908 in Glenco, Minnesota, and moved to Hingham with her parents in 1913. She moved to Havre and worked at the Grand Hotel. October 16, 1928 Clara married Donald Donovan of Kremlin. They farmed and have made their home in Kremlin since

that time. Besides her husband she is survived by three sons, Gene, Wayne and Lowell, all of Kremlin; one daughter, Mrs. Arlen (Donna) Knutsen, Kremlin, two brothers, Ray Gehlen, Havre and William Gehlen, Haywood, California; four sisters, Esther Murray, St. Paul, Minnesota; Monica Lindstrom, Lakeside; Hildegard Spicher, Great Falls, and Lorraine Doris, Oakland, California; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Clara was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one granddaughter. Clara was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church and the Eagles Auxiliary. Clara enjoyed bowling and dancing.

OLE EMANUEL FAGERBERG

Born: June 12, 1894 - Died: September 15, 1984

Liberty County Times

September 20, 1984



Rites held for O. Fagerberg

Ole Emanuel Fagerberg was born on June 12th, 1894 in Valdres, Norway. He was one of five children born to Joseph & Karine Fagerberg. Ole attended schools in Norway, and then later learned the skills of tailoring at a trade school in Copenhagen, Denmark. He immigrated to the United States in 1914 and lived in Minnesota & North Dakota before coming to Montana in 1916. After working on a farm near Chester, he took a job as a tailor for the Dow & Pettit Clothing Store in Chester. At the outbreak of World War I, Ole enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Following his honorable discharge in 1919, he returned to Chester. In the years that followed he worked as a tailor in Shelby, Spokane, & Kalispell. He married his first wife, Lillian Nordeen, in 1921. She died in 1936. Ole married his second wife, Jessie Staudacher, on June 14th,

1939 in Helena. They made their home in Libby where Ole continued in the tailoring trade and served as under-sheriff. He retired in 1961. Following Jessie's retirement in 1963, they moved back to Chester. They have lived here since except for the winter months when they lived in Mesa. Ole's health had remained good until about a year ago when he fell and broke a hip. Following a short stay in the Liberty County Hospital, Ole died on the morning of Saturday, September 15th. He was 90 years old.

Ole was a 50-year member and past master of the Shelby Masonic Lodge #143. He was also a member of the Algeria Shrine of Helena and the Tri-County Shrine Club. Ole was a charter member of the Chester VFW Post and a past post commander of the Shelby Post. In the 1930's he served as Toole County Sheriff and had also served as Fire Marshall in Shelby. For several years he worked for the State as a liquor inspector. Ole was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Havre and the Mother Church in Boston. He enjoyed fishing and hunting. In his youth he played the coronet. He loved dancing and was very good at it. His greatest love and recreational hobby was golfing. In his many years of playing golf he shot 3 holes-in-one, and one winter in Phoenix he shot a round of golf equivalent to his age—72! Because of his dedication to the Shrine program, a memorial fund will be established at the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Spokane.

Ole's survivors include his wife, Jessie of Chester; 1 son, Donald of Spokane, Washington; 1 sister, Anna Olson of Wauconda, Illinois; and numerous nephews & nieces. He was preceded in death not only by his parents & first wife, but also by a son (Kenneth) & 3 siblings (George, Randi, & Ingeborg).

ISABEL FENGER

Born: March 3, 1915 - Died: February 17, 1984

Liberty County Time

February 23, 1984

Funeral held for Isabel Fenger

Funeral services for Mrs. Isabel Fenger were held in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell Monday afternoon with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel officiating. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Fenger, age 68, of Bigfork, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital Friday afternoon. She was born March 3, 1915, in Grandview, Montana (Galata), a daughter of Irvin and Thressa Kinyon. She had received her education at Galata, having attended high school there. October 26, 1935, she was married to Harvey L. Fenger in Shelby. The couple had farmed north of Galata until retiring in 1963. In 1951, they had moved to Bigfork where they made their home since that time. Mrs. Fenger was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey, on May 9, 1963, and by two brothers, Wayne and Clare Kinyon. She is now survived by her son, Delmar Fenger, of Kalispell; two daughters, Carol Bjork and Merilee McClurg both of Bigfork; two brothers, Howard Kinyon of Devon, Montana, and Dale Kinyon of Stryker, Montana; four sisters, June Eide and Verla Stratton both of Galata, Vesta Brammer of Shelby and Elda Bucher of Bozeman; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

HELEN KAPPERUD FLOREN
Born: 7, 1917 - Died: January 30, 1984
Liberty County Times
February 2, 1984

**Funeral held for
Helen Floren**

Helen Kapperud Floren, 67, former Kalispell resident, died at her home Monday morning. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Born in Fairchild, she attended schools in Gildford and Hingham, where she graduated from high school. She was employed as a telephone operator at Havre before marrying Wallace Floren in 1939 at Fort

Benton. She and her husband lived in Virginia, Spokane, Washington and Bozeman, before moving to Appar, where she was employed at Eddie's Cafe for 10 years. She later moved to Kalispell, where she was a nurse's aide at a Kalispell hospital. In 1973 she moved to Missoula, where she had lived since. She is survived by her husband, Wallace, Missoula; two sons Wallace, Cascade, Idaho, Larry, Melbourne, Florida; a daughter, Gloria Beardsley, Kalispell; two brothers, Leif and Norman Kapperud, both of Gildford; a sister, Gudrun Smith, Cut Bank, and nine grandchildren.

THOMAS GANNON

Born: February 23, 1905 - Died: March 5, 1984

Liberty County Times

April 5, 1984



Thomas Gannon

Funeral held for Thomas Gannon

Thomas Gannon, former Montana resident died recently in Fresno, California. Rosary was recited in the O'Conner Memorial Chapel, and Mass of the Resurrection was held at St. Peter and Paul Church in Great Falls, Montana. Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Great Falls. Officiating was Rev. Michael O'Hanlon, with all his grandsons serving as pallbearers.

Born in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, he was married to Gertrude Moran at Springfield, Massachusetts. He is survived by his wife, Fresno, California; one son, Jerry Gannon, Fresno, California; four daughters, Mrs. Vern (Marjie) Dahinden, Joplin, Mrs. Jack (Shirle) Wills, Mrs. Richard (Nancy) Fox, and Mrs. C.R. (Sheila) Fischer, both of Great Falls; twelve grandsons, Stephen Dahinden, Gregory Dahinden, Bryan Fox, Sean Fox, Barry Fox, Daniel Fox, John Wills, Kelly Wills, Michael Wills, Samuel Fischer, Thomas Dahinden, Joseph Dahinden; six granddaughters, Mrs. Mike (Anna) Flynn, Mrs. Locheil (Gin) Edwards, Jan Fischer, Marjie, Julie and Kathy Gannon.

ERNEST DONALD GARDNER
Born: March 1, 1907 - Died: January 20, 1984
Liberty County Times
February 2, 1984

Memorial services for
E. Gardner

Ernest Donald Gardner was born March 1st, 1907 in Tacoma, Washington. He was the only child born to Halvor and Annie (Olson) Gardner. Ernest was baptized in the Lutheran faith. His folks came to Montana in 1908 and homesteaded 15 miles east of Shelby. They built and opened a store on their land near the railroad, and the town of Devon actually grew on their homestead. Ernest attended elementary school in Devon and graduated from high school in Choteau. He graduated from the Lutheran Bible Institute in Washington and returned to Montana to business college in Missoula. His father died in 1931, so he returned to Devon to help with the store and farming operations. In 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in England. He was honorably discharged in 1945 with the rank of Staff Sergeant. Ernest returned to Devon and his job as postmaster, a position he held from 1935-1956. His mother died in 1954. He continued managing the store until New Years Eve of 1975, when he closed up shop and retired. Ernest maintained his residence there until his death the morning of Friday, January 20th. He died at the Chester Hospital at the age of 76 years.

Ernest collected guns, rocks, and antiques. He was a self-educated, soft-spoken guy who kept a relatively low profile. Still, he made friends easily.

He had that "pioneer spirit" about him that is so rare in this day-and-age.

Ernest is survived by cousins only, and his long-time friend and companion, Havreen Frydenlund.

Ernest was cremated per his own wishes. The cremated remains were interred in the family pot at the Devon Cemetery. Memorial services were held Tuesday morning, January 31st, at the Devon Lutheran Church. Reverend Ken Bartle officiated. Hazel Munson accompanied the congregation, who sang "Amazing Grace," "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," and "Rock of Ages." Memorial bearers included "all of Ernest's many friends - near and far." Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel in Chester.

PAULA J. GHEKIERE
Born: March 6, 1906 - Died: July 26, 1984
Liberty County Times
August 2, 1984

Funeral held for Paula Ghekiere

Paula J. Ghekiere, age 78, died early Thursday at the Pondera Medical Center. She had been ill the past six weeks and hospitalized since Monday.

She was born March 6, 1906 at Beveren, Belgium, daughter of Cyrille and Hortense Ghekiere. In 1913 she moved with her parents to a Belgian settlement East of Valier. She attended schools there and later became a housekeeper for the Catholic parish in Valier. She worked as a housekeeper for the priests in Shelby, Chester and Somonauk, Illinois, before returning to Valier. She retired about 10 years ago and has lived in Valier since that time.

She was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church in Valier. She was preceded in death by her father in 1952, her mother in 1959, a brother Gustave, in 1933, her twin brother Paul, in 1972, brothers Roznata in 1973 and John in 1982.

Survivors include: 3 sisters: Sister Dominica, of Spokane, Washington, Cyrilla Widhalm and Cecelia Widhalm both of Valier, numerous nieces and nephews.

The parish Rosary was recited at St. Francis Church Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at the church Saturday at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Steven Tallman as celebrant. Interment followed in the family plot in Sacred Heart Cemetery near the Belgian settlement. Casket bearers were nephews: Mark Ghekiere, Dennis Ghekiere, John Widhalm, Tim Widhalm, Ray Widhalm and Joe Widhalm. All of her many friends were considered honorary casket bearers. Wyse Funeral Home of Conrad, was in charge of arrangements.

VIRGINIA GULICK
Born: January 6, 1890 - Died: April 6, 1984
Liberty County Times
April 12, 1984



Virginia Gulick:

Virginia Gulick was born in Byron, Michigan on January 6th, 1890. Her parents were Seward and Betty (Rae) Chaffee. Virginia was educated near Byron and raised in the Methodist faith. Her husband-to-be, Joel C. Gulick, came to Montana in 1909. Two years later he filed a homestead 25 miles north of Joplin. In the spring of 1912 they were married in Michigan. They returned to Montana to the homestead, where they lived and worked until 1922. In 1923 Joel ran a service station in Shelby, the same year as the Dempsey-Gibbons fight. Shortly thereafter, they moved to California where Joel worked for the state highway near Los Angeles. In 1930 they returned to their homestead in Montana, and have lived here since. In conjunction with the farm, they owned a mustard mill in Joplin for several years. Joel died in 1958 and Virginia remained on the farm. Her health remained good and she out-lived all of her brothers and sisters. Following a relatively short illness,

she died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the evening of Friday, April 6th. She was 94 years old.

Virginia was a life-member of the Joplin Eastern Star. In her younger years she played the

piano and enjoyed quilting. In more recent years she liked to work in her garden, both vegetable and floral, and thoroughly enjoyed fishing. Her family describes her as a "workaholic" - just like everyone was from that generation - which was probably the reason for her good health and longevity.

She is survived by 4 sons, Ray of Joplin, George of Escondido, California, Rex of Joplin, and Seward of Snohomish, Washington; numerous grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, parents, siblings and by her daughter (Elsie Sullivan in 1970).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 10th, in the Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Reverend John N. Olson from the Joplin Bethel Church officiated. Special music by vocalist, Carole Hanson, included "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Abide With Me."

"Grandsons" serving as pallbearers included Bill Meehan, Steven Gulick, Mike Johnson, Marvin Gulick, Nick Fullerton and Dave Gulick. Memorial bearers were Vern Cramer, Howard Hall, Fred O'Neil, David James, Albert Gifford and Frank Meldrum. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rlynn Rockman. A luncheon followed for family and friends at the Kjos Hall in Joplin.

SYLVESTER "BUD" HADER
Born: April 16, 1910 - Died: June 5, 1984
Liberty County Times
June 7, 1984

Funeral held for Bud Hader, 74

Sylvester "Bud" Hader, 74, Columbia Falls, died in Flathead County Nursing Home Tuesday morning.

He was born April 16, 1910, in Chokio, Minnesota, a son of John and Emma Hader. As a child he moved with his family to Savoy, Montana, where he received his education.

April 16, 1930, he married Florence Hutton at Chester. The couple ranched and raised sheep and cattle there until 1942 when they moved to Newport, Washington. In 1944, they moved to the Flathead Valley.

Mr. Hader was employed by Engbretson Construction until becoming disabled.

He was preceded in death by a son, Milton LeRoy Hader in 1957; three brothers, John, Floyd and Clarence; and two sisters, Nellie Sullivan and Florence Hader.

He is survived by his wife, Florence, at home; a son, Richard Hader of Vancouver, Washington; three daughters, Betty Lou Kenaston of Olympia, Washington, Dorothy Berger and Victoria Hader, both of Kalispell; a brother, Charles Hader of Savoy; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Darold Reiner of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the Flathead Industries for the Handicapped.

SENA OLIVE HAWKS

Born: April 1, 1895 - Died: November 9, 1984

Liberty County Times

November 15, 1984



Sena Olive Hawks was born in Gary, Minnesota on April 1st, 1895. She was one of five children and her parents were Randina Weme and Henry Sletager. Sena was baptized in Minnesota and had her early education there. In 1910 at age 15 she came to Montana with her family, and they homesteaded 1½ miles south of Galata. For a while she worked in a cafe in Galata. In 1912 Sena was confirmed at Galata in the Norwegian language. In 1914 her father sold the homestead and the family returned to Minnesota. In the spring of 1917 Sena came back to Montana to visit relatives. While at a dance at the old Trommer school, she met her husband-to-be, Clarence A. Hawks. They were married on November 1st, 1917 in Havre. They moved to the original Hawks homestead located on Horsecreek approximately 20 miles northwest of Chester. They farmed and lived there their entire married life. Clarence died in 1952. Sena remained on the farm in relatively good health until June of 1984. She has lived at the Liberty County Rest Home since. Following a week's stay in the Chester Hospital, she died on the morning of Friday, November 9th. Sena was 89 years old.

Sena had been very active in the Trinity Lutheran Church north of Lothair. She had taught Sunday school and served as an officer in the A.L.C.W. She had volunteered many hours of time in the Red Cross and American Cancer Society, in fact, was awarded a 25-year pin from the cancer organization. In her younger days she enjoyed skating and dancing. In more recent years she liked raising flowers and caring for her many houseplants. Sena enjoyed crocheting and made afghans for all of her grandchildren. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed teaching her children how to turn lefsa and prepare good Norwegian food. She was an amateur pianist/organist, and received a lot of pleasure in listening to her six grandchildren play the piano. Sena had collected many antiques for her home over the years, and she was very proud of them. Up until recent years she had spent her summers at an Apgar cabin, she traveled to Minnesota in the falls to visit family and friends, and she stayed

close to home in the winter and spring months. She loved her home and the many memories attached to it. Her love and loyalty for her family were first and foremost in her life...

Sena is survived by 2 sons and daughters-in-law, Henry and Evelyn and Leo and Frances, all of north Chester; a third daughter-in-law, Billie of Libby; 6 grandchildren and their spouses, Claude and Rita, Adrian and Janet, Wanda and Pat, Dale and Terry, Angela, and Loren; 5 great-grandchildren, including Jeremy, Tammy, Kimberly, Kari, and Candy Jo; and numerous nephews and nieces. Sena was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a son (Duke), 2 brothers (Oliver and Adolph), and 2 sisters (Alma and Inga).

Funeral services were held Monday, November 12th, at 2 p.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Chester. Reverend Ken Bartle of Trinity officiated. Vocal music by Delores Matteson and Merry Sveum included "Beyond the Sunset" and "In the Garden." The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art," accompanied by Dorothy Heydon. Friends serving as pallbearers were Claude Demarest, Lawrence Frederickson, Marvin Rishoff, Lyle Glee, Roy Wickum and Arnold Jeppesen. Leonard Matteson helped with the ushering. Burial was in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. Following graveside services, a reception was held at the church.

ALMA J. NELSON HULTIN

Born: October 2, 1885 - Died: January 26, 1984

Liberty County Times

February 2, 1984

Funeral held for Alma Hultin, 98

Funeral services for Alma J. Hultin, age 98, were held Monday, January 30th, 11:00 a.m. at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. The Reverend John N. Olson officiated. Thelma Anderson provided accompaniment to the congregation, who sang "Old Rugged Cross" and "Shall We Gather At the River." Vocalist, Sue Violett, sang "Whispering Hope." Pallbearers were Clyde Heydon, Ed Mlinar, Richard Laird, Ray Gulick, Les Mlinar and Clifford Thorson. Usher was Albert Olson. Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon for family and friends followed the services at Kjos Hall.

Alma J. Nelson was born in the Dakota Territory October 2nd, 1885. She was one of ten children born to Elias and Isabell Nelson. Alma was baptized in the Lutheran faith October 8th, 1885 near Milton, North Dakota. She attended schools in North Dakota. April 4th, 1904 she married Elmer Hultin in Langdon. They came to Montana in 1911 and homesteaded 16 miles north of Joplin, where they raised their family. They moved to Big Sandy in the 1930's, and then returned to Joplin in 1942. Alma worked for many years in the Joplin Post Office and lived in town for the next 30 years. Elmer died in 1974. Alma moved to the Masonic Home of Montana in Helena October 17th, 1974, and she has lived

there since. Following a short hospital stay at St. Peter's in Helena, she died the morning of Thursday, January 26th.

Alma was a member of the Joplin Eastern Star for about 60 years. She was a charter member of the Sons of Norway, and had been active in the Hilsen Lodge #520 of Missoula. She had also been active in the Bethel Church in her younger days. Alma was very proud of her Norwegian heritage and had a deep Christian faith. She loved to read and was especially fond of poetry. Of interest to note was that she could recite many of Longfellow's works, even in her later years. She was a good cook and her family was her pride and joy. Years ago she collected antique dishes as a hobby. Alma was open-minded about modern living and modern man, and she always instilled the desire to learn in young people. Her mental capacity and good wit remained sharp until the end, and for this the family is thankful...

Survivors include 3 sons, Fritz of Walnut Creek, California, Ralph of Mesa, Arizona, and John of Shelby; 4 daughters, Eva Amundson of Missoula, Alice J. Hultin of Tacoma, Washington, Selma Sonntag of Spokane, Washington, and Ruth Downing of Mill Valley, California; 1 brother, Reuben Nelson of Osnabrook, North Dakota; 1 sister, Cora Thompson of Kanawha, Iowa; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Alma was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter (Lillian), 4 brothers, and 3 sisters.

ARTURA J. (TURRIE) HYLE
Born: July 2, 1905 - Died: July 15, 1984
Liberty County Times
July 26, 1984

Turrie Hyle dies

Artura J. Hyle (Turrie) died in Dallas, Texas July 15, 1984 after a short illness. He was born in Ruby, North Dakota July 2, 1905. The family lived at Inverness where Turrie received his education. As a barber he established his shop in Joplin, Montana where he was also active in community sports and as a basketball referee. In 1942 he entered the army and served in the Pacific war zone.

He married and moved to Dallas where he is survived by his wife, Lois; daughter, Marsha and one granddaughter; sisters, Bernadean LaValley, Spokane, Mildred Walker, Shawnee, Kansas; one brother, Jerry Hyle, Yakima. Sisters Josephine and Irene preceded him in death.

Turrie returned several summers to visit family and friends in Montana and all of them remember how fond he was of hunting and fishing.

JONATHAN PAGE JARRETT

Born: February 18, 1971 - Died: March 11, 1984

Liberty County Times

March 10, 1984

Funeral held for Jonathan Jarrett



Jonathan Page Jarrett was born in Butte, Montana on February 18th, 1971. He was one of two children born to Barbara Anderson (formerly of Joplin) and Leonard Jarrett.

Jon was baptized into the Lutheran faith in Joplin as an infant. He began his schooling at McDonald Elementary in Spokane, and attended other schools in the Spokane area. At time of his death, he was a student at the Mountain View Junior High School in Otis Orchards, Washington, where he was involved in wrestling, soccer and other school sports.

Jon loved hunting, in fact, had been hunting with a friend on the morning of his disappearance, March 11th. They were in a wooded area several miles from his home in Otis Orchards near the Spokane River. Jon apparently attempted to wade across the river, but was pulled under by currents. Authorities tried for many days to recover the body, but to no avail. Jon's remains were discovered on April 30th,

some 15 miles downstream near the Upper River Dam. No foul play is suspected and the death is attributed to drowning.

Jon was a special kid in his own way. Whenever he got interested in something, he would read magazines and books to learn whatever he could on the subject. For example, he loved horses and had two of his own, for which he took keen interest in their care and well-being. Jon was also an avid sports fan. He loved all kinds of sports, but was especially fond of the Seattle Seahawks football team. He could easily name players, positions, and statistics of all kinds in all sports. Although only 13 years old, he seemed much older because of his interests and eagerness to learn.

Jon's survivors include his parents, Ted and Barbara Turney of Otis Orchards; sister, Jae Marie Jarrett of Otis Orchards; 3 step-brothers, Shawn, Jeff, and Joe Turney of Springdale, Washington; maternal grandparents, Enoch and Maggie Anderson of Joplin, Montana; paternal grandmother, Hazel Crossen of San Francisco, California; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

A memorial service was held for Jon on March 22nd in Otis Orchards. Graveside services were held on Sunday afternoon, May 6th, at the Joplin Cemetery. Reverend John Olson of the Joplin Bethel Church officiated at the graveside rites. Following the comittal service, a luncheon was given to family and friends by the church ladies at Kjos Hall. Local funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

ETHEL MARTINA HOLM JASCHKE
Born: November 4, 1891 - Died: March 30, 1984
Liberty County Times
April 5, 1984

Ethel Martina Holm was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, Ramsey County on November 4th, 1891. She was one of three children and her parents were Martin and Charlotte (Torngren) Holm. Little is known about Ethel's early years, but it is known that her parents died when she was very young. Ethel married a South Dakota farmer named George Anderson, but the dates and history of this marriage are not known. She later married a railroad man named August Jaschke, and they made their home in Inverness. August died in 1947. Ethel remained in Inverness and worked intermittently as a cook at the Inverness School from 1948 to 1965. She retired in 1965 and lived in her home in Inverness until 1976. At that time she moved to Santa Monica, California to live with her only sister. Her sister died in 1979. Ethel returned to Montana where she has resided at the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester since May 31st, 1980. She died there on the evening of Friday, March 30th, at the age of 92 years.

Ethel was a convert to Catholicism and became a very

devoted member of Sacred Heart Church and the Altar Society. She loved raising flowers and vegetables, and did a lot of canning. In her younger years she enjoyed fishing and never missed an opportunity to do so. In these later years she liked to watch television.

Ethel's only survivors include a brother, Charles Holmes of Pontiac, Michigan and several nephews and nieces. She never had any children. Ethel was preceded in death by her parents, her sister (Gertrude), and her husband (August).

Rosary services were held at 7 p.m. Tuesday evening, April 3rd, at Sacred Heart Church in Inverness. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday morning at the church by Father John Coady. Organ music was provided by Iris White. Vocal music by Judy Lake and Jerome Lincoln included "Ave Maria," "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," "Heart of Jesus, Here" and "Holy God We Praise Thy Name."

Pallbearers included Ernest Evans, Walter Hovee, Dorcie McNair, Glen Alex, Tony Jochim and Dean McFadden. Interment was in the Inverness Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

MARGUERITE E. KIEHLBAUCH

Born: December 14, 1909 - Died: June 7, 1984

Liberty County Times

June 14, 1984

Funeral held for M. Keihlbauch

A memorial service for Marguerite E. Kiehlbauch will be held Friday, June 22, 2 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cut Bank.

She was born December 14, 1909, in Kenmare, North Dakota. Her family moved to Montana and farmed near Joplin, where she graduated from high school. After attending Normal School in Dillon, she taught in a rural school before her marriage to Wesley Kiehlbauch in 1930.

She and her husband were longtime Toole County residents, retiring from farming in 1956. California has been their primary residence since that time.

She is survived by her husband; by a daughter, Peggy Woodworth, of Turlock, California, whose husband, the Rev. Charles Woodworth, will officiate at the service; by four grandchildren, Mark Woodworth of Baltimore, Maryland, Robin Casson of San Francisco, Heidi Owens of San Angelo, Texas, and Page Woodworth of Cologne, West Germany; and by two great-grandchildren, Amy Owens and Seth Woodworth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Anne Olson, and by her brother, Arnold H. Olson.

MURVEL A. KINDER
Born: ?, 1914 - Died: January 4, 1984
Liberty County Times
January 12, 1984

Funeral held for Murvel Kinder, 70

Murvel A. Kinder, 70, died in Big Sandy Wednesday. Services were Saturday at 10 a.m. at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Burial was in the Rudyard Cemetery. Born in Dayton, Washington, his father homesteaded south of Rudyard where Kinder attended schools. He resided in the Havre-Rudyard area most of his life. He married Ellen Een in 1935. She died in 1962. In 1964, he married Mary Maloney in Havre. He and his wife operated the Grand Hotel in Rudyard for several years. Survivors include his wife; sons, Ron, Rudyard; Wayne, Carson City, Nevada; daughters, Pat Newcomb, Kalispell, and Jackie Brubaker, Big Sandy; his mother, Anna Kinder, Billings; a brother, Dale, Whittier, California, and two sisters, Gen Nelson, Billings, and Norma Nielson, in Florida.

WALDEMAR LOUIS KRUEGER

Born: September 23, 1905 - Died: February 20, 1984

Liberty County Times

March 1, 1984

Funeral held for Wally Krueger

Waldemar Louis Krueger was born in Berwick, North Dakota on September 23rd, 1905. His parents were Gustav Krueger and Emilie Wendland, and he was the youngest of eight children. He came to Montana in 1910 with his family, who homesteaded 1½ miles northwest of Rudyard. Wally attended schools in Rudyard, and then helped farm the home place. After his father died in 1943, Wally and his brother, George, took over the farming operations. They remained on the farm until 1975, when they retired and moved into town. Wally's health remained good until four months ago. He died Monday afternoon, February 20th, at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He was 78 years old.

Wally had been a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Rudyard, which is now affiliated with St. Paul's Church in Havre. He was also involved in the Rudyard Senior Citizens. In his early days he enjoyed basketball, fishing and taxidermy work. He was a 'cowboy by heart' in the fact that he liked Western clothing, music and rodeos. George and Wally hardly missed a rodeo, and at the same time they liked to explore museums around the state.

Neither George nor Wally married, so they became best friends and companions. When George went into the Havre Lutheran Home about 3 years ago, Wally's dedication continued in that he made the trip from Rudyard to Havre on a daily basis to visit with George. As a hobby Wally enjoyed collecting, cutting, polishing and setting semi-precious stones. He loved to read and had an excellent memory. He could best be described by those who knew him as simply a kind and humble man...

Survivors include 1 brother, George of Havre; 1 sister, Lydia Langel of Rudyard; and numerous nephews and nieces. Wally was preceded in death by his parents, by 2 brothers, and by 2 sisters.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 23rd, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. The Reverend Donald Ryding of Havre officiated. Iris White played the organ and Joe Horel sang "Nearer My God To Thee" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Pallbearers included Clarence Wendland, Ross Bartz, Clarence Aevermann, Leo Bialek, Donald Hansen and Fred Elling. Graveside services were in the Rudyard Cemetery, after which a coffee hour was held at the home of Albert and Lydia Hansen in Rudyard.

CURTIS RUFFIN LAKEY

Born: June 1, 1912 - Died: April 21, 1984

Liberty County Times

April 26, 1984



Curtis Ruffin Lahey was born on June 1st, 1912 on the Lahey family homestead located 12 miles northwest of Chester, Montana. He was the eldest son of Alexander Lenington Lahey and Melvina Grace Abel. Curt attended country school in a one-room building located on a trail between the Hull and Lahey farms. He transferred into Chester High School where he played clarinet in the school orchestra. He boarded in town and worked parttime at the old Walden Hardware Store. After a few years he returned to help on the farm so his younger siblings could attend school. In the winter quarter of 1927, Curtis went to the college in Bozeman to take an agriculture course. He returned to the family farm until 1943, when he was inducted into the U.S. Army. While in the service, he worked as an airplane mechanic's crew chief and attained the rank of sergeant. After serving in England, France and Germany, he was honorably discharged in 1946. Curt returned to Montana. On a cold winter day on October 28th, 1946 he married Alice Helen Moog at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. The roads were treacherous that day, so the honeymoon got only as far as Great Falls. As it turned out, the motel owners were family friends, so there were many visitors at that motel and it became kind of a "community honeymoon." Curt

and Alice have lived and worked on the original family homestead since that time. Curt suffered a heart attack in 1977 which caused his personality to "mellow out," and he became a very relaxed and easy-going fellow. In June of 1983 he had surgery for colon cancer, which had already metastasized to his liver. He fought this debilitating disease to the very last minute of his life. Curt died on Holy Saturday, April 21st, at the Chester Hospital. He was 71 years old.

During World War II Curt meditated on the deep Christian faith of the Polish people confined in detention camps in Europe, so it prompted him to study Catholicism. He was later baptized on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary in August of 1946. Curt had strong feelings for the Blessed Mother, so he enjoyed praying the Rosary on a daily basis. He became very active in St. Mary's Church and served as an usher there for 37 years. Curt was a caring, loving man, both for family and community. He was one of Liberty County's first Soil Conservation District Supervisors, and spent many hours working on soil and water conservation throughout the state. He served on the ASCS committee for one 3-year term. When money was needed for the construction of the Chester Swimming Pool, he contributed a load of wheat with other good citizens. Curt served as treasurer of the Liberty County N.F.O. for 12 years and spent much time and money in efforts to keep the Inverness elevator solvent. In his younger years he was very active in community affairs, but his health kept him away from meetings in more recent years. He did maintain his memberships in the Chester V.F.W. and the local Knights of Columbus.

Curt loved to fish. He was an excellent carpenter and mechanic. He enjoyed reading, especially "National Geographic" and airplane magazines. As a hobby he liked to raise vegetables. Before his health failed, he and Alice attended the Governor's Prayer Breakfast on an annual basis. Because they lived right on the Whitlash road, there was many a cold night that he got out of a nice warm bed to help some stranded person out of a snow drift or muddy ditch. Curt loved farming and was a good steward of the land. Curt was a very peaceful and reasonable man. He never argued with his wife, nor did he ever complain, even towards the end when he was real sick. His family will miss him deeply...

Survivors include his wife, Alice of Chester; 14 children, Mary Rasmussen of Reno, Nevada, Carole Schile of Great Falls, Beverly Perry of Houston, Texas, Ruth of Seattle, Washington, Kay of Boise, Idaho, Christine of Spokane, Washington, Joanne Drake of Pensacola, Florida, Greg of Seattle, Washington, Nathan of Chester, Thalia Biglen of San Francisco, California, Mark of Chester, Colette of Great Falls, Roger of Bozeman, and Kelly of Bozeman; 2 brothers, Houston of Terry, Montana and Troy of Chester; 2 sisters, Ethel Rasmussen of Tacoma, Washington and Irene Mattson of Chester; 13 grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Curt was preceded in death by his parents, a brother (Gordon), and a stillborn son.

Funeral mass was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 24th, at St. Mary's Church in Chester. Concelebrants were Father John Coady and Father Rene Petit. Special music was provided by member of St. Mary's choir, who provided a guitar and vocal ensemble. Songs included "Prayer of St. Francis," "Ave Maria," "He is Risen," and "I Am the Resurrection." Ushers were Eldon Graff and Gordon Jorgenson. Friends serving as pallbearers included Andrew Campros, Bill Cole, Henry Hawks, Ed Cole, Lawrence Frederickson and Ben Oraw. Honorary bearers included the local Knights of Columbus and the Chester V.F.W. and Legionnaires. Presentation of gifts was by Bob and Una Moog, and servers were Ivan Wodarz and Gordon Standiford. Military rites were held at the Chester Cemetery. A memorial luncheon followed back at St. Mary's. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

CURTIS R. LAKEY

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me; Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Date of Birth
June 1, 1912

Date of Death
April 21, 1984

Services: Rosary - Monday, April 23, 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chester. Funeral Mass - Tuesday, April 24, 11:00 a.m., St. Mary's

Celebrant: Father John Coady

Music: St. Mary's choir

Ushers: Eldon Graff and Gordon Jorgenson

Pallbearers: Ben Oraw, Henry Hawks, Lawrence Frederickson, Ed Cole, Andrew Campros and Bill Cole

Honorary Pallbearers: Knights of Columbus and Chester V.F.W.

Interment: Chester Cemetery

Memorial Luncheon: St. Mary's Church following graveside services

Survivors: Wife, Alice; five sons, Greg, Nathan, Mark, Roger and Kelly; nine daughters, Mary, Carole, Beverly, Ruth, Kay, Christine, Joanne, Thalia and Colette; two brothers, Houston and Troy; two sisters, Ethel and Irene; and numerous nephews and nieces

Arrangements: Rockman Chapel, Chester

ROBERT FRANKLIN LANGEL

Born: June 29, 1896 - Died: February 20, 1984

Liberty County Times

February 23, 1984

Funeral held for Robert Langel

Robert Franklin Langel was born in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin on June 29th, 1896. He was one of six children born to Ellen Tealey and Joseph Henry Langel. Bob attended schools in the Chippewa Falls community. In 1913 he came to Montana with his family, who homesteaded in the Goldstone area north of Rudyard. In the early 1920's, he owned and operated a mechanics garage in Rudyard. He started farming in the Goldstone community in 1926 and continued to farm until 1944. He met a Hi-Line school teacher, Alice Marie Hartnett, and they were married in Weiser, Idaho on July 27th, 1947. They made their home in Rudyard, where Bob worked for Sanvik Brothers for many years. Alice became ill in 1965, so Bob retired to care for her. She died on February 12th, 1983 in Chester. Bob has lived alone in their home since. Following a short stay in the Chester Hospital, Bob died on the early morning of February 20th, 1984. He was 87 years old.

Bob and Alice had been members of the Inverness United Methodist Church. In their early married years they enjoy-

ed travelling. They had no children. They were best friends and had a loyal dedication for each other. Alice was a resident of the Chester Rest Home for many years, and Bob drove down daily from Rudyard to spend time with her. As a hobby Bob collected small motors and fans, and used his imagination and ingenuity to reproduce a new mechanical object.

Survivors include 1 brother, Ted of Rudyard; 2 sisters, Mrs. Hayes (Tracie) Starks and Mrs. Clifford (Dorothy) Hodgdon, both of Mesa, Arizona; and many nephews and nieces. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and 2 brothers (Arnold and Henry).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 22nd, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester with Reverend Bill Mullette officiating. Vocal music by Alberta Langel included "In the Garden" and "Beyond the Sunset," with Iris White accompanying on the organ. Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 25th, at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Weiser, Idaho. The Reverend George Hirose of Weiser will conduct final prayers.

INA RUTH MCKAY LARSON

Born: January 31, 1904 - Died: December 17, 1984

Liberty County Times

December 27, 1984

Funeral held for Ina Larson, 80



Ina Ruth McKay was born in Creston, Washington January 31, 1904. She was one of four children born to Donald and Sarah (Stambaugh) McKay. Ina attended schools in Creston and graduated from high school there in 1922. She then attended the Cheney Normal College and received her teacher's certificate in 1924. Ina came to Montana and taught in rural schools north of Joplin. She was married to a Joplin area farmer, Emil Nelson, in 1929, and they made their home on his farm north of Joplin. In 1942 Ina left the Joplin community and taught school for the next 15 years in Montana, New Mexico and Washington. She retired in Spokane and lived there until 1971, when she moved to Great Falls. While living at the Eagles Manor, she met and married her second husband, Olaf Larson in April of 1972. They later moved to Choteau and lived there until Olaf's death in 1982. Ina then came to Chester to be closer to her family. She has lived at the Sweetgrass Lodge since

then; however, this past year she has been in and out of the hospital and nursing home because of ailing health. She died Monday evening, December 17, at the Chester Hospital. She was just one month shy of being 81 years old.

Since coming to Chester, Ina had been a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the ALCW. While in Choteau, she and Olaf had been active in the Senior Citizen's group. She enjoyed traveling, and in her younger years had done some landscape painting. Before her health failed, she was very active in the Democratic women's group. In her quiet hours she enjoyed crocheting latch-hook and embroidery. She also liked to play cards, especially pinochle.

Ina's survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Doris Nelson of Joplin; 3 grandsons, Kenneth (and wife, Candy), Larry (and wife, Jan), and Tracy; 3 granddaughters, Rhonda, Lonna and Jennifer; 6 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Donald and John McKay of Creston, Washington; and numerous nephews and nieces. Ina was preceded in death not only by her husbands and parents, but also by a son (Frederick), a sister (Estella Neilson), a half-sister (Neva Hedricks), and a half-brother (Harry Milliken).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 20th, at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Reverend Wayne Bungum of Our Savior's and Reverend John Olson of Bethel co-officiated. Special music provided by Judy Lake included "Softy and Tenderly" and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," with accompaniment by Thelma Anderson. The congregation sang "Onto the Hills."

Pallbearers were Kenny, Larry and Tracy Nelson, Ray and Rex Gulick and Ove Larson. Friends serving as ushers included Lysle James and Bob Lake. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. Following graveside services a luncheon was held at Kjos Hall.

IDA GUERENA AASEN LAVALLEY

Born: January 24, 1888 - Died: December 2, 1984

Liberty County Times

December 13, 1984



Funeral held for Ida LaValley, 96

Ida Guerena Aasen was born January 24th, 1888 in Norway Lake, Minnesota. She was one of six children born to Sigurd and Ingabor Aasen.

As an infant she was baptized Lutheran. She attended schools in Minnesota through grade 8, then took a dress-making course as a vocation. Ida worked in Devils Lake, Minnesota for several years before coming to Montana in 1913. She came to Joplin simply to visit her sister, but at a social gathering in town she met her husband-to-be, Lawrence P. LaValley. Lawrence's family had homesteaded near Joplin in 1909. They were married in Great Falls October 21st, 1914. They farmed and lived in the Joplin community

for 30+ years. In those early married years Ida worked in cook cars and kept herself busy with raising five sons. They turned the farming operations over to the boys in 1947 and moved to Great Falls. Lawrence worked there as a stationery engineer until his retirement in 1952. They remained in Great Falls until Lawrence's death in 1964. Ida continued to maintain her home at 605 Parkdale until October, 1981, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. Because of failing health, she transferred to the Liberty County Rest Home in July of 1984. Ida died there on the evening of Sunday, December 2nd, at the age of 96 years.

In those early years in Joplin, Ida was active in the Bethel Church and Ladies Aide group. She liked to dance and her husband often referred to her as the "Belle of the Prairie." Ida was an excellent cook, especially when it came to good Norwegian dishes. Her hobbies included sewing, crocheting, quilting and other fancy-work. After they moved to Great Falls, Ida became involved in the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She loved gardening and had some of the most beautiful flowers around. She was an avid fan of baseball and basketball, and enjoyed camping. She was blessed with a good, healthy, active life, and for this she was thankful...

Survivors include two sons, David and Glenn, both of Joplin; 11 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces; and one sister, Anna Larson of Minot, North Dakota. Ida was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three sons (Raymond, Paul and Mark), two brothers (Ole and Senius), and two sisters (Mina and Tillie).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 6th, at the Rockman Funeral Chapell in Chester. Reverend John Olson of the Joplin Bethel Church officiated. Thelma Anderson accompanied Judy Lake, who sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "In the Garden." Memorial bearers were all of Ida's many friends and relatives. After the services, a luncheon was given by the Bethel Church ladies at the Chester Sweetgrass Lodge. Later that afternoon the graveside services were conducted at the Manchester Cemetery in Great Falls by Reverend Orville Grorud. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

KIRK RICHARD LAYTON

Born: February 6, 1981 - Died: January 17, 1984

Liberty County Times

January 26, 1984

Kirk Layton funeral held

Kirk Richard Layton was born in Chester, Montana on February 6, 1981. He was the eldest of two sons born to Yvonne Eklund and Steven Layton. Kirk was baptized by Pastor Wayne Bungum in the Chester Lutheran Church and his God-parents were Spike and Jean Stone. The family has made their home on the Ed Layton farm south of Chester. Kirk was a typical little boy in the fact that he loved tractors, airplanes, trains and other loud and noisy things. He was especially fond of water and recently took infant swimming lessons from Janice Mattson. He enjoyed animals and recently became attached to a scraggly old yard cat. And like other kids his age, he liked to sleep with a warm security blanket.

Kirk had recently been ill with a cold and congestion. He was found unresponsive in bed on the early morning of Tuesday, January 17th. Resuscitative measures were to no avail. Kirk was just one month shy of being 3 years old. An autopsy revealed the cause of death to be acute bacterial inflammation of the throat which caused sudden swelling and closure of airway.

Survivors include the parents, Steve and Yvonne, and brother, Karl, of Chester; maternal grandparents, Ralph and Betty Eklund of Fallon, Nevada; paternal grandmother, Betty Layton of Lakeside; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins. Kirk was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Richard and Helen Layton.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 21st, at 11:00 a.m. in the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Bill Mullette officiating. Merna Kolstad accompanied Wayne Wardell, who sang "Children of the Heavenly Father" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Pallbearers included Spike Stone, Albert Larson, Dave Hunnewell and Gary Layton. Ushers were Bill Gundersen and Delmar Wolfe. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A memorial luncheon followed at the church.

MRS. CARL LEE
Born: ? - Died: November 4, 1984
Liberty County Times
November 8, 1984

**Funeral held for
Mrs. Carl Lee**

GILDFORD NEWS
By Alice Landrith

Sympathy is extended to the families of Carl Lee. Mrs. Lee passed away Sunday. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Holland and Bonine Chapel with Rev. Robert Seely officiating.

CECELIA (HOLMAN) LEIGHTON
Born: March 9, 1891 - Died: June 10, 1984
Liberty County Times
June 14, 1984

Cecelia Leighton funeral today

Cecelia (Holman) Leighton was born March 9th, 1891 at Stockett, Montana. She was one of five children born to James Holman and Eliza Jane Hewlitt. She was baptized into the Methodist faith by Brother VanOrsdel. Cecelia attended schools at Stockett and graduated from high school in 1908. The following year she attended the Montana Wesleyan College in Helena.

She was married to Clinton A. Leighton in Stockett January 1st, 1912. They moved to Mount Hope, Wisconsin where they farmed for the next 6 years. They returned to Montana in 1918.

Clinton worked in the grain elevator business and for various John Deere dealerships during the next 30 years. They lived in Great Falls, Augusta, Brady, Havre, Missoula and Ronan during this time period. Clinton died in 1949, so Cecelia moved to Havre to be near her daughter, Hazel. Following Hazel's illness in 1975, Cecelia came to Chester. She has lived at the Liberty County Rest Home since that time. She died there on the evening of June 10th, Cecelia was 93 years old.

Cecelia was a life-time member of the Eastern Star, Havre Lodge. While in Havre, she had lived at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd for a short while. She loved music and had sung in numerous church choirs over the years. She was a talented violinist and had won a violin gold medal when she was a student at Wesleyan College. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting. Her hobbies were craftwork and painting. For

entertainment Cecelia liked to play cards, and was especially fond of bridge. She was very quick-witted and well-read. Although she never wrote poetry, she enjoyed it very much and kept a collection of all of her favorite poems. One short poem that is very meaningful at this time follows:

I look to Thee in every need,
and never look in vain...
I feel Thy touch, eternal love,
and all is well again...
The thought of Thee
is mightier far...
Than sin and pain
and sorrow are...

Cecelia is survived by her son, Clifford of Chester; 8 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was



Cecelia Leighton

preceded in death by her parents, 1 brother, 3 sisters (Bertha, Minnie and Pamela), her daughter (Hazel), and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be today (Thursday), June 14th, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. at the Havre Highland Cemetery. Reverend Wayne Bungum will officiate. Sue Violett will sing "Now the Day is Over," accompanied by Merna Kolstad on the piano. Grandchildren serving as pallbearers will be Bob Brendgard, Larry and Mark Leighton, Marlowe Fossen, and Scott and Eric Hanson.

Funeral arrangements are by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

A memorial luncheon will be provided by the ALCW.

ETHEL LONG

Born: ?, 1905 - Died: January 28, 1984

Liberty County Times

February 2, 1984

Funeral held for Ethel Long, 79

Services for former Chester resident Ethel Long, 79, 1130 17th Ave. S., were Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the O'Connor Funeral Chapel in Great Falls with the Rev. Dan Mielke officiating.

Mrs. Long died Saturday at a Great Falls nursing home. Burial was in the Carter Cemetery.

Born in West Jefferson, North Carolina, she moved with her family to Montana in 1913. She was raised in the Pleasant Valley area, north of Fort Benton.

In 1922, she married James Taylor. They had five children, three of whom preceded her in death. Mr. Taylor died in 1936.

In 1939, she married Willis Long, and they resided in Carter, Great Falls, Fort Benton and Chester, where he died in 1973.

Mrs. Long moved to Great Falls in 1978, and in February 1982 moved to the nursing home because of poor health.

She is survived by a daughter Mrs. Harold (Martha) Bollinger, Mount Holly, North Carolina; a son, Robert Taylor, Windover, Nevada; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Roy Marcussen, Condon; two stepsons, Delbert Long, Eugene, Oregon and Ray Long, Wewahatchka, Florida; a nephew, and several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

MARTIN DALE LYDERS
Born: May 29, 1932 - Died: October 6, 1984
Liberty County Times
October 11, 1984



Martin Dale Lyders was born May 29th, 1932 at his family home in Chester. He was the youngest of six children born to Anna A. Swenson and Martin H. Lyders. Dale was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. He attended Chester schools, graduating from high school in 1950. Dale then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served from 1951-53. After his honorable discharge he returned to Chester and began a farming partnership 20 miles north of town with Al Ploss. Dale remained in the Air Force Reserves for the next five years. On July 26th, 1956 he married Loretta Backen in Chester. They made their home on the farm until 1971, when they sold their interests in the place and relocated to a new farm located just northwest of Chester. They have lived and worked on this new farm since.

At the early age of 39 Dale suffered a heart attack. Although he had resumed a normal active life these past 13 years, he did suffer some intermittent heart complications. Following a five-day stay at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls, Dale died on the early morning of Saturday, October 6th. He was just 52 years old.

Dale and Loretta had been active in the Trinity Church north of Lothair in the 1960's. They later held membership at Our Savior's in Chester, where Dale

had served as past council president. Dale enjoyed music and singing, and had participated in the local barbershop singing group in recent years. Although not a carpenter by trade, he enjoyed the work and was very skilled at

it. At one time he liked trapshooting and had an unfulfilled desire to learn to fly. They had a motor home and enjoyed camping and travelling. Dale's greatest love was farming, and he was always reading farm literature for new ideas and techniques. He was an unselfish person who always put his family ahead of himself. His pleasant personality and friendly nature will be missed by those who knew him.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta of Chester; one daughter and son-in-law, Tierney and Rick Johnson of Medicine Hat, Alberta; one son and daughter-in-law, Marty and Laurie of Chester; three grandchildren, Noel, Maithili and Andru; one brother, Verne of Seattle, Washington; two sisters, Lucille Kammerzell of Lakeside and Jean Breisacker of Los Alamitos, California; and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and cousins. Dale was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters (Eileen Lyders and Margaret Hendrickson).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 9th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated. Special messages were provided by Dale's son-in-law, Rick Johnson, and long-time friend, Leonard Matteson. Music was provided by Jan Christofferson and Wayne Wardell. Vocal numbers were "Railway to Heaven" and "Shall I Empty-Handed Be." Good friend Steve Brown served as usher. During the memorial services, Dale's remains were scattered over the place he loved most, his farm. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel. A coffee hour was held in the church basement following services.

ANTON (TONY) FRANK MAUL
Born: March 19, 1906 - Died: February 15, 1984

Liberty County Times
February 7, 1984

In Memory Of
ANTON "TONY" FRANK MAUL

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
March 19, 1906	February 15, 1984
Snow, North Dakota	Chester, Montana

Memorial Service
Monday February 20, 1984, 10:30 A.M.
Burns Funeral Home, Shelby

Officiating
Members of the American Legion
and
the Veterans of Foreign Wars

	<i>Music</i>	
<i>Organist</i>		Laila Lindberg

Interment
Mountainview Cemetery
Shelby, Montana
Military Honors

ARNOLD E. "CHUB" MCCANN
Born: December 22, 1911 - Died: March 30, 1984
Liberty County Times
April 12, 1984

Arnold E. "Chub" McCann, 72, onetime Inverness resident, died Friday, March 30 at East Shoshone Hospital, Silverton, Idaho.

McCann was born December 22, 1911 in Bruce, Wisconsin, to Steve and Ina Shipman McCann. The family moved to the Goldstone area of northern Hill county, Montana in 1917 and in late 1925 moved to a farm northwest of Inverness. He married Irene Jensen June 25, 1935 in Havre, Montana and they made their home in Inverness until 1941 when they moved to Osburn, Idaho. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for the E. G. Smith trucking company for 21½ years; then worked for the City

of Osburn until his retirement in 1979.

He was preceded in death by a son, James LeRoy McCann.

Survivors include his wife, Irene, at the family home in Osburn; three daughters, Janet Anderson, Tacoma, Washington, Marjorie Williams, Osburn, and Betty Chemodurow, Prichard, Idaho; three brothers, Neil McCann, Redondo Beach, California, Steve McCann, Sidney, Montana, and Jack McCann, Salt Lake City, Utah; three sisters, Helen Langel, Rudyard, Montana, Blanche Long, Baker, Oregon, and Laura Siemens, Spokane, Washington; eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Despite numerous surgeries which eventually resulted in double amputations, Chub was a fighter and never lost his smile. A eulogy made mention of his twinkling Irish eyes, his deep devotion to his family and friends, and his life of service to his fellow man, stating he "put more into his job than he took out."

Memorial services were held at the Wallace Elk's Lodge Tuesday, April 3, with members of the lodge officiating. Shoshone Funeral Services of Wallace was in charge of arrangements. Final disposition was by cremation.

DORCIE VERNON MCNAIR
Born: December 8, 1913 - Died: April 7, 1984
Liberty County Times
April 19, 1984



**Funeral held for
Dorcie McNair**

Dorcie Vernon McNair was born on December 8th, 1913 in Bengough, Saskatchewan, Canada. His parents were Archibald and Alma (Jurgenson) McNair, and he was one of six children. Dorcie attended schools near Cornach, Saskatchewan. He came to Montana in 1935 to operate a farm for his aunt, Susan Arrison, near Rudyard. The farm was later sold, so Dorcie went to a diesel mechanics school in Chicago. He returned to Rudyard and opened the D-&D Garage with Don Twedt. He later sold his interests to Don and went to work for the Farmers Union Oil Station in Rudyard. On July 19th, 1947 Dorcie married Margaret Warhank at Goldstone. In 1948 they moved to Devon and operated the Farmers Union station there for about a year. They returned to Rudyard for the next five years where they farmed the Art Een place south of town. In 1954 they moved to Hamilton where Dorcie ran a small farm and worked at the local Ford dealership. In 1958 Dorcie was offered a job at the

International Shop in Joplin, so they returned to the Hi-Line. They have made their home in Inverness since. Before retiring in 1981, Dorcie worked for Marias Equipment in Chester and Hi-Line Farms in Joplin. His health had been good until recently. Following a short stay in the Chester Hospital, he died on Saturday evening (April 7th). He was 70 years old.

Dorcie was a member of the Inverness Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Chester Knights of Columbus, the Havre Eagles Club, and the Shelby Elks Club. In his younger years he enjoyed playing baseball, and he has remained an avid baseball spectator fan. Dorcie liked music of all kinds. Years ago he sang at several weddings, and he played the harmonica for his own entertainment. He has always enjoyed reading, and was especially fond of Westerns. Since his retirement he has raised an annual vegetable garden and done some amateur woodworking. As everyone knows he loved to dance, and very seldom missed an occasion to do so. Dorcie was a good neighbor, friend and family man, so his death is a great loss to many...

Survivors include his wife, Margaret of Inverness; 2 sons and daughters-in-law, Garth and Betty Jean of Great Falls and Tim and Patty of Inverness; 1 daughter, Mrs. Jerry (Marlene) Killion of Brady; 5 grandchildren (Jason and Aaron Killion and JaSainte, Jeni, and Scott McNair); 4 brothers, Donald of Cornach, Saskatchewan, Virgil of Regina, Saskatchewan, Morris ("Ellsworth") of Havre, and Robert of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and numerous nephews and nieces. Dorcie was preceded in death by his parents and a sister (Eva Struck).

ALBA MILES
Born: 7, 1892 - Died: August 3, 1984
Liberty County Times
August 9, 1984

**Funeral held for
Alba Miles, 92**



Alba Miles

Alba Miles, 92, died Friday, August 3 in a Conrad nursing home. She was born at Walnut Grove, Missouri and attended school there and at Springfield. She married Russell Miles in 1914 and in 1915 moved to his homestead north of Joplin. Mrs. Miles was left alone to raise five children. She spent many hours milking cows to have some money for her family. She also spent many hours on the tractor and picked many rocks after breaking the land of the family farm. She left the farm in 1950 and bought a home in Great Falls and later moved to the Eagles Manor in Great Falls. In 1976 she moved to Horizon Lodge in Conrad to be closer to a daughter. She is survived by five daughters, Refa Joy of Lewistown, Mrs. Allen (Lillian) Dyrud of Lehigh Acres, Florida, Mrs. Harold (Pauline)

Shankles of Conrad, Mrs. Maurice (Opal) Fladstol of Conrad, Mrs. Frank (Grace) Richter of Joplin; 3 sisters and 1 brother out of state, 17 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 4 brothers and 3 sisters and her husband.

Services were held Saturday, August 4 in Conrad followed by entombment at the Hillcrest Lawn Memorial in Great Falls.

TURAN C. "RED" MORRIS

Born: November 11, 1903 - Died: July 21, 1984

Liberty County Times

August 2, 1984

Funeral held for Red Morris, 80

T. C. "Red" Morris was born in Lindale, Texas on November 11th, 1903. His parents were William and Dora (Hollis) Morris, and he was one of eight children. His family ran a blackberry farm and raised Jersey cattle. Red was baptized at the Demascus Baptist Church and attended schools at Nebo and Lindale. Of interest was the fact that he played basketball on the state championship team while at Lindale. Following his education, Red became interested in rose production. He bought the first tractor and plowed the first rose garden in Smith County, Texas. Nearby Tyler later became known as the "Rose Capitol of the World." Red then took a mechanics job at a Ford company in Shreveport, Louisiana. A short while later he went to work for Hope Engineering, which put in the pipeline from Wascum, Louisiana to Chicago, Illinois. His job with the engineering firm included driving caterpillar and bending pipe, and he worked several years before coming to Montana in 1930. While working on a pipeline from Great Falls into Canada, Red met a Whitlash girl named Dorothy Thompson. They were married in Havre on November 20th, 1930. During the next year they continued in the construction business in Texas, Missouri, Illinois and Iowa. They returned to Montana in 1931 and rented the old Holley ranch near Whitlash for the next 5 years. In 1937 they purchased the Cliff Toole ranch near there, and later bought the Arthur Fey place. They have lived and worked on their ranch ever since. On the afternoon of Saturday, July 21st, Red accidentally tipped over a hay wagon on the Strawberry Road near Whitlash. He was taken by ambulance to the Toole County Hospital in Shelby and died there later that evening. He was 80 years old.

Red had served as president of the Montana Hereford Association. He helped start the Marias Hereford Association, and also helped organize the associations in Billings and Lewistown. Red was a quiet man and a deep thinker. Many thought he was ahead of his time when it came to conservation of his grasslands and practicing innovative ranching methods. Red has spent the past 53 years in the ranching business with his wife, and he has loved every minute of it. Most every out-building on the place he built by hand, he always had a nice flower garden with Texas roses in it, he loved animals (especially his cattle and dogs), and he enjoyed raising fish in his reservoirs. For both relaxation and education, he was a religious subscriber and reader of the Western Livestock Reporter. Red kept himself fit and trim, both physically and mentally, and this was the key to his youthful appearance and attitude. Three events that were very meaningful in the lives of Red and Dot included their trip across the United States on the Centennial Train in 1964, the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary in 1980, and a "love boat" Caribbean cruise to the Virgin Islands in 1979. Although they never had any children, they lead a full life with their family, friends, and farm...



Red's survivors include his wife, Dot of Whitlash; 1 brother, Bill of Lindale, Texas; 2 sisters, Betty Milles and Berta Crawford, both of Tyler, Texas; and numerous nephews and nieces. Red was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers (Weldon and Evert), and 2 baby sisters (Violet and Martha). Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 27th, at the Community Presbyterian Church in Whitlash. Services were conducted by Reverend Grover Briggs of Shelby and Student Pastor Tammy Lindahl of Whitlash. Special vocal music by Carole Hanson included "Somewhere My Love," "Beulah Land," and "I Want to be Happy." Betty Skinner was the pianist, and she played several songs including a Red and Dot favorite, "Tea For Two." Friends serving as pallbearers were Bill Strunk, Lyle Knudson, Troy Lakey, Robert Griffin, Raymond Fritz, Leonard Fritz, Ben Taylor, Don Loranger, Jim McKechnie, Nelson Bingham and Norman Waite. Following interment in the Whitlash Cemetery, a memorial luncheon was held in the Whitlash Liberty Hall. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

SYVER NORDBY

Born: December 17, 1899 - Died: May 28, 1984

Liberty County Times

May 31, 1984

Syver Nordby funeral

Syver Nordby, age 84, of Hingham, passed away Monday, May 28 at the Liberty County Hospital after an extended illness.

Born December 17, 1899 in Aadahlen, Norway, son of the late Jens and Gunhild Nordby, he came to America at age 3 with his parents. They settled on a farm in Adams, North Dakota. Syver received his education in Silvesta District 103 and attended high school at Lankin, North Dakota. He graduated from Fargo, North Dakota Agricultural College and held positions at Mandan, North Dakota Experimental Station and Assiniboine Experimental Station. He also worked in Oklahoma.

He served in the Air Force in World War II, then acquired farm land in Hill County and farmed for several years.

He was married July 27, 1946 to Anne Sunderland Johnson in Havre. They made their home in Hingham. Mr. Nordby was active in church and civic affairs, and was a member of Hingham Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife Anne, Hingham; daughter, Arlette (Mrs. Lloyd Welch), Salt Lake City, Utah; granddaughter Vicki Spicher (Carlberg) of Billings; grandson Jeffrey R. Spicher, Moundsville, West Virginia; great grandson Kevin Carlberg; and Nirguna and Perry Spicher; brother Henry Nordby, Adams, North Dakota; nephews Jerome Nordby, Adams, North Dakota; Bryon Nordby, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

Funeral services will be Saturday, June 2, 2 p.m. in Hingham Cemetery. Memorials to Hingham Lutheran Church or of one's choice.

REINO W. NORMAN

Born: ?, 1916 - Died: February ?, 1984

Liberty County Times

March 1, 1984

Funeral held for Reino Norman, 68

Funeral services for Reino W. Norman, 68, were held Tuesday, February 7 in the Wiggen and Sons Chapel in Seattle, Washington.

Survivors include his widow, Ethel, formerly Ethel Hutchison of Chester, son Kelly, brother Roy Norman of Kennewick, Washington, and two granddaughters.

He was a member of the Lake City Elks 1800 B.P.O.E., Vasa Hope Lodge and 1800 Wheelers.

The Rev. Lynn Ertsgaard officiated at the funeral.

Norm, as he was known, graduated from Broadwah High School in Seattle after serving in the army in World War 2. He graduated from Burnley School of Art in Seattle in 1952.

LESLIE E. OAKLEY
Born: July 24, 1926 - Died: December 7, 1984
Liberty County Times
December 20, 1984

Funeral held for Leslie Oakley, 58

Funeral services for Leslie E. Oakley, 58, of Fairfield, were held Wednesday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m. at United Church of Christ at Fairfield with Carl Krusi, pastor, officiating.

Oakley was pronounced dead at Teton Medical Center after being suddenly stricken while at work in Fairfield. He died of natural causes.

Lesley Earl Oakley was born July 24, 1926 at Tacoma, Washington, a son of Leslie E., Sr., and Gertrude Helf Oakley, and moved with his parents in 1927 to the Sunburst-Kevin area. He attended Oilmont schools before his family moved to Fairfield in 1941.

He was married to Juanita D. May at Fairfield February 9, 1958. He had worked for Ayrshire Dairy in Great Falls, Fairfield Builders Supply Co., and Meyer Ditcher Co. In 1962 he purchased the family farm near Fairfield. In 1972, he and his brother, Barry, started the Oakley Brothers Trucking Co.

Surviving are his wife, Juanita, of Fairfield; three daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Juanita Rose) Snyder of South Bend, Indiana, Mrs. Art (Corinne) Neiffer of Fairfield, and Mrs. Lenora Schultz of East Lake, Ohio; four brothers, Norman L. Oakley of Eugene, Oregon, George F. Oakley of Bainbridge Island, Washington, Allen L. Oakley of Kehei, Maui, Hawaii, and Barry D. Oakley of Fairfield; one sister, Verda L. Krause of Fairfield, and eight grandchildren.

Gorder Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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SARAH MARTINSON OSCARSON
Born: ? - Died: August 7, 1984
Liberty County Times
August 30, 1984

Sarah Oscarson dies

RUDYARD NEWS
By Frances Evenson

Friends and neighbors of Sarah Oscarson were saddened by her sudden passing. She passed away quietly at her home north of Malta, but first she called and visited with her daughter, Shirley in Ohio, and had a phone conversation with her sister, Mabel in Seattle.

Sarah Martinson Oscarson was proud of her ancestry, and felt her heritage was important to her. She started teaching school in early adulthood, and when conversing about someone, more times than not, he was identified as "one of my former students."

Sarah married David in 1933. Three children came to bless this marriage, Miriam, Shirley and Edward. They lived in the north Rudyard community when their children were small, and farmed there until after they were grown. A good education was No. 1 priority for her family. Being an educator herself, she put much emphasis on education. In spite of hard times, seven bushel an acre crops and \$1.00 a bushel for wheat, they found a way. All three children received a good education, both in school and in the church.

Edward's life was snuffed out with cancer when he was still a very young man. Miriam passed away suddenly this past January, leaving a husband and two children. Sarah's husband, David and daughter Shirley remain to mourn her passing.

Sarah loved to visit. For several years she was not able to work, but was the guiding light. "Uf da" when things turned out not as expected. She accepted 'making do' as a challenge. A bit of philosophy she endorsed was "If I cannot have what I'd like, I will like what I have."

Several years ago, through Sarah's initiative they went to Europe as a family, Norway and Sweden and visited their ancestral home. She valued her heritage and believed in traditions, and made it possible for her children to become knowledgeable as well. They visited many historical places in eastern U.S.A. New York City, Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. and many

other special places. She cherished antiques left her by her ancestors, and loved to talk about the early days.

At Sarah's funeral, the message was from Proverbs Chapter 31—reflections, describing a virtuous woman. A former student of twenty-seven years ago had this to say, "She liked what she was doing, folks liked what she did." A grand lady has passed on. Sympathy is extended to her family and many friends.

FRANK L. PHILLIPS

Born: September 23, 1926 - Died: March 12, 1984

Liberty County Times

March 29, 1984

Services held for Frank Phillips

Frank L. Phillips, 57, well-known resident of Hill County, died in a local hospital Monday, March 12.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard and interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery.

Mr. Phillips was born September 23, 1926 in Rudyard.

He farmed in the Rudyard area all of his life and operated the Phillips Implement Co. until 1974.

He was married in Havre, September 26, 1948 to Joan M. Haaland.

His wife survives him as well as daughters, Martia Swanson, Calgary, Alberta; Rhonda Ritter, Rudyard; Dana Eliason, Spokane; and sons, Kane Phil-

lips, Rudyard; Jan Phillips, Inverness; six grandchildren; brothers, Jack Phillips, Mesa, Arizona and Roy Phillips, Joplin; sisters, Mary Patterson and Dorothy Phillips, both of Sunnyside, California; Velva Anderson, Rudyard; Elsie Long, Covina, California; Eva Bowery, Las Vegas, Nevada; Irene Potter, Carmichael, California; Emma Ridgeway, Stanford, Montana and JoAnn Croley, Sacramento, California.

Mr. Phillips entered military service in World War II, December 21, 1944 and was discharged August 14, 1946. He was a private in Co. E of the 17th Infantry of the U.S. Army. Memorials have been set up at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Rudyard.

CLARENCE POLLINGTON
Born: ? - Died: November 7, 1984
Liberty County Times
November 8, 1984

Rites held for C. Pollington

KREMLIN NEWS
By Carol Heggen

Funeral services for long time Kremlin area resident, Clarence Pollington were held Tuesday, October 30th at the Holland and Bonine Chapel in Havre with Rev. Gary Pabst officiating. Sharon Spicher was the organist with Terry Stevenson singing "Behold the Sunset" and "Under His Wings." Pallbearers were Larry Johnson, Lynn Heggen, Stan Wall, Lyle Williams, John Williams and Earl Donovan. Leo Wall and Neil McCormick were ushers. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Havre.

ESTHER WOLFE RAY
Born: December 10, 1897 - Died: January 11, 1984
Liberty County Times
January 19, 1984



Funeral held Tuesday for Esther (Wolfe) Ray

Esther Wolfe was born in Selby, South Dakota December 10th, 1897. Her parents were Henry Wolfe and Caroline Bitner and she was one of eight children. The Wolfe family farmed in Lemmon, South Dakota before coming to Montana in 1912. They filed homesteads 14 miles south of Chester. Esther attended the Erickson country school and then worked at the telephone company in Chester. In her early 20's she married George Hunnewell, and they lived and farmed in the Chester community. They had two children, Bud and LaVerne. In 1942 Esther married True Ray. They summered in Chester and wintered in Deer Park, Washington. Esther and True later moved to the San Francisco Bay area and semi-retired from farming. They officially retired in 1967 and made their home in Millbrae, California. Following True's death on May 29th, 1983, Esther returned to Chester where she has lived at the Liberty County Rest Home. She died there on the afternoon

of Wednesday, January 11th, at the age of 86 years.

Esther was a charter member of the Royal Neighbors of America in 1926 and the V.F.W. Auxiliary in 1945. She was an exceptional cook and homemaker, and had always taken pride in her personal appearance. While in California she kept herself busy with her yardwork and flowers.

Survivors include her son, Richard E. Hunnewell of Tacoma, Washington; sister, Mae Greve of Columbia Falls; stepson R. Allen Ray of Chester; 3 grandsons, Richard J. Hunnewell of Tacoma, David Hunnewell of Chester, and Gene Bathke of Butte; 1 granddaughter, Barbara Lee Dillard of Redwood City, California; 4 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. Esther was preceded in death by her parents, by 2 husbands, by her daughter (LaVerne Lyders), by 2 sisters (Carrie Wendt and Elsie Wolfe), and by 4 brothers (Henry, Walter, Jacob and Daniel).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 17th, at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Bill Mullette officiating. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace" accompanied by Jan Christofferson on the organ. Vocalist Carole Hanson sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "In the Garden."

Pallbearers included Roger, Dean and Delmar Wolfe, Albert Hanson, Leo Wigen and Ron Wolery. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A memorial luncheon by the V.F.W. Auxiliary followed at the church.

JACOB (JAKE) M. REINEN
Born: February 24, 1898 - Died: April 19, 1984
Liberty County Times
April 26, 1984

**Funeral held for
Jake Reinen, 86**

Jacob M. Reinen, age 86, of 601 South Anna St., Lake Crystal died early Thursday morning at the Madelia Community Hospital, Madelia.

Funeral services for Mr. Reinen will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. from the Trinity Lutheran Church of Lake Crystal with Rev. Walter Reese officiating. Interment in Miller Cemetery, Jackson at 2:30 p.m. Visitation at the James Funeral Home, Lake Crystal on Friday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. and 1 hour before services at the church. If so desired memorials may be given to the Seminary Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Reinen is survived by his wife, Lillian; a sister, Mrs. Hermine Schwieger of Mankato; a brother, Ludwig Reinen of West Bend, Iowa; several nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 1 sister and 2 brothers, and 1 nephew. He was born to Herman J. and Louise Busch Reinen on February 24, 1898 in Jackson, Minnesota. He was united in mar-

riage to Lillian Kurth October 30, 1919 in Hendricks, Minnesota. Mr. Reinen was cashier at various banks during his lifetime (Hendricks, Chester, Montana, etc.). Mr. Reinen has lived in Lake Crystal for the past 20 years and previous to this in Chester, Montana. He also was in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lake Crystal and John Roth American Legion Post #294 in Lake Crystal. He also was a member of the German Singing Society.

DOROTHY MAY RITCHIE
Born: April 20, 1917 - Died: January 12, 1984
Liberty County Times
January 26, 1984

Funeral held for Dorothy Ritchie

Dorothy May Ritchie, 66, former Chester resident, died in Grasston, Minnesota, January 12. Funeral services were held in the Akkerman Chapel and interment was in the Grasston Union cemetery, January 16.

She was born April 20, 1917 in Sidney, Montana. Her parents moved to Wahkon, Minnesota where she lived most of her younger life. She lived in Chester 11 years and moved back to Minnesota in 1977.

Survivors include husband Francis, daughter Velma O'Claire of Grasston, two sons, Joseph of Oregon and Daniel of Mora, Minnesota; three sisters, Betty Zeisner of Wahkon, Minnesota, Frances Hartzie of California, and Ruth Douglas of Anoka, Minnesota; 16 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

PATRICIA ANN HULL SCHALLER
Born: December 14, 1928 - Died: June 27, 1984
Liberty County Times
July 5, 1984



Pat Schaller

Funeral held for Patricia Schaller

Patricia Ann Hull was born on December 14th, 1928 in Havre, Montana. She was one of nine children born to Mary Ann Friel and Anselm Hull. Pat grew up on the family farm northwest of Chester. She attended the Grauman Country School through grade six, then transferred into Chester Junior High. Her high school education was in Great Falls at St. Thomas, where she graduated in 1946. Pat took a job as clerk at the Liberty County Clerk & Recorder's Office in Chester for the next 3 years. Following the death of her father in 1950, she stayed and cared for her mother. On November 19th, 1955 Pat married John Schaller in Chester. They made their home on the Schaller farm north of Hingham. They moved into the Rudyard in 1981 and have lived there since. Pat has suffered from the ailments of cancer for the past 4½ years. Following a long stay in the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, she died on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 27th. She was 55 years old.

Pat had been a member of the Goldstone Altar Society, the Hingham P.T.A., and Our Lady of Ransom Church. She loved being a farm wife and homemaker, and her family always came first. In her younger years she enjoyed doing needlework, and also liked to dance and play cards. She always had a nice vegetable garden and was an excellent cook. She enjoyed sporting activities, especially when her children were involved. In her quiet hours she liked to read novels. Pat was a very caring and devout person, and frequently said prayers for family members and ailing friends. The "Serenity Prayer" was one of her personal favorites.

Pat's survivors include her husband, John of Rudyard; 5 sons, John L. of Gildford, Alan of Seattle, Rodney of Rudyard, Wayne of Gildford and Leroy of Rudyard; 2 daughters, Mary and Karen, both of Rudyard; 1 brother, James Hull of Chester; 4 sisters, Mrs. Frank (Nora) Hemmer of Lothair, Mrs. Ernest (Genevieve) Gagnon of Chester, Mrs. Ed (Susanna) Nickol of Ledger, and Sister Marleen Hull of Walla Walla, Washington; mother-in-law, Elizabeth Schaller of Havre; and many nephews and nieces. Pat was preceded in death by her parents, by 2 brothers (Mike and Raphael), and by 1 sister (Catherine, Sister Mary Louise).

Rosary services were held Friday night, June 29th, at Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham. The funeral mass was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Co-celebrants were Father John Coady and Father John Hanses. Iris White provided accompaniment to Marcus Jochim, who sang "I am the Resurrection," "Ava Maria," "Prayer of St. Francis," "I am the Bread of Life," and "Amazing Grace." Servers were Joe Domire, Paul Wolery and Terry Hybner. Ushers were Don and Charles Hull. Friends serving as pallbearers included Raymond Warhank, Chuck Mikulecky, Dale Wendland, Adam Schweitzer, David Aageson and Andrew Schwan. Readers were Ken Gagnon and Marcella Hull. Interment followed in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial luncheon was given to family and friends at the Rudyard Youth Center after committal services.

ROBERT PRESTON SCHOONOVER
Born: January 11, 1918 - Died: July 16, 1984
Liberty County Times
July 19, 1984

Funeral Friday for Bob Schoonover

Robert Preston Schoonover was born in Chester, Montana on January 11th, 1918. He was one of ten children born to Ralph and Florence (Demery) Schoonover, who were homesteaders north of Chester. Bob attended his early schooling in Chester, then moved to California with his family in 1931. He returned to Montana in 1934 and has lived in the Liberty County community since. He has worked as a ranch laborer for many local farmers including Carl Brown, Meissner Brothers, Charlie Laas, Galen Kolstad, Don Buffington, Gordon Hurley and Allen Kolstad. In 1976 Bob suffered a shoulder injury that resulted in some disability, so he has been retired since that time. He lived in a small apartment in Chester until March of 1982, when he entered the Liberty County Rest Home following complications of a broken hip. His health has slowly deteriorated, and he died in the Chester Hospital on the morning of Monday, July 16th. Bob was 66 years old.

Bob had been a colorful figure in Chester over the years. He knew most everyone and most everyone knew him. His nickname was "Scoonie". Bob liked horses and working with cattle, and it was said that he was an excellent cowhand in his younger years. It was also said that Bob worked hard just as he played hard, and he liked people and life in general. Scoonie was always neat in his personal appearance and kept a nice, orderly house. He had a great love for western clothing, and was always appropriately clad in cowboy shirt, boots and hat...

Survivors include 2 brothers, Woodrow of Visalia, California and Howard of Three Rivers, California; 2 sisters, Marion Worthington of Sonora, California and Dede Marriott of Martinez, California; and several nephews and nieces. Bob was preceded in death by his parents and 5 siblings.

Graveside services will be tomorrow, Friday (July 20th), at 11:00 a.m. at the Chester Cemetery. The Reverend Nancy Wright of the Chester United Methodist Church will officiate. Friends can stop by the Rockman Chapel today (Thursday) or Friday morning prior to services for viewing.

SHELLEY DENISE SCHWEITZER
Born: April 4, 1964 - Died: June 29, 1984
Liberty County Times
July 5, 1984



Shelley Schweitzer

Funeral held for Shelley Schweitzer

Shelley Denise Schweitzer was born in Kodiak, Alaska on April 4th, 1964. She was the only daughter of five children and her parents are Donna M. Nicoli and Edward J. Schweitzer. Shelley attended elementary schools in Alaska. At age 12 she moved with her family to Hawaii where she graduated from Pahoa High School in June of 1983. While in high school she played clarinet in the band, was a member of the pep club, and served as assistant editor on the annual staff. She came to Rudyard (Montana) with her family in March of 1984. Shelley died in Rudyard on the early morning hours of Friday, June 29th, the apparent victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. She was 20 years old.

Shelley loved fishing in Alaska and Hawaii. Before leaving Alaska she took first place in a teen beauty pageant. She enjoyed sewing and was a great help to her mother with the household chores. Shelley liked to babysit and be around young children, especially her nephew and nieces. After coming to Rudyard she took over the "Tribune" newspaper route, which she enjoyed doing with the help of her dad. She liked people, so she had made many friends during her short stay in the community here. Her family was very important to her and she enjoyed Sunday drives and outings with them. Shelley loved to be teased by her dad just as much as he loved to tease her, and her favorite saying was "Yes, Dad, I know how you are!" She was not just a daughter to Donna, but also a best friend and constant companion. She will remain in the family hearts forever...

Survivors include her parents, Ed and Donna of Rudyard; a brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Alice of Hilo, Hawaii; 2 additional brothers, Ron and Chris of Rudyard; paternal grandmother, Elizabeth Schweitzer of Hingham; 2 nieces and 1 nephew; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Shelley was preceded in death by a brother, David, in November of 1981.

Family prayer services were held Monday evening, July 2nd,

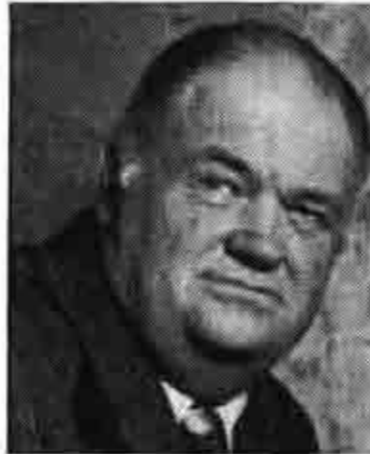
at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Father John Coady officiated at the funeral services on Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., also at the church. Special music by vocalists Mike Stevenson and Albert Langel accompanied by Iris White on the organ. Altar servers were Joe Domire, Leonard Chvilicek, Paul Wolery and Terry Hybner. Friends serving as pallbearers were Daryl Haasa, Kent and Randy Schweitzer, Alvin Waite and Tim and Cory Langel. Burial was in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial luncheon followed at the Youth Center in Rudyard.

CHARLES E. (CHUCK) SMITH
Born: July 6, 1924 - Died: January 17, 1984
Liberty County Times
January 26, 1984

Funeral rites for Chuck Smith

Charles Ellis Smith was the only child born to Minnie Ellis and Frank Smith. He was born in Maysville, Missouri July 6th, 1924 and attended early schooling at Fairport. He came to Montana with his parents in 1934 to a farm 30 miles north of Chester. He attended the Burke School near the farm and graduated from Joplin High School in 1942. Chuck married Monica ("Dolly") Rolph in Chester January 16th, 1943. For the next few years he worked in Joplin elevators for Bud Poppler and the Farmers Union. Chuck and Dolly moved to the family farm in February of 1947 and have resided there since. About 20 years ago Chuck suffered acute kidney failure and has had intermittent complications since. He has been in and out of hospitals on a regular basis this past year. Chuck died on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 17th, at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls. He was 59 years old.

Chuck had served on the school board of the Fairview School. For 15 years he worked on the A.S.C.S. committee, and for 10 of those years he served as chairman. He was elected to the post of Liberty County Commissioner in January of



Chuck Smith
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1981. He thoroughly enjoyed his commissioner's job and his work in the A.S.C.S., and his one concern was to do the best he could do to see that everyone was treated fairly. Chuck, like many people in this community, had a great love for farming. As a related hobby, he always raised a big potato garden every year. He enjoyed hunting, dancing, bowling, traveling and good food. He liked people and people liked him...

Survivors include his wife, Dolly of north Chester; mother, Minnie of the Chester Sweetgrass Lodge; 3 daughters, Mrs. Donald (Virginia) Wood of San

Ramon, California, Mrs. Terry (Barbara) Odegard of Helena, and Mrs. Lanny (Mary) Mansfield of Washington, D.C.; 2 sons, John of Chester and Frank of north Chester; 9 grandchildren; a beloved aunt, Rebecca Lincoln of Maysville, Missouri; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins. Chuck was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 20th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Joplin High School Gymnasium. Pastor Don Kelley of the Grace Gospel Church officiated. Piano music was provided by John Osler, Guitarist and vocalist, Carole Hanson, sang "One Day at a Time" and "Because He Lives." Friends serving as pallbearers included George Braun, Joe Seidlitz, Paul Johnson, Ted Tempel, Tom Wood and Jack Laird. Honorary bearers were Jean Ratliff, Ole Jensen, Jim Adams, Bill Wood, Eldon Graff and Allen Mattson. Ushers were Orville Solum and Jack Seidlitz. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon for family and friends followed graveside services at the Kjos Hall in Joplin. A memorial fund has been established to the National Kidney Foundation.

LEON WALTON SMITH
Born: December 2, 1921 - Died: June 11, 1984
Liberty County Times
June 21, 1984

Funeral held for Leon Smith, 62

Leon Walton Smith was born in Louisville, Mississippi on December 2nd, 1921. He was the eldest of six children. His parents were Houston Eugene Smith and Anne Belle Livingston. Leon was baptized into the Baptist faith and attended schools near Louisville. Following his education he worked on the family farm in Mississippi. Prior to the outbreak of World War II Leon worked in the government NYA program. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on

August 24th, 1942. He served as a boatswain's mate in the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign, and was honorably discharged on January 1st, 1946.

While in the service he met his wife-to-be, Evelyn Westermann. They were married in Havre, Montana on May 25th, 1946. They made their home in Mississippi until 1948, when they moved to Havre. Leon worked in the maintenance department at Northern Montana College for several years before taking a construction job with Eskestrand Corporation. He continued in the construction business until the 1960's when he became a self-employed carpenter. He retired December 2nd, 1983. Following a two week stay at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, Leon died the morning of Monday, June 11th. He was 62 years old.

Leon held memberships in the Havre V.F.W. Post and the Carpenter's Union. After coming to the Hi-Line, he was confirmed as an adult at the former St. John's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. In his youth he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He enjoyed sports of all kinds and was an avid spectator fan. Each summer he

enjoyed working outdoors in their vegetable garden. Leon was very proud of his skills as a carpenter and got alot of personal satisfaction upon completing a particular building project.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn of Hingham; 2 sons, Larry of Kalispell and James of Bremerton, Washington; 4

daughters, Linda of Havre, Mrs. John (Lynn) Paasch of West Germany (U.S. Air Force); Pamela Topolosky of Havre, and Wanda of Chandler, Arizona; 2 brothers, Junior and Carvel Eaves of Louisville, Mississippi; 3 sisters, Dorothy Pogreba of Gig Harbor, Washington, Gertie White of Louisville, and Zelowene Pearson of Louisville; 6 grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Leon was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 15th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Hingham Lutheran Church. The Reverend Gary L. Pabst officiated. Special music was provided by Betty Flechsig, and the congregation sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." Friends serving as pallbearers included Harold Hanson, Erwin Effinger, Chris Richter, Joe Schweitzer, Ed Sorenson and Art Brekke. Burial followed in the Hingham Cemetery with military rites by the Havre V.F.W. A memorial luncheon was given to family and friends later at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel in Chester. A memorial fund is being established for the Liberty County Hospital and the Hingham Lutheran Parish.

HEINZ AXLE STARKE
Born: June 18, 1918 - Died: July 14, 1984
Liberty County Times
July 19, 1984

Heinz Starke dies in Gt. Falls

Heinz Axle Starke was born in Fort Benton, Montana on June 18th, 1918. He was the second of four sons born to Ida Winterfeld and Carl Starke. His early education was at the Selma Country School near Fort Benton. His parents later moved to Chester, so he finished his formal education here. During the next several years Heinz learned the pipe-fitting business, and worked in the Oilmont, Kevin and Cut Bank areas. In 1943 he was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served as a staff sergeant in the Pacific at New Guinea, the South Phillipines and Louzon. He was honorably discharged in January of 1946. Heinz returned to Montana and married Audrey H. Crowe in Chester that same year. They made their home here for many years, where Heinz owned and operated "Chester Utilities," a plumbing and small contracting business. He moved to Cut Bank in 1965, where he worked as a contractor in the Browning and St. Mary's communities. For a short while he worked for Getter Trucking in Cut Bank, and for those few years just prior to his retirement in 1983, he served as maintainance engineer for Hugh Black at St. Mary's. Heinz has suffered from the ailments of cancer this past year. He died at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls on the early morning of Saturday, July 14th. He was 66 years old.

While in Chester, Heinz had served as post commander of the V.F.W., volunteer fire chief, and Boy Scout leader. He had also been a member of the Joplin Masonic Lodge. He was partly responsible for both getting and constructing the pipeline from Tiber Dam into Chester. His hobbies included fishing and traveling, and in recent years he enjoyed the simple pleasure of visiting with family and friends . . .



Heinz Starke

Survivors include 2 sons, John of Libby and Rick of Dillon; 2 daughters, Luana Johnson of Cut Bank and Patti Howard of Great Falls; 1 brother, A. V. Starke of Sunnyside, Washington; and 8 grandchildren. Heinz was preceded in death by his parents and 2 brothers (Raoul and Egbert).

Heinz was cremated per his request with no formal services held. His cremains were interred on Tuesday, July 17th, near his folks' graves at the Chester Cemetery. Graveside rites for the family and a few close friends was provided by Rev. Gerald Ebel of Cut Bank. Members of the Chester V.F.W. were also present for military rites and presentation of the flag. Local arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

ALLEN F. STRATTON

Born: September 13, 1897 - Died: September 27, 1984
Liberty County Times
August, 1984



Funeral held for Allen Stratton

Allen F. Stratton was born in Mankato, Minnesota September 13, 1897. He was one of twelve children, and a twin. His parents were Frank Stratton and Sarah Davis. Allen came to Montana as a child with his family and homesteaded in Whitlash. He attended school in Whitlash and worked on the ranch all of his life.

In August of 1984 Allen suffered a stroke and was hospitalized in Conrad till he was well enough to go into the nursing home in Chester where he died September 27, 1984. He was 87 years old.

Allen was a bronc buster in his early years and knew how to handle horses well. He loved all rodeo activities and attended every one he could.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha of Whitlash; his daughter of Libby; his son, Walter, of Whitlash; eight grandchildren, Claude of Kalispell, Jay of Shelby, Helen of Libby, Wanda of Libby, Lora of Chester, Tracy of Colorado Springs and Clay of Whitlash; eight great-grandchildren, one sister of Big Fork and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by all of his brothers and sisters except one, Ellen Howery, and one grandson, Montie Ray.

Allen was buried in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery, Shelby, Montana.

FRANCES ELENOR (PEGGY) SWAN
Born: April 18, 1903 - Died: October 25, 1984
Liberty County Times
November 1, 1984



Frances Elenor "Peggy" Swan was born in Belt, Montana on April 18th, 1903. She was one of nine children born to Wilmer and Elenore (Thompson) Irvin. Peggy attended schools at Spin Kopp near Belt. She lived and worked in Belt for a period of time before moving to Shelby. In 1934 she married Herman A. Swan in Havre. They made their home in Chester where they were engaged in a small farming operation north of town. In addition, Herman ran the H. Earl Clack Service Station in Chester and had a rural mail route for a number of years. Herman died in 1960. Peggy took a job as kitchen helper in the Chester School System in 1962. She worked there for several years, then retired. She remained in her own home until September of 1983, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge. Due to a serious illness in May of this year, she has been under constant medical supervision. Peggy died at the Liberty County Rest Home on Thursday, October 25th, at the age of 81 years.

Peggy had been active in Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the Martha Circle. She was a member of the Garden Club and was involved in the local Senior Citizens group. She had served on the Board of the Sweetgrass Lodge and had done some volunteer work at the Liberty County Museum. Peggy was a good cook and enjoyed handiwork, especially crocheting. Although not actively involved in any sports other than fishing, she was an avid sports fan, especially when it came to baseball and the World Series. Peggy was loyal to her faith, not only in her involvement in the church, but also in the many hours she spent reading the Bible and studying the Bethel series. Peggy loved people, and her kindness and sincerity will long be remembered. Chester was her town, and everyone here was her friend...

Survivors include 3 sisters, Eva Isaacson of Lewistown, Hester "Tootsie" Henderson of Seattle, and Edna Addy of Shelby; step-daughter and son-in-law, Dona and Fritz Newell of Dupuyer; grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Greg and Greta Newell of Phoenix; great-granddaughter, Tammy; and numerous nephews and nieces. Peggy was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by 3 brothers (Joe, Herb and David) and 2 sisters (Alma and Ruth).

Funeral services were Monday, October 29th, at 11 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated. Special music provided by Wayne and Juanita Wardell included "Beyond the Sunset" and "How Great Thou Art." Nephews serving as pallbearers included Dick Irvin, Ted Zora, Duane Irvin, Bud Isaacson, Chuck Irvin and Vearle Addy. Burial followed in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A memorial luncheon was held for family and friends at the Sweetgrass Lodge.

DOROTHY ELIZABETH RISHOFF THENNIS

Born: April 4, 1921 - Died: March 16, 1984

Liberty County Times

March 22, 1984

Funeral held for Dorothy Thennis



Dorothy Thennis

Dorothy Elizabeth Rishoff was born in Gary, Minnesota on April 4th, 1921. She was the youngest of eight children born to Martha Holm and Anton Rishoff. She came to Montana with her family in 1927 to a farm north of Lothair. Dorothy attended country schools near the farm and also in Galata. She was baptized in Galata at the Lutheran parish. She attended high school in Shelby and graduated in 1939. While in high school, she played the saxophone in the band. Following high school she married James D. Rogers, and they lived in Shelby for many years. The product of that marriage was a daughter, Melody. Dorothy later married B.E. ("Curly") Hine, and they made their home in Lewistown. Her third marriage was to Charles R. Thennis on August 28th, 1971. They have lived in Chester since that time. For several years Dorothy worked as a

housekeeper at the MX Motel. In August of 1983 she had cancer surgery, and her health has declined since that time. Following a long stay in the Chester Hospital, she died on

the early morning of Friday, March 16th. She would have been 63 years old next month.

Dorothy loved to play 'bingo.' In her quiet hours at home she enjoyed reading or working crossword puzzles. In her younger days she enjoyed fishing and traveling. With this recent onset of ill-health, she has been confined to home where she liked to watch several television soap operas. Dorothy was a good mixer with children and thoroughly enjoyed her grandkids. She always took alot of pride in her personal appearance and liked being with friends. Although not an active church-goer, deep-down-inside she was a religious person with definite convictions. Even though she was taken at a relatively young age, the family is comforted in the fact that she has no more pain or anguish.

Survivors include her husband, "Chic" of Chester; 1 daughter, Mrs. Howard (Melody) Rummel of Great Falls; 2 brothers, Cyrus Rishoff of Shelby and Marvin Rishoff of Chester; 4 sisters, Lillian Berglind of Shelby, Hazel Standiford of Chester, Eva Edmister of Shelby, and Margaret Janewski of Redmond, Washington; 3 grandchildren, Greg, Tom and Mark; 1 great-granddaughter, Michelle; and numerous nephews and nieces. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and an infant sister.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 19th, at Our Savior's Lutheran

Church in Chester. The Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated. Special organ music was provided by Juanita Wardell, and her husband, Wayne, sang "Amazing Grace" and "In the Garden." Nephews serving as pallbearers included Allan Standiford, Harold Wanke, Leland Standiford, Tracy Dumas, Gary Standiford and Jim Rishoff. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon for family and friends was held at the church basement following graveside services.

JACOB HERBERT WALKMAN
Born: August 6, 1903 - Died: November 15, 1984

Liberty County Times

November 22, 1984



Funeral held for Jacob Walkman

Jacob Herbert Walkman was born in Simfropol, Crimea, Russia on August 6th, 1903. His parents were Karel and Liisa (Malberg) Walkman, and he was the eldest of eight children. His family immigrated to Barrons, Canada. On May 4th, 1911 they came to the Chester area and filed a homestead three miles north of Tiber. They were granted U.S. citizenship on July 21st, 1916. Jake attended the Finn country school and later transferred to the English speaking school in Tiber. In the years that followed, he farmed with his family, worked for the Great Northern Railroad, and ran a thrashing crew for a few years. On November 23rd, 1932 he married Elsie Hulda Heintz in Great Falls. At the time of their marriage, Jake bought a small farm located three miles east of Lothair. They lived and worked on that farm until their retirement in 1981. Since then they have leased the farm to Gary Standiford. This past February they moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. Jake and Elsie had gone to Great Falls with some other senior citizens Wednesday, November 14th. While going into a restaurant, Jake slipped, fell down a couple of steps, and fractured his hip. He was admitted to the Deaconess Hospital where he died the following morning, November 15th. He was 81 years old.

Jake was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, in fact, he was confirmed there as an adult in 1960. Jake was very proud of his 28-year involvement on the Marias River Electric Board of Trustees, and was awarded a special plaque upon his retirement from the

board a few years ago. Jake enjoyed carpenter work. Of historic interest, he helped his dad build the old sod house which still stands on the Laas farm north of Lothair. As a hobby he made lawn ornaments and collected rocks. Jake loved horses, birds, and wild animals. His farm was located along Highway #2 near the railroad, and he enjoyed watching the trains go by. Jake also liked fishing, gardening, and planting trees. This past fall he was honored to have been Liberty County's "Harvest Festival" King. Jake and Elsie lead a fairly active social life, and never missed a Saturday night dance at Galata in years gone by. Jake was fond of the Chester community and had donated much of his memorabilia to the local museum. His "bits of history" will continue to be part of this community for many years to come...

Survivors include his wife, Elsie of Chester; 1 brother, Arthur of Great Falls; 1 sister, Mrs. Don (Evelein) Sigler of Wautoma, Wisconsin; 1 uncle, Ed Malberg of Sunburst; 2 nephews; and 1 niece. Jake was preceded in death by his parents, 4 brothers (John, Edmart, Oscar and Walter), and 1 sister (Wilma).

Funeral services were held Monday, November 19th, at Our Savior's Church with Reverend Wayne Bungum officiating. Special music by Wayne and Juanita Wardell included "How Great Thou Art" and "Beyond the Sunset." Ushers were Armand Anderson and George Braun. Pallbearers included Ed Cole, Gary and Ray Standiford, Fred Sitch, and Charlie and Gus Laas. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. Following graveside services, a coffee hour was held at the Sweetgrass Lodge for family and friends.

CHARLES ADAM WARDALL

Born: August 12, 1890 - Died: August 11, 1984

Liberty County Times

August 16, 1984



Charles Wardall

Funeral held for Charles Wardall

Charles Adam Wardall was born in Northwood, Iowa, Worth County on August 12th, 1890. He was one of fourteen children born to Charles F. Wardall and Mary Elizabeth Bliton. Charlie grew up on the family farm, which was located on the Minnesota-Iowa border. He attended the Grove Country School near there. On June 24th, 1913 he married Minnie Frances Seuser in Northwood. The month after their marriage they came to Montana and homesteaded north of Inverness in the Minneota community. Minnie taught school in the area while Charlie farmed. They moved into Joplin in 1928 and farmed near there. Farming was poor during those depression and grasshopper years, so they moved to California in 1936. Charlie worked for a while as a painter, and then took a job with Douglas Aircraft during the war-time years in the early 1940's. They came back to Montana in 1946 and Charlie took employment with Olyn Wolery. In

1948 Charlie was hired as maintenance engineer at Canyon Ferry Dam for the Bureau of Reclamation, a job he held until his retirement in 1962. For the next several years he kept himself busy at Canyon Ferry in the poultry business, selling chickens, turkeys and eggs. They moved back to the Chester community in 1976. After 64 years of marriage, Minnie died in 1977. Charlie moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge and remained there until July of 1983, when ill-health forced him in to the Liberty County Nursing Home. He died there on the afternoon of Saturday, August 11th, just one day before his 94th birthday.

Charlie had served on the Minneota Hall board and the Grassy Butte school board. He had also been a member of the old Woodman Lodge in Joplin. In the fall of 1981, Charlie was the King of the Liberty County Harvest Festival. In his younger years he was an excellent baseball player and ice skater. In his later years he enjoyed playing horse shoes and cards. His hobbies were gardening and fishing. Charlie enjoyed music and was a good singer, and liked the simple pleasure of visiting with family and friends.

Survivors include 2 sons, Sterling of Chester and Fred of Richland, Washington; 1 daughter, Mrs. Richard (Mary) Stillwell of Long Beach, California; 1 brother, Hewitt of Long Beach; 1 sister, Bessie Olson of Northwood, Iowa; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter; and numerous nephews and nieces. Charlie was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and 11 siblings.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 15th, at 2 p.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church. The Reverend Nancy Wright officiated. Special music, including "In the Garden" and "Amazing Grace," was provided by Wayne and Juanita Wardell. Pallbearers were Olyn Wolery, Clive Owens, Walt Wicks, Alfred Hanson, Bert Wicks and Lloyd Wolery. Memorial bearers were "all of Charlie's old friends" and ushers included Neil Shepherd and Marvin Krook. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. Following services, a luncheon was held at the Sweetgrass Lodge.

AMANDA ALMA LEDIN WICHMANN
Born: April 25, 1902 - Died: January 27, 1984
Liberty County Times
February 2, 1984

Funeral held for Amanda Wichmann

Amanda Alma Ledin was born April 25th, 1902 to Walter and Frida (Bloomquist) Ledin in Spruce Valley, Minnesota. When she was four years old, her parents, sister Hilda, and she moved to Saskatchewan, Canada where her father proved up a homestead. They returned to Middle River, Minnesota in 1909, and she started school there. In 1912 her family came to Montana where her father operated a general store in Rudyard. Amanda became a photographer by trade and for many years worked at the Fleener and Fritz Studio in Havre. In 1924 she moved to Devils Lake, North Dakota and worked at the Slorby Studio there. She later returned to Rudyard and helped in the family store. December 2nd, 1933 Amanda married George Wichmann in Havre. George was a homesteader in the Minnesota Community north of Rudyard, so they lived and farmed there until his death in 1960. They also had a photography studio for several years in what is now the old bank building in Rudyard. After George's death, Amanda continued farming for awhile and then moved into town. She has maintained her own home in Rudyard since. Amanda was found unresponsive at home on the morning of January 27th. She died the following morning at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. She was 81 years old.

Amanda was a member of the Hingham Rebeccah Lodge and the First Christian Church in Havre. Among her many hobbies she enjoyed gardening and visiting with friends.

Survivors include two sisters, Hilda Phillips and Ruthie Letang, both of Rudyard, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Amanda was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a sister (Clara Ledin), and a brother (Emil Ledin).

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 31st, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. The Reverend Jim Sheldon officiated. Stanleigh Barbie accompanied Alberta Langel, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "How Great Thou Art." Pallbearers included Merlin Wolery, Kenneth Watson, Gerald Langel, Algot Bergstrom, Tom Evenson and Ted Langel. Ushers were Fred Rigg and Ken Boucher. Memorial bearers included "all of Amanda's friends and neighbors..." Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon followed at the church.

BUELAH MARIE STANDIFORD WICKUM
Born: May 31, 1902 - Died: September 2, 1984

Liberty County Times
September 13, 1984



Buelah Marie Standiford was born in Avalance, Wisconsin on May 31st, 1902. Her parents were Nellie Melvin and John Standiford, and she was the eldest of five children. When Buelah was 8 years old, her family came to Montana and filed a homestead 10 miles west of Chester. She grew up on the farm and attended the Secara school near there. In 1916 a new 4-room schoolhouse was built in Lothair, so Buelah finished her education there. In 1919 she went to college in Dillon and received her teaching certificate. She started her independent life as a teacher at the Furnell school near Gold Butte in 1920. She also taught at the Hill school just south of the Sweetgrass Hills. It was at a St. Patrick's Day dance in Whitlash that Buelah met her husband-to-be, Richard Wickum. They were married on August 16th, 1922 in Havre. They made their home on the old Cook place, a farm which they cherished until their retirement in 1957. They moved to Great Falls and lived there for the next ten years. Dick's health deteriorated, so they moved back to Chester. Dick died at the local nursing home in 1969. Buelah has lived and maintained her own home in Chester since. Although Buelah had numerous physical ailments over the years, her mental health remained excellent to the end. Following a week's stay at the Chester Hospital, she died Sunday evening, September 2nd. She was 82 years young...

Buelah had been active in the Trinity Church north of Lothair,

Faith Lutheran in Great Falls, and Our Savior's Lutheran in Chester. She had served as clerk of the old Wickum country school for a number of years. Buelah and Dick were an active couple and hardworking Christians. Buelah made sure her time was well-spent — be it housekeeping, baking, or gardening — but she always made time somewhere in her busy day for her children. She became known to one and all as "Gramma Wickum". Buelah loved to read the Bible, and the "23rd Psalm" was one of her favorite verses. She liked to play the piano and sing. She had an excellent voice, even in her later years, and was extremely fond of the old time hymns and Christmas caroles. She was an excellent cook, and the grandkids have fond memories of those "good smells" from Gramma's kitchen! Even after her retirement, her hands were never idle. She crocheted, knitted, sewed, and made lots of quilts for family and friends. She kept diaries for years, and as a hobby she enjoyed China painting. Buelah always had a bountiful vegetable and flower garden. She could raise the most beautiful roses, yet the beauty of the roses couldn't match the beauty of Buelah! She was a very kind, loving, dignified lady. She was prepared for death and the peace that comes with it, and she left the following message to her family: "Love one another as I have loved you, and as Christ loves each of you!"

Buelah's survivors include 2 sons, Roy and Richard, both of north Chester; 1 daughter, Nellie Diemert of Great Falls; 1 brother, Glen Standiford of Lothair; 2 sisters, June McDowell of Shelby and Barbara Backen of Lothair; 1 sister-in-law, Hazel Standiford of Chester; 23 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Buelah was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a daughter (Marjorie), a brother (Gordon), and a son-in-law (Clark).

Funeral services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Wednesday, September 5th, with Reverend Wayne Bungum officiating. Iva Kolstad served as reader and shared with the congregation "The 23rd Psalm". Gramma loved the Lord's music and pre-selected her own songs. "How Great Thou Art" was sung by John Hofer, "In the Garden" was sung by Wayne Wardell, and "You Have This Moment Today" was sung by the trio of Ken Bartle, Loren Hawks and Carole Hanson. The congregation sang "Just As I Am" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Dorothy Heydon served as organist, and the "Evening Prayer" was played as part of her prelude. Pallbearers were the oldest grandsons, including Frank and Jim Sutton, Dennis Diemert and Wayne, Steve and Warren Wickum. Honorary bearers included all of Gramma's grandchildren and their spouses, and her great-grandchildren. Friends serving as ushers were Leonard Matteson and Arnold Jeppesen. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel. A memorial fund will be established at the Liberty County Hospital per Buelah's wishes.

CLARA WINTERS
Born: 1905 - Died: September 1, 1984
Liberty County Times
September 13, 1984

Funeral held for Clara Winter

KREMLIN NEWS
By Carol Heggen

Our community was again saddened when the news of Clara Winters death came to us on Sept. 1, 1984. Clara passed away at Northern Montana Hospital after a short illness. She had made her home at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre for some time. Clara is survived by one sister, Anetha Berglee of Wolf Point and many nieces and nephews, many of them scattered around the United States. Clara was preceded in death by her husband, Earl W. Winter, her parents, brothers, and sisters Olive Heggen, Mary Davis, Olga Ervin, Olina Thon, Chris Reum, Ole Reum, Martha Reum, Julia Mathison. Clara died at the age of 79. Funeral services were held on Wednesday September 5th at the Holland and Bonine Chapel in Havre. Burial was in Highland Cemetery. Clara was born in Norway and came to Montana in 1911 with her parents to homestead south of Kremlin. She married Earl Winter in 1926 in Shelby. They lived in Florence, Mt. where they ran a hotel and service station. In 1932 they moved to farm northeast of Kremlin, and in 1948 moved into Kremlin where her husband was postmaster. Earl died in 1954 and Clara became postmaster for two years. In later years Clara worked as a cook at the Kremlin School, retiring in 1975. Pastor Gary Pabst of Hingham-Kremlin Lutheran church served as officiate. Organist for the service was Sharon Spicher, Hingham, soloist, was Terry Stevenson also of Hingham. Ushers were Lionell Grass and Wilbur Rolston. Pallbearers were Robert Rinchart, Harold Howser, Curtis Johnson,

Norman Reynolds, Daryl Swick and Elmer Werbelow. Clara was always known by her friends and family to have a cheerful grin and a witty saying to fit every occasion. Many times when you would see Clara you could at first hear her coming singing or whistling a happy tune. Clara was loved by many and spent a good deal of her evenings babysitting many local kids. She was a faithful Kremlin Lutheran Church member and very rarely ever missed a Sunday of church. She will be missed by many.

GERTRUDE HELEN (DOLLY) WOODS

Born: November 4, 1919 - Died: September 15, 1984

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Gertrude Helen (Dolly) Woods was born in her family's homestead shack west of Kevin, Montana on November 4th, 1919. She was one of seven children and her parents were Eliza Bohrsen and Theodore Dahlen. Dolly attended schools in Kevin and Oilmont, and then went to Western Montana College in Dillon to study education. On March 11, 1939 she married Edgar L. Woods in Shelby. They went to work on the Tom Strode ranch near

Whitlash and began to raise their family. They later worked on the Leo Milles homestead and at the gas camp near the Sweetgrass Hills. In 1947 they purchased a half-section of land on the homestead of Edgar's grandmother, Bertha Lohrs. They farmed there until 1971 and then began helping at the Schafer ranch. Edgar died in 1973 and Dolly moved to Havre. She has lived there since. Following a long illness of cancer, she died at her Havre home on Saturday afternoon, September 15th. She was 64 years old.

While in the Whitlash community, Dolly had been active in home demonstration clubs, had served as a 4-H leader, and was involved in the Whitlash Church. She loved her life as a homemaker and her children were very important to her. She did a lot of canning and was an excellent cook (her cinnamon rolls were a favorite to many!). Dolly enjoyed cards, especially pinochle, whist, and cribbage, and she also liked the board game, "Scrabble". In her quiet hours she did a lot of reading and worked crossword puzzles. She would read most anything, but was fond of detective stories. She also liked fishing and bowling. Dolly loved child-oriented projects, like sports and 4-H, and recently got a lot of joy in watching her grandkids in the Little League program. She loved music and had a beautiful voice, and sang literally hundreds of songs to her children over the years. Although she never had an easy life, she was always very patient, was a good listener, maintained a positive attitude, and never complained. Her children wouldn't have traded her for anything or anybody.

Survivors include 5 sons, Bill of Manassas, Virginia; Jerry of Havre; Arnie of Chester; Pete of Whitlash; and David of Havre; 7 daughters, Carol Ann Dunn of Las Vegas; Virginia Wehr of Whitlash; Mary Jo Meredith of Livingston; Jean Patera of Deer Lodge; Cindy Davis of Halfway, Oregon; Penny Schied of Havre; and Angie Reinowski of Kremlin; 1 brother, Carl Dahlen of Cut Bank; 1 sister, Theresa Andrews of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 31 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Dolly was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by 2 sons (Dean and an infant), 2 brothers (Pete and George), and 2 sisters (Myrtle and Gertrude).

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18th, at the Chester United Methodist Church. Reverend Grover Briggs of Shelby officiated. Dorothy Brown served as pianist, and she played many of Dolly's favorite hymns and tunes. Carole Hanson played the guitar and sang "In the Garden", "The Old Rugged Cross," and "You'll Never Walk Alone". Friends serving as pallbearers were Cliff Lybeck, Robert Turner, Claude Demarest, Carl Iverson, Lawrence Schaefer, and Rex Gulick. Ushers were Dennis Iverson and Urban Kultgen. A short eulogy was given by Dolly's eldest daughter, Carol Ann. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon followed at the church. A memorial fund will be established at a later date.

RICHARD WYMAN
Born: 7, 1928 - Died: August 8, 1984
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August 16, 1984

R. Wyman dies, Kalispell

Richard Wyman, 56, Kalispell, a Flathead Valley artist passed away August 8th after a brief illness with pneumonia.

Born and raised in the Kalispell area he graduated from Flathead Valley High School. Wyman enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and was stationed in Alaska.

In 1950 he married Mary Staudacher, a former Chester resident. After his discharge from the army he returned to Kalispell and worked for a bakery and then he was employed by Conrad National Bank for 20 years.

Rosary was held Friday, the 10th, and Mass was Saturday, August 11th at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Father Joseph Burns (Mary's cousin) officiated.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, Kalispell; one daughter, Debbie Shotwell, Missoula; and 2 sons, Dan and Dale of Kalispell. His mother Lila and 2 brothers, Vern and Bob, Kalispell and 2 grandchildren.

STANLEY ZAJANC
Born: April 12, 1909 - Died: 7, 1984
Liberty County Times
April 5, 1984



Stanley Zajanc

Services held for Stanley Zajanc

Stanley Zajanc, 74, onetime Libby resident, died in St. Joseph's Hospital at Lewiston, Idaho, of complications resulting from circulatory problems.

Zajanc had lived and worked in the Lewiston area for 40 years.

He was born April 12, 1909 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Daniel and Sophia Zajanc. The family later moved to Chester, where his parents homesteaded, and then to Libby, where Zajanc spent his teen age and early adult years.

He married Helen Stolarczyk of Libby on June 7, 1930, at Libby.

Zajanc worked for J. Neils Lumber Co. at Libby for 15 years before he and his family moved to Spokane. In 1943 they moved to Lewiston where Zajanc worked for a short time for Potlatch, several construction firms, and for Schaefer Lumber Co., for 14 years. He retired in 1972.

Zajanc was one of the first volunteer firemen in the Lewiston Orchards Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed tending his fruit orchard and was an avid sportsman.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, Lewiston; a daughter, Marlene Garrison, Lewiston; two sisters, Mary Polda, Spokane, and Helen Morris, Heath, Ohio; a brother, Adolph Zajanc, Pocatello, Idaho, and six grandchildren. Two brothers preceded him in death.

Graveside services were conducted at Lewis Clark Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. Robert Compton officiating.

ALMA MARIE LARSON ZANDA

Born: February 12, 1900 - Died: January 11, 1984

Liberty County Times

January 19, 1984



Funeral held for Alma Zanda, 84

Alma Marie Larson was born in Cooperstown, North Dakota on January 12th, 1900. She was one of two children born to Albert and Anna Larson. She came with her parents to Montana in 1910 to a homestead north of Chester. Alma attended schools at Sunnyhill and in Chester. Most of their religious instruction was done at home. After her father died, they sold the homestead and moved into Chester. In 1929 Alma married Albin Zanda, who had homesteaded south of Chester. Alma was pregnant with her second daughter in 1932 when Albin was injured in a fire accident, and he died several days later. She remained on the farm with the girls. In 1937 Alma married Albin's brother, Bob Zanda. They continued farming until his death in 1951. Alma officially retired in 1952 and has lived in Chester since. She maintained her home until 1979, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge. Alma's health has slowly declined these past ten years. Following a two-day stay at the Chester Hospital, she died in the early morning hours of Wednesday, January 11th. She was just one day shy of being 84 years old.

Alma was a charter member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester and had been active in the A.L.C.W. She was also a charter member of the local Royal Neighbors Frat., and had also been a loyal member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Hospital Guild. She enjoyed fancy work including embroidery and crocheting, and she had made many quilt tops for the church mission program. When her health had been good, she enjoyed travelling, and had made a memorable trip to Europe. Alma enjoyed gardening, cooking, and reading. As a hobby she collected plates and spoons, and for social entertainment she loved to play cards, especially pinoche. Because of her dedication to the church and the lodge, memorial funds are being established.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. John (Audrey) Nuxoll of Chester; 3 granddaughters, Wanda Rude of Havre, Wendy Wiltzen of Fairview, and Sherry Decker of Colstrip; 3 great-grandchildren, Katie and Kari Rude and Christopher Decker. Alma was preceded in death not only by her parents and two husbands, but also by her daughter (Hazel) in 1982, two infant grandchildren, and her sister (Clara).

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, January 13th, at the Chester Lutheran Church. Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated. Special music was provided by Wayne and

Juanita Wardell, and ushers included George Braun and Aden Ward. Pallbearers were Earl Keith, Charles Green, James Hull, Alfred Hanson, Narciss Gagnon and Walt Laas. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A memorial luncheon followed interment at the Sweetgrass Lodge dining hall.

BARBARA PHYLLIS ZIMBELMAN
Born: March 7, 1918 - Died: August 27, 1984
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August 30, 1984



Barbara Phyllis Zimbelman was born on March 7th, 1918 in Bryant Township, Logan County, North Dakota. She was one of fourteen children born to Helen Horner and Alexander Kelsch. Her parents had immigrated from Russia and homesteaded in North Dakota. Barbara was baptized as an infant in the Catholic Church at Napoleon, North Dakota. Her mother died at a young age, so the family was split up and raised by various friends and relatives in the community. Barbara was educated through grade 8 and then worked in the Napoleon area until she became of age. On March 7th, 1939 she married Allison Zimbelman at Allendale. They made their home at Oakes, North Dakota where they farmed. In 1955 the Zimbelman family came to Inverness, Montana. Barb has lived in the Hi-Line community since. Over the years she has worked as a housekeeper in private homes in Havre, Joplin and Chester where she has cared for the handicapped and the aged. She had also worked as a cook at the Inverness Hotel and School. Barb retired at age 62 due to poor health, and at the time of her retirement she was employed as cook at the Liberty County

Senior Citizens Center. Barb has lived in Chester for the past 10 years. Following a three week stay at the Chester Hospital, she died on the morning of Monday, August 27th. She was 66 years old.

Barb had been active in Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Churches in Inverness and Chester. She was a very independent lady, and like to take long drives or trips by herself. In her younger years she was an excellent seamstress, but more recently enjoyed crocheting afghans and doilies for her relatives and friends. She was a good cook and had always enjoyed her job at the Senior Center. Although she was a very quiet and reserved person, she liked to play cards and bingo. Barb was also fond of dancing and had a hidden talent for pencil sketching. She loved her family very much.

Survivors include 2 sons, Darryl and Paul, both of Oakes, North Dakota; 2 daughters, Mrs. Dennis (Charlotte) Kenfield of Chester and Mrs. Gene (Patricia) Kraft of Rapid City, South Dakota; 10 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, George Kelsch of Fargo, North Dakota, Peter Kelsch of Strausberg, North Dakota, and Fred Kelsch of Spokane, Washington; 3 sisters, Mary Miller of Carson City, Nevada, Caroline Beckwith of Gardena, California, and Eva Klein of Sturges, South Dakota; and numerous nephews and nieces. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents and 7 siblings (including John, Jerome, Wendlin, Helen, Odelia, Joseph and Magdalena).

Rosary services were held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Funeral mass was celebrated by Father John Coady at St. Mary's Church in Chester at 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 29th. Special music provided by Iris White and members of the St. Mary's choir included "To Jesus Heart, All Burning" and "Panis Anjelicus."

Ed Cole served as usher. Pallbearers were Bill Cole, Andy Klein, Les Mlinar, Joe Gagnon, Emmers Berg and Norbert Vandessel. Honorary bearers were "all of Barb's friends..." Interment was in the Chester Cemetery, and a luncheon followed at St. Mary's basement. A memorial fund will be established at the Chester Hospital to purchase equipment and/or supplies to be used in the comfort of cancer patients on the local level.