

LOUISE E. BLAKE
Born: ? 1910 - Died: March 22, 1986
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March 27, 1986

Louise Blake

Louise E. Blake, 76, of Hingham, Montana, died Saturday at a Great Falls hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 25 in the Hingham Lutheran Church with burial in the Highland Cemetery, Havre.

Born in Flaxton, North Dakota, Louise moved with her parents to Montana in 1911. In 1932, she married Robert J. Blake in Havre and they farmed north of Hingham for 40 years.

Survivors include husband; sons,

Robert E. of Hingham, Donald E. of Rudyard and Rodger of Boise, Idaho; sisters, Mrs. Victor (Dorothy) Jones and Mrs. Roy (Vera) Rambo, both of Hingham, Mrs. John (June) Richter and Mrs. Kenneth (Marlene) Hanson, both of Havre; brother, Edward J. Norenberg of Rudyard; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. A.J. (Verda) Alex, and a brother, Roy "Buzz" Norenberg.

ORPHA (STAUDACHER) BOLT
Born: March 27, 1896 - Died: July 31, 1986

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Orpha Staudacher

Orpha Staudacher was born in Rice Lake, Wisconsin March 27th, 1896. She was one of six children born to Margaret Arkett and John Staudacher. At age 14 she came to Montana with her family, who homesteaded five miles south of Chester. She finished her formal education at country schools near the farm. In March of 1912 Orpha married Ed Johnson, a Black Coulee homesteader. They farmed together until 1919, then sold the homestead and moved to Wisconsin. Orpha returned to Montana in 1933. The following year she married Frank Eggers in Chester. They farmed south of town until their retirement in 1952, when they moved to Great Falls. They had been wintering in Mesa and decided to make it their permanent residence in 1961. Frank died in 1963. The following year Orpha married Henry Bolt in Mesa. They lived there until Henry's death in 1984, when Orpha moved back to Chester to the Liberty County Nursing Home. She died there the evening of Thursday, July 31st, at the age of 90 years...

Orpha had many hobbies over the years. She loved to dance (especially square dancing) and had "called" many square dances in her younger days. She and Frank enjoyed traveling; they had spent several winters in Florida and had attended the Calgary Stampede on many occasions. She had been a member of church women's groups and church choirs. Orpha liked to play cards, and was especially fond of bridge. She was a good cook, and in her quiet hours she loved to watch game shows on TV. She enjoyed her family and friends...

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Andrew (Irene) Harmon of Chester; one son, LaVern B. Johnson of Douglas, Arizona; one sister, Esther Williams of Puyallup, Washington; four grandchildren, Dick Harmon of Chester, Betty Hendrickson of Chester, Dan Harmon of Kalispell, and Judy Cozzens of Denver; 16 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Orpha was preceded in death not only by her parents and three husbands, but also by one son (Raymond), one sister (Hazel Keith), and three brothers (Leonard, George and John Staudacher).

Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father John Coady at Chester's St. Mary's Catholic Church at 1:00 p.m. Friday, August 1st. Special music was provided by grandson, Dean Hendrickson, who sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," "Amazing Grace," "Why Me Lord," and "How Great Thou Art." Pallbearers included Lawrence Schaefer, Larry and Dean Hendrickson, and Bill, Pat and Mike Harmon. The remains were shipped to Mesa, Arizona for burial near Frank Eggers. Graveside services were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday (August 2nd) by Father William Healy of the Christ King Church.

Local arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

CARL PAUL BORYS

Born: October 24, 1905 - Died: October 3, 1986

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Carl Borys

Carl Paul Borys was born in Weyburn, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada October 24th, 1905. He was one of eight children born to Anna Marzae and Stanley Borys. In 1914 Carl came to Montana with his family who homesteaded south of Chester. Carl had attended schools at Cedoux, Canada, then finished his formal education in Chester. In the few years that followed he worked for various lumber companies near Libby and Couer d'Alene, and then worked in the ore mines at Kellogg, Idaho. Carl returned to Chester and took over the family farm. December 29th, 1927 he married Frances Marie Weginowski in Chicago, Illinois. They continued to farm, and that first winter Carl worked at the Blue Pony Mine at Big Sandy. He also raised a few cattle and worked as a mail carrier for several years in the south Chester community. Beginning in 1952 they lived in Great Falls during the winter months, then moved there permanently in 1971 following their retirement from farming. In 1974 they moved to Cascade. Carl suffered a stroke in 1979 which

required hospital and nursing care, so they sold their Cascade property in 1981 and moved to Chester. They have lived here since, and Frances has been Carl's constant companion and 'nurse.' About six weeks ago, Carl fell at home and suffered a broken hip. He died at the Liberty County Hospital the evening of Friday, October 3rd. He was just one month shy of being 81 years old.

Carl was a member of St. Mary's Church in Chester. Years ago he had served as a trustee at the Hay Coulee School near the farm. In addition to farming he enjoyed gardening and growing beautiful flowers. He also enjoyed fishing, but his favorite hobby was mechanics (he had spent many Sundays repairing vehicles for his neighbors in those early years). He liked to play pinochle and spend time with his family. His grandchildren were very important to him, and they will always remember his generosity and love.

Carl is survived by his wife, Frances of Chester; two daughters, Mrs. Louis (June) Ternstrom of Tacoma, Washington and Mrs.

Tony (Diane) Nahrgang of Chester; six grandchildren, including Vicki Karke of Tacoma, Shari Menkens of Kalispell, Steven Ternstrom of Tacoma; Michael Nahrgang of Chester, John Nahrgang of Glasgow and Lisa Nahrgang of Chester; one great-grandson, Christopher Karke of Tacoma; four sisters, Mrs. Donald (Theresa) Fraser of Inverness, Mrs. Alfred (Agnes) Mergel of Tucson, Arizona, Mrs. Ralph (Ann) Rich of St. Louis, Missouri, and Mrs.

Robert (Helen) Lisk of Altamonte Springs, Florida; and numerous nephews and nieces. Carl was preceded in death by his parents, by two brothers (Frank and John), and by one sister (Margaret Werner).

Vigil prayer service was held Sunday evening at the Rockman Chapel in Chester. Funeral mass was celebrated by Father John Coady at 11 a.m. Monday, October 6th, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Special music provided by vocalist/guitarist, Carole Hanson, included "In the Garden." St. Mary's Choir, accompanied by Helen Ann Aaberg, sang "On Eagles' Wings" and "How Great Thou Art." Nephews serving as pallbearers included Donald, Rodney, Bill, James, Duane, Darrell, Clinton and Charles Fraser. Honorary bearers were John Wanken, Nick Bubnash, Larry Terwolbeck, Harvey Seidlitz, Frank Kantorowicz, and all of Carl's other good friends. Usher was Tom Osterman. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Home.

RANDI J. BROWN
Born: March 20, 1895 - Died: March 25, 1986
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Randi J. Brown

Funeral services were held March 29 at the Shelby Community Methodist Church for Randi J. Brown, 91, who died March 25 in the Toole County Nursing Home.

The Rev. Grover Briggs officiated. Music was provided by organist Eloise Lungren and singer Rock Svenningsen. The pallbearers were Elmer Joe "Buster" Brown, Hardee Clark, Samuel Robinson, Chris Robinson, Valerie Wadman, Polly Sundgren, Randi Samsal, Maxine Eckness, Robin Bradley, Iva Jean Schultz, Toni Rae Dafoe, Bradley Robinson, James Robinson, Kevin Brown and Kirk Miller.

Burial was in Mountainview Cemetery, Shelby.

She was born March 20, 1895, in Norway, moving to McIntosh, Minnesota in 1906. In 1910, she came to Montana when her family homesteaded north of Galata. She married Elmer Brown in 1914. He died in 1972.

She is survived by two sons, George of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, and Irvin of Whitlash; three daughters, Grace Miller of Santa Fe, New Mexico, June Clark of Shelby and Myrtle Cunningham of Cut Bank; a sister, Magnhild Jeppesen of Shelby; a brother, Sig Forseth of Kalispell, 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a brother, an infant daughter and a great-grandchild.

JAMES CARR
Born: December 19, 1920 - Died: July ?, 1986
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James Carr

A rosary service was conducted Sunday, July 27 at 7 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church for James M. Carr, 65, of Havre with Fr. Joe Showalter officiating. Mr. Carr died Wednesday at the VA Hospital in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Organist was Bill Lisenby with Nick Alex singing "How Great Thou Art," "Our Father" and "One Day At a Time." The congregation sang "Amazing Grace."

The Eulogy was given by Pat Ludwig and the First Reading by Tracy Carr. Responsorial Psalm was given by Leanne Standiford and Second Reading by Chana Carr. Offertory gifts were presented by Tara Jensen and Jami and Cathy Standiford. Altar boys were Jeff and Kelly Carr.

Honorary pallbearers were Floyd Skoyen, John Gauer, Robert Toner, Don Kline, John Norden, Gordon Twedt, Dick Sargeant and Clarence Lynch.

† Burial followed in Highland Cemetery in Havre. Memorials were of a person's choice.

James M. Carr was born December 19, 1920 in Rudyard. He graduated from Rudyard High School, and then served in the Air Force during WWII. He returned to Rudyard where he owned the International Harvester dealership. He later worked at the Rudyard Lumber Co. He moved to Havre in 1974 where he worked for the Minot Builders Co. He married Ethel Ludwig November 27, 1943 at Hingham.

He is survived by his wife of Havre; three sons, James J. Carr of Havre, Patrick L. Carr of Kennewick, Washington, Michael M. Carr of Havre; three daughters, Virginia Maddox of Chinook, Joan L. Jensen of Conrad, and Mary Lou Klobofski of Havre; 12 grandchildren; three sisters, Patricia Dostal of Geraldine, Margaret May of Havre, and Anna Tacke of Great Falls. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two grandchildren.

MARIAN J. CHVILICEK
Born: June 30, 1907—Died: April 5, 1986
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April 17, 1986

Marian Chvilicek

Marian J. Chvilicek, 78, passed away April 5, 1986 in Northern Montana Hospital in Havre. She was born June 30, 1907 in Wessington, South Dakota and was the youngest child of Francis and Alice Huestis. The family moved to Montana when Marian was three years old. They homesteaded 21 miles north of Hingham. She was educated in rural schools. July 27, 1926 she married John Chvilicek at



Marian Chvilicek

Shelby, Montana. They returned to the Hingham area in 1928 to farm, and retired in 1955 to move to Havre. Mr. Chvilicek died in 1959. Marian then moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester in 1981, and to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in December 1985.

She was active as a rural 4-H leader, member of Goldstone Altar Society and St. Jude's Altar Society, Catholic Daughters of America and Senior Citizens. She

is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Alice Langel of Rudyard and seven sons, John of San Bernadino, California, James and Leonard of the Hingham area, Norbert of Palmer, Alaska, Lawrence of Pendleton, Oregon, Robert of Chester and Gerald of Woodward, Oklahoma; 34 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Father John Harrington celebrated the Mass, Thursday at St. Judes Catholic Church. Father John Coady recited the rosary Wednesday at Our Lady of Ransom Parish in Hingham. Jim O'Leary sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Ave Maria" and was accompanied by Bill Lisenby. Pallbearers were Marian's sons, James, Leonard, Norbert, Lawrence, Robert and Gerald. Ushers were Virgil Jurenka, Leif Kapperud, Lloyd Patrick, and Jerry Hybner.

Memorials will be to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, Our Lady of Ransom Parish in Hingham or to a person's choice.

KATHRYN ELIZABETH DURKEE

Born: July 27, 1906 - Died: October 25, 1986

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Kathryn Durkee

Kathryn Elizabeth Gibson was born in Rugby, North Dakota July 27th, 1906. She was one of eight children born to Sylvia Easter and John M. Gibson. As a child she came to Montana with her parents, who homesteaded near Laredo. She attended schools there. On February 1st, 1927 Kathryn married Warren F. Bailey. They made their home in the Havre community where Warren managed the stockyards. Following his death in 1945, Kathryn took his job at the Havre Stockyards, and she did everything from office work to herding cattle. On March 17th, 1947 she married Robert A. Durkee. They opened the "Bing-n-Bob's" sporting goods store in Havre and operated it during their married life there. Kathryn sold her interest in the store in 1965 and retired. In 1967 she bought a trailer home and moved it to her daughter's farm north of Hingham. She has lived there since that time. During the past ten years she has suffered various medical problems, which

recently required frequent hospitalizations. Kathryn died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the morning of Saturday, October 25th. She was 80 years old.

She had held memberships in the Havre V.F.W. Auxiliary and Elks Club. She was an early organizer and active member of the Havre Saddle Club. She loved horses and was a skillful horsewoman at both work and play. Kathryn had also been active in the Eagles Auxiliary and had participated on the drill team. She loved dancing and was exceptionally good at performing the "Charleston." She was a fantastic cook, and in her quiet hours she enjoyed crocheting or playing solitaire. Although Kathryn like to travel and be with people, she also enjoyed the solitude of their peaceful cabin near Essex. In her happy, healthy days she was a very giving person and always greeted each day with a cheerful smile. She lived her life for everyone else. Although she wasn't openly religious, she found great comfort in the "23rd Psalm"...

Kathryn's survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Irby (Marilyn) Gerard of Great Falls and Mrs. Ben (Marjorie) Spinler of Hingham; two sisters, Dorothy Childs of Libby and Mary Miltz of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; two brothers, James Gibson of Spokane and George Gibson of Havre; six grandchildren, including Jamie Peterson, Jana and Jerry Gerard, and Nancy, Greg and KayCee Spinler; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her

husband and parents, but also by one sister (Lulu), two brothers (Bob and John), one grandson, and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, October 28th, at 11 a.m. at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Father John Coady of the Chester/Hingham parish officiated. Special music by vocalist, Terry

Stevenson, was "Amazing Grace." Following the committal services, a luncheon was held at the Havre V.F.W. Club. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

ARTHUR J. (SMOKEY) EEN
Born: December 9, 1914 - Died: April 1, 1986
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Arthur J. "Smokey" Een

Arthur J. "Smokey" Een passed away April 1, 1986 in Sierra Vista, Arizona after a lengthy illness.

Born December 9, 1914, in Rudyard Montana, Mr. Een spent his early years farming in that area. In 1938 he married Bonnie J. Horel from Augusta, Wisconsin, after which time the Eens continued farming along with becoming active in the Motel and real estate business in various areas of Montana. Mr. Een was also an auctioneer and was a Deputy Sheriff in Hill County, Montana from 1949-1956. In 1975, the Eens moved to Tombstone, Arizona where they were also in the Motel business.

Besides his wife, Bonnie, Mr. Een is survived by his son Larry and daughter-in-law, Myra, of

Tombstone, Az. and his daughter Linda and son-in-law, Robert McCracken of Boise, Idaho. An infant daughter, Karen, preceded him in death.

He is also survived by brothers Perry Een of Bountiful, Utah; Clarence Een of Rudyard, Montana; and Robert Een of Alexandria, Va; sisters Bernice Kittelson of St. David, AZ; Bertha Smith of Superior, Montana. He was preceded in death by sisters Ellen Kinder, Frances Cremer, and Inez

Brown and his parents, Alfred and Jenny Een.

Also surviving are grandchildren Kimberlyn Priest, Logan Een Sleeter, Jenny Een, Eric Een, Damon Preite, and Sarah Een; and great grandchildren, Ashley Priest and Jaryd Een Sleeter.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Cards may be sent to Bonnie Eer and Family, Box 966, Tombstone AZ 85638.

JAMES W. EISENMAN
Born: December 31, 1950 - Died: April 11, 1986
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James Eisenman

James W. Eisenman died at his home in Kalispell Friday, April 11th of diabetes complications.

Services were April 20th at Calvary Lutheran Church. Cremation had taken place and ashes sprinkled over the Bob Marshall Wilderness where he loved to hike as a youth with his camera.

Born in Great Falls December 31, 1950, he was raised and educated at Fairfield, Montana. He married Janice Kae Peterson December 3, 1971 at Inverness. Jim was a self-taught wood worker and enjoyed refinishing old furniture and designing new pieces.

They moved to Kalispell in 1978 and he worked for a bronze foundry. From that experience he created several bronze pieces himself. He enjoyed music and had a fine tenor voice and sang in choirs in Fairfield and Kalispell as well as barbershop choirs.

He is survived by his wife Janice; son Michael of Kalispell; mother Eileen Eisenman, Fairfield; sisters Barbara Stordahl, Great Falls, Carol Klinker, Hysham; brother Jon, Great Falls; grandmother Anna Harris, Park City; and his parents-in-law Ralph and Margaret Peterson of Inverness. His father, Joe W. Eisenman, died in 1972.

ANTHONY H. FEY
Born: ?, 1905 - Died: February 5, 1986
Great Falls Tribune
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SHELBY — FEY, Anthony H., 81, died Wednesday at Toole County Hospital. Service is at 2 p.m. today at Burns Funeral Home; cremation will follow. He was born in Great Falls and educated in Gold Butte and Great Falls. He Married Elizabeth Duak in Shelby in 1929. Survivors: his wife; son, Albert north of Shelby; daughter, Mary Ellen Watkins of Spokane, and five grandchildren.

DOUGLAS HARLEY FREEMAN
Born: June 28, 1952 - Died: November 15, 1986
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Doug Freeman

Douglas Harley Freeman was born in Havre, Montana on June 28, 1952. He was the only son of three children born to Anna Paulson and Harley Freeman. Doug was baptized and confirmed at the Bethel Church in Joplin. He grew up in the Inverness community and graduated from Inverness High School in 1970. He attended the University of Montana for two years, then transferred to Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma.

Doug graduated from P.L.U. in 1975. He worked for the State of Washington, Department of Ecology, from 1975 to 1977. He later enrolled in the Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland. On April 26th, 1980 Doug married Linda Batdorf in Portland. That same year he graduated from law school. They have made their home in Portland where Doug practiced law as a public defender. He has

suffered from cancer the past two years. He died at his Portland home on the early morning of Saturday, November 15th, at the age of 34 years.

Doug was a member of the St. Luke's Lutheran Parish in Portland and had helped organize the "Single and Young Married Group" associated with the church. He loved the great outdoors, and his hobbies included mountain climbing, hiking, and scuba diving.

Doug's survivors include his wife, Linda, and his 18-month-old son, Nils, both of Portland; his parents, Harley and Anna Freeman of Chester; 2 sisters, Mrs. Dean (Darlene) Lyle of Chester and Mrs. Cliff (Charlotte) DeMartini of San Jose, California; and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at St. Luke's Church in Portland on

Tuesday, November 18th. Memorial services for Montana family and friends were conducted by Reverend John Olson at the Bethel Church in Joplin on Friday, November 21st. One of Doug's favorite hymns, "Beautiful Savior" was sung by vocalist, Dennis Kenfeld. The congregation sang "He Leadeth Me", "Now the Green Blade Rises", and "A Mighty Fortress", with accompaniment by Thelma Anderson. Ushers were Charles Fraser and Robert Connor. Memorial bearers included Doug's high school classmates: Bob Richter, Debbie Ries, Scott Meyers, Jane Meyers, Wayne Mangold, Jerome Lincoln, Kathy Kops, Lyle Barbie, Janet Dancer, Gail Heck, Duane Johnson, and Dirk Kenfeld. Also included with special mention was school teacher, Ken Monilaws. A coffee hour followed the memorial services in Kjos Hall.

MILES THOMAS FURLONG
Born: August 21, 1918 - Died: January 18, 1986
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January 23, 1986

Rites for Miles Furlong, Thursday

Miles Thomas Furlong was born in Chester, Montana on August 21st, 1918. He was the 4th of ten children born to Ina Marie Keith and Edward R. Furlong. Miles attended school in Chester and then worked various farm jobs in the Liberty County community. In 1939 he began working at the 3 C's Camp at Haugen, Montana. On February 19th, 1941 Miles was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served in the Central and Southwest Pacific Theatres, and achieved the rank of Tec 5. He was honorably discharged on December 31st, 1943. In the years that followed Miles worked in the electrical mechanical, and general construction trades. While in California, he met Lily Baska, and they were married in Chester on December 2nd, 1950. Miles continued to live and work in the Chester community until he reached retirement age. His general health had recently deteriorated. Following a two-day stay at the Chester

Hospital, he died on the morning of Saturday, January 18th. He was 67 years old.

Miles was a member of the Chester V.F.W. Post. He had been proud of his military experiences. In his prime he had many talents and had been a "jack of all trades." He especially enjoyed working with his hands and working with wood; he liked refinishing work, making cabinets, and building frames. Miles was an avid reader. He read anything and everything, but of interest is the fact that he liked poetry. After he got out of the service, he took a short course in journalism, and subsequently wrote some short stories and poems. Miles enjoyed all kinds of music and had been a good dancer in his younger days. He also enjoyed baseball. Although he never had children of his own, he loved kids and seemed to have a special kinship with them.

Survivors include 4 brothers, Russell ("Bing") of Chester, Phillip

of Denver, Warren of Spokane, and Noel of Kalispell; 3 sisters, Lilly Eveland of Chester, Ina Belle Foreman of La Habra, California, and Alice Morrison of Chester; 3 aunts, Mabel Graber of Kansas, Frances Moore of Kansas, & Lola Zimmerman of Shelby; and numerous nephews and nieces. Miles was preceded in death by his parents and by 2 brothers (David & Edmond).

Visitation was held at the Rockman Chapel on Sunday and Monday. Per Miles' request, his body was cremated on Tuesday. Military graveside services will be today (Thursday, January 23rd) at 10:00 a.m. at the Chester Cemetery. Military rites will be conducted by members of the Chester V.F.W. and American Legion. Darby O'Brien will act as historian and Natalie Ghekiere will give a eulogy. Honory bearers include all members of the military, past and present.

ALBERT HARRY GARDENER
Born: November 23, 1909 - Died: August 14, 1986
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Albert Gardener

Albert Harry Gardener, Jr. was born November 23rd, 1909 at Gold Butte, Montana. He was one of five children born to Selma Johnson and Albert H. Gardener, Sr. Harry attended the North Country School near Whitlash. July 4th, 1934 he married Velma Wehr at a public wedding in Chester. He worked in the oil and gas fields for many years, and then took over his father's homestead located northwest of Whitlash in 1948. He had spent most of his life in the Sweetgrass Hills area. When Harry retired in 1981, they made their home in Shelby. Following a long illness with cancer, Harry died the morning of Thursday, August 14th, at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. He was 76 years old.

Harry was a past master of the Galata Masonic Lodge. He had also served as past patron of the Laurel Chapter of the Galata Eastern Star. In addition he was past commander of the Golden West Commandry of Shelby. Harry loved working with wood and was proud of the fact that he had built their home in Shelby. He enjoyed life, family and friends, and at the time of his death, Harry and Velma had been married 52 years...

Survivors in addition to Velma include two sons, David of Lexington, Kentucky and Clark of Aberdeen, South Dakota; one daughter, Shirley Bauer of Helena; two brothers, Donald G. Gardener of Great Falls and John Gardener of Santa Maria, California; one sister, Alice Edmonson of Reno, Nevada; seven grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. Harry was preceded in death by his parents and a sister (Lorna King).

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, August 18th, at the Shelby Community Methodist Church with Reverend Grover Briggs officiating. Special music provided by Mary Lou Thornton and Rosemary Johannsen included "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "In the Garden." Memorial bearers were "all of Harry's friends, past and present." Interment of the ashes followed at the Mountainview Cemetery with graveside prayers by the Masonic Lodge. A luncheon was held for family and friends at the Nelson Bingham residence in Shelby. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

ARTYBELLE IRENE GETTS
Born: September 7, 1920 - Died : May 25, 1986
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Artybelle Getts

Artybelle Irene Fordham was born in Kalispell, Montana on September 7th, 1920. Her parents were Myrtle Tiffany and Charlie Fordham, and she was one of seven children. Artybelle was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist faith. She attended schools through grade 8 in Kalispell and high school in Washington state. She returned to Montana and worked as a farm cook in the Cut Bank area. She married Clair Mallo in Kalispell in 1939, and they lived in Cut Bank for the next 15 years. Artybelle's second marriage was to Ruben Getts in Cut Bank in 1953. They moved to Dupuyer where she worked in various cafes near there. Following Ruben's death in 1980, she retired and moved to Inverness to be near her daughter. Artybelle had suffered from emphysema for many years. She collapsed and died at home on Sunday afternoon, May 25th. She was 65 years old.

Artybelle loved reservoir fishing and hunting small game animals. Even though she had a long history of asthma, she still loved working in her flower and vegetable gardens. In her younger years she enjoyed crocheting and knitting. She had taught ceramic classes and had made many of her own ceramic molds. Artybelle started drawing in her youth, and sketching remained a favorite pastime in these later years, too. She was an excellent cook, and in her quiet hours she enjoyed reading. She loved domestic



animals and always had a few pets around the house. Children were very important to her and she loved being a grandmother.

Survivors include 2 sons, Gerald Mallo of White Sulphur Springs and R. Perry Getts (Jr.) of Billings; 2 daughters, Jane J. Getts of Fort Benton and V. Irene Sutton of Harlem; 9 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers; 2 sisters; and many nephews and nieces. Artybelle was preceded in death by her parents, 2 husbands, and 2 sisters (Valentine and Blanche).

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 29th, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Bob Conover of the Ruyard E.C.N.A. officiated. The congregation sang "Nearer My God to Thee" & "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by and Inverness friend, Iris White. The remains were cremated at the Hillcrest Mausoleum in Gre., Falls. Memorial gifts will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester.

LILLIAN J. GOODBAR
Born: May 29, 1905 - Died: February 3, 1986
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Rites for Lillian Goodbar

Lillian J. Goodbar, age 80 passed away in Hamilton at her residence early Monday morning of natural causes.

Born May 29, 1905 in Arkansas, the daughter of Fred and Ruby Bundy Jordan, she moved to Colorado as a young girl. She was educated in North Park Schools, graduating in 1924.

She married Roy Leland Goodbar September 15, 1927 in Great Falls. They lived there until 1936 when they moved to Chester. They later purchased the Chester Telephone Company during World War II and developed it from the crank type telephones to modern dial over the next 20 years. In 1967 they sold the telephone company and retired, wintering in Mesa, Arizona for many years. They moved to Hamilton in the early 1970's.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leland on May 3, 1978.

Lillian was a member of the Federated Church in Hamilton, Leona

Chapter #31 O.E.S., Golden Age Club, Hamilton Garden Club, Marcus Daly Hospital Guild and an excellent bridge player.

Survivors include one son, Stanley J. Goodbar of Cheyenne, Wyoming; one daughter, Carolyn Lee Seay of Houston, Texas; one step brother, Ralph Coyte of Fort Collins, Colorado; two step sisters, Ruth Meyring of Walden, Colorado and Hazel Sibba of Denver, Colorado; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were to be conducted Friday, 2:00 p.m. at the Daly-Leach Chapel with Rev. Roland Reed officiating. Cremation will take place in Hamilton and burial will be at the Riverview Cemetery.

Following the service, there was to be a reception for family and friends in the community room at the chapel.

The family suggests memorials to The Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital Guild or the Golden Age Club.

MARIE A. GUTCHER
Born: April 17, 1901 - Died: April 23, 1986
Liberty County Times
May 1, 1986

Marie Gutcher

Marie A. Gutcher, 85, passed away in Northern Montana Hospital in Havre Wednesday, April 23, 1986. Funeral services were Monday, April 28 at 10 a.m. at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Home in Havre with Rev. Kermit Owen officiating. Mae Secora sang *Safe In The Arms of Jesus* and *In The*

Garden with Bill Lisenby, organist. Pallbearers were Dr. Gary Gutcher, Ron Wolery, Lt. Bruce Gutcher of U.S. Navy, Lt. Brad Gutcher also of the U.S. Navy and Brian Gutcher, all grandsons. Ushers were Bob Woods and Alvin Barbie. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Havre.

She was born in Marshfield, Wisconsin April 17, 1901 to John and Annette Lang, and moved to the Billings area where she graduated from Billings High School. She received a teaching certificate and taught at the Lonesome Trail School near Billings. She was married to Roy F. Gutcher at Billings August 11, 1920. (He preceded her in death March 22, 1976.) They moved to Arkansas for a short time and then to north of Joplin in 1921 and lived there until her husband's death. She has resided at the Eagles Manor in Havre since.

She was preceded in death not only by her husband, but also by a son Glen, three sisters and three brothers. She is survived by daughter Betty Bitz of Bigfork, Montana; sons Robert of Kaneohe, Hawaii, Dale of College Station, Texas and Kenneth of Joplin, Montana; sisters Mae LaRue and Alice Keithler of Billings; brothers Howard Lang of Escondido, California, Cal and Harris Lang of Billings; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Moose Lodge, Rebecca's, American Legion Auxiliary and WWI Vets Auxiliary and the 6th Avenue Christian Church.

Memorials will go to the 6th Avenue Christian Church of Havre, or to a person's choice.

FRANCES SARAH (MIKULECKY) HABECK
Born: March 9, 1891 - Died: December 18, 1986
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Frances Habeck

Frances Sarah Mikulecky was born in Racine, Wisconsin on March 9th, 1891. She was one of eight children and her parents were Louise Rousar and Wencel Mikulecky. Frances received her early education in Wisconsin before coming to Montana with her mother in 1912. She worked as a housekeeper in Choteau and Chinook, and then homesteaded south of Rudyard in 1916. She married Herman Henry Habeck on June 19th, 1917. They made their



home on the farm until 1928, then sold out and moved into Rudyard. Herman worked on the County road crew and Frances stayed busy as a homemaker. She remained in

Rudyard following Herman's death in 1975. Because of failing health she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in 1982, and has lived there since. Frances died at the Chester Hospital on Thursday, December 18th, at the age of 95 years.

She could best be described as a "home-body." She loved cooking and canning, or crocheting and handi-work. Gardening was her favorite pastime, and she could grow everything, be it fruits, vegetables, flowers and trees. Although it was hard to pry her away from home, she still kept up on local events because the Rudyard community was important to her.

Frances' survivors include one sister, Louise Lustgraaf of Great Falls; 6 grandchildren, Robert Geer, Dan Geer, Zane Geer, Joel Geer, Shelley Geer, and Will Lustgraaf; 10 great grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by 2 daughters (Pearl Lustgraaf and Mildred Geer), 3 brothers (Mark, Charles, and James Mikulecky), 3 sisters (Mary Bonham, Alice Brennan, and Anna Sylte) and 1 grandson (Jeff Geer).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22nd, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Jim Sheldon officiated. Special music by organist, Juanita Wardell, included "Amazing Grace" and " In the Sweet

Bye and Bye". Vocalist, Jan Christofferson performed "Morning Has Broken" and "Old Rugged Cross". Pallbearers were Ralph Sylte, Dan Geer, Cuck and Edward Mikulecky and Will and Martin Lustgraaf. Graveside services followed at the Rudyard Cemetery.

MILDRED BERNICE HALL
Born: February 28, 1916 - Died: April 25, 1986
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Millie Hall

Mildred Bernice Hall was born in Minot, North Dakota February 28th, 1916. She was one of five children born to Johanna M. Vig and Christian B. Christiansen. Mildred was baptized in North Dakota in the Norwegian Lutheran faith. She grew up in Minot and attended schools there. Following her high school education, she attended the Minot Teacher's College for one year. June 17th, 1935 she married Howard E. Hall in Minot. In 1936 they came to Montana and began farming north of Inverness. They made their home in the Inverness community from that time on. Because of failing health in the late fall of 1983, Mildred moved to the Toole County Rest Home in Shelby. She died there Friday evening, April 25th, at the age of 70 years.

Millie, as she was known by her friends, was very active in the Order of the Eastern Star and Rainbow Girls. She was a life member of the Joplin Chapter #109, and continued her membership in the Shelby Chapter #113. Millie was a Past Grand Matron of the Montana O.E.S. and had served as a committee member in the General

Grand Chapter of the O.E.S. She loved the Eastern Star because of the many friendships she developed during those 40+ years of active participation.

Millie was also a member of the Methodist Church in Inverness.

Millie's parents were raised in Norway, and she was very proud of her Norwegian heritage. She and

Howard had traveled to Norway on several occasions to trace family lineage and ancestry.

Millie loved family gatherings and was a fantastic cook. In her quiet hours she enjoyed reading, and



Millie Hall

was especially fond of mysteries and love stories. She also enjoyed making afghans. She loved flowers, especially lilacs, and collected butterfly memorabilia. When her health was good, she liked to play bridge and board games. She and Howard did a lot of traveling over the years, but she never saw any sunsets as beautiful as those in Montana. Millie loved her family and cherished those 51 years of marriage.

Survivors include her husband, Howard of Inverness; daughter, Mrs. Ken (Mickey) Wolf of Shelby; son, Ben Hall of Chinook; two sisters, Zella Tippets and Gayle Cartwright, both of Ukiah, California; one brother, C.B. Christiansen of Edina, Minnesota; and six grandchildren (including Cory, Jody and Jay Pierson, Kristi Wolf, and Bonnie and Millie Anne Hall). Millie was preceded in death by her parents, by a sister (Florence Parkinson), and by a son (Edward).

Memorial services were held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 29th, at the Community United Methodist Church in Shelby. Reverend Daniel Clark of the Chester/Inverness parish officiated. Vocalists Rosemary Johannsen and Mary Lou Thornton sang *Whispering Hope* and *Over the Sunset Mountains*. Accompaniment was by Jeanne Sand, and the congregation sang *Amazing Grace*. A family friend, Marc Nichols, served as eulogist. Memorial bearers included all of Millie's friends in the Eastern Star. Following the services a luncheon was held at the Shelby Masonic Hall. The body was cremated and the ashes will be scattered at a later date. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial fund is being established for the Montana Masonic Foundation.

KNUTE HAVSKJOLD
Born: ?, 1908 - Died: March 4, 1986
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Sympathy of the community is extended to the family of Knute Havskjold. Private family services were held in Great Falls. Knute Havskjold, 78, a Kremlin area farmer died Tuesday at a Great Falls hospital after a long illness. Mr. Havskjold was born in 1908 in Granum, Alberta to Invol and Cecelia Havskjold. The family homesteaded in the Kremlin area in 1911. He attended Kremlin public school and farmed in the Kremlin area for many years. He married Marie Buckenberg from Columbus, North Dakota. Survivors include his wife in Kremlin; daughters, Mrs. Larry (Karen) Attwood of Minot, North Dakota, and Mrs. J. Edward (Judy) Fallow of Mayo, Yukon Territory; three grandchildren; a sister, Cecille Hanson of Choteau; and several nieces and nephews.

HENRY HAWKS
Born: October 23, 1921 - Died: July 29, 1986

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Henry Hawks was born on his parents' homestead 20 miles northwest of Chester on October 23rd, 1921. He was the second of three sons born to Clarence and Sena (Sletager) Hawks. Henry grew up on the family farm and attended schools at Corral Creek and in Chester. Following his formal education, he continued farming and eventually acquired his own land. Henry met an area school teacher named Evelyn G. Hollatz, and they were married on February 9th, 1951 at Galata. They moved to a farmstead north of Chester in 1952, and they have lived and operated that farm from that time on. Henry's health began failing about a year ago. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on this past Saturday morning and was taken to Great Falls for treatment. He died at the Columbus Hospital on Tuesday, July 29th at the age of 64 years.



Henry had been baptized and confirmed at the Trinity Church north of Lothair, and had remained a member there all these years. His hobbies included hunting, camping, and fishing, and watching his boys play ball. Henry often commented that he didn't want a lengthy eulogy because "those who really knew me, know everything about me". . . Needless to say, it's important to note several things. Henry's friendships were "true" friendships,

in the fact that he was always loyal, honest, and concerned in his day-to-day dealings with people. Henry also had a very special love for his wife; he never seemed to take her for granted and always spoke freely about his appreciation and affection of her. Henry was a very common and humble person, and seemed very content with the simple things in life. He enjoyed family gatherings with good food and fellowship with friends. He loved his farm and was very happy these past few months to see one of the best crops he had raised in many, many years. In fact, he had driven the combine on the day before he was stricken. Henry left us as he would have liked - - quickly and without suffering - - and in the harvest time of the year. He appreciated life and felt that he had been very lucky over the years. If he could, he would tell us to make the best of each day, as if it were your last, and treat your fellow man as you would expect him to treat you.

Henry's survivors include his wife, Evelyn; 3 children, Dale (and his wife, Terry), Angela, & Loren; 1 granddaughter, Candy Jo; and 1 brother Leo, all of north Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Also surviving is his mother-in-law, Elsie Hollatz of Billings. Henry was preceded in death by his parents and one brother (Duke).

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 2nd, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Ken Bartle of Polson and Reverend John Wiig of Galata officiated. The congregation sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" & "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior", accompanied by Iris White on the organ. The vocal trio of Loren Hawks, Claude Hawks, and Merry Sveum provided a special tribute, "In the Garden". Ushers were Bob Nordstrom and Kenny Jeppesen. Friends serving as pallbearers included B. J. Oswood, Jack Oliver, Lawrence Frederickson, Artie Morrison, Gordon Prescott, Marvin Rishoff, Irvin Brown, & Richard Wickum. Memorial bearers were listed simply as "all of Hank's many friends". Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon followed at the church basement.

RUTH KATHLEEN HEIKKILA

Born: December 7, 1915 - Died: August 22, 1986

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Ruth Kathleen Heikkila was born on a farm south of Chester, Montana December 7th, 1915. She was the only child of Michael Francis Anglim and Eva Leola Oakley, who were both Chester area homesteaders. Ruth was baptized in the Methodist faith and her early schooling was in Chester. Following her graduation from Browning High School in 1935, she attended Western Montana College of Education, where she majored in fine arts and music. She returned to northern Montana and taught school at Browning and Oilmont. About that same time she met George John Heikkila, and they were married in Great Falls April 12th, 1941. They returned to Dillon where George operated an auto repair shop and Ruth began raising their two sons. In 1951, they moved back to Chester to take over the family farm. They worked and lived in Chester until their sons were educated. They retired in 1968 and moved back to Dillon, where they have lived since. Ruth's health began declining about three years ago. Following a long battle with cancer, she died at home in Dillon the afternoon of Friday, August 22nd. She was 70 years old.

Ruth had been active in community affairs. She was a charter member of the Dillon Ladies of the Elks. Ruth loved people, so she was a great one for organizing

and attending social functions. She was one of the first "Avon ladies" in Chester, a job she enjoyed because she could spend time with people. When her boys were active in the Chester school system, she seldom missed a band concert, sporting event, or music festival. She was a proud homemaker, and her home was always open to friends.

Ruth had many hobbies. She loved doing needlework, knitting, sewing and crocheting. She had her own kiln and enjoyed the artistry of ceramics. Over the years she had accumulated a nice collection of coins and stamps. Her favorite

outdoor activities included fishing and gardening. With family and friends she enjoyed playing pinochle and cribbage, and in her quiet hours she enjoyed music and reading.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents and her eldest son, Dr. Gerald Lee Heikkila. She is survived by her husband, George of Dillon; her son, Dr. Ronald Heikkila of San Francisco, California; a daughter-in-law, Sylvia Heikkila Anderson of Hillsborough, California; seven grandchildren (including Gerry's kids, Terrie, Tracie and Scott, and Ron's kids, Wendi, Kelly, Heath and Holly); one brother-and-sister-in-law, Ed and Louise Heikkila of Dillon; and two nephews.

Ruth's eldest granddaughter, Terrie, wrote a poem entitled "Ode to Grandma," and shared the poem with those present at Ruth's services:

"It is today our Grandma we bury; as a wife and a mother, her role did vary. She was not ancient, she was not young; but she gave many things, our hearts have won.

She taught us persistence, morals and strength; and to see their observance, she went to great length.

Through fall and summer and rain

and sleet, she made certain that her family ate sweet.

There was made a present each year under the tree, for all year long she was busy as a bee.

Fishing, cooking, sewing, whatever; she taught us things we'll forget - never!

She meant no harm in scolding at our worst; she only meant us to be the first.

She gave us hope and told us what to do; and she and grandpa showed us faithfulness, too.

We know in heart a strong family she longed, but each in our lives we may have wronged.

Yet, I think when we came to her bedside at last, she knew in her soul, those were of past.

And to this day my heart does not bleed, because this lady has shown us the good life to lead.

Grandma - you've made our lives at ease; and so, my dear, may you rest in peace."

Services were 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 26th, at the Brundage Funeral Home in Dillon. In addition to Terrie Heikkila, special speakers were friends, Rlynn Rockman and Charlotte Kistler. Organist, Maggie Lundberg, played many love songs specified by Ruth, including a special interlude, "Memories." Vocalist/buitarist, Joe Morstein, performed "In the Garden" and "One Day at a Time." Pallbearers were Gene Pilon, Fred Kistler, Duke Gilbert, Ray Guidici, Marvin Lundberg and Earl Keith. Lady friends serving as honorary bearers included Charlotte Kistler, Lyda Nelson, Anna Tovey, Lou Shields, Hope Lloyd, Mary Murray, Lois Smith and Kathy Blomquist. Burial was in the Mountain View Cemetery in Dillon. A luncheon followed at the Dillon Elks Club.

HARRY ALVIN HEIMBIGNER

Born: December 2, 1906 - Died: August 20, 1986

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Harry Alvin Heimbigner was born in Odessa, Washington on December 2nd, 1906. He was one of 12 children born to Conrad and Katie (Schiffner) Heimbigner. Harry came to Montana in 1909 with his family, who homesteaded north of Chester. While attending schools in Chester, he participated in basketball and track. He graduated for C.H.S. in 1927. After farming for several years on the John Jacobson place, Harry left for Spokane in 1934 to attend barber's school. He met Dora Wells, and they were married in Spokane on February 25th, 1935. He barbered in Washington & Idaho, then returned to Chester in 1939 and opened the Model Barber Shop. He made his home here from that time on. Harry remarried a Havre lady, Gertrude Young, on April 14th, 1969 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In addition to barbering in Chester, Harry sold hail insurance (a business he bought from Irvin Bathke many years ago). Harry & Gert bought a motor home and have wintered in Arizona in several recent years. He semi-retired in 1983. His health had been relatively good until a week ago when he went into the Chester

Hospital with a heart ailment. He died there on the early morning of Wednesday, August 20th, at the age of 79 years.

In his younger years Harry was very active in community affairs. He had headed a Commercial Club committee to encourage Chester business people to buy and display American flags on holidays. He had served as chairman of the C.H.S. school board and was a big supporter of the new high school building. He was a member of the Chester Volunteer Fire Department for many years. Everyone knows of his intense love for basketball, and he had served as an official in the M.O.A. for 20 years. Harry was very proud of the fact that he, his son, and his grandsons were 3 generations of C.H.S. graduates and basketball players. Harry loved other sports, too, and had always been an avid baseball fan. In years back he was known by friends as "Yankee Clipper" because he was a loyal New York Yankees fan and had "clipped" his friends on baseball bets on numerous occasions. He had also enjoyed hunting, camping, and other outdoor activities (like yardwork, tree-planting, etc.) In addition he liked dancing, playing pool or cards, and bowling. In more recent years, he had joined the Havre Eagles Lodge. He and Gert were active in the Good Sam travelling club and they enjoyed this immensely. In his private hours he liked to read or play the accordion. But probably his greatest love was

simply being with family and friends. . .

Survivors include his wife, Gert of Chester; 1 son and daughter-in-law, Harry (Jr.) and Shirley of Chester; 4 step-children (whom he considered his owns), including Dolores of Havre, Lyla of Havre, Lylal of Oregon, and Larry of Ronan; 4 grandchildren (Stanley, Roger, Cheri and Neil); 10 step-grandchildren; 10 step-great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Sam of Superior and Fred of Veradale, Washington; and numerous nephews and nieces. Harry was preceded in death by his parents, 1 granddaughter, and 9 siblings (including Dave, Joe, Lucille, Mary, Clara, Walt, 2 infants, and Henry on Aug. 14th).

Funeral services were held on Friday, Aug. 22nd, at 2 p.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Dan Clark officiating. Music was provided by Dorothy Brown and the congregation sang "Breath on Thee, Breath of God" and "Abide With Me". Pallbearers were Bud Ish, Walter Jensen, Max Brown, Bill Skinner, Roy Heimbigner, and Delbert Heimbigner. Ushers were Don Raunig and Gordon Kammerzell. Memorial bearers included Bennie Heimbigner, John Swant, Larry Bassett, Arlo Graham, Vernon Cramer, Bing Furlong, Virgil Heimbigner, Vic Elliott, Mike Kammerzell, Ollie H. Akerlund, Vern Volbright, Roy Moore, and all of Harry's other good friends. . . Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon followed at the church.



HENRY FRANK HEIMBIGNER

Born: January 14, 1898 - Died: August 14, 1986



Henry Heimbigner

Henry Frank Heimbigner was born January 14th, 1898 in Ritzville, Washington. He was the eldest son of 12 children and his parents were Conrad and Katie (Schiffner) Heimbigner. Henry came to Montana in 1909 with his family, who homesteaded north of Chester. He attended Chester schools, then worked on the railroad for three years. December 8th, 1920 he married Minnie E. Herbolzheimer in Great Falls. They made their home in Williams, Montana where Henry worked on a ranch. In 1923 they came back to Chester to be near Henry's family. In the years that followed, they lived and worked in the north Chester community for various

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ranchers, including Waldens', Laas', Fritz's, Schafer's and Iverson's. Henry retired in 1967 and they have lived in Whitlash since. They had been married 62 years at the time of Minnie's death on December 1st, 1982. Henry remained in Whitlash and died at home the morning of Thursday, August 14th. He was 88 years old.

Henry enjoyed fishing and baseball. In his younger days he played town-team baseball most every weekend. In his later years his love continued for the sport as he remained an avid spectator fan. Henry had been a talented sheepherder in those early years and had trained his own sheepdogs. He had been proud of the fact that he had helped with the last big cattle drive from the Sweetgrass Hills to the Chester stockyards. Henry loved ~~the~~ children and was very kind and compassionate to them. He was always happy to have company stop

by and always had the coffee pot on. Henry loved life and kept a good, positive attitude. He never seemed to get downhearted...

His survivors include a son, Virgil of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a daughter, Edna Neidhardt of Sumner, Washington; three brothers, Sam of Superior, Harry of Chester and Fred of Veradale, Washington; four grandchildren (including Bob and Nancy Heimbigner of Albuquerque, Judy Stores of Sumner and Jeanne Gonzalez of Billings); eight great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; numerous nephews and nieces; and a special friend, Karen Kultgen. Henry was preceded in death by his parents, wife and eight siblings (Dave, Joe, Lucille, Mary, Clara, Walt and two infants).

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, August 18th, at the Chester United Methodist Church. Kay Steddom, Intern Pastor from Whitlash officiated. Caroline Hall accompanied the congregation, who sang "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art." Don and Roy Heimbigner served as ushers, and pallbearers included Urban Kultgen, Claude Demarest, Earl Thompson, Ed Hofer, Jack Ward and Alvin Howerly. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon followed at the church.

SAMUEL JAMES HEMMINGER

Born: November 23, 1937 - Died: April 14, 1986

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Samuel Hemminger

Samuel James Hemminger was born in Council, Idaho on November 23rd, 1937. He was one of eleven children born to Pearl Canfield and Philmore Hemminger. Sam came to Cascade, Montana as a child with his family. He received his formal education in Cascade, graduating from high school in 1956. As a student he participated in football and played the sousaphone in the band. Following his graduation he worked various jobs in the Cascade community. In 1959 Sam enlisted in the U.S. Army and was eventually stationed in Germany. He achieved the rank of Specialist-5 and worked as a helicopter mechanic. Following his honorable discharge in 1964, he returned to Montana and worked at the missile sites near Great Falls. On September 30th, 1966 Sam married Mavis K. Engberg in Lewiston, Idaho. They made their home in Toston, Montana for about ten years, where Sam worked in the logging industry as a truck driver. In 1982 they came to Kremlin where he worked for the Rex Harris oil rigs near Havre. The following year they moved to Gildford. Sam was employed by Redi-Mix Sand and Gravel in Rudyard. About 1 1/2 years ago he was diagnosed with lung cancer, and ill-health forced his retirement in November of 1985. He remained at home in Gildford until 2 weeks ago. Following a short hospital stay, he went into the Liberty County Nursing Home where he died on the evening of Monday, April 14th. He was 48 years old.

Sam had been a member of the First Baptist Church since coming to Gildford. He enjoyed outdoors activities like hunting, fishing, and camping. He also liked to work outside in his vegetable garden. In

his quiet hours he enjoyed reading, and was especially fond of 'westerns'. His favorite type of music was the orchestral sound from the "Big Band" era. Sam also enjoyed building model airplanes and cars. He was best described as a quiet man who enjoyed life and a devoted husband and father.



Survivors include his wife, Mavis of Gildford; 3 children, Thomas Allen, John Lee, and Brenda Kay, all of Gildford; 3 sisters, Mrs. Owen (Florence) Smith of Kooskia, Idaho, Mrs. Tom (Hattie) Corbett of Helena, and Mrs. Clay (Mary) Jones of Law Vegas, Nevada; 4 brothers, William of Tyler, Texas, Eugene of New Meadows, Idaho, Richard of Pittsville, Wisconsin, and John (whereabout unknown); and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. Sam was preceded in death by his parents and by three brothers (Robert, George, and Lloyd).

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 18th, at 11:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church at Gildford. Reverend Dennie Calhoun officiated with special music provided by organist, Sharon Spicher. Songs "In the Garden" and "Beyond the Sunset" were

performed by vocalist Jerry Toner. Pallbearers included Bill, Gene and Dick Hemminger, Tom Corbett, Tom Klock, Russell Carlson, and Dave Warhank. Burial was in the Gildford Cemetery with military rites, including "taps" and presentation of the flag. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the church. A memorial fund is being established to the Yellowstone Boy's Ranch.

LLOYD HUGH HENDRICKSON

Born: September 4, 1917 - Died: August 17, 1986

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Lloyd Hendrickson

Lloyd Hugh Hendrickson was born in Mandan, North Dakota September 4th, 1917. His parents were Agnes Grabel Haugen and Carl Hendrickson. At age 13 Lloyd came to Chester with his mother, and he finished his schooling at Tiber. In the few years that followed, he worked for his step-father, Iver Morkrid, on a farm south of Tiber. October 27th, 1937 he married Margaret Ann Lyders in Chester. They spent the first five years of their married life in Seattle, where Lloyd worked in the auto body business. They returned to Montana in 1942 and took over the family farm southwest of Chester. They lived and worked in this community until their retirement in 1965. They wintered in Desert Hot Springs, California until Margaret's death October 15th, 1983. About a year later, Lloyd met Louva Kirk at a gathering of the Good Sam Club, and they were married in Chester December 22nd, 1984. Eleven months ago Lloyd discovered he had cancer, and has battled the disease since. Following a long stay at the Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, he died the morning of Sunday, August 17th. He was 68 years old.

Lloyd was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. He participated in the Lutheran Brotherhood and had served on the building committee for the

church parsonage. He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol and had been a licensed pilot in his younger days. He had also served on the board of the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre for a number of years. Lloyd had many hobbies. He loved to sing and dance and play his banjo. He enjoyed fishing and camping, and had been active in the Good Sam Club these past few years. He was an amateur



cartoonist, and many friends and relatives have copies of his "Floyd 'n' Lloyd" calendars and publications. He also enjoyed restoring old cars. He's probably best known for his talents as a painter, and he did all of his own woodworking and framing. Lloyd loved people. Friends were very important to him. He enjoyed

playing cards and visiting at the Senior Center in Chester. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was always ready to greet you with a new story or joke. He was always smiling and had that Hendrickson 'laugh' special only to him. He provides a lot of different memories for all of us, none of which will be forgotten soon...

Lloyd's survivors include his wife, Lou of Chester; son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Betty of Chester; two grandsons and their wives, Larry and Janice of Chester and Dean and Amy of Fort Collins, Colorado; one great-granddaughter, Christi of Chester; one sister, Lila Lyders of Seattle; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 21st, 1:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Church in Chester. Reverend David Larson of Shelby officiated. Juanita Wardell accompanied the vocal duet of Dean Hendrickson and Wayne Wardell, who sang "Peace in the Valley." In addition, Dean provided a solo number "Mansion on the Hilltop." Friends serving as pallbearers included George Braun, Armand Anderson, Mike Kammerzell, Al Ploss, Martin Haugen, Cliff Leighton, John Swank and Herb Fenger. Ushers were Frank Wanken and Bill Morkrid. Christi Hendrickson served as candle lighter. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A memorial fund will be given to the American Cancer Society.

LLOYD KENNETH HJERMSTAD

Born: May 18, 1920 - Died: August 17, 1986

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Lloyd Hjermstad

Lloyd Kenneth Hjermstad was born in Columbus, North Dakota on May 18th, 1920. His parents were Helmer and Lena (Ohe) Hjermstad and he was one of five children. Lloyd was baptized Lutheran and attended schools in North Dakota. In 1937 he came to Montana seeking employment. He worked on farms in the Conrad area until 1942, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Following his honorable discharge in 1945, he returned to Montana. Lloyd made his home in Chester where he worked as a carpenter. From 1969-75 he worked for Burlington Northern on the bridge and building gang. Then on June 21st, 1975



Lloyd married Alice Henry Pettapiece at Kalispell. They made their home on her farm 28 miles south of Chester. In February of 1982, Lloyd suffered a stroke that left him debilitated. For the past three years he has lived at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Two months ago he was transferred to the Veterans

Hospital at Fort Harrison for medical treatment. He died there on Sunday morning, August 17th, at the age of 66 years.

Lloyd was a member of the Chester V.F.W. Post. In his younger days he enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was proud of the fact that he had helped build several important buildings in Chester, including the Methodist Church and the new additions to the hospital and school. Although he was basically a carpenter at heart, he did enjoy farming and was very good at it. Lloyd loved to read and was especially fond of educational magazines like Newsweek and National Geographic. He enjoyed travel, too, and here again, liked to see things that had some historical or educational interest (like museums, old saw mills, etc.). Lloyd was very conscientious about life and work and felt that if something wasn't constructive or had a purpose, it just wasn't worth doing or seeing. Lloyd was a good-natured, likeable guy and was fond of people. He always considered Chester his home and it was his wish to be buried here near all the friends he had made over the years.

Survivors include his wife, Alice of south Chester; a sister, Hattie Running of Columbus, North Dakota; 2 step-children, Leroy Beeby of south Chester & Patricia Christman of Dutton; 3 step-grandchildren; 1 niece; and 5 nephews. Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents, by 2 sisters (Irene and Amy) and by 1 brother (Harry).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Jim Sheldon of Rudyard officiated. Special music provided by Wayne and Juanita Wardell included "In the Garden" and "Beyond the Sunset". Friends serving as pallbearers were Tim Campbell, Jennings Mattson, Charles Laas, Darby O'Brien, Bill Yackley, Cliff Krejci, and Vic Elliott. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery, where "taps" were played and the veterans flag was presented to the family by Don Buffington. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel. Memorials will be given to donor's choice.

ELIZABETH D. HOFER
Born: August 24, 1947 - Died : March 19, 1986
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Elizabeth D. Hofer

Elizabeth D. Hofer was born August 24th, 1947 at the O.K. Colony near Raymond, Alberta, Canada. She was one of six children born to Elizabeth D. Wurtz and David P. Hofer. She came to the Miller Colony near Choteau, Montana with her family in 1949, and received her education there. In 1961 they moved to the Sage Creek Colony north of Chester, and she has lived there with her parents since. Elizabeth had suffered from a heart ailment since birth, and

recently was bring treated for abdominal cancer. She died at home at the Sage Creek Colony the evening of Wednesday, March 19th. She was 38-1/2 years old.

Elizabeth loved music and singing. She also enjoyed knitting and sewing. She was a good housekeeper and colony worker, even though her health was poor. Everyone in the colony loved her...

Her survivors include her parents, David and Elizabeth Hofer; two brothers, Peter D. Hofer and

Benjamin D. Hofer; three sisters, Justina D. Wurtz, Annie D. Hofer and Susanna D. Kleinsasser; and numerous nephews and nieces. All of her family reside at the Sage Creek Colony.

Funeral services were held at 12:30 p.m, Saturday, March 22nd, at the Sage Creek Colony Church. Burial followed in the Sage Creek Colony Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were assisted by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

MYRTLE MAY HOFFNER

Born: April 20, 1891 - Died: February 24, 1986

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Myrtle Hoffner

Myrtle May Hanson was born April 20th, 1891 in Alexandria, Minnesota. She was one of five children born to Susan Mae Glines and A.B. Hanson. Myrtle was educated in Minnesota before moving with her family to Dogden, North Dakota. She was teaching school near Dogden when she met her first husband, Wilford L. Graham, and they were married in 1908. After Wilford died in 1916, Myrtle came to Aden, Alberta to be closer to her family. Her two brothers were working north of the Sweetgrass Hills, and while visiting them she met an area homesteader, Harry Hoffner. They were married in Havre January 1st, 1919. That following summer was hot and dry and the farming business was bleak so they moved to Tennessee where they lived for the next five years. They returned to the Montana homestead in 1925. In the years that followed, they gradually acquired some adjoining land and made their ranch a profitable operation. In 1957 they bought a small home in Chester and moved there after their retirement in 1959. Harry died in 1970 and Myrtle continued living in Chester. She moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge in 1978. After her health deteriorated in the fall of 1985, she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home. Following

a short hospital stay, she died the early morning of Monday, February 24th. She was just a few months shy of being 95 years old.

Myrtle had been active in her church throughout her life. She was re-baptized about two years ago by Rev. Dan Mielke of the Assembly of God Parish. She had been a member of the Joplin Eastern Star, the Liberty County CowBelles, and the Bear's Den Homemaker Club. She had served on the Liberty County Hospital Board and the Laird School Board. Myrtle was a staunch Republican and proud of it. She enjoyed crocheting knitting embroidery, reading and playing the piano. She was a good cook and did a lot of canning over the years. She loved the outdoors and always had a nice vegetable and flower garden. At family gatherings she enjoyed playing marbles and cards (and was especially fond of cribbage and pinochle). She liked watching baseball, basketball and rodeo events. Myrtle loved people, and her home was always open to anyone at any time. She had a special love for children, and her patience and understanding with kids cannot be described. . .

Myrtle is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Edris and Walt Jensen of Chester; a son and daughter-in-law, Arlo and Beth Graham of Chester; a son-in-law, Wayne Dafoe of Chester; 11 grandchildren; 32 great-

grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Mildred Hanson of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her husbands and parents, but also by two daughters (Ruth Arletta and Mable Dafoe), by an infant son (Donald Edward), by two brothers (Cliff and Chris Hanson), by one sister (Ione Gifford), and by one great-grandson (Douglas Jensen).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 27th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Services were conducted by Reverend Dan Mielke and Reverend Wayne Bungum. Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, sang "Jesus Savior Pilot Me" and "In the Garden." The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art." Organist was Juanita Wardell. "Grandsons" serving as pallbearers included Hal and Bob Dafoe, Wilfred and Vance Graham, and Gary and Carmen Jensen. Ushers were Cliff Hanson, Mike Bertram, Alfred Hanson and Albert Hanson. A luncheon followed at the church, and then interment was made later that afternoon at the Whitlash Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel. Memorials will be given to the Sweetgrass Lodge, the Liberty County Hospital, the Whitlash Presbyterian Church, and the Chester Assembly of God Church.

THOMAS G. (JERRY) HYLE

Born: May 10, 1909 - Died: December 5, 1986

Liberty County Times

December 10, 1986

Jerry Hyle

Thomas G. "Jerry" Hyle, 77, formerly of Yakima, died Friday in Valley General Hospital in Spokane.

He was born May 10, 1909, in Rugby, N.D., to Thomas H. and Martha (Shank) Hyle. He moved with his parents to Inverness, Montana at an early age and was raised and educated there.

He later moved to Sandpoint, Idaho, where he worked as a carpenter and lived 12 years before moving to Yakima. He worked as a carepter in Yakima. He was married in March 1974 in Yakima to Isabelle "Peg" Klassen. They lived in Yakima all their married lives. Mr. Hyle moved to Spokane in

1983 following the death of his wife.

Mr. Hyle was a member of Carpenters and Joiners Union Local No. 770 and Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 589 in Sandpoint.

Survivors include three foster daughters, Mrs. Sylvester (Beulah) Vetsch of Portland, OR, and Mabel Lee and Mrs. Louis (Neva) Imfeld, both of Carson City NV; two sisters Mildred Walker of Kansas City, KS, and Bernadean LaValley of Spokane; and five foster grandchildren.

He was preceeded in death by his wife in 1981 and a brother A.J. Hyle; and sisters Irene Joerb and Josephine Goldberg.

LLOYD SILAS INGEBRETSON

Born: March 15, 1910 - Died: August 28, 1986

Liberty County Times
September 3, 1986



Lloyd Ingebretson

Lloyd Silas Ingebretson was born in Waubay, South Dakota March 15th, 1910. He was one of seven children born to Bertha Brennan and Albert Ingebretson. He was baptized Catholic as an infant. When Lloyd was six years old, he came to Montana with his family to a farm near Big Sandy. He grew up there and attended Big Sandy schools. In the few years that followed he worked as a farm laborer in the Big Sandy community. In the 1930's he bought a cabin and tree farm near Troy, Montana, where he cut and sold Christmas trees. At the time of World War II, Lloyd was inducted into the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged in April of 1943, and he returned to Montana. After working various farm jobs, he came to the Chester community in 1952, where he worked for his brother-in-law (Emil Eggers) for the next 15 years. Lloyd retired in 1968

and moved to a small home in Chester. He became a familiar face around town, as he liked to visit and tell stories. Because of failing health with a severe asthmatic condition, Lloyd sold his home in 1978 and moved to the Liberty County Rest Home. He remained there until his death on the morning of Thursday, August 28th. He was 76 years old.

Lloyd loved wildlife and the great outdoors. He did a lot of hunting, trapping, fishing and swimming in his younger days. He was extremely fond of horses and western music. He had been an avid reader and was very well versed and educated when it came to "ancient history." Even though he could be called a "loner," he still enjoyed people (and was especially fond of the younger generation). He never married but enjoyed the companionship of family and friends...

He is survived by four sisters,

including Mrs. Walter (Viola) Leland, Mrs. Emil (Lavenia) Eggers, and Mrs. Walter (Pearl) Doheny, all of Great Falls, and Mrs. Ernest (Angela) Myette of Indianapolis, Indiana, and numerous nephews and nieces. Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents and by two brothers (Lester and Everett).

Funeral mass was celebrated by Father Jack Harrington at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church in Big Sandy on Saturday, August 30th, at 11 a.m. Special music was provided by Darcy Cuthbert, who sang and played some of Lloyd's favorite "old-time" hymns. Pallbearers were Walt Doheny, Mike Mills, Alfred Ophus, Roy Pagar, Ray Reichelt and Art Kaiser. Interment was in the Big Sandy Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Following graveside services, ladies of the church provided a luncheon for family and friends.

MARGARET VELK JENSEN

Born: September 13, 1909 - Died: February 20, 1986

Liberty County Times

February 27, 1986

Rites for Margaret Jensen

Margaret Velk Jensen was born September 13th, 1909 in Rugby, North Dakota. She was one of nine children born to Christine Keller and Balthasar Velk. She was baptized as an infant in North Dakota. As a child she came to Montana with her parents, who began farming north of Havre. Margaret attended the Miller Country School. She was confirmed at the St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre. Margaret met and married Earl B. Bryner, and they made their home in Washington state. Her husband worked on fishing boats and he mysteriously disappeared at sea, so she returned to Montana to be closer to her family. Margaret remarried July 7th, 1949 to Ernest J. Jensen in Hingham. Ernest farmed south of Inverness, so they made their home there. In 1957 they built a new house in Inverness, and have lived there since. They continued in the farming operations with the assistance of two grandsons. Margaret had suffered from numerous ailments in recent years. On the early morning of Thursday, February 20th, she collapsed at home and resuscitative measures were to no avail. She was 76-1/2 years old.

Margaret was a member of the Sacred Heart Church and Altar Society in Inverness. Years ago she had been active in the church choir.

She also held membership in the Chester V.F.W. and American Legion Auxiliaries. She enjoyed cooking and was an amateur pianist. In her earlier years she always kept a nice vegetable and flower garden and enjoyed raising chickens. She liked to square dance and play pinochle. In her private hours at home Margaret enjoyed TV; and was especially fond of certain soap operas and game shows. She was very proud of the fact that she was related to Lawrence Welk, and had visited with him on numerous occasions. Religion had always been an important part of Margaret's life, and she made sure that her family attended church regularly and had a good religious education. Because of her love for the church, all memorial monies will be given to Sacred Heart.

Survivors include her husband, Ernest of Inverness; two sons, Earl of Bow Island, Alberta and Gene of Pocatello, Idaho; ten grandchildren; two brothers, Tom and Bill Velk, both of Havre; three sisters, Mary Gerky and Kate Weyh, both of Havre, and Helen Woodruff of Seattle; and numerous nephews and nieces. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, by two sisters (Christine and Eva), and by one brother (Joe).

Rosary services were held at Sacred Heart Church Sunday



Margaret Jensen

evening, February 23rd. Funeral mass was celebrated by Father John Coady at 11:00 a.m. Monday morning. Vocal music was provided by members of the Sacred Heart choir, accompanied by Iris White. Pallbearers included Donovan and Monty Jensen, Martin Kardell, Victor Velk, Lloyd Boyer and Paul Stevens. Ushers were Jan Phillips and Vernon Moog. Alter servers were Tony, Chris and Marlin Moog. Following the mass, a luncheon was held in the church basement. Graveside services were conducted later in the afternoon at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

OLGA JOY

Born: April 26, 1916 - Died : March 12, 1986

Liberty County Times

March 20, 1986

Olga Joy

Olga Joy, sister of the late Fred R. Joy, passed away March 12, 1986 at San Diego, California.

Olga was born April 26, 1916 to Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Joy in Malta, Montana and went to college at Havre.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. O.B. Joy, and brothers Jim of San Diego, Dick of Austin, Texas, Chester of White Salmon, Washington; sister Jean of Mancelona, Mi.

CORA KINDSCHY
Born: March 14, 1889 - Died: April 23, 1986
Liberty County Times
May 15, 1986

Cora Kindschy

Graveside services for cremated remains will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Hingham Cemetery for Cora Kindschy, 97, formerly of Hingham. She died April 23 in Walnut Creek, California.

The Rev. Dennie Calhoun will officiate and Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Mrs. Kindschy was born March 14, 1889, in Groton, South Dakota, and moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where she was raised and schooled. She came to

Hingham in 1910. She later married John G. Kindschy and they operated the Hingham American Paper and later the Hi-Line Weekly until the early 1950s when her husband preceded her in death. They also homesteaded and farmed in the Hingham area and she lived on the homestead until 1924. She was also preceded in death by a son, Donald, in 1959. Survivors include a sister, Myrtle Cruss of San Francisco; a daughter-in-law, Lorraine Kindschy, and a sister-in-law, Ruth Kindschy, both of Spokane; a brother-in-law, Dwight Kindschy of Moscow, Idaho, and numerous nieces and nephews.

LEONA BEATRICE LALUM KINYON

Born: December 2, 1916 - Died: January 15, 1986

Liberty County Times

January 28, 1986



Leona Beatrice Lalum was born in Maddock, North Dakota December 2nd, 1916. Her parents were Sigurd and Esther (Peterson) Lalum and she was one of seven children. She grew up on the family farm near Maddock and attended rural schools. Leona was baptized and confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Maddock. After her father died in 1937, Leona came to Kalispell, Montana with her mother, where they lived for the next eight years. Her brother, Ray, operated a service station in Galata, so she came here in 1946. She met Brondle E. Kinyon in Galata, and they were married September 28th, 1947 in Shelby. They made their home on Brondle's farm located five miles north of Galata, where Leona worked happily as homemaker and mother. Because she had suffered from an asthmatic condition since childhood, Leona and Brondle had spent the past seven winters in Yuma, Arizona. Her health deteriorated this past year, and she died the afternoon of Wednesday, January 15th, at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. She had just turned 69 this past December.

Leona had been active in the Galata Lutheran Parish and the ALCW. She had held Conference and District offices and was a long-time Sunday school superintendent. During those winter months in Yuma, she attended the Victory Lutheran Church. Leona had also been a member of the Galata American Legion Auxiliary, the Galata Good Neighbor Club, and she had served as a 4-H leader. She was very talented when it came to handiwork; she did all kinds of needlework, crocheting, quilting and sewing. As a hobby she collected old bottles, and was fond of other antiques. She enjoyed fishing, boating and camping. In her quiet hours she liked to do crossword puzzles or read inspirational books. Although not a talented musician, Leona did play a little piano and enjoyed music of all kinds. She loved raising flowers and vegetables. She made preserves, did a lot of canning, and was an excellent cook (her specialty was homemade bread). She liked to play cards and was an amateur camera buff (she enjoyed birds and flowers, and took a lot of photographs of them). Leona was a loyal wife and devoted mother and good friend. . .

Survivors include her husband, Brondle of Galata; two daughters, Jane (Mrs. James) Johnson of Shelby and Jean (Mrs. Dexter) Aspevig of Galata; two granddaughters, Amy and Amber Aspevig of Galata; one sister, Mrs. Homer (Eldora) Kinyon of Columbia Falls; four brothers, Palmer Lalum of Kalispell, Sig Lalum of Chester, Ray Lalum of Bigfork, and Luther Lalum of Kalispell; and numerous nephews and nieces. Leona was preceded in death by her parents, a sister (Evelyn), and two daughters (Kathleen and Carol Ann).

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday at the Galata Church with Reverend Ken Bartle officiating. Vocal music by Carole Hanson included "Beautiful Savior" and "The Lord's Prayer." The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace," accompanied by Laila Lindberg. Ushers were Greg May and Andy Lalum. Nephews serving as pallbearers included Bernie Rosling, Chris Frederickson, Con May, LaVern Kinyon and Dale, Mark and Stephen Lalum. Memorial bearers were "all of Leona's friends and neighbors in the Galata Community." Burial was in the Galata Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon followed at the church.

ROBERT J. KOUTNIK
Born: September 11, 1916 - Died : December 9, 1986
Liberty County Times
December 17, 1986

Koutnik

Robert J. Koutnik 70 years of age, a resident of Kremlin, Mt. died on Tuesday, December 9, 1986 at the Northern Montana Hospital at Havre, Mt.

Memorial Services were held on Friday, December 12, 1986 at the 1st Lutheran Church in Havre, Mt. at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Joseph Fox officiating. Cremation has taken place.

Robert was born on Sept. 11, 1916 at Havre, Mt. He worked in

the C.C.C 's (Civilian Conservation Corps) from 1937-1938 and also on the Great Northern Railroad until 1941. Robert served in the U.S. Army during World War II. On Oct. 7, 1944 at Menominee, Michigan he married Arlene Roubal. In 1946 after his discharge the couple moved to Kremlin, Mt. where the couple farmed. Robert also was a grain buyer. He was an avid Sportsman and enjoyed basketball and baseball games. He was a

member of the American Legion Post #88 of Chester, Mt., a member of the Diabetic Association and the American Lutheran Church of Kremlin.

Survivors include: his wife Arlene of Kremlin, Mt., 3 daughters Kathy Burchard of Plains, Mt., Patricia Koutnik of Boise, Idaho, and Cindy Marshall of Kremlin, Mt., 1 son Randy of Great Falls. 1 sister Eleanor Nelson of Kremlin, Mt., 2 brothers William of Spokane,

Washington and Loius of Fort Mead, South Dakota also 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

He was preceeded in death by his parents and 1 brother.

Memorials can be made to either; KXEI Radio Station Box 2426, Havre Mt. 59501, or the Diabetic Association c/o Lylas McCormick Kremlin, Mt. 59532.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre was in charge of local arrangements.

ESTHER LABORTA

Born: December 16, 1908 - Died: November 28, 1986
Liberty County Times
December 3, 1986

La Borta

Funeral services for Esther LaBorta were held Friday, Nov. 28, 1986 at 10 am at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Rudyard, Montana with Pastor James Shelden officiating.

Organist was Stanleigh Barbie and singing was Terry Stevenson who sang Amazing Grace and On The Wings of a Dove.

Palbearers were Morris Smith, Vic Gatzemeier, Tim Gatzemeier, Alfred Tollefson, Cliff Ulmen, and

Bob Christenson. Ushers were Stu Smith and Lyle Twedt. Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery in Joplin, MT. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. LaBorta was born Dec. 16, 1908 in Melby, Minn., before moving with her family to Goldstone, north of Rudyard, in 1911 where her father homesteaded.

She spent most of her life in the Rudyard area, receiving her teaching certificate from Northern Montana College. She taught school in the Rudyard area and Ravalli County.

She married Elmer LaBorta, Sept 15, 1940 in Missoula. Mrs. LaBorta was a member of Our Saviors Lutheran church, the NMC Alumni Association and a Sunday school teacher.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three brothers

and two sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Gerard of Plentywood and Dale of Plentywood; four daughters Ann Marie LaBorta and Myrl Jean Solum, both of Rudyard, June Stiles of Wolf Point and Aileen Garrick of Plentywood, two sisters, Myrtle Bergstrom of Rudyard and Emily Wheelbarger of Tigard, Ore; one brother, Algot Bergstrom of Rudyard; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

SIGVALD ELLSWORTH LALUM
Born: May 31, 1910 - Died: August 21, 1986

Liberty County Times

August 27, 1986



Sigvald Ellsworth Lalum was born on May 31st, 1910 at Maddock, North Dakota. He was one of seven children born to Sigurd and Esther (Peterson) Lalum. Sig grew up on a farm near Maddock. In 1935 he came to Montana. He met Sophie Kantorowicz and they were married in Havre on August 5th, 1939. They worked on various Montana ranches, then moved to Chester in 1945. While here, Sig worked for the county and was also a heavy equipment operator on the Tiber Dam project. He retired in 1967. Recently, he has resided in the Liberty County Rest Home, where he died on the early morning of Thursday, August 21st. He was 76 years old.

Sig had been a long time member of the Chester Volunteer Fire Department and was given a plaque for 20 years of distinguished service. He was also a past member of the Liberty County Search and Rescue organization. Prior to his failing illness, he attended church at Our Savior's in Chester. He enjoyed fishing and he loved to hunt in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. He also liked camping and was fond of his trips to Glacier Park. He had always been proud of the fact that he contributed in the construction of

the dam at Lake Elwell. Sig's hobbies included wood-working, playing the harmonica, and reading. Whenever he felt down or disillusioned, he always turned to the Lord for comfort. He liked "The 23rd Psalm" and "The Lord's Prayer". Although poor health curtailed his recent activities, he still enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Sig's survivors include 4 sons, Arnie of Conrad, Allen of Columbia Falls, Clint of Lancaster, California, and Dale of Chester; 5 daughters, Mariene Roden of Centerville, Utah; Edna Somerfeld of Power, Alice Wilcott of St. Maries, Idaho, Patsy Michaelson of Lolo, and Donna Gulick of Fairfield; 3 brothers, Palmer of Kalispell, Ray of California, and Luther of Kalispell; 1 sister, Eldora Kinyon of Columbia Falls; 28 grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, by a daughter (Margaret in August of 1971), by a son (Art in August of 1981), and by 2 sisters (Leona Kinyon and Evelyn).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, August 25th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Services were officiated by Reverend Daniel Clark. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace", accompanied by Juanita Wardell. A special vocal tribute by Melanie Brown was "The Lord is My Shepherd". Pallbearers included Michael Roden, Marvin Gulick, Bill Wildott, Leo Somerfeld, Steven Lalum, and Larry Merriman Lalum. Memorial bearers were "all of Sig's

grandchildren" and the usher was Andy Lalum. Recessional music was harmonica melodies taped by Nick Bubnash. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon followed at the church,

ANNE H. LOBE
Born: November 20, 1904 - Died: January 25, 1986
Liberty County Times
January 30, 1986

Rites for Anne H. Lobe

Anne H. Lobe, 81, a 55-year Wenatchee, Washington area resident, died in a local convalescent center Saturday morning.

Born at Ritzville November 20, 1904, she was the daughter of the late Jake and Katie Heimbigner. She attended school at Ritzville prior to moving to Chester, Montana, where she graduated from high school. She returned to Washington where she met and later married Emanuel T. Lobe on June 7, 1926, at Odessa. Odessa was their home until moving to Malaga in 1930. They lived there for 19 years before going to Wenatchee in 1949. She was employed as an apple packer by J.D. Hamilton Fruit Co. and later at Wenoka for many years.

Mrs. Lobe was a member of First

United Methodist Church and a 49-year member of the Auxiliary of Wenatchee Aerie No. 204, Fraternal Order of Eagles. She was involved with charity work for over 25 years and had a special interest in the Jimmy Durante Crippled Children Fund sponsored by the Eagles.

Survivors include her husband, at home; two sons, Alvin Lobe, Moses Lake, and Richard Lobe, Wenatchee; three brothers, Benny Heimbigner and Larry Bassett, both of Chester, Montana, and Richard Bassett, Denver, Colorado; four grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, a stillborn daughter, two brothers and one sister.

Jones and Jones Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ROGER E. LUDWIG

Born: October 12, 1921 - Died: December 13, 1986

Liberty County Times

December 31, 1986

Roger E. Ludwig

Roger E. Ludwig, 65 years of age, a resident of Rudyard, Mt. died on December 13, 1986 at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre, Mt. He was born on October 12, 1921 at Rudyard, Mt. Roger served in WWII with the U.S. Army-Air Corps. On June 28, 1952 he married Doris E. Shipman at Hingham, Mt. and the couple moved to Rudyard, Mt. where they farmed.

He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars Club of Rudyard and Chester, the National Farmers Organization, and Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church of Hingham.

A rosary was held on Tuesday, December 16, 1986 at 5:30 at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church.

A funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, December 17, 1986 at 11:00a.m. at Our of Lady Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Interment was at the Rudyard Cemetery. The Color Guard and Firing Squad were present from the VFW and the American Legion Post in Chester which included: Commander Don Buffington, Color Guard: Neal Shepard, Morton Skari, Jack Dolezal, George Mattson; Firing Squad: Lennie Limesand, Clint Frasca, Steve Layton, Vern McDaniel. Roger's son-in-law Edward Mikulecky played Taps.

Father John Coady officiated. Jerome Lincoln was the soloist and accompanied by Iris White the organist. Songs included, "Morning has Broken", "One Day at a Time", "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled", "Mother Dear Pray For Me", and "Faith of our Fathers". Ushers were Virgil Junrenka and Jim Chvilicek. Pallbearers were Ray Warhank, Ken

Afdahl, Vic Gatzemeier, Al Voss, Arvid Blessing, and Cliff Ulmen. Honorary pallbearers were Ben Bradbury Sr., Ben Bradbury Jr., Leonard Poier, Roland Ritter, Jack Rhodes and Harold Moos.



Survivors include wife Doris of Rudyard, Mt., 3 sons Dale and Edward Ludwig both of Anchorage, Alaska, and Brian of Rudyard. 3 daughters Lori Davenport and Tracy Ludwig both of Bozeman, Mt. and Lynn Mikulecky of Rudyard, Mt. 3 brothers Lee Ludwig of Havre, Mt., Tom Ludwig of Chester, Mt., and Ted Ludwig of Canyon Country, Ca 6 sisters Virgie Toner of Gildford, Mt., Ethel Carr of Havre, Mt., Evelyn Little of Helena, Mt., Irene McMaster of Colbert, Wa., and Lorraine Shirley of Big Springs, Tx. 4 grandchildren and he was preceded in death by his parents and 1 brother. Memorials to a person's choice.

MARGARET I. MATTESON

Born: April 8, 1904 - Died: January 11, 1986

Liberty County Times

January 16, 1986



Margaret I. Matteson was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania April 8th, 1904. She was one of three children and her parents were Linnea Petterson and John Ek. She moved to Wisconsin with her family as a child and attended elementary schools in McKinley. Margaret was baptized and confirmed in the Swedish Lutheran Church at McKinley. She graduated from high school at Cumberland in 1924. That same year she came to Montana where she lived with relatives in Missoula and attended the University there. She received her teaching certificate, then began teaching in the Pattee Canyon community near Missoula. In the few years that followed, she also taught at the Toole School near Sunburst and the Grandview School north of Galata. November 23rd, 1926 she married a Toole County homesteader, Malvin Matteson, in Great Falls. They made their home on his farm, located 18 miles north of Galata, for the next 50+ years. For a short while following their marriage, Margaret taught school at Eagle Creek, but then quit to become a full-time homemaker and mother of four. Their life together was happy and they celebrated their Golden Anniversary in 1976. Malvin died in 1981. Margaret remained on the farm until 1984, when she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. Her health improved, so she transferred to the

Sweetgrass Lodge in February of 1985. Following a short stay in the Chester Hospital, she died the evening of Saturday, January 11th. She was 81 years old.

Margaret was a charter member of the Trinity Church north of Lothair and had been active in the Ladies Aide. All aspects of the church were very important to her. She was a Sunday school superintendent and teacher for many years, and had served as the Havre Conference President of the W.M.F. Margaret was also a charter member of the Galata American Legion Auxiliary, and had served as District President and State Junior Chairman. In addition, she was a member of the Galata Eastern Star (Laurel Chapter) and had served as clerk of the Grandview School for many years.

Margaret was interested in local history. She had organized many scrap books in attempts to preserve some local heritage; for example, she compiled histories on Trinity Church and the Galata American Legion. She was also interested in the preservation of old buildings and important landmarks. As a hobby, Margaret collected church plates and Christmas stamps. She enjoyed reading, and was especially fond of Christian books and biographies. She loved cooking and canning -- her specialty was Scandinavian food and she was always willing to try new complicated recipes. Margaret enjoyed traveling, and some of her memorable trips were to Washington, D.C. in 1970, to Sweden and Norway in 1971, and to California in 1981. She liked many other things, including Bible studies, writing letters, playing word games, raising African violets, crocheting, tatting, and arts and crafts. Margaret

had a special love for children and animals to be sure they always had proper care and affection. Her solid Christian faith made her a believer in spreading 'love' to her family and friends.

Margaret's survivors include three children, Iva Kolstad of Ledger, Leonard Matteson of Galata, and Christabel Matteson of Galata; one brother, Alvar Ek of Cumberland, Wisconsin; ten grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several cousins. She was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by a daughter (Phyllis), a grandson (Cary), and an infant brother.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 15th, at the Trinity Church north of Lothair with Pastors Ken Bartle and Wayne Bungum officiating. Carolyn Frederickson accompanied the congregation, who sang "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less," "This is My Father's World," and "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us." A vocal duet by Shawn Frederickson and Jeremy Hawks was "Jesus Loves Me." Soloist, Merry Sveum, sang "My Heart is Longing." Pallbearers included Cedric and Chris Kolstad, Greg and Ronald Matteson, Rick Howell, Hal Schlotfeldt and David McGuire. Ushers were Claude Hawks, Arnold Jeppeson, Warren Wickum and Chris Frederickson. Following burial in the Trinity Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

CLARENCE FREDERICK MCDANIEL
Born: May 22, 1904 - Died : January ?, 1986
Liberty County Times
January 16, 1986

Clarence McDaniel dies

Clarence Frederick McDaniel, 81, died Friday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Vancouver, Washington.

He was born May 22, 1904 in McHenry, North Dakota to Mary Plourd and Fred McDaniel. He farmed north of Chester from 1925 until moving to the Kalispell area in 1950.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Margaret Loehr McDaniel in 1946, and a son Alvin in 1979.

He married Nella Moore in November 1952.

Survivors include his wife Nella of Camas, Washington; three sons, Clarence of Havre, Vern of Chester and Earl of Columbus; two daughters, Joyce Tempel of Kalispell and Verna Wood of Havre; four stepchildren, and a sister Louise Swafford of Post Falls, Idaho.

Memorial services were held at the Bible Presbyterian Church, 5th Ave. West & 4th St., Kalispell, at 11 a.m. Tuesday, the 7th of January with Rev. James E. Huff officiating.

Memorials to the Heart Fund are suggested.

OTTO HENRY MOOG
Born: April 26, 1895 - Died: March 14, 1986
Liberty County Times
March 20, 1986

Otto Moog

Otto Henry Moog was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota April 26th, 1895. He was one of nine children born to Josephine Lubbesmeyer and John Sylvester Moog. Otto received his formal education in St. Cloud, then came to Montana in 1918. He began working with his brothers, who owned the Moog General Store in Inverness. September 8th, 1920 he married Irene M. White in Inverness, where they made their home throughout their married lives. In those early years, in addition to farming south of Inverness, Otto also worked for the Great Northern Railroad and did custom thrashing in Montana and Canada. He remained loyal to his farm until December of 1985, when ill-health took him to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. Otto died at the Liberty County Hospital the morning of Friday, March 14th. He was just a few months shy of being 91 years old.

Otto was a life-long member of

the Catholic Church and had served as an usher for many years. He was also a member of the Farmers Union. In his younger years he enjoyed playing baseball, and remained an avid spectator fan of professional baseball. He enjoyed reading and was especially fond of Westerns. Otto did most of the family cooking throughout the years, not only because he enjoyed cooking, but also because he was an excellent cook! He also did all of the family shopping, be it for clothing or groceries. As a hobby Otto enjoyed playing the harmonica. His favorite social pastime was playing cards. He loved his farm and was very fond of his chickens and other animals. Although best described as a quiet man and a 'homebody,' he did get out-and-about on occasion and was always seen with a cigar hanging out the corner of his mouth. Otto loved his family and remained a loyal and devoted husband to Irene for these past 65+ years. . .

Survivors include his wife of Inverness; four sons, Otto J. of Great Falls, Robert of Inverness, Vernon of Inverness and Leonard of Denver, Colorado; two daughters, Alice Lakey of Chester and Margaret Bailey of Las Vegas, Nevada; 48 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Otto was preceded in death by his parents, by all of his siblings (including five brothers, Frank, John, Bill, Herb and Ed; and three sisters, Clara, Emma and Mamie), and by two great-grandsons.

Rosary services were Sunday evening, March 16th, at Sacred Heart Church in Inverness. Funeral mass was celebrated by Father John Coady at 10:30 a.m. Monday. Special music was provided by members of the Sacred Heart Choir, accompanied by Iris White. Otto's 'grandsons' served as pallbearers and ushers were Jerry and Herb White. Friends serving as honorary pallbearers included Don Meyer, Ernie Evans, Martin Jochim, Glen Alex, Ernest Jensen, Walt Hovee and Tony Jochim. Burial was in the Inverness Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the church.



Otto Moog

ALICE CHARLOTTE NORRIS
Born: March 3, 1921 - Died: October 15, 1986
Liberty County Times
October 22, 1986

Alice Norris

Alice Charlotte Norris was born March 3rd, 1921 near Hagerstown, Maryland. She was one of two children born to Alma Zittle and Charles Miller. Alice was baptized as an infant and attended schools at Hagerstown. Her mother died when she was still a child, so Alice was raised by a maternal uncle. On September 22nd, 1940 she married Wilbur E. Norris at Bell Grove, Maryland. In the years that followed, Alice worked as homemaker and mother of two, and they lived in various Maryland communities including Hagerstown, Baltimore and Greensburg. In May of 1963, they came to Joplin (Montana). While there, Alice operated the Husky Cafe. During the past several years she has served as clerk and bookkeeper for the Joplin Water Association. On this past Sunday evening she was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital for emergency surgery. She died from complications on Wednesday afternoon, October 15th. Alice was 65 years old.

Alice could best be described as a "home body." She enjoyed needlework, embroidery, crocheting and sewing. She loved to read and she was a good cook. Alice was an avid spectator fan of professional baseball, and she enjoyed playing board games and cards. She loved flowers and plants, and as a hobby she collected souvenir ashtrays. In her quiet hours she liked to do crossword and jigsaw puzzles. Her family was very important to her and she loved them dearly...

Survivors include her husband, Wilbur of Joplin; daughter and son-in-law, Eunice and Jerry Robo of Fort Benton; son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Carol Norris of Joplin; four grandchildren, James and Jeff Robo and Jack and TiAnne Norris; one brother, Charles Johnson of Chantilly, Virginia; and two nieces and three nephews. Alice was preceded in death by her parents.



Alice Norris

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 18th, at the Chester Alliance Church, Reverend Lyle Burwell of Fort Benton and Reverend Charlie Hanson of Chester officiated. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross," accompanied by Thelma Anderson. Two special songs performed by Carole Hanson included "Peace in the Valley" and "In the Garden." Pallbearers were Duane Johnson, Ken Miller, Frank Richter, Glenn

LaValley, Ron Wolery and Tom Wood, Sr. Memorial bearers included Donald Pimley, Rick Richter, Gerald Buker, Lawrence Terwolbeck, and all of Alice's other good friends. Burial followed in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

ANN OBIE
Born: December 19, 1895 - Died: July 7, 1986
Liberty County Times
July 17, 1986

Ann Obie

Ann Obie passed away in Eugene, Oregon.

After cremation, a memorial service will be held in Eugene and remains will be brought to Joplin cemetery for graveside services Friday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Born December 19, 1895 in Minnesota Ann came to Montana in 1910 when her family homesteaded north of Joplin. In 1916 she married Ed Obie and they lived on his homestead north of Joplin until moving to a ranch near Bozeman in

1944. They retired in 1949 and lived in Yuma, Arizona until moving to Oregon in 1965. Her husband died in 1975 and a son, Norman, died in 1944. She is survived by sons Gordon and Laurence of Eugene, Willard of San Jose, California; daughters Rose Groven, Hamilton, and Gillette Ritter, Rudyard; brothers Jerome and Ben Yocorowic, Sweet Home, Oregon; 18 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

RICHARD (RICK) DARBY O'BRIEN, JR.
Born: September 13, 1948 - Died: March 24, 1986
Liberty County Times
April 10, 1986

The Times apologizes for the error of omission in Rick's obituary. We are running a corrected version this week.

Richard Darby O'Brien, Jr. was born September 13, 1948, in Conrad, Montana. Of the five children born to Elizabeth Ann Kingston and Richard Darby O'Brien, he was the only son. Baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Church in Chester, Rick attended school here through grade eight. While in Chester, he was a Little Leaguer, Boy Scout, junior bowler, piano student, C.C.D. member and altar boy.

He spent his freshman year at Great Falls Central High School, then transferred to Assumption Abbey Prep in Richardton, North Dakota. There, he played football and basketball and earned All Conference honors in both sports. A natural leader, he was a class officer and student council officer. He graduated in 1966.

He attended Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, where he played freshman basketball and majored in business administration and economics. The highlight of his college career was spending his junior year in Italy as a student in the Gonzaga-in-Florence program. He used this opportunity to travel extensively in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. In summer 1970, he attended Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia, and received his commission in the U.S. Marine Corps upon graduation from Gonzaga in 1971.



Richard Darby O'Brien, Jr.

After gaining his wings in Pensacola, Florida, he served as a helicopter pilot in Okinawa and the Philippines and attained the rank of captain. Following his honorable discharge in 1975, he returned to do postgraduate work spring quarter at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Then he returned to Chester where he joined his parents in the Darby O'Brien Agency. On July 9, 1977, he married Janice Elaine

Dolezal, from Hingham, in a garden ceremony at Finley Point, the home of Jan's parents, Donald and Virginia Dolezal. Jan and Rick made their home in Chester where he worked as a State Farm Agent. His memberships included Chester Lions Club, Shelby Elks and Chester VFW. In 1983, he became State Farm District Manager.

Rick learned that he had cancer in early fall 1984. Surgery and extensive treatment followed. The bright spot in the fall of 1984 was the birth of his daughter, Erin Elizabeth, the first O'Brien granddaughter. Because of his illness, Rick and Jan lived at Finley Point from June to December, 1985. Then they moved into their new home at 255 Dairy Drive in Kalispell. Rick died at home on the afternoon of Saturday, March 22. He was 37 years old.

Throughout his life, Rick was avidly interested in sports. He bowled in Rudyard in the mixed doubles and men's leagues. He was very active at the Chester Sports Complex, whether assisting with the Little League program or sponsoring softball teams and tournaments. He participated in the softball league, both as player and manager/coach. His team, "Darby O'Brien/Tip Top Tavern," attended many State tournaments over the years. Rick also loved the game of golf. He took it very seriously and was always particular about golf rules and etiquette.

Education was important to Rick. He read widely and seldom missed the nightly news because he liked to keep up on world affairs. He was a staunch Democrat and was always ready to defend or debate his political beliefs. From classical to rock-n-roll, Rick loved music. He accumulated hundreds of tapes and records. At gatherings with friends, he liked to play croquet, cards or board games, especially chess, Monopoly and Trivial Pursuit. When it came to playing games, Rick was a real competitor. He hated to lose!

Rick was proud of his experience as a pilot and appreciative of traveling and seeing so much of the world in his short life span. He was totally committed to State Farm from the time he became an agent. He qualified every year for the State Farm Millionaire Club and won trips to Europe, Hawaii and Mexico. On numerous occasions he was featured speaker at State Farm Regional meetings and conventions. He was a firm believer in health and life insurance, and he practiced what he preached. Even during his illness, Rick remained loyal to his work as best he could.

Probably his greatest pleasure in life was fellowship with family and friends. He liked people and he liked to have a good time. During these last months at home he developed a very special affection for his little girl, "Pookie," who along with Jan, provided great comfort and support to him.

Survivors include his wife, Jan, and daughter, Erin Elizabeth, both of Kalispell; his parents, Darby and Elizabeth O'Brien of Chester; four sisters, Judith Cole of Columbia, Maryland, Patt Hawthorne of Olympia, Washington, Debbie O'Brien of Chester and Nancy O'Brien of Dayton, Ohio; his paternal grandmother, Lucy O'Brien of Spokane, Washington; his

parents-in-law, Donata Dewey and Virginia Dolezal of Finley Point; and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 26th, at St. Mary's Church in Chester. Father John Coady celebrated the mass. Special music was provided by members of St. Mary's Choir and Guitar Group, who did a meaningful rendition of Rick's favorite song, "Let It Be".

Pallbearers included the 5 members of Rick's wedding party (Rlynn Rockman, John Fritz, Tom Conchruatt, Rick Dolezal, & Steven Bowman) plus 3 special friends (Jack Bell, Larry Bettinelli, & Dick Brown). Ushers were Joe Minnehan and Bob Nordstrom. Rick's uncle, Dennis O'Brien, served as reader and a good State Farm friend, Harvey Welch, gave the eulogy. Altar servers included Brad Kimball, Robert Pulst, and Marty Duffin. Memorial bearers were "all of Rick's family and friends". Following the mass, family and friends stepped outside the church for military rites. The Chester VFW, American Legion and Auxilliary served as honor guards during "taps". It was Rick's personal wish to have a "missing man airplane squadron" fly over, and this was done nicely by 4 local pilots and friends (Joel Fenger, Ed Mlinar, Carl Mattson, & Larry Nelson). A luncheon followed at the church. The graveside services were held Thursday, March 27th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Rick's uncle, Reverend Olaf Borge of Great Falls, handled the comittal. Again, friend Harvey Welch spoke a few personal words. Don Buffington, Vice Commander of the State American Legion, amde the presentation of the flag at graveside. A luncheon followed at Rick and Jan's new home in Kalispell. Funeral arrangements were by Rlynn and Karen Rockman, Chester.

RICHARD DARBY O'BRIEN, JR.

Date of Birth: September 13, 1948 *Date of Death:* March 22, 1986

Age: 37 years, 6 months, 9 days

Funeral Mass: 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 26th, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester

Celebrant: Father John N. Coady

Music: Members of St. Mary's Choirs

Pallbearers: Rlynn Rockman, Steven Bowman, John Fritz, Rick Dolezal, Tom Conchuratt, Jack Bell, Larry Bettinelli, & Dick Brown

Ushers: Bob Nordstrom & Joe Minnehan

Memorial bearers: "Rick's loving friends & relatives"

Luncheon: Immediately following Mass in St. Mary's basement

Graveside Services: 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 27th, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell

Arrangements: Rockman Chapel, Chester

RUTH MARIE OLSEN

Born: September 30, 1906 - Died: June 22, 1986

Liberty County Times

July 3, 1986

Ruth Olsen

Ruth Marie Bergan was born at Arvilla, North Dakota September 30th, 1906. She was one of eight children and her parents were Marie Costello and Peter Bergan. Ruth grew up in Crary, North Dakota. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She graduated from Crary High School in 1923. Ruth married Clarence Graff at Devils Lake, North Dakota in 1925. They came to Montana in 1928, and Clarence worked at the Greely Elevator in Joplin. Clarence died in 1936. The following year, Ruth married Cornelius ("Colonel") Olson in Kalispell. They made their home in Joplin and farmed in the Minneota community north of town. They enjoyed traveling in the winter months until Colonel's death in 1972. Ruth continued living in Joplin and her health remained good until about a year ago. She died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester Sunday evening, June 22nd. She was 79 years old.



Ruth had been active for many years in the Bethel Lutheran Church. She served as church treasurer, president of the A.L.C.W., assisted with the Sunday School program, and sang in the church choir. As a young girl Ruth enjoyed playing basketball, and in later years loved bowling. She was essentially an indoors person and liked to do things around the house. She loved music, reading novels, watching TV game shows, cooking, sewing, knitting, crocheting and needlework. When she went out-and-about, she liked to play Bingo and electronic poker. Ruth had a natural talent for painting, especially floral prints, and many friends and relatives enjoy the results of her efforts...

Ruth is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Ellsworth and Margaret Graff of Joplin; three grandchildren, Greg Graff of Cape Coral, Florida, Marlin Graff of Great Falls, and Glenda Zielke of Dodge City, Kansas; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Alvina Johnson of Osnabrock, North Dakota and Myrtle Poppler of Joplin; one brother, Hilman Bergan of Rugby, North Dakota; and numerous nephews and nieces. Ruth was preceded in death not only by her two husbands, but also by her parents and four siblings (Bernard, Palmer, Emma and an infant sister).

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Church Thursday, June 26th, at 2:00 p.m. Reverend John N. Olson officiated. Members of the Bethel Church Choir sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross," with accompaniment by Thelma Anderson. Ruth's pallbearers included Duane Johnson, Kenneth Miller, Terry LaValley, Don Rocks, Charles Fraser and Leonard Olson, and memorial bearers included all of her "friends." Ushers were Frank Meldrum and Jack Nelson.

A luncheon followed at the Kjos Hall in Joplin. The family has indicated that undesignated memorial gifts will be given to the Bethel Church and the Liberty County Hospital.

WILHELMINA ERJBE ORAW
Born: May 7, 1891 - Died: December 10, 1986
Liberty County Times
December 17, 1986



Wilhelmina Oraw

Wilhelmina Erjbe was born in Crimea, Russia on May 7th, 1891. She grew up in Estonia and was educated there. Following her marriage to Joseph Oraw on October 4th, 1909, they emigrated to Canada. In 1910 they came to Montana and homesteaded with some fellow Estonians in an area located northwest of Chester. They lived and worked the farm until Joseph's death in 1956. Wilhelmina remained on the farm for the next 20 years, then went to the Liberty County Rest Home in 1976. She died there on the morning of Wednesday, December 10th, at the age of 95 years.

In her healthy years Wilhelmina enjoyed crocheting, sewing, and

crafts. She worked hard over the years and liked gardening and yardwork. She could best be described as a quiet, reserved lady who enjoyed the simple things in life like her family, cooking and keeping a home...

Survivors include 2 sons, Oscar of Reno, Nevada and Ben of Chester; 1 daughter, Theresa Rughtvedt of Reno, Nevada; 6 grandchildren, Arlene Powell, Leda Rughtvedt, Brenda Schweitzer, and Calvin, Steven and Rodney Oraw; 7 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Wilhelmina was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a granddaughter.

Funeral services were held on

Saturday afternoon, December 13th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Reverend Wayne Bungum officiating. Special music provide by granddaughters-in-law, Marilyn and Virginia Oraw, included "In The Garden", "If We Could See Beyond Today", and "Children of the Heavenly Father".

Pallbearers were Cal, Steve and Rod Oraw, and Nathan Lakey, Jim Stevens and Jerry Fenger. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with funeral arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the church. Memorial gifts will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home.

ORVILLE S. RAMSFIELD
Born: September 22, 1922 - Died: ?, 1986
Liberty County Times
March 20, 1986

Orville Ramsfield

Orville S. Ramsfield, 63, a longtime resident of Bigfork, Montana, died in Brendan House last Wednesday afternoon after a long illness with cancer.

He was born September 22, 1922 in Agate, North Dakota, a son of Seivert and Anna Ramsfield. When he was two years old, he moved with his family to an area north of Bigfork, and had lived in the

Bigfork area since that time. March 9, 1956, he married Virginia Wicklund in Bigfork, then operated a small stud mill with his nephew, Alvin Mildren in the Ferndale area.

Mr. Ramsfield enjoyed fishing, hunting, and hiking to the lakes in the mountain areas, especially Birch Lake. In his younger years he trapped on Flathead River. He also enjoyed family picnics, fishing, berry picking and camping trips.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia, at the family home; two

step-sons, Dale and Terry Hodges, both of Kalispell; two step-daughters, Noella Hutton of Kalispell, and Bonnie Sebastian of Crab Orchard, Kent; a sister, Selia Mildren of Bigfork; 11 grandchildren; a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Saturday in Bethany Lutheran Church of Bigfork with the Rev. Herb Knutson officiating. Burial was in Lonepine Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the charity of donor's choice.

JACOB MARTIN RICHTER

Born: August 29, 1923 - Died: August 12, 1986

Liberty County Times
August 20, 1986



Jacob Richter

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Jacob Martin Richter was born August 29th, 1923 at his parents' homestead in the Alma community north of Joplin. He was one of 15 children born to Margaret Schwan and George Richter. The family later moved to a farm south of Inverness. Jake attended school in Inverness and helped with the farming operations following the death of his father in 1938. He remained on the farm while his brothers served time in the military and also worked for various farmers in the surrounding area. September 21st, 1947 Jake married Helen L. Solum in Great Falls. They made their home in Inverness and continued to farm south of town. In 1949 he began custom-cutting for various farms along the Hi-Line from Box Elder to Cut Bank. He enjoyed custom-combining, and has done it annually for the past 35 years. In 1965 Jake began farming the Doc Adaskavich place north of Devon, so has traveled the road between Inverness and Devon for the past 20 years. The evening of

Tuesday, August 12th, Jake was driving to the Devon farm and was hit by a train near there. He was taken to the Shelby Hospital where he died from injuries early the following morning, August 13th. He was just two weeks shy of being 63 years old.

Jake was a member of the Moose Lodge of Cut Bank and the Elks Lodge of Shelby. When his children were active in 4-H, he had served as a 4-H leader. In his younger days he enjoyed deer and bird hunting. Fishing was always his favorite outdoor activity, although he also enjoyed raising vegetables, attending rodeos, and dancing. Jake had a special recipe (known only to him) for making sausage, and family and friends will long remember those wonderful meat morsels that he provided for them. He was also famous for his smoked turkeys. Jake was engaged in farming his whole life and he loved it. He kept good care of his equipment and tools, and was very conscientious about his work. Harvest season was his favorite time of the year, so it seems fitting that he left us at this time...

Jake is survived by his wife, Helen of Inverness; three sons, Ken of Salt Lake City, Utah, Bob of Shelby, and Dick of Inverness; one daughter, Karen Kleiv of Cody, Wyoming; three grandchildren, Corey, Tyler and Christopher; five brothers, John of Havre, Chris of Hingham, Frank of Joplin, Raymond of Inverness and Edwin of Missoula; five sisters, Mary Mader of Great Falls, Lena Shore of Chinook, Agnes Mader of Great

Falls, Francy Fraser of Inverness, and Virginia Adams of Inverness; and numerous nephews and nieces. Jake was preceded in death by his parents, by two brothers (George and Joseph) and by two infant siblings.

Vigil prayer services were held at 8 p.m. Thursday, August 14th at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. The funeral mass was celebrated Friday at 2 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church at Inverness. Father John Coady officiated. Music was provided by vocalist Terry Stevenson, who sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Prayer to St. Francis," accompanied by Sharon Spicher. Jake's brothers (John, Chris, Frank and Ray) and brothers-in-law (Charles Adams and Rodney Fraser) served as pallbearers. Friends listed as honorary bearers included Travis Collier, Clarence Bakke, Jake Kleinsasser, Jim Fraser, Allen Barbie, Andy Senger, Duane Fraser, Chuck Lineweaver, Glen Alex and Stub Peterson. Ushers were Craig Fraser, Charlie Adams and Davey Richter. Denise Strissel served as reader, Marlin Moog served as cross bearer, and Chris and Joe Moog were altar servers. Following graveside services at the Inverness Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church for family and friends.

ROSA ELLEN SCHAEFER
Born: October 31, 1893 - Died: June 10, 1986
Liberty County Times
May 19, 1986



Rosa Ellen Miller was born in Miami County, Kansas on October 31st, 1893. She was one of five children and her parents were Martin & Julia (Kehn) Miller. Rosa was baptized in the Christian Church in Paola, Kansas. She attended the New Lancaster School through grade 10. On January 6th, 1915 she married Julius Louis Schaefer at her parents' home in Fontana, Kansas. They farmed near Paola until coming to Montana in 1931. They initially farmed north of Lothair, then in 1933 they bought a farm located 18 miles north of Chester. In 1948 they turned the farming operations over to their son, Melvin, and moved to Whitefish. In 1953 they moved to the east shore of Flatheat Lake and bought a cherry orchard, which they operated until their retirement in 1971. They came back to Chester to be near their children. They became early residents of the Sweetgrass Lodge. Julius died in 1983. Rosa remained at the Lodge until December of

1984, then transferred to the Liberty County Rest Home. She died there on the morning of Tuesday, June 10th, at the age of 92 years.

Rosa was a charter member of the Bears Den Homemaker Club and had

been active in the Golden Age Club at the Lodge. She joined the United Methodist Church in May of 1975. She enjoyed fishing, travelling, & camping with Julius, and they had been married over 68 years at the time of his death. Rosa had played basketball in her youth and was also an amateur pianist. In later years she spent much of her time quilting, crocheting, knitting, or doing fancywork. As a hobby she collected salt & pepper shakers, and also enjoyed gardening. Playing cards was a favorite pastime. Rosa was a good cook, so she loved to entertain family and friends.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Maxine & Aden Ward of Chester; daughter-in-law, Barbara Schaefer of Chester; 5 grandchildren (including Sharon Seidlitz, Roger Schaefer, Don Schaefer, Ron Ward, & Elayne Wickum); 12 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandsons; and numerous nephews and nieces. Rosa was preceded in

death not only by her parents and husband, but also by 2 sons (Melvin in 1974 and Melburn at birth), 2 brothers (David and George), and 2 sisters (Ona Cash and Mabel Walters).

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 13th, at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Dan Clark officiating. Special music by Gail and Rudy Cicon included "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross". The congregation sang "Amazing Grace". Ushers were Earl Keith and Albert Hanson. Pallbearers included George Mattson, Leo Schaub, Alfred Hanson, Eldon Graff, Arlo Graham, and Bob Mattson, and memorial bearers included "All friends and neighbors". Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon followed at the Sweetgrass Lodge. Memorial gifts will be given to the Heart Fund and the Cancer Society.

JOHN LEONARD SCHALLER
Born: July 29, 1920 - Died: October 9, 1986
Liberty County Times
October 15, 1986



John L. Schaller

John Leonard Schaller was born in the Goldstone community north of Hingham on July 29th, 1920. He was the only son of five children born to Elizabeth Heck and Andrew Schaller. John was baptized and confirmed in the Goldstone Catholic Church and he attended the Milk River Valley Country School near the family farm. He eventually took over the farming operations north of Hingham. November 19th, 1955, John married Patricia Ann Hull in Chester. They made their home and raised their family on the Schaller farm. Following Pat's illness in 1981, they moved into Rudyard. John retired from farming in 1982. Pat died from cancer June 27th, 1984. John remained in Rudyard, although he helped his sons occasionally on the farm. He suffered a heart attack about two weeks ago and was hospitalized in Havre. The morning of October 9th he was transferred to the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls where he

died that afternoon. He was 66 years old.

John was a member of Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham. He had served on the board of the Center School many years ago. He liked to play cards (especially whist and pinochle), and was fond of dancing. In his youth he enjoyed baseball, and remained an avid spectator fan of high school sports when his kids were active. He was well-known for his homemade German sausage. John loved his farm and loved working with his cattle. Friends were important to him and he was very proud of his family. He was a devout person and he often spoke of the beauty of the "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" prayers...

Survivors include five sons, John L. of Gildford, Alan of Seattle, Rodney of Seattle, Wayne of Gildford and Leroy of Seattle; two daughters, Mary of Bozeman (M.S.U.) and Karen of Rudyard; mother, Elizabeth Heck Schaller of Seattle; four sisters, Magdaline (Max) Yorde of Nelsonville, Ohio, Marian Schaller of Los Angeles, California, Dorothy Carbone of Seattle and Elizabeth (Beth) Blevins of Havre; and numerous nephews and nieces. In addition to his wife, John was preceded in death by his father.

Rosary services were held at 7 p.m. Sunday, October 12th, at Our Lady of Ransom in Hingham. The funeral mass was celebrated by Father John Coady at 11 a.m. Monday at the church. Special music by Iris White and Marcus Jochim included "Amazing Grace," "Ave Maria," and "How Great Thou Art." Readers were Marcella

Hull and Ken Gagnon. Ushers were Don Hull and Lee Blevins. Friends serving as pallbearers included Wayne Patrick, Andrew Schwan, Raymond Warhank, Adam Schweitzer, Verges Aageson and Robert Greytak. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial luncheon followed at the Rudyard Catholic Youth Center.

ALICE IRENE (LAYTON) SCHWEDE
Born: August 17, 1917 - Died: May 28, 1986

Liberty County Times
June 5, 1986

Alice Schwede

Alice Irene Layton was born on August 17th, 1917. Her parents, Henry T. Layton and Emma Anna Louise Shultz, had come to Montana in 1910 and homesteaded south of Chester. All 9 Layton children were born on the homestead. Of interest, too, is that the family was baptized together on the homestead by a visiting Methodist minister in those early years. Alice attended the Norris country school near the farm. She married DeForest L. Schwede on January 6th, 1941 in Glasgow. They bought a farm 8 miles south of Chester in the fall of 1946, and they worked that place for the next 26 years. In 1960 they adopted 3 children. They retired and sold the farm in 1972, and moved into Chester. Together, they served as caretakers for the Liberty County Cemetery District for the next 3 years. DeForest died at home in 1979. Alice continued living in Chester. She passed away peacefully in her sleep on the early morning of Wednesday, May 28th. She was 68 years old.



Alice had been an active community person. She held membership in the Eagles, V.F.W., and Hospital Auxiliaries. She was a member of the Chester Lionettes, Chester Garden Club, Liberty County Cowbells, and the Chester United Methodist Church. She had served on the boards of the Sweetgrass Lodge & Liberty County Museum, and presently was secretary for the Council on Aging. She was active in the Royal Neighbors organization for many years and had held district offices in the R.N.A. She liked to participate in senior citizen functions, like trips and parties, and for a while she had cooked at the Chester Senior Center. Alice's hobbies were many. She was a fabulous seamstress, in fact, she did alterations for local ladies. She enjoyed needlework, knitting, crocheting, & quilting. She loved gardening, be it fruits, vegetables, or flowers. She collected glassware, especially small glass pitchers. She enjoyed playing cards; whist and pinochle were her favorites. In her quiet hours Alice liked doing crossword puzzles or reading "Reader's Digest". She loved children and had helped raise several nephews & nieces. Alice spent her whole life caring for other people, and it was easy to see why she became the focal point of the family. Life hadn't always been easy, but she never felt cheated. She

had that special "zest" and positive personality that kept her active and happy all these years....

Alice's survivors include 1 son, Terry of Elk City, Oklahoma; 2 daughter, Mrs. James (Joy) Mariska of Billings and Mrs. Albert (Jeanne) Larson of Chester; 1 sister, Eleanor McGarry of Butte; 5 grandchildren; and numerous nephews & nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her parents & husband, but also by 3 brothers (Dick, Eddie, & Curly) and 4 sisters (Laura, Lorrain, Mary, and Myrtle).

Funeral services were Saturday, May 31st, at 2:00 p.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Dan Clark officiating. Organist, Gail Cicon, accompanied the congregation, who sang "Just As I Am". Soloist Rudy Cicon, sang "The Lord's Prayer". A vocal duet by Rudy and Margaret Novak was "Whispering Hope". Nephews serving as pallbearers included Duane and Curtis Sloan, Steve and Gary Layton, Melvin Schwede, and Tom McGarry. Ushers were Stuart and Spike Stone and Dennis Synder. Memorial bearers were "all of Alice's many friends who loved her". Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with special graveside rites by the RNA and VFW Auxiliary. A luncheon provided by Alice's friends followed at the Chester RNA Hall. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

GLADYS C. SHEPHERD
Born: ?, 1907 - Died : January ?, 1986
Liberty County Times
February 13, 1986

Services held for Gladys Shepherd

Internment services for Gladys C. Shepherd, 79, were held in Des Moines, Iowa, January 20, 1986. Miss Shepherd was born in Cooperstown, North Dakota in 1907 and attended schools in Chester, Montana. Upon high school graduation in 1925, she went to Des Moines to attend business school. Gladys resided in Des Moines for 61 years working as a secretary until her retirement from the Equitable Life Insurance Com-

pany in 1971. She died at Clearview Manor in Prairie City, Iowa from natural causes.

She was a member of Grace Methodist Church in Des Moines and entombment was at Resthaven Mausoleum. She is survived by a sister, Mildred, of Des Moines; a brother-in-law, Simon Warrington, of Chester; and many nieces and nephews, among whom are Neil Shepherd and Janell Wardell of Chester.

GRACE MAE SIEBERT
Born: January 3, 1900 - Died: March 24, 1986
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Grace Mae Siebert was born in Randall, Minnesota on January 3rd, 1900. She was one of four children born to Emma Spalding and Vernie Growt. She was educated in Rochester and raised in the Lutheran faith. In 1916 Grace married Cecil Hall, and the product of that marriage was 4 daughters. She was remarried in 1936 to Clarence H. Siebert, and they made their home in the St. Paul area. They worked in the restaurant/bar business in Minnesota. For 15 years they owned and operated the Pine Night Club in Bemidji. They came to Montana in 1959 to be near their son Jerry. Clarence worked for Harden Brothers and Grace worked for various area restaurants. They retired in 1982, and moved back to Winona, Minnesota for the winter. Clarence died there in January of 1983. Grace came back to Chester to live with Jerry. She moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge in April of 1983. She remained there until a month ago, when illness sent her to the hospital. Grace died at the Liberty County Nursing Home on the evening of Monday, March 24th. She was 86 years old.

Grace liked music and dancing. In her younger days she used to play the piano. She enjoyed playing rummy and did a little crocheting in her quiet hours. Grace liked to get out-&-about with people, and "Bingo" was one of her favorite public pass times. She liked flowers. Before Clarence died, they traveled to Arizona during several winter seasons. They had been members of the Moose Club in Bemidji and the Eagles Club in Great Falls. Grace was proud of the fact that she was baptized as an adult at the Church of Christ in Winona. During their years at the Pine Night Club, they had



Grace M. Siebert

befriended many celebrities, including Jack Dempsey, Tom Gibbons, and Hubert Humphrey. Grace enjoyed cooking and serving the public all those many years.

Survivors include 1 son, Clarence ("Jerry") of Chester; 2 daughters, Gladys Needham of South St. Paul, Minnesota and Fray Davies of Springfield, Ohio; 2 brothers, Earl Grant of Winona and Roy Growt of Winona; 1 sister, Vera Hoppe of Springfield, Missouri; 14 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Grace was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by 2 daughters and 1 grandson.

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Dan Mielke at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 26th. The body was sent to Winona, Minnesota for additional services at the Church of Christ on Friday, March 28th, at 2:30 p.m. The Fawcett Funeral Home handled arrangements there. Services were conducted by Reverend Lloyd Chapman and Grace's "nephews" served as pallbearers. Burial was in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

ANNA MARIE SMITH
Born: September 19, 1905 - Died: February 28, 1986
Liberty County Times
March 6, 1986

Anna Smith

Anna Marie Smith, Box 103, Belt, Montana, passed away Friday in a Great Falls hospital.

Born September 19, 1905 in Marshall Creek, Minnesota, Anna was educated in Minnesota, later earning a teaching certificate in Havre. She taught in the Inverness School District for 20 years and also taught north of Havre in the Grain Belt School District. She taught for a total of 30 years, retiring in 1972. She then moved to Great Falls. Ten months ago she moved to Belt to live with her daughter.

Services were Wednesday, March 5 at 1:00 at Holland Bonine Chapel in Havre with burial at the Hi-Line Cemetery in Havre.

*Her maiden name was Hanson.

RONALD W. SMITH

Born: June 30, 1936 - Died: October 31, 1986

Liberty County Times

November 12, 1986

Ron Smith

Ronald W. Smith, 50 years old, passed away while on a hunting trip around Lincoln, Montana, Friday, October 31st. Funeral services were Tuesday, November 4, 1986 at 11:00 a.m. at First Lutheran Church in Havre, Montana with Pastor David Gabrielsen officiating. Organist was Linda Keim, soloist was Mike Stevenson singing "Morning Has Broken" and "The Lord's Prayer." The congregation sang "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "How Great Thou Art" and "My God How Wonderful Thou Art." Pallbearers were David Rice, Bob Nault, Ken Meyers, Tom

Baker, Daryl Spicher and Ron Kinder. Ushers were John Quinlivan and Jim Brown. Burial followed in the Rudyard Cemetery in Rudyard.

Ron was born in Great Falls, Montana June 30, 1936 and was raised and schooled there. He moved to Rudyard and graduated from Rudyard High School in 1954. He married Beverley Schweitzer in Inverness, Montana in 1956 and she survives. He returned to Great Falls in 1957 and worked for Supersave Groceries there, moved to Hingham in 1959 and owned and operated the S & S Market for several years.

Ron studied law through LaSalle Study Course and passed the Bar exam in 1967. He was later Deputy County Attorney in Chester, then moved his law practice to Havre in 1969. He was elected Hill County Attorney in 1970, a position he held until his death.

He was a member of Optimist Club and was voted Lifetime Member this year. He was also a member of the Elks, Eagles and was on the Board of Directors of the Bear Paw Youth Guidance Home. He was a member of MADD, also the Bar Association, and Past President of Montana County Attorney

Association. Ron was an avid golfer, hunter and loved to camp, motorcycle and all outdoor activities.

Besides his wife at Havre, he is survived by sons Craig of Reno, Nevada, Keith of Havre; four grandchildren; twin brother, Donald Smith of East Glacier, Montana and brother Stanley of Great Falls; many aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

Memorials in his memory will be given through the Optimist Club of Havre to the Ron Smith Scholarship Fund to Northern Montana College.

HAROLD A. THIELMAN
Born: April 25, 1905 - Died: March 25, 1986
Liberty County Times
April 2, 1986

Rites held for Harold A. Thielman in Chester

Harold A. Thielman was born in Gardena, North Dakota on April 25th, 1905. He was one of seven children born to Otto E. Thielman and Louise Swanbeck. Harold was baptized in a German Lutheran church in Willow City, North Dakota. He started his education in North Dakota, then came to Montana with his family at age 11. They homesteaded near Tiber and he finished his formal education there. He was confirmed into the Lutheran faith through the Chester parish. He continued to work on the family farm. On November 24th, 1925 he married Mina M. Ames in Shelby. Harold worked for the Great Northern Railroad until 1927, then they moved to Spokane where he worked in the laundry business. The following year they returned to the Chester community where they rented a farm near Tiber. They eventually purchased their own land and continued in the farming business until ill-health forced his retirement in 1972. They moved into Chester in 1977, but spent five winters in Arizona. Harold's health deteriorated and he moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in July of 1985. He died there on the early morning of Tuesday, March 25th. He was exactly one month shy of being 81 years old.

Harold had been active in the Farmer's Union, in fact, had served as a delegate to Minneapolis several times. He had also served on the

Galata Co-op Board of Directors. He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, and years ago had attended the old German Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Harold was very talented with his hands; he had done a lot of electrical, mechanical, & carpentry work over the years. Of interest is the fact that he had worked as a carpenter on the Tiber Dam project and had built the dedication podium to be used by President Truman. In his younger years he enjoyed fishing, raising a vegetable garden, and collecting arrowheads and silver dollars. In 1971 he and Mina made a memorable trip to Hawaii. They celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 1975, and at the time of Harold's death they were in their 61st year together. Harold was a family man. He enjoyed simple things like rodeos, fairs, and family picnics. He loved music and was an excellent waltzer. He liked playing cards, especially pinochle and rummy. In his quiet hours he enjoyed reading and his favorite publications included geographics, daily newspapers, and "Reader's Digest". He was also an amateur barber.

Harold was a proud farmer and he always encouraged his children to work hard and do good at everything they pursued. He was a caring person who always seemed to be there when he was needed. And last, but not least, he was a very gentle man and had a special way with



Harold A. Thielman

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 28th, Our Savior's Lutheran Church Chester with Reverend Wayne Bungum officiating. Pastor Christofferson accompanied the congregation, who sang "Ho Great Thou Art". Special vocal music by the duet of John and Jack Seidlitz included "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross". Friends serving as pallbearers were Armand Anderson, Ed Cramer, Bill Yackley, Aden Ward, Errol Fritz, and Dick Burrows. Ushers were Wilbur Eveland and Vern Cramer. Memorial bearers included "all his many friends". Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon followed at the Church

little kids. And that's probably why his grandchildren all loved him.

Survivors include his wife, Mina of Chester; 2 sons, Gale of Great Falls and Terry of Chester; 4 daughters, Eloise Mondy of Portland, Oregon, Georgia Mondy of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Joanne Willman of Chinook, and Linda Kathman of Great Falls; 1 sister, Freda Rauch of Ellendale, North Dakota; 21 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Harold was preceded in death by his parents, by 2 brothers (Ed and George), by 3 sisters (Gertie Sitch, Mildred Greer, & Marjorie Thielman), by 3 sons, and by 1 great-grandson.

ALICE MARIE VAN DESSEL
Born: June 19, 1936 - Died: April 25, 1986
Liberty County Times
April 30, 1986

Alice Van Dessel

Alice Marie Myers was born June 19th, 1936 in Conrad, Montana. Her parents were Lillian Beard and Roland Myers, and she was one of three girls. Alice grew up on the family farm 25 miles east of Ledger and she attended the Central Country School near there. Alice finished her education in Conrad, graduating from high school in 1954, November 5th, 1954 she married Robert L. VanDessel in Conrad. They made their home on the VanDessel farm 25 miles north of Joplin. After their children became active in the Joplin school system, they moved to town in 1966. In 1983, they began building a new home in Joplin, which they moved into in August of 1985. About that same time, Alice was diagnosed with acute leukemia. She has battled the disease these past 11 months. Following a 20-day stay at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls, Alice died the evening of Friday, April 25th. She was 49 years old.

The most important things in Alice's life were the Lord and her family. She had been active in both Immanuel and Bethel Churches. Not only did she attend church regularly, she participated in Circle groups and Bible studies. She also taught Sunday School and Bible School. Alice was always willing to lend a "helping hand" however she could.

Alice had many hobbies, including baking, cooking, embroidery and reading. She loved flowers and was an amateur photographer. In their early married years, Alice enjoyed fishing outings and picnics. She was a strong believer in maintaining close

family ties, so regular family gatherings were important to her. She had served as a 4-H leader for several years and enjoyed attending school concerts and basketball games. She loved simple pleasures like bowling, bike riding, playing cards and board games, or just visiting with friends. She liked animals and had a special fondness for cats. Before her illness, she had worked as the 'Avon lady' in the Joplin community for seven years.



Alice VanDessel

Alice is survived by her husband, Robert; two sons, Alan and Roger; and one daughter Twilla, all of Joplin; two sisters, Inez Johnson of Great Falls and Leona Thomas of Grand Forks, North Dakota; mother-in-law, Maude Skari of Chester; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 29th, at the Bethel Church in Joplin with Reverend John N. Olson officiating. Organist was Thelma Anderson. The congregation sang *Amazing Grace*. Special vocal music by Judy Lake and Fern

Wolery included *In The Garden* and *How Great Thou Art*. Pallbearers were Wayne and Willis Hodges, Barry and Larry VanDessel, and David and Duane Alley. Memorial bearers included "all of her friends and neighbors." Ushers were Wayne Wolery and Larry Olson. Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery, followed by a luncheon in Kjos Hall. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Memorial gifts will be given to donor's choice.

LESTER M. VAN WECHEL

Born: December 11, 1906 - Died: May 25, 1986

Liberty County Times

June 5, 1986

Lester M. VanWechel was born in Cambridge, Iowa on December 11th, 1906. He was one of eight children born to Katherine Sinnema and William VanWechel. Lester was baptised as an infant in Iowa. At age four he came to Montana with his family. They homesteaded 12 miles north of Rudyard in 1910. Lester attended the Oreana Country School near the farm. His high school education was in Inverness and Rudyard, and he later attended Barber's School in Spokane. He started farming with his parents, and then fell in love with a local girl, Ruth R. Wehr. They were married in Rudyard on November 11th 1932. In the summer months he farmed, and in the winter months he barbered in Rudyard. They made their home on the farm until 1946 and then moved to town. They retired in 1956. They continued living in Rudyard and enjoyed the "fruits of their labors". Each winter they travelled abroad to experience new places and new people. In fact, they had just returned from a "love boat" cruise in March when Lester became ill. Following seven weeks of hospitalization, he died at the Deaconess Medical Center in Great Falls on the morning of Sunday May 25th. He was 79 years old.

Lester loved fishing, hunting, camping, and all outdoors activities, so it's not surprising that he was active in the Modern Woodsman organization. He had been active in the Grace Church north of Rudyard, and held memberships in the Eagles and Moose Lodges in Havre. He also enjoyed visiting and playing pool at the Rudyard Senior Center. In his younger days he played the trumpet in a family orchestra, which played at barn dances and other special events in the Hi-Line

community. Lester and Ruth loved music and dancing and had travelled with square dance groups around the state. Lester's main hobby was tying flies and fly-fishing. He was dedicated, patient fisherman and could "catch fish where there were none". Lester and Ruth were best friends and constant companions, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1982.



In addition to Ruth, his survivors include 2 brothers, Jacob of Rudyard and Aaron of Mayville, North Dakota; 1 sister, Ruth Novak of Riderwood, Washington and numerous nephews and nieces. Lester was preceded in death by his parents, by 2 brothers, (Guy and William), and by 2 sisters (Esther Pate and Mae Stevens).

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 28th, at the Calvary Evangelical Church in Rudyard with Reverend Bob Conover officiating. Vocalist, Terry Stevenson, performed "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beyond the Sunset", accompanied by Sharon Spicher. Friends serving as pallbearers included Morris Smith, Bob Christenson, Al Voss, Errol Fossen, Marinus Petersen and Clarence Wendland. Memorial bearers included "all of Lester's many friends". Following graveside services, the cremated remains were buried in the Rudyard Cemetery. A luncheon was held at the church for family and friends. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorial gifts will be given to the American Cancer Society.

ERIC JOHN WESTER
Born: November 6, 1907 - Died: June 23, 1986

Liberty County Times
June 26, 1986

Eric John Wester

Eric John Wester, 78, 2210 7th Ave. N., a Swedish immigrant who farmed many years on the Fairfield Bench and in the Joplin area, died of cancer Monday in a Great Falls hospital. He was 78.

His funeral was 2 p.m.

Wednesday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Tom Tweed officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery under the direction of the Croxford & Sons Mortuary.

Born in Horda, Sweden, Wester moved to the United States in 1925, when he was 18 years old.

From 1929 to 1939, he farmed in the Joplin area, and from 1940 to 1954 he farmed on the Fairfield

Bench.

He married Lorene Johnson in Havre in September 1932. Wester was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Wester is survived by his wife of Great Falls, two sons, Dean of Great Falls, Dexter of Bozeman, a brother, John of Horda, Sweden, and three grandchildren.

ANNIE E. WILLIAMS
Born: April 18, 1904 - Died: April 7, 1986
Liberty County Times
April 10, 1986

Annie E. Williams

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Home for Annie E. Williams, 81, of Havre. She died Saturday at Northern Montana Hospital. Burial was in the Hinghland Cemetery. Mrs. Williams was born April 18, 1904, in Kingsley, Iowa, and moved to the Chester area with her parents as a young girl.

She married Clarence B. Williams in Whitefish November 25, 1921, and they moved to Havre in 1933. She worked for many years in the housekeeping department of the then-Deaconess Hospital in Havre.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1972 and was also preceded by six sisters, two brothers and two granddaughters. Survivors

include daughters, Mrs. Ray (Thelma) Crawford, Mrs. John (Charlotte) Rominger and Mrs. Gordon (Barbara) Rominger, all of Havre; sons, Charles of Havre and Earl of Butte; sister, Mrs. Joe (Amelia) Rubino of Joplin; 17 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

The Rev. William Thomas officiated at the services and Bill Lisenby accompanied Jim O'Leary who sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art." Pallbearers were Ken Stockdill, Richard LaSalle, Ralph W. Anderson, Ferroll Heydon, Richard Wieweck and Bill Bailey. The family suggests memorials to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd or to a charity of a person's choice.

SHARYL MARIE WODRICH

Born: October 7, 1985 - Died: February 5, 1986

Liberty County Times

February 13, 1986

Baby girl Wodrich dies, services Feb. 8

Four month old Sharyl Marie Wodrich died Wednesday, February 5, 1986 at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital.

Born in Worland, Sharyl was the daughter of Michael David and Shari Dee (Jackson) Wodrich of Kirby, Wyoming. Cause of death has not yet been determined.

Survivors include parents; grandparents Robert and Mary Wodrich of Rapelje, Montana, Richard and Shirley Jackson of Rudyard, Montana, and Neal and Alice Fortney of Broadview, Montana; Great Grand-

mother Irene Jackson of Rudyard, Montana; four brothers, Brian, Daniel, Richard and Robert, all of the family home; one sister, Sharon of the family home; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 8 at 11:00 a.m. in Mortimore Chapel with Rev. Vernon Howerton of the Assembly of God Church officiating. Vocal selections were by John and Joyce McFall with Ellen as organist. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery of Thermopolis, Wyoming.

ABBIE F. WOODS
Born: February 9, 1886 - Died: February 7, 1986
Liberty County Times
February 27, 1986

Abbie F. Woods, longtime area resident, died Friday morning, February 7 at the age of 99, at the Masonic Home in Helena. Abbie would have been 100 years old February 9th.

She was born in West Newton, Minnesota, February 9, 1886 to James and Justine LaFromboise Blake. Abbie liked to tell stories about her younger days. Once her family and she were

caught in the middle of an Indian uprising and they all went to Fort Ridgely for safekeeping.

Abbie came to Montana to teach school and taught north of Rudyard and in Galata. She married Wesley Clifton (Cliff) Woods June 11, 1929, at Inverness, Montana. They homesteaded at Rudyard until 1947 when they moved to Kalispell. Mr. Woods worked as a carpenter until he retired in 1965.

They moved to Helena to live in the Masonic Home in June of 1976. Cliff died there in February of 1977 on Abbie's birthday.

Abbie loved the mountains very much and cooked for Glacier Park employees at least one summer.

Surviving are two nephews, Willard Lane of Iowa City, Iowa and Milton Lane of Baldwin,

Wisconsin, and a niece, Muriel Hunt of Albuquerque, New Mexico, along with numerous other nieces and nephews. Two sisters-in-law are Esther Woods of Chester and Vi Woods of Inverness. Four brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services were Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell with burial at the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Attending the service were Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Han (niece) and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woods (nephew).