

BEN ANDERSON
Born: ?, 1892 - Died: June 25, 1977
Liberty County Times
June 30, 1977

Ben Anderson, 85 dies at home in Plentywood

Ben, Anderson, 85, died Saturday morning at his home. Services were at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at the Plentywood Lutheran Church.

Born in Minnesota, he moved to Montana in 1918 and married Ruby Todahl in 1926. They farmed in Westby until retiring in 1968, when they moved to Plentywood.

He served on the board for the Farmers Grain and Trading Co. and the Plentywood school board for several years.

Survivors are the widow; sons, Hubert, Plentywood, and Bazil, Westby; daughters, Ione Hanson, Chester; and Rose Ann Brough, Havre; 15 grand children and two great grandchildren.

EIVIND S. BERGE
Born: February 2, 1889 - Died: April 5, 1977
Liberty County Times
April 7, 1977

Eivind S. Berge,
88 succumbs,
services Saturday

Eivind S. Berge, 88, Shelby died Tuesday morning April 5th at the Shelby hospital. He suffered a stroke March 20th.

Mr. Berge was born at Morgedal, Telemark, Norway February 2, 1889 the son of Sveinung and Gunhild Berge.

He came to Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada in April 1912 and to Goldstone, Montana in March 1913. He was employed at the

Ole Sanda coal mine and filed on a homestead near Goldstone. He was married to Clara Sanda and they farmed at Goldstone until they retired in 1967, when they moved to Shelby, Montana. He was a member of St. Luke's American Lutheran Church and Norden Lodge Sons of Norway at Havre, Montana.

Survivors are the widow Clara, son Sam W. Berge, daughters Mrs. Dan (Hilda) Ewald, Mrs. Clifford (Lillian) Ulmen, Mrs. Harold (Evelyn) Wanke, six granddaughters: Mrs. Marion (Louise) Waters, Cheryl Berge, Mrs. John (Claire) Wendland, Ellen Berge,

Mrs. Dan (Lila) Redding, and Karen Ulmen, two great grand children, Brent Waters and Kristie Redding, brother Sveinung Berge, Ulefoss, Telemark, Norway and a sister, Bergit Berge, Hoydolsmo, Telemark, Norway and three nephews and two nieces in Norway.

Funeral services will be at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Rudyard on April 9th at 2 p.m. with burial in the Rudyard cemetery.

ACHSA MAE BINGHAM
Born: March 9, 1883 - Died: April 27, 1977
Liberty County Times
May 5, 1977

Achsa Bingham **succumbs at 94**

Achsa Mae Bingham was born in Brock Nebraska on March 9, 1883 to Garrett Harvey and Kathryn Coe Parsell. She was the youngest of seven children. The family traveled west when Achsa was one year old by emigrant car and settled at Heppner, Oregon.

When Achsa was four years of age, her father died leaving her mother to raise the family with the help of her older brothers.

Achsa came to this area in 1903 where her brothers Fred, Harvey and Roy had settled in 1898 near Gold Butte in the Sweet Grass Hills. Achsa and James Nelson Bingham were married in 1905 and settled on the Bingham ranch northeast of Whitlash, where she resided until 1948 when she moved to Shelby to make her home.

She entered the Liberty County Nursing Home in November of 1971 passing away there at age 94 on April 27, 1977.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1940 and one grandson, Ronnie Roberts in 1960.

Survivors include her brother, Roy of Greenacres, Washington, age 102, one daughter Olive Kay Shepherd of Whittier, Alaska, son Nelson of Whitlash. Six grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, 3 great, great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held from the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Shelby at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2 with Pastor Terry Darnell officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery of Kalispell.

GEORGE BRENNAN
Born: April 21, 1899 - Died: March 21, 1977
Liberty County Times
May 12, 1977

George Brennan dies in Whitefish

Mass of the Resurrection for George Brennan, 77, Whitefish, was celebrated Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Charles Catholic Church with Rev. Father John F. Cronin as celebrant. Burial was in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Brennan was born April 21, 1899 at Streator, Ill. and died March 21.

He had been employed by the Great Northern Railroad since 1915. He was a warehouseman at Joplin, a yard clerk at Cut Bank and a telegrapher at several stations including Belton. He served as agent at Inverness, Joplin, Chester, Somers and Kalispell. In 1943 he came to Whitefish as a car distributor in the dispatchers office. From 1953 to 1957 he served at Belton and was then an agent in Kalispell until his retirement in 1966.

He and Grace Hanson were married February 10, 1923 at Joplin. She now survives at the family home in Whitefish as does one daughter, Mrs. Gene (Joyce) Chapman, Libby; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. Mary Carpenter died August 30, 1966.

MABEL D. BUHRING

Born: ?, 1888 - Died: May 18, 1977

Liberty County Times

May 26, 1977

Funeral held for Mabel Buhring

Mabel D. Buhring, 89, who came to Chester with her husband, the late Andrew O. Buhring in 1908 to homestead and had lived in Havre since 1920, died in a Havre nursing home Wednesday. The funeral was Saturday at 10 a.m. at Holland & Bonine Funeral Home. Mrs. Buhring was born in Oshkosh, Wis., and was married there. With other west-bound homesteaders, the couple put their farm equipment, animals and wedding gifts in a railroad boxcar and rode in it to northcentral Montana. After leaving the Chester homestead, Buhring was a well-known cattle buyer in the Havre area many years before his death in 1962.

Surviving her are daughters, Bernice Jestrab, Havre; Evelyn Wilham, Glasgow; Mildred Winsor, Bremerton, Wash., and Mary Anderson, Napa, California.

ANN A. BURROWS
Born: ? 1910 - Died: January 10, 1977
Liberty County Times
January 27, 1977

Ann Burrows

Mrs. Joe
Burrows died
Jan. 10th,
services Jan. 13

Mrs. Joe (Ann A.) Burrows, 67, 816 8th Ave. N., died at a local hospital Monday afternoon.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday (today), in St. Ann's Cathedral. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery. The rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the O'Connor Memorial Chapel.

She was born and raised in Stockett. Before her marriage she worked as a housekeeper in Great Falls. In 1940 she married Joe Burrows in Chinook. She moved to Chester where she carried mail for several years. She and her husband lived in Chester until her health began to fail in 1972. They then moved to Great Falls. She was a member of St. Mary's Church in Chester and St. Ann's Cathedral.

She is survived by her widower, four sons, Donald Raunig and Richard Burrows, both of Chester, Harold Raunig of Kansas City, Kansas and Joseph Raunig of Hingham, three daughters, Mrs. Donald (Kathleen) Wojtala of Cascade, Mrs. Robert (Virginia) Woods of Inverness and Mrs. Howard (Diana) Combs of Westminster, California, a step-daughter, Mrs. Dick (Peggy) Hovey of Lake-wood, California, two brothers, Joe and John Janasov of Great Falls, two sisters, Mrs. Frank (Sue) Hovevar of Great Falls and Mrs. Mary Goette of Stockett, 30 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Final services
for Ann
Burrows

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Joe (Ann A.) Burrows 11 a.m., January 13, 1977 at St. Ann's Cathedral, Great Falls. Rosary was recited at 7 p.m., January 12, 1977 at the O'Connor Memorial Chapel with Rev. Matthew Beemster officiating.

Father John Maher officiated at the Requim Mass assisted by Father Raymond Nyquist and Father Matthew Beemster.

Mrs. Marcella Hull sang, "Ave Maria," "The Lord's Prayer" and "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All" accompanied by Mrs. Iris White, organist.

Pallbearers were Donald Raunig, Harold Raunig, Joseph Raunig, Richard Burrows, Donald Wojtala, Howard Combs and Robert Woods.

Interment was at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Great Falls. A luncheon was served by St. Ann's Altar Society in the Parish Hall immediately following services.



STEVEN JOHN CAMPROS
Born: September 3, 1953 - Died: October 18, 1977
Liberty County Times
October 20 -27, 1977

Funeral held for Steve Campros

Mass of the Christian Burial was held at St. Mary Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Friday for Steven John Campros, 24. He was a victim of an excavation cave-in which killed two members of the city crew the previous Tuesday. Steve was the son of Andrew and Elaine (Horalek) Campros of Chester. He was born September 3, 1953 in Havre, Montana.

Steve was raised in the Chester area. He attended elementary schooling at Chester. His freshman year in high school was also spent in Chester. During that year he participated in wrestling and track and became a letterman. The rest of his high schooling was spent at the Bishop Gracia Diego High School in Santa Barbara, California, where he graduated in 1973. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1973 to 1977 in the SV29 squadron. His naval job was that of an aircraft mechanic and he served time aboard the USS Enterprise.

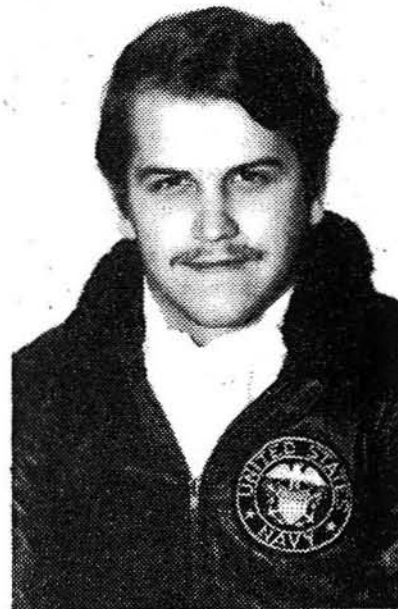
He met and married his wife Laurie Ashline who also was serving in the Navy. They were married October 4, 1975 in San Diego, California. She is expecting their first child in Febru-

ary. They had returned to Chester in July, 1977, and he began working for the city of Chester in August.

Vigil prayer service was held at St. Mary Church on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. Following the Mass Friday forenoon there was a luncheon in the church basement. Then graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. in Great Falls. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls.

Pallbearers were Buzz Zorn, Bob Aitken, Dale Lalum, Pat Reardon, Dan Wieske and Randy Hagen. Ushers were Eldon Graff and Lawrence Schaefer. Rockman Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

Survivors include his wife Laurie; parents Andrew and Elaine; four brothers, Warren of Inverness, Keneth of Great Falls, George of DePere, Wisconsin, and Joseph of Chester; five sisters, Mrs. John (Diane) Abrahamson of Shelby, Yvonne, Lana, Janine and Marla of Chester; maternal grandfather, Stanley Horalek of Everett, Washington; paternal grandparents, Tom Campros Sr. of Butte and Ann Brown of Chicago; one niece and one nephew.



Steve Campros

Cave-in kills 2 city crewmen

Two young men on the Chester City crew were killed Tuesday forenoon in a cave-in of a trench for a sewer line which they were installing. The victims are Steven Campros, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Campros of Chester and Bill Shettel, son of Clarence Shettel, also of Chester. Both young men lived in Chester most of their lives and were well known in the community. The town was in a state of shock Tuesday afternoon as news of the tragedy unfolded.

According to city director of public works Jim Coffman the crew was on the last 50 ft. of a 1300 ft. project. Bob Aitken and Buzz Zorn were on the ground and Steve and Bill were in the trench. He said the trench was about eight feet deep.

Suddenly the side gave way and fell onto them. A slab of dirt estimated at over four feet wide fell on them, knocking them down and burying them. The accident happened about 11 a.m. Help was summoned, and the ambulance was called. Quannah Bailey was on the scene within minutes with the oxygen for the victims, but to no avail. It is assumed the men suffocated. Observers who arrived to help dig the men out estimated that rescue operations took about 20 minutes.

The accident happened south of the high school building, just south of the football practice field.

Mr. and Mrs. Campros were in Seattle at the time, and Clarene Shettel was at the Kolstad farm.

Bill Shettel had worked for the city for two years. Steve Campros had been on the city crew for only two months.

Funeral services for Steve Campros will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be in Great Falls at Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Funeral services for Bill Shettel are pending at press time.

Chester city office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in memory of Bill Shettel and Steve Campros.

HELEN K. DOCKTER
Born: ?, 1923 - Died: July 7, 1977
Liberty County Times
July 14, 1977

Helen Dockter, 54 passes on

Helen K. Dockter, 54, Gildford died Thursday in Havre.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre. Rosary was Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Holland & Bonine Chapel. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

Born in Havre, she married Jack Dockter October 18, 1941. He survives along with two daughters, Sharon Eileen Knudsvig, Seattle, and Nellie Jo Dockter, Gildford; two sons, Gary Lee of Gildford and Terry Wayne, Havre; three brothers, Tony Malsam, Havre, Frank Malsam, Spokane, and Bernard Malsam, San Bernadino, California; three sisters, Elizabeth Jergeson, Chinook; Theresa Woodwick, Havre and Mary Miron, Seattle; and her mother, Frances Malsam of Havre.

WYMAN FRANCIS ENNO
Born: ?, 1945 - Died: June 28, 1977
Liberty County Times
July 7, 1977

2 Havre men die in wreck near Hingham

HAVRE—Two Havre men were killed Tuesday evening in a single-vehicle rollover accident about two miles east of Hingham on U.S. 2, the state Highway Patrol said.

Reported dead were Franklin Lee Springer, 21, and Wyman Francis Enno, 32.

A pickup, apparently driven by Springer, went off the right side of the highway at about 7 p.m. as it traveled toward Havre, the patrol said. Both men were thrown out of the vehicle, and probably killed instantly, authorities said.

The deaths raised Montana's traffic death toll to 131, compared with 133 on July 6, 1976.

RICHARD L. GOODBAR
Born: ?, 1958 - Died: October 15, 1977
Liberty County Times
October 20, 1977

**Auto accident
victim was
known here**

Richard L. Goodbar, 19, of Bozeman, was killed Saturday when his compact car left U.S. Highway 191 and struck an embankment.

The Highway Patrol said the accident happened at 12:14 a.m. about 12 miles south of Gallatin Gateway.

Richard Goodbar was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Goodbar who are both graduates of Chester High School. Stanley's father was former Chester Mayor Roy Goodbar. Mrs. Goodbar is the former Donna Jeppesen. Her mother, Lillian Jeppesen lives in Chester.

FRANK ARTHUR GUMMER
Born: November 9, 1884 - Died: June 24, 1977

Liberty County Times
June 30, 1977

Services held For F.A. Gummer

Frank Arthur Gummer, 92, retired farmer and postal official, passed away Friday, June 24, 1977 at a Havre hospital. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Chapel.

Gummer was born November 9, 1884, at Mayville, North Dakota and was educated there, graduating from Teachers College in Mayville in 1908. He taught school at Treth and Elgin, North Dakota and Inverness, Montana. He also worked in banks in Heartland, and Coulee, North Dakota and Gildford, Montana. When the bank in Gildford closed, he became Postmaster of that community and was also a mail carrier in the area until his retirement.

Gummer took up a homestead south of Gildford and farmed the place until retiring. He served as secretary of the state postal organization for 38 years, secretary of the Gildford Masonic lodge for 23 years and secretary of an oil company for 10 years. Always interested in music, Gummer conducted different bands up and down the Hi-Line for 20 years.

Very active in Masonic affairs, he was a member of the Gildford Masonic Lodge 114, the Scottish Rite in Great Falls and the Algeria Temple Shrine in Helena. He also belonged to Havre Lodge 1201, B.P.O. Elks.

Gummer was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, the former Georgia Ethel (Babe) Terry whom he married on May 23, 1925 at Havre, and a brother, William A. Gummer of Grand Forks, North Dakota. The couple had no children.

DOUGLAS GUNDERSON
Born: January 30, 1916 - Died: May 2, 1977
Liberty County Times
May 12, 1977



Doug Gunderson

Services held for Douglas Gunderson

Douglas Gunderson, 61, local farmer and rancher, died in the Liberty County Hospital Monday afternoon, May 2nd.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in Bethel Lutheran Church, Joplin. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

Douglas Gunderson was born January 30, 1916 to George and Ellen Gunderson on the family homestead 30 miles north of Chester. He attended the Osler grade school and graduated from high school in Joplin in 1932. On August 5, 1938 he married Josephine Plank of Chester. They resided on the family farm where he engaged in farming and ranching until his illness in October.

Surviving are the widow, sons, Dale of Chester, Dr. Leonard of Weston, Massachusetts, Dennis of Sunburst; daughters, Mrs. A.L. (Judy) Pelzl, Sumner, Washington, Mrs. Richard (Robin) Halverson, East Helena; 10 grandchildren; mother Ellen Gunderson of Chester, brother Edwin of Chester; sister Mrs. W.E. (Esther) McClellan of Lakeside.

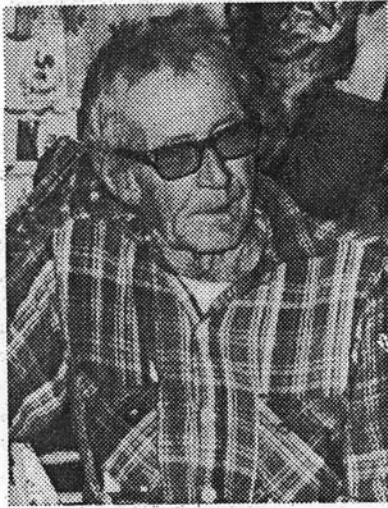
He is being remembered by family and friends as a man of stamina, strength and courage, diving into work with a zest for one life. He was a fine man, and a good neighbor who will be greatly missed in the community.

Pallbearers were Clarence McDowell, George Colbry, Harold Hodges, Donald Fusk, Raymond Fritz, and Robert Duncan. Honorary pallbearers were Gary Boyles, Clark Diemert, James McKechnie, Ferroll Heydon, T.C. Morris, Edward Tempel, Errol Fritz, John Duncan, Wayne Dafoe and Troy Lakey.

Pastor Timothy Solberg officiated at the funeral. In the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin Thursday. Thelma Anderson, organist, accompanied by the church choir singing "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and "Alleluia: Jesus Lives!" The congregation sang, "To God Be the Glory," "Amazing Grace," and "How Great Thou Art." Rev. Solberg's sermon was based on two words, "Peace" and "Victory" and how these words related to Doug and the family.

He was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, North Joplin and of The Marias Hereford Breeders Association. Because of his interest in cattle, Douglas was also beef leader in The Sage Creek Pioneers 4-H club for many years.

JAMES ALBERT HALL Sr.
Born: November 9, 1910 - Died: November 18, 1977
Liberty County Times
November 24, 1977



James Hall, Sr.

Funeral held for James Hall Sr., 67

James Albert Hall, Sr., 67 died in the local hospital Friday forenoon of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 3:30 Wednesday at the Goldstone Lutheran Church located 20 miles north of Rudyard. Interment was in the Grace Church Cemetery. Dennis Gunderson and Merton Peterson conducted the services. Pallbearers were Clive Owens, Nelson Bingham, Albert Gifford, Wesley Whitaker, Bruce Packer and Lee Greimen. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel. Music was by George Stahl, Walter Woods, Joanie Peterson and Orville Solum.

He was born November 9th, 1910 at Kisbey, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Andrew W. and Sarah Thompson Hall. He came from Canada to Montana with his parents at age two. They

homesteaded north of Rudyard. He attended Swift and Connor Schools in that area through grade 8. For several years he worked as a coal digger in Canada Coulee and then he pursued farming. He continued to farm until his retirement in 1973. His son, Jim, Jr. has since taken over the farm and he has continued to help.

He was married October 9, 1938 to Caroline Suckow who survives. They have lived and farmed in the north Rudyard area since marriage. Mrs. Hall

is presently an elementary school teacher in Chester.

Jim was a devoted fisherman. In fact he belonged to the "Whitlash Fishing Club." He also loved hunting. He was a member of the Eagles F.O.E. 166 of Havre for the past 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Caroline, son Jim Jr. both of north Rudyard; two daughters, Mrs. Urban Kultgen of Whitlash and Mrs. Oswald, (Katherine) Heinrich of Haiti, West Indies; nine grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Lillie Hollingshead of Havre, Mrs. Maggie Fox of Sheridan, Wyoming; and Mrs. Wesley (Ida) Whitaker of Gildford; and nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, William, Ernest and Raymond; one sister, Maude Whitaker and one grandson, Conrad Hall.

TAMMY JEAN HANSARD
Born: July 14, 1961 - Died: July 31, 1977
Liberty County Times
August 4, 1977

Tammy Hansard dies of crash injuries



Tammy Jean Hansard

Tammy Jean Hansard, 16 of Rudyard died in a Great Falls Hospital Sunday as a result of an automobile accident at Tiber on Highway 2 early Saturday morning. According to officials she was a passenger in a car driven by Kenneth A. Moog of Rudyard. Other passengers in the car were Donald L. Bilbro and Doreen Evans, also of Rudyard. The Evans girl received serious injuries in the accident and is a patient at Liberty County Hospital. Moog and Bilbro were also taken to the hospital following the accident, but were treated and released with minor injuries.

Tammy was transferred to a Great Falls hospital where efforts to save her life failed.

The accident was investigated by Montana Highway Patrolman Gordon Hage assisted by the Liberty County Sheriff's department. Hage said the car failed to negotiate a curve at a fairly

high rate of speed. It rolled several times. Both of the girls and the Bilbro boy were thrown out of the car. Liberty County Ambulance was called to the scene, and all four were taken to the local hospital.

The car, a 1968 Chevrolet Camaro was travelling in an easterly direction when it approached the Tiber curve on Highway 2, about five miles west of Chester.

A coroner's jury has been impanelled and viewed the body Tuesday forenoon. An inquest has been set for Friday at 10 a.m.

Funeral services for Tammy Hansard were held in Rudyard High School Gym Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Wayne Pris officiated with Rockman Funeral Chapel in charge. She was born in Chester and attended school in Rudyard. She was to enter her junior year of high school at Rudyard this fall.

Survivors include her mother Freda Hansard, Rudyard; father, Gene Hansard, Great Falls; four brothers, Rick, Jim, Dale and Danny and a sister, Linda, all of Rudyard; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hansard, Big Sandy and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rathbun, Inverness.

Tammy's sister, Linda Foster has submitted the following remarks concerning Tammy:

Tammy Jean Hansard passed away Sunday afternoon in a Great Falls hospital, but we who loved her know she died as she had lived and had those she cared so very much about, with her at that time.

Tammy Jean celebrated her 16th birthday on July 14 but in so many ways her accomplishments were above many who have lived years longer. I wonder if anyone completely knew and understood her as

she did them. She had very special friends ranging from 3 to 80 and she could always understand and listen when she knew they needed her.

Tammy was a typical teenager to most, trying too hard to grow up too fast, but she's also many other things. To Cheri, Kari, Patrick and Christopher, she was their playmate, their friend and when "mommy" was sick Tammy stepped in and made the best 14 year old mother, housekeeper and nurse anyone could ask for.

In school, she had her favorites and most of the time even enjoyed the studies she complained about. Basketball was her "thing" in school and she dearly loved the sport and played for the "Panthers" for all she was worth.

This past summer Tammy went to the bowling alley twice a week to work with kids and teach them another sport she loved and wanted them to enjoy as much as she did. Watching her work with all those kids, you could not help but love it right along with her.

Tammy loved to swim, and worked hard on her tennis game and just about anything else.

Tammy Jean was and is so many things and always will be to all of us who loved her, that to even try to describe her is impossible. Just take a look at the big outdoors and the beautiful day with blue sky and sunshine and a small cloud way over yonder and all of it is Tammy.

HENRY R. HANSEN
Born: ?, 1914 - Died: October 1, 1977
Liberty County Times
October 6, 1977

Funeral held for Henry Hansen, 63

Henry R. Hansen, 63, died Saturday at Fort Harrison veterans hospital. Funeral services were Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with burial in Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Born in Marshall Creek, Minnesota he homesteaded in the Inverness area in 1925. He is survived by his wife Naomi, of Inverness. They were married in 1947 at Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

Also surviving are three sisters, Agnes Larson of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, Ann Smith of Great Falls and Victoria Bronson of Seattle, and two brothers, Lester of Helena and Carl of Glasgow.

NAOMI E. HANSEN
Born: August 18, 1905 - Died: December 30, 1977
Liberty County Times
January 5, 1978

Funeral held for Naomi Hansen,

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. in Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin for Naomi E. Hansen, 72 who died in the Liberty County Nursing Home Friday morning following a lengthy illness.

She was born August 18, 1905 to William and Albertina Lenz at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She was raised in Oshkosh and graduated from a local high school there. She worked as a secretary until her marriage to George Rolph in 1939, following which she pursued homemaking on his farm located northwest of Joplin. Mr. Rolph expired in 1945. On October 21, 1947 she was remarried to Henry R. (Hank) Hanson. They moved from Joplin to Inverness in 1955 to farm there. Mr. Hansen died in September, 1977.

Naomi was a past member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester and at the time of

her death was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. She was also active in the Bethel A.L.C.W. and had taught Sunday School in both churches for many years. She had also belonged to the Joplin chapter of Eastern Star and Royal Neighbor's organizations.

Survivors include four brothers, Norman, Leonard, William and Walter Lenz; and one sister, Mrs. John (Nola) Miller, all of Oshkosh, Wisconsin and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by two husbands, parents, two brothers and one sister.

Rev. Timothy Solberg presided at the funeral. Organist was Thelma Anderson. Bethel Lutheran choir sang: "Softly and Tenderly" and "How Great Thou Art." Interment was in Hill County Public Cemetery located in Havre.

Pallbearers were: Rolph Foster, Lewis Burnham, Howard Hall, Harlan Bilden, Lester Hanson and Bud Poppler. Ushers were Walter Hovee and Dave James.

Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

ELMER F. HANSON

Born: November 7, 1898 - Died: February 24, 1977

Liberty County Times

March 3, 1977

Elmer Hanson dies in Mesa

Elmer F. Hansen, 78, a Havre community civic and business leader, died at 7 a.m. Thursday in a Mesa, Arizona hospital where he had been taken two weeks ago after suffering a heart attack.

His death came as a shock to his many friends here as he apparently had been removed from intensive care and appeared to be making an encouraging recovery.

Hansen and his wife, Dorothy, had gone to Arizona in mid-February to spend some of the winter months.

In addition to his wife, Dorothy and son Donald, Hansen is survived by another son, Alan, Greenville, Kentucky and a daughter Mrs. Joseph (Lois) Nemes, Harlem, and six grandchildren.

Hansen was consignee for Texaco, Inc. for approximately 40 years and retired in April of 1967 being succeeded by Herbert Armstrong.

His successful business career included a partnership with Herman Anderson and W.V. Montee in Havre Motors Inc., Plymouth-Chrysler dealers.

In February of this year Hansen retired as a director and vice-chairman of the board of Havre Federal Savings and Loan Assn. and as a director of the Citizens Bank of Montana.

An indefatigable worker in the Van Orsdel Methodist Church Hansen was on the finance committee of the church and had served as Sunday School superintendent, steward, trustee and chairman of the board.

His interests included the old Kennedy Deaconess Hospital board of which he had been a chairman and in Northern Montana Hospital. He also worked with the Arthritis Foundation.

Hansen was born in November 1898 in North Dakota and was raised in Chester.

JOHN PETER HECK
Born: January 26, 1913 - Died: January 11, 1977
Liberty County Times
January 13, 1977

Funeral services
for John Heck
will be Friday

Funeral services for John Peter Heck, 63 will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic church in Inverness with Fr. Jordon Blecha officiating. A vigil service will be held at the church at 7:30 Thursday evening. He died early Tuesday morning at the local hospital.

Mrs. Judy Lake will sing: "Because He Lives" and "The Heart of Jesus." Pallbearers will be Frank Jochim, Tony Jochim, Martin Jochim, Dennis Mangold, Vern Schmaltz and John Schaller. Ushers are Leo and Leander Schweitzer. Interment will be in the Inverness Hill County Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Reviewal for family and friends will begin at the funeral home after noon Thursday.

Survivors include his wife Ann Marie, twin brother Frank of Inverness; seven sisters, Francis Wendland of Rudyard, Elizabeth Schaller of Havre an Helen Schmaltz, Jennie Schwartzberger and Barbara Hagel, all of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Rose Schleppe of Beiseker, Alberta, Canada; Tille Feldman of Warburg, Alberta, Canada and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

He was born January 26, 1913 in Rudyard. His parents were John and Katherine Heck. He grew up in the Rudyard-Inverness area and lived there all of his life. He attended local schools.

He was a veteran of World War 2, serving in the South Pacific. He was employed by the Great Northern Railway for several years and then for 16 years he was the custodian at Inverness schools and retired in 1971 due to ill health.

He was married August 17, 1957 to Ann Marie Miller. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic church in Inverness.

FATHER ROLAND JOHN HOFFMAN, PhD
Born: April 11, 1911 - Died: March 21, 1977
Liberty County Times
March 24, 1977

Rites held for Fr. Roland Hoffman

Father Roland John Hoffman, PhD, 65 died Monday morning at the St. Mary's church parsonage in Chester. Vigil services were held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday. The body lay in state at the St. Mary's Catholic church throughout the night. At 8:30 a.m. Wednesday the "Office of the Dead" was celebrated, followed by "Mass of the Christian Burial" at 9:00 a.m. The Celebrant was Bishop Eylon Schuster of the Great Falls Dioceses. Con-Celebrants were: Fr. John Beemster, Fr. Jordan Blecha, Fr. James Johnson, Fr. S.N. Joppe, Fr. Martin Phillipson and Fr. Tim Werner.

The body was shipped to DePere, Wisconsin, Brown county for interment in the St. Norbert Abbey Cemetery there.

He was born April 11, 1911 at Wausau, Wisconsin. He was raised in that area and attended St. Mary's grade school there. He attended high school and college at St. Norbert's Abbey in DePere, Wisconsin. He was vested into the Order of Permonstration Fathers on April 28, 1932. On August 14, 1937 he was solemnly professed in to the Order, and on August 21, 1937, he was ordained. From there he went to Philadelphia where he taught at the

Newman High School, after which he taught at Central Catholic in Green Bay. He returned to St. Norbert College where he was an English professor for 21 years. From there he served as parish priest in Brussels, Wisconsin, for 5 years.

He came to Chester in September of 1972 to St. Mary's. He served as the St. Mary's parish priest until his demise. He also served as the Hi-Line Knights of Columbus Chaplain in the "Father Sasone Chapter."

While in college he served in the Naval Reserve.

Survivors include two brothers, Vincent of Elmhurst, Illinois and Arnold of Wausau, Wisconsin; two sisters, Marge Obermier of Barrington, Illinois and Mary Ann Roque of Racine, Wisconsin. He is also survived by several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother and a sister.

Music was by Helen Ann Aaberg and members of the St. Mary's church choir. Pallbearers were Ed Cole, Verne Bresnahan, Lin Duffin, Tom Osterman, Dick Harmon and Mike Hull. Honorary pallbearers were the Knights of Columbus. Ushers were Andy Campros and Larry Terwolbeck.

Visitation was at Rockman Chapel from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday. Rockman Funeral Chapel made the funeral arrangements. Masses or memorials to St. Mary's Church are preferred in lieu of flowers.

BEN ARLO HULL
Born: August 14, 1910 - Died: February 15, 1977
Liberty County Times
February 24, 1977

Ben Hull, 66 dies in Missoula services Feb. 17

Ben Arlo Hull 66, Rte. 2 Mullin Rd., Missoula, Montana died Tuesday, February 15, 1977 in St. Patricks hospital, Missoula, Montana following a long illness.

Mr. Hull was born August 14, 1910 in Madrid, Iowa. When he was 4 years old he moved with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hull to Rockbluff, Nebraska where he attended school. He worked in construction most of his life. He lived in Chester, Montana and worked on Tiber Dam during its construction.

At the time of his retirement, due to illness, in 1971 he worked for V.R. Dennis Construction Company in San Diego, California.

He married Ida Jodlowski September 2, 1945 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Mr. Hull was a member of the Catholic church and local 12 of Operating Engineers in Los Angeles, California.

Memorial contributions are being made to Christ the King church, Missoula, in Mr. Hull's name.

Survivors include his wife, Ida; four sons, Don Hull of Bellevue, Nebraska; Henry Hull, Concord, North Carolina; Julius Jodlowski, Missoula, Montana; Frank Jodlowski, Willoughby, Ohio and daughter Mrs. Jack (Patricia) Seidlitz, Chester, Montana; a brother Fred Hull, Plattsmouth, Nebraska; 2 sisters, Mrs. John (Kate) Glaze, Plattsmouth, Nebraska and Mrs. Ralph (Jean) Jacks, Yakima, Washington; thirteen grandchildren, three great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary was recited Thursday, February 17 at 7 p.m. at Geherty Funeral Home and Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Friday at 11 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic church with Father Frank Matule, celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Missoula, Montana.

MABEL A. IRVING
Born: ?, 1894 - Died : July 9, 1977
Liberty County Times
July 14, 1977

Services held for Mabel Irving, 83

Mabel A. Irving, 83, died Saturday in Havre.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Holland & Bonine Chapel. Born in Sauk Rapid, Minnesota she married Vernon A. Irving in Williston, North Dakota. He worked for the railroad in Williston and Glasgow before they came to Havre in 1941.

Survivors include three daughters, Louise Cole, Havre; Marion Leffy, Woodland Hills, California and Betty Turner, Chester; two sons, Kenneth, Glasgow and Clyde, Marysville, Washington; one sister, Huldah Pewett, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and two brothers, Sanford and Lawrence Walstrom, St. Paul.

INGOLF JEPPESEN
Born: February 2, 1889 - Died: May 14, 1977
Liberty County Times
May 19, 1977



Ingolf Jeppesen

Funeral held for I. Jeppesen

Ingolf Jeppesen, 88, died Saturday, May 14, 1977 after a lingering illness. Ingolf, a retired farmer, was born February 2, 1889 in Haugesund, Norway. He came to Montana in 1909 and settled in the Sweetgrass Hills.

He and Magnhild Forseth were married on June 10, 1922, at Grandview. They farmed north of Galata and were members of Trinity Lutheran Church until 1955 when they moved to Shelby.

He served with the U.S. Army in France during World War I and is a life member of the Galata American Legion Post.

Survivors include the widow, four sons, Arnold and Harris of Charlo, Randolph of Missoula and Marvin of Shelby, 17 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby, where he was a member, on May 18, 1977, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Dean Bakken and Pastor Alfred Rosgaard officiating. Interment was in the Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby.

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Born in Norway, he came to the Sweetgrass Hills in 1909. He married Magnhild Forseth June 10, 1922 in Grandview. He farmed north of Galata until retiring to Shelby in 1955. He served with World War I.

He is survived by his widow of Shelby; four sons, Arnold and Harris of Charlo, Randolph of Missoula and Marvin of Shelby. Burns Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DENNIS DEAN KEENAN

Born: October 4, 1957 - Died: December 3, 1977

Liberty County Times

December 8, 1977

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HAZEL VIOLET KEITH
Born: March 26, 1894 - Died: November 28, 1977
Liberty County Times
December 1, 1977

Funeral today for Hazel Keith

Hazel Violet Keith, age 83, died at the Liberty County Hospital on Monday, November 28, 1977. She was born in Robins, Michigan on March 26, 1894, the daughter of John and Margaret Staudacher. The family moved to a homestead south of Chester in 1910. Hazel married Devall W. "Shorty" Keith on November 1, 1920. They were issued Liberty County marriage license number 8.

She is survived by her husband Devall Keith; two sons, Alvin Russell Keith of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Robert J. Keith of Great Falls; one daughter Elaine Thelma Perugini of Boulevard, California; two sisters, Orpha R. Bolt of Mesa, Arizona, and



Hazel Keith

Esther Williams of Puyallup, Washington; twelve grandchildren, Donald L. Keith, David W. Keith, Rodney R. Keith, Calvin A. Keith, Kelly D. Keith, Gene A. Keith, Jane Keith Smith, Charlotte Keith Gunn, Richard D. Perugini, Dyana Perugini Brenneman, Krystal Keith Laas, and Kimberly Keith; thirteen great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lloyd Deval Keith and a grandson, James P. Keith; three brothers, George Staudacher, Leonard Staudacher and John Staudacher.

Hazel and Shorty lived for many years in Chester, where he farmed and operated a Conoco service station. They retired to Lakeside, Montana after World War II and returned to Chester in 1960. Hazel had been a resident of the Liberty County Nursing home for more than two years.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. this (Thursday) morning at the United Methodist Church in Chester.

EMMY G. KISSELBURG

Born: N/A - Died: November 16, 1977

Great Falls Tribune, November 17, 1977

Liberty County Times, November 24, 1977

Emmy Kisselburg

Emmy G. Kisselburg, 92, who had lived for the past two years at the end of Forty-second Street North, died early Wednesday morning at home.

She was born in Kristiania, Norway, and came to the United States when she was 18, living in St. Paul, Minn., where she married Charles W. Kisselburg in 1913. They moved to Montana that year and homesteaded, later moving to Great Falls. He died in 1948.

She moved to Bellingham, Wash., in 1954 to live with her son, Gustav, and in 1975 returned to Great Falls, living here with her oldest daughter, Mrs. William (Dorothy) Hustwaite. Mrs. Kisselburg was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Survivors in addition to the daughter and son, who now lives in Great Falls, include another daughter, Mrs. Edwin (Frances) Hamilton, Bellingham, Wash.; brother, Rolf Dehl, in Norway; nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Croxford and Sons' Chapel with Rev. Kenneth Burrill officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

Word was received last week that another north community homesteader has passed away in Great Falls. Emmy Kesselburg, 92, has made her home in Great Falls with her daughter Dorothy (Mrs. William) Hustwaite for the past few years. She and her husband Charles homesteaded near the Canadian border north of Joplin in 1913. He passed away in 1948. She is survived by her three children Dorothy W. Hustwaite, Gustav Kesselburg of Great Falls and daughter Frances (Mrs. Edwin) Hamilton of Bellingham, Washington.

FERN CHEETHAM KNUTSON
Born: January 26, 1903 - Died: June 24, 1977
Liberty County Times
June 30, 1977

**Fern Knutson,
74 died Sat.
services Mon.**

Fern Cheetham Knutson, 74, a resident of the Dutton area nearly all her life, died Friday morning in a Great Falls hospital after a short illness.

Rev. Bud Thompson conducted the funeral Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, Dutton. Burial was in the Dutton cemetery.

Born in Washington state, Mrs. Knutson came to the Dutton area as a child when her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cheetham, homesteaded there. She married Knute C. Knutson in Great Falls in 1921 and they also homesteaded near Dutton. Knutson died in 1966.

Mrs. Knutson was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church.

Surviving her are daughters, Mrs. Leon (Shirley) Johnson, Billings; Mrs. Stanley (Marilyn) Gossack, Great Falls; Mrs. John C. (Bette) Pearson, Vista, California; and Mrs. Robert (Ruth) Brumwell, Power; a son, Rev. Robert Knutson, Waipahu, Hawaii, 20 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

HENRY JOSEPH LANGEL
Born: February 19, 1892 - Died: December 7, 1977
Liberty County Times
December 15, 1977

Funeral held for Henry Langel, 85

Henry Joseph Langel, a Rudyard resident, who has been residing at the Park Place Nursing Home in Great Falls for the past five months, passed away at the Columbus Hospital on December 7th at the age of 85 years.

He was born at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin on February 19, 1892 and was the son of Joseph and Ellen (Tealey) Langel.

In 1913 he came to Montana to a homestead located in the Goldstone Community north of Rudyard. He served his country in World War I with the 348th Heavy Artillery battalion and was on the firing lines on November 11, 1918 (the day the Armistice was signed). He then went to Germany with the Army of Occupation for a year. On his return to Montana he farmed and later worked for

the International Harvester Company at both Inverness and Rudyard. He also had his own repair shop (mechanics) for awhile. In later years he was a rural mail carrier and caretaker at the Rudyard Cemetery.

On June 5, 1933 he was united in marriage at Havre with Lydia Krueger, who survives him.

He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Rudyard and past member of the local VFW post.

Survivors include the wife, Lydia of Rudyard; 2 brothers, Ted and Bob of Rudyard; 2 sisters, Mrs. Hayes (Tracy) Starks and Mrs. Clifford (Dorothy) Hodgdon, both of Mesa, Arizona; and many nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 12th at Our Savior's Lutheran

Church in Rudyard. The sermon was given by Reverend Donald Ryding of Havre (past minister of St. John's in Rudyard) and the liturgy was handled by Reverend Wayne Pris (of Our Savior's). The congregation sang, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Just As I Am." "In the Garden" was sang by Alberta Langel, accompanied by Jeanne Gorder.

Pallbearers were Robert Brandt, Lloyd Kaercher, and Duaine, Richard, Gerald and Stanley Langel. Ushers were Gary Brandt and Fred Elling.

Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery. Military rites were conducted by the Rudyard VFW Post.

Funeral arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel in Chester.

NATALIA H. LINDSTROM

Born: March 1, 1884 - Died: September 17, 1977

Liberty County Times

September 22, 1977

**Natalie Lindstrom
succumbs**

Mrs. Natalia H. Lindstrom, 93, died Saturday morning in a Chester nursing home and funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in the Holland and Bonine chapel in Havre.

She was born March 1, 1884 in Sweden and came to the United States in 1901.

Mrs. Lindstrom was married to Emil Lindstrom in Chicago, June 15, 1907. Lindstrom died August 21, 1975.

In 1912 the couple homesteaded southwest of Havre.

Survivors are sons, Elmer, Havre; Stanley, Bellevue, Washington and Harold Reno, Nevada and a daughter, Mrs. Helen Opprecht, Chinook; two sisters and a brother in Sweden; 13 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Lindstrom was a member of the Lutheran Church and the Sons of Norway Lodge.

HANNAH M. LINGEN

Born: 1959 - Died: July 2, 1977

Liberty County Times

July 7, 1977



Hannah Lingen

Hannah Lingen killed in accident

Hannah M. Lingen, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford M. Lingen, 200 19th Ave. NW, Great Falls, died in a one-car accident early Saturday morning the Montana Highway Patrol reported.

She was killed about five miles north of Seely Lake on a secondary highway. The patrol said the accident occurred about 1 a.m. and was under investigation.

She was born in Havre and had lived in Great Falls since 1962. She had graduated from C.M. Russell High School in June.

Surviving along with her parents are sisters, Karla White, Kim and Nicolle Lingen, and brothers Clifford and Ole, all of Great Falls, and her grandmother, Mabel Kolstad, of Chester.

The funeral was Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Redeemer Lutheran Church in Great Falls with Rev. Orville Grorud officiating. Burial was in the Highland Cemetery under the direction of the Chapel of Chimes.

ANNA AMELIA LYDERS

Born: February 15, 1890 - Died: December 15, 1977

Liberty County Times

December 22, 1977

Funeral held for Anna Lyders, 87

Anna Amelia Lyders, age 87, expired Thursday, December 15th at the Liberty County Nursing Home where she had been a resident for the past 3 years. She was born February 15, 1890 in Alexandria, Minnesota where she spent her childhood years. Following her marriage to Martin H. Lyders in Minot, North Dakota in June, 1913 they moved to Montana. They essentially lived in the Chester area from that time on (except for a short while in Joplin and Conrad). Mr. Lyders managed the International Elevator and the Texaco station-&-bulkplant for several years. For a few years they managed the Chester Hotel together. In her later years, Mrs. Lyders helped with the school hot lunch program.

They were active members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church having been in the original group to help form a Lutheran congregation in Chester. She was a charter member of the Ladies Aid.

Survivors include 2 sons, Dale of Chester and Verne of San Bruno, California; 3 daughters, Mrs. A.C. (Lucille) Kammerzell of Great Falls, Mrs. Lloyd (Margaret) Hendrickson of Chester and Mrs. Roy (Jean) Breisacker of Los Alimotes, California; 3 brothers, Art Swenson of Tolley, North Dakota, Walt Swenson of Minot, North Dakota and Fritz Swenson of Alberton, Montana; 2 sisters, Mrs. Ida Ritter of Camas, Washington and Mrs. Agnes Sande of Virginia, Minnesota; 11 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband (Martin on June 16, 1954), her daughter (Eileen on September 18, 1938) and her parents (Mr. and Mrs.

Services were Saturday, December 17 at the Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Chester. Reverend David Barker officiated. The congregation sang "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World." Special music included "How Great Thou Art" and "It Is Well With My Soul," both numbers were sung by Wayne Wardell, accompanied by his wife, Juanita. Pallbearers included Gordon and John Kammerzell, Jerry Hendrickson, Marty Lyders, Clark Richter, and Walt Nussbaum (all grandchildren). Ushers were Dean and Larry Hendrickson. Interment in the Chester Cemetery. Arrangements by the Rockman Funeral Chapel.



Anna Lyders

LAVERNE RAY LYDERS
Born: ?1919- Died: January 17, 1977
Liberty County Times
February 3, 1977

Laverne Lyders dies in California

Funeral services were held January 21st in Millbrae, California for LaVerne E. Lyders of San Bruno, California, who died January 17th at the age of 58.

A native of Montana, who lived in this county 10 years, she is survived by her husband, Verne; a son, Richard of Ches-

ter, Montana; a daughter, Barbara Lee Dillard of Redwood City; a brother, Eugene Hunnewell of Tacoma, Washington; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. True Ray of Millbrae.

The services were at 1 p.m. at the Chapel of the Highlands, with interment at Skylawn Memorial Park.

EDDIE T. LYNCH

Born: June 7, 1917- Died: August 29, 1977

Liberty County Times

September 1, 1977

Funeral for Ed Lynch this a.m. in Rudyard

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) morning in Rudyard for Eddie T. Lynch, 60, Rudyard area farmer who died Monday afternoon in a Havre hospital. Death was attributed to natural causes. He had been suffering from a lengthy illness.

He was born June 7, 1917 in Geysler, Montana. He worked as a crane operator for the Great Northern Railroad for 18 years, then in 1955 moved from Great Falls to Rudyard where he took up farming. He has been a self-employed farmer since.

He was married November 23, 1935 to Ethel Jean Rafter, who survives. Other survivors include a son Tommy of Rhode Island; three daughters, Mrs. Ed (Bev) Cramer of Chester, Mrs. Bill (Lois) Gorder of Rudyard and Mrs. Leonard (Linda) Olson of Joplin; two brothers, Clarence of Rudyard and Shirley of Seattle, Washington; two sisters, Mrs. Russell (Florence) Fish of Great Falls and Mrs. Bill (Ellen) Clark of Vaughn; 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; one aunt; one uncle, many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Grace Lynch and a son Robert and a brother, Roy.

Funeral services will be held in Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Rudyard with Pastor Wayne Pris officiating. Organist Sharon Spicher will accompany soloist Terry Stevenson singing "The Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art." Graveside services will be at the Highland Cemetery in Great Falls at 1:30 p.m. Pallbearers are Vic Gatzmeier, Paul Barnhorst, Ted Martin, Al Beaudry, Art Myron and Murvel Kinder. Ushers are Ken Baucher, Tom Wilson and Leodard Paier. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

WILLIAM JAMES MELDRUM
Born: December 3, 1910 - Died: September 16, 1977
Liberty County Times
September 22, 1977

**William
Meldrum passes
on in Sommers
at 66**

William James Meldrum, 66, died at his home in Somers on Friday morning.

He was born December 3, 1910, in Joplin, a son of William and Helen Meldrum. He had attended school in Joplin and graduated from high school there.

In 1933 he was married to Hazel Anderson in Havre. In 1942, the couple moved to Somers where Meldrum had been employed with the Somers Lumber Company store for several years. He was employed as clerk at the Montana Mercantile in Kalispell until his retirement in 1973.

He is now survived by his widow, Hazel at the home in Somers; two sons, Lloyd of Beaverton, Oregon and Kenneth of Kalispell; two daughters Mrs. Norman (Marilyn) Nelson of Kalispell and Mrs. Charles (Elaine) Sloan of Jefferson, Oregon; two brothers, Frank of Joplin and Julian of Long Beach, California; two sisters, Mrs. David (Lillian) James of Joplin and Mrs. Jesse (Connie) McDonald of Great Falls; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services for Meldrum were conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 2 p.m. Tuesday. The Rev. Alton O. Johnson, pastor of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church officiated.

Al Olson, soloist, sang "Beautiful Saviour" and "In the Garden." Lucille Richardson was organist.

Pallbearers were Delbert Graves, Alfred Torbergson, Archie McKean, Roland Hemmah, Bud Rumley and Allen Milne.

LILLIE ODDEN
Born: June 26, 1895 - Died: July 24, 1977
Liberty County Times
August 4, 1977



Lillie Odden

**Lillie Odden, 82
died July 24,
services July 26**

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Lillie Odden, 82, at the Bethany Lutheran Church at Dutton, Montana Tuesday, July 26, 1977. Pastor Bud Thompson officiated at the 11 a.m. service.

Mrs. Odden passed away at the Park Place Nursing Home in Great Falls Sunday morning, July 24, 1977 after a long illness.

Pallbearers were her eight grandsons, Ken Halverson, Tacoma, Washington; Dr. Larry Halverson, Columbia, Missouri; Carl Trebesch and Loren Trebesch, Bruce and Max Van Heel all of Dutton and Doug Van Heel and Greg Halverson of Chester.

Judy Maurer was organist and Bette Aune was soloist, she sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Nearer My God To Thee." Lynne Trebesch, granddaughter of Mrs. Odden sang "Amazing Grace."

Mrs. Odden was laid to rest in the Dutton cemetery, under the direction of Zwerneman Mortuary of Choteau, Montana.

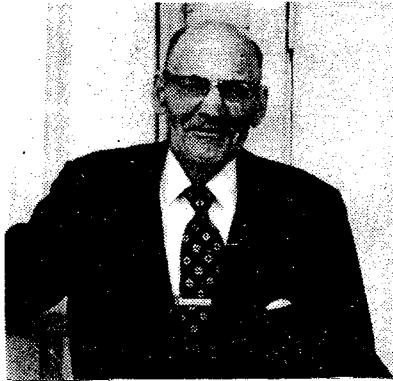
Survivors include three daughters Mrs. Reub. (Doris) Halverson of Chester; Mrs. Burton (Marcile) Midge and Mrs. Warren (Betty Lou) Knutson both of Dutton. Two sisters Anna Faust of Montreal, Quebec, Canada and Mrs. Mabel Zinn of Lakewood, New Jersey. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Lillie Paulina Faust was born in Dunseith, North Dakota June 26, 1895. She moved to Canada with her family in 1908. In 1917 she came to Montana to work for a sister and there she met and married Bennie Odden January 5, 1918. The couple operated a farm until his retirement in 1960. Mr. Odden died in 1969.

She was a faithful member of the Bethany Lutheran church in Dutton, Past Matron and charter member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Dutton. She served several years on the election board and was active in many other social affairs. She loved her yard and garden and could grow most any kind of flower.

The family prefers memorials to Bethany Lutheran Church in Dutton or to the American Cancer Society.

SIGURD OLSON
Born: May 7, 1897 - Died: February 3, 1977
Liberty County Times
February 10, 1977



Sigurd Olson

Funeral held for Sigurd Olson

Funeral services for Sigurd Olson, 79, were held in Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester Monday forenoon with Pastor Dave Barker officiating. He died Thursday in the local hospital.

Olson was born May 7, 1897 in Lom, Norway. His parents were Ole and Brit Norjordet. Sig came to the United States from Norway when he was 16 years old. He attended school to learn English in the Aneta, North Dakota area, and came to Liberty County in 1936 and took up farming. In September, 1942 he entered the army and served until March, 1943. He returned to Liberty County where he has resided since. He retired from farming many years ago and has frequented North Dakota and Canada on many visits since that time. Prior to retiring his farming partner was Bill Kanzler.

He was a baptized Lutheran. He was a member of the Chester American Legion Post and was a past member of Sons of Norway and Elks Lodge.

He has been described as a

"good old Norskman" with a sly sense of humor, independent and self-sufficient, honest and fair. He remained a bachelor all of his life.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Maria Stovik of Aneta, North Dakota and two brothers, Anton Norjordet of Norway and Hans Norjord of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and many nephews and nieces.

Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Pallbearers were Curt Morkrid, Clark McBride, Armand Anderson, Vic Elliott, Oliver Skari and Mort Skari. Organist was Stanleigh Barbie. Soloist, Mary Ann Zorn sang "Abide With Me" and "Old Rugged Cross." Interment will be in Our Savior's church cemetery, rural Kloten Field township, Nelson County, North Dakota.

Memorial offerings can be made to the Senior Citizen's Center in Chester as per family wishes.

KENNETH WARREN O'NIEL

Born: April 12, 1959 - Died: January 24, 1977

Liberty County Times

January 27, 1977

Two I. H. S. senior boys

killed in accident

Two Inverness High School Seniors were killed instantly in a pickup-semi truck collision Monday afternoon. The driver of the semi escaped with very minor injuries. Killed were Jeffrey Craig Van Wechel, 18 and Kenneth Warren O'Neil, 17. The driver of the truck was Wayne Johner of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada in a semi owned by Oliver Industries Supply of Lethbridge.

According to authorities who investigated, the accident happened on Highway 2, just east of the Liberty-Hill County line about 2 p.m. The Inverness shop class was returning from Joplin where they go regularly for shop training. O'Neil was riding in the school bus and Van Wechel was following in a pickup.

Suddenly the pickup went around the school bus, and both vehicles were stopped. The O'Neil boy quickly dismounted the bus and got into the pickup. The Van Wechel boy then made a U turn right in front of the oncoming semi which was also travelling east. Authorities said there was no way the truck driver could have avoided the accident, it all happened so quickly.

Both the semi and the pickup came to a rest in the snow-filled borrow pit on the north side of the road. The pickup was totally destroyed. Damage to the semi front end was considerable.



WARREN O'NEIL

Kenneth Warren O'Neil was born on April 12, 1959. He grew up around the Inverness, Rudyard area and was attending his senior year at Inverness High School. He was an active athlete and was on the Inverness basketball team.

He is survived by his parents: Mr. and Mrs. Fred O'Neil, brothers Leo O'Neil, Wichita, Kansas, David O'Neil, Havre, Mt., Ross O'Neil, Rudyard, Mt., sisters Tammie and Judy still at home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Neil, Big Sandy, Mt., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Backer, Indianapolis, Indiana, two nephews, two nieces and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; Fiance Suzan Heggan, of Havre, Mt.

SHELLY LYNN O'NEIL
Born: November 26, 1962 - Died: December 3, 1977
Liberty County Times
December 8, 1977

7 killed in two-car accident

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Authorities have released the names of the seven persons killed and two injured in a two car collision Saturday on U.S. Highway 89 eight miles south of Armington Junction.

The accident occurred when a Great Falls car carrying seven persons and traveling north from the Showdown ski area

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Neil Richard Girton, 21 of White Sulphur Springs, a passenger in the other vehicle also was killed.

Injured in the accident and reported in satisfactory condition at Columbus Hospital are Theresa Tripp, 13, daughter of Ralph Tripp, 1705 1st Ave. N., and Dale Guenther, 21, White Sulphur Springs. Tripp was a passenger in the Great Falls car and Guenther was driver of the White Sulphur Springs car.

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Shelly O'Neil

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Dennis Dean Keenan, 1426 8th Ave. NW, was born October 4, 1957. He attended McKinley School and Paris Gibson Junior High School before graduating from Great Falls High School. He was married here June 17, 1977 to Sue Ost.

He was an avid hunter and skier and was a member of St. Gerard's Parish.

Surviving are his widow, parents and twin brother and sister, Tom and Tammy all of Great Falls.

Kelly Kathleen Keenan was born August 15, 1962. She attended Paris Gibson Junior High School and was presently a 10th grade student at Great Falls High School. She was active in music.

Her sister, Shannon Marie, was born in Great Falls July 10, 1964 and was an eighth grade student at Paris Gibson Junior High School. Both girls were members of St. Gerard's Parish and are survived by their parents and twin brother and sister.

Shelly Lynn O'Neil was born in Havre November 26, 1962, and her sister, Vicki Jo, was born there September 24, 1964. The girls resided briefly in Chester before moving with their parents to Great Falls in 1964.

Shelly was a ninth grade student at Paris Gibson Junior High School and a member of the chorus and gymnastics club. Her sister was an eighth grade student there and also a chorus member. Both girls were members of St. Gerard's Parish.

In addition to their parents, they are survived by a brother, Ralph O'Neil of Great Falls; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thielman of Chester and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O'Neil of Monterey, California.

VICKI JO O'NEIL

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Vicki O'Neil

EARL EUGENE (BUD) ORVIS
Born: March 17, 1926 - Died: October 23, 1977
Liberty County Times
October 27, 1977

Shelby hunter

dies in bed

Earl Eugene "Bud" Orvis, 51, Shelby hunter was found dead in his bed by hunting companions about 6 a.m. Sunday. The party of about six men from Shelby had gone to the Lloyd Oswood campground in the Sweetgrass Hills Saturday night in two campers. They had retired shortly after midnight and had planned to hunt early Sunday morning. When they tried to rouse Orvis for the hunt they discovered he had died in his sleep.

Coroner Grant Jeppesen investigated. An autopsy was performed by Dr. Richard Buker. Determining the course of death is still pending, but no foul play is suspected.

GEORGE A. PEEBLER
Born: November 29, 1895 - Died: July 4, 1977
Liberty County Times
July 7, 1977

Funeral services held for George Peebler, 81

George A. Peebler, 81, 665 2nd Ave. E.N., died Monday in a Whitefish hospital. He was a retired eastern Montana farmer.

Mr. Peebler was born November 29, 1895 in Meacham, Oregon, the son of David and Etta Peebler, and attended schools in Pendleton, Oregon. He later attended business college in Walla Walla, Washington. He moved to Rudyard, Montana in 1924 and was married on November 17, 1924 to Anna Lambott in Havre. The couple moved to Kalispell in 1944. He farmed most of his life, retiring 12 years ago.

Surviving besides his widow, are one son, Larry, Rudyard; 4 daughters, Mrs. Duaine (Ruby) Langel, Chester, Mt., Mrs. Sydney (Sharon) Torgerson, Kalispell, Mrs. Warren (Marjorie) Williams, Kalispell, Mrs. William (Betty) DeShazer, Libby; his brother, Bill Peebler in eastern Washington; 2 sisters, Mrs. Ted (Peggy) Decker, Phoenix, Arizona, Mrs. Ruth Suddeth, Monument, Oregon; his step-sisters, Mrs. Katherine Leuer, Santa Barbara, California, 14 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were 2 p.m. Thursday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with Harold Bennett officating. Burial followed in Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorial to the Extended Care Unit of the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

ROBERT PETTAPIECE
Born: 7, 1915 - Died: June 21, 1977
Liberty County Times
June 23, 1977

Services held for Robert Pettapiece

Robert Pettapiece, 62, native of Fort Benton who lived for a number of years in Great Falls and Chester, died in Tumwater, Washington Tuesday of last week. Graveside services were Friday at 1 p.m. in Riverside Cemetery in Fort Benton. Benton Funeral Home was in charge.

Pettapiece was reared in the Chester area, where he continued to live for many years from 1959 until moving to Washington, he had been employed by several firms as a livestock trucker.

Surviving are the widow, Alice, of Tumwater; sons Robert and Douglas of Tacoma, Kenneth of Tumwater and Michael of Great Falls; daughter Vicki Wickman of Walla Walla, Washington; nine grandchildren and sisters, Elizabeth Graham of Chester, Annabelle Barbie of Inverness and Evelyn Striegel of Juneau, Alaska.

NELS PETTERSEN
Born: January 10, 1885 - Died: March 17, 1977
Liberty County Times
April 7, 1977

Liberty County homesteader dies in Hot Springs

Nels Pettersen, 92, died in his home at Hot Springs, March 17.

He was born at Bergen, Norway on January 10, 1885, one of nine children born to Peter and Guro Bjornson. He left Norway when he was 15. He worked with a whaling crew in Iceland and after two years he moved to Minnesota.

In 1914 he started a cattle ranch. He sold the ranch in 1949 and moved to Kalispell. He lived there until 1952 when he moved to Hot Springs. He married Ada Florence Sorenson December 10, 1952 at Hot Springs. They owned the Peterson Hotel until he retired four years ago.

He is survived by his widow of Hot Springs; a sister, Lena Sandvold, and a brother, Amund Pettersen, both of Etna, Norway.

Funeral services were in the Shrider Chapel in Plains.

JEFFERY W. PIERSON
Born: December 5, 1959 - Died: September 26, 1977
Liberty County Times
September 29, 1977

Funeral held for Jeffery Pierson

Jeffery W. Pierson, 17, of 114 Sleepy Hollow Drive, Kalispell, and a former resident of Chester was found dead Monday morning in Woodland Park in Kalispell.

Born December 5, 1959 in Havre, Mt., the son of Ervin J. and Vivian Pierson, Jeffery attended schools in Havre, Chester and Chinook. He was employed at the Thielman Implement Company 18 months after which he worked for the City of Chester as a maintenance man for four months. He moved to Kalispell one month ago with his family. His mother died in Chinook in 1971.

Surviving are his father and step-mother, Ervin J. and Betty Pierson, of Kalispell; his sister, Cindy Pierson, of Havre; 3 step-brothers, Michael, Bruce and Gordon Norlander, all of Kalispell; 3 step-sisters, Susan and Cathy Peterson of Kalispell and Linda Erickson of Chester; his grandfather, Frank Pierson, Minot, North Dakota; his step-grandfather, Ludvig Ysen of Bagley, Minnesota; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were at 2 Friday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. John Rieth, pastor of Faith Free Lutheran Church officiating. Burial followed in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell.

JESSE LLOYD PIMLEY
Born: March 26, 1929 - Died: May 26, 1977
Liberty County Times
June 2, 1977

**Services
held for
Jesse Pimley, 48**

Jesse Lloyd Pimley, 48, died suddenly in his farm home north of Joplin Thursday afternoon. He had been working, and complained of not feeling well and went into the house to lie down. A short time later he was found dead in the house. Death was attributed to natural causes.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin with Pastor Timothy Solberg officiating. Interment was in the Joplin cemetery. Pallbearers were Sterling Wolery, Merlin Wolery, Frank Richter, Ted Tempel, Rodney Svenson, and John Tempel. Ushers were Ellsworth Graff and Wayne Wolery. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

The church organist was Thelma Anderson. A women's vocal group made up of Judy Lake, Teddy Phillips, Kathy Solberg, Marlene Rocks and Esther Meldrum accompanied by Florence McClenahan sang "The King is Coming" and "Because He Lives." The family preferred "Living Memorials" in lieu of flowers.

Survivors include his wife, Joan, son Jimmy and daughters Debra and Denise, mother, Mrs. Estella Pimley, two sisters Mrs. Viola Carlson of Libby and Mrs. Les (Joyce) Wade of Cut Bank, six brothers, Anson of Minden, Nevada, Vern of Joplin, Orville of Joplin, Francis of Londonderry, New Hampshire, Percy, Jr. of Minden, Nevada and Donald of Joplin and many nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Percy in July, 1976.

He was born March 26, 1929 in Joplin and has lived in the Joplin area his entire life. He attended Burke school near the family farm north of Joplin. He graduated from Joplin High School in 1947.

Jesse was a self-employed farmer, rancher, carpenter. He served as a staff sergeant in the Army Reserves in late 1940's and 1950's.

February 13, 1955 he married Joan Knutson in Malta, Montana. He and his wife have farmed north of Joplin since their marriage.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church north of Joplin, a member of the Joplin Commercial club and past member of the school board.



Jesse Pimley

ALLEN C. PRESCOTT
Born: November 4, 1895 - Died: April 2, 1977
Liberty County Times
April 7, 1977

Funeral held for Allen Prescott

Allen C. Prescott, well-known and a long-time resident of the Sweetgrass Hills area, passed away at Wichenburg, Arizona on April 2, 1977.

He was born November 4, 1895 to the late A.K. Prescott and Mary Bailey Prescott.

After his schooling, Allen managed the extension ranch holdings of the Prescott ranch. Upon leaving here, he and his wife, Winnie, moved to White Sulphur Springs where he operated his own ranch. When he retired he bought a home on the east shore of Flathead Lake where they lived during the summer months and spent the winter months in Arizona. His wife, Winnie, preceded him in death at Wichenburg, Arizona several years ago.

Allen's great mechanical ability and interest led him to be one of the pioneers of snowmobiles. His interests also included motorcycles and airplanes. He received instruction in flight from Montana's Earl Vance and became one of Liberty County's first pilots.

Survivors include two brothers, Harold and Robert, and two sisters Katherine Towle and Helen Dietrich. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. One nephew, Gordon Prescott, is well-known locally.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Retz Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held in Helena at the Forestdale Cemetery on Thursday, April 7, at 10:30 a.m.

AUSTIN QUALEY

Born: ?, 1888 - Died: September 11, 1977

Liberty County Times

September 15, 1977

Austin Qualey 89, dies in Hingham

Austin Qualey, 89 died at his home in Hingham Sunday. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Lutheran Church with Rev. Kirby Nave presiding. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge.

He was born in Valdrez, Norway. He came to North Dakota in 1903, was naturalized U.S. citizen in 1914, and was in the U.S. Army in WWI. He married Josie P. Olson near Hingham in 1919. He was a drayman, grocer, an elevator manager, Great Northern section crewman and state liquor store vendor at Hingham. He

was a charter member of the Hingham Lutheran Church and a lifetime member of the Oddfellows and the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his widow; a son, Lester, Libby and daughter, Mrs. Donna Kapperud, Gildford.

SARAH RITTER
Born: November 9, 1889 - Died: April 23, 1977
Liberty County Times
April 28, 1977

Funeral held for Sarah Ritter, 87

Sarah Ritter, 87, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Donald Lincoln near Ledger Saturday, April 23. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 26 at 3:00 p.m. in the Evangelical Church of North America. Interment was in the Grace Church Cemetery, 20 miles north of Rudyard. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Reverend Merton Peterson presided.

Pallbearers were grandsons Russell, Ted, Claude, Jerry, Ross and Lyle Ritter and Roger Lincoln. Walter Woods, soloist sang "What a Glorious Day It Will Be" and "Amazing Grace" accompanied by Joan Peterson. Ushers were the grand sons-in-law. A coffee hour followed the service. The family prefers memorials to "Child Evangelism" c/o Crystle Flint, or to the donors choice. Her life was dedicated to her church and family.

Survivors include: a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Mary) Lincoln of Ledger; three sons, Clarence of Turner, Roland of Rudyard and Sam of Sidney; sisters, Mrs. John Eisenbeis of California, Mrs. Ted Endres of North Dakota; brothers, Edwin and Jim Herman of Smithers B.C., Canada and 17 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

She was born November 9, 1889 to Fred and Christina Herman in Bersina, Russia. At an early age she migrated to the United States and settled in the Ashley, North Dakota area, where she attended a rural school.

January 14, 1908 she married Henry A. Ritter who died in February of 1972. In 1910 she and her husband came to Rudyard where they homesteaded. Henry served as a minister for the Evangelical Church. She has been active in that church and the Missionary Society.

SEVIER (SID) ROCKMAN

Born: October 21, 1893- Died: October 19, 1977

Liberty County Times

October 27, 1977

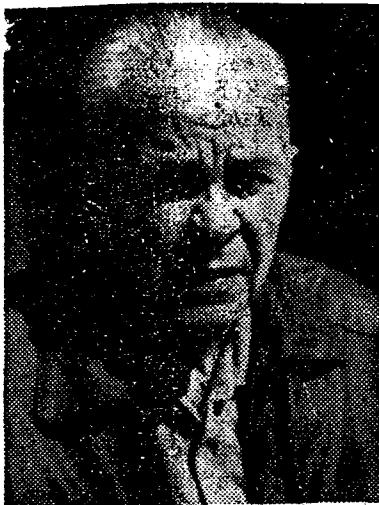
Funeral services for Sevier (Sid) Rockman, 83, were held in Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Chester Monday forenoon with Pastor Dave Barker officiating. Rockman died the previous Wednesday of natural causes.

Sid was born in Oslo, Norway on October 21, 1893. His parents were Chris I. and Anna Christina Rockman. After coming to the United States in 1902, his step-mother (Helga Johnson) brought Sid and his brother and his sister to Montana in 1908. He attended schools in Chouteau County and graduated from the 8th grade. In the years he was growing up in Chester, he helped his family run the Grand Hotel. He really grew up in the "old west," for example, he delivered mail by horseback and worked on ranches where wild horses were commonplace. In 1914 he purchased and relinquished homestead near his father's original homestead in the Sweetgrass Hills area. He stayed on the farm and maintained things during World War I while his brother, Ed went off to war.

February 4, 1925 he married Olive Avery in Olympia, Washington. They continued to farm together and she became his "best friend" and "right hand man." During those early years of homesteading, the times were tough with drought, depression and the elements, but still they managed to survive it all. He stayed on the farm until his retirement in 1965, when he sold the place to a nephew, Bud Ish.

Sid was formerly of the Trinity Lutheran parish, but was presently a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester.

In later years, he and Olive spent their winter months travelling. Their summers were spent at their home in Chester. It was not uncommon to see the two walking briskly along the Chester streets.



Sid's health declined about 1½ years ago, so he assumed residency in the Liberty County Nursing Home. It wasn't an undesirable change, for he spent his last year there with another one of his "best friends," his brother Ed. He went on to expire last Wednesday (October 19th) at the age of 83.

He will always be remembered as a "loving husband" and a "devoted uncle." He will also be remembered in art, as he served as the model for/in many of Olive's paintings.

Survivors include the wife, Olive; 3 brothers, Ed of Chester, Harry of Three Forks, and

George of Bueno, Washington; 3 sisters, Ruth Ish and Lillian Wright of Chester, and Helen Carr of Bainbridge Island, Washington; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers (Willard, Gunner and Lloyd).

Following graveside services there was a luncheon held in Sid's honor in the church basement.

Those coming a distance for the funeral include: Robert Rockman, Seattle Washington; Eugene Rockman, Billings, Mt.; Jim Teachman, Pablo, Montana; Frank Teachman, Kamiah, Idaho; Dick Avery, Visalia, Cali-

fornia; Helen and Connie Carr, Bainbridge Island, Washington; Leslie Rockman, Helena, Mt.

Pallbearers were nephews Tyrone Rockman, Leslie Rockman, Eugene Rockman, Bud Ish Robert Rockman and John Dolzal. Organist was Juanita Wardell. Soloist was Wayne Wardell who sang: "Beautiful Savior," and "How Great Thou Art." Ushers were George Braun and Armand Anderson. Honorary pallbearers were Leo Hawks, Ferroll Heydon, Dale Lyders, Lyle Glee, Malvin Matteson, Larry Frederickson and Walt Wicks, most of whom were past fellow choir members at Trinity Church. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

WILLIAM EARL (BILL) SHETTEL
Born: November 3, 1956 - Died: October 18, 1977
Liberty County Times
October 20 -27, 1977

Funeral held for Bill Shettel, 20

Funeral services for William Earl (Bill) Shettel were held in the Chester United Methodist Church Saturday afternoon with Rev. Bob Hermstad officiating. Shettel was a victim of an excavation cave-in which killed two members of the city crew the previous Tuesday. Bill was born in Chester November 3, 1956, and lived most of his life here. He attended Chester elementary school and Endicott School in Endicott, Washington. He graduated from Chester High School in 1975. While in high school he worked as a custodial helper at the school. Following graduation he worked the summer for Roy Heimbigner on the farm. Then he became a general laborer for the City of Chester. He has been described as among the most loyal, faithful and hard working employees the city ever had. Bill was "everybody's friend." He never failed to meet you without a grin or a wave. He had a wonderful disposition, and his best friend was "good old dad."

He was a baptized and confirmed Methodist. He never married.

Survivors include his father, Clarence of Chester; five brothers, Charles, Harold and Thomas Hathaway, David Pep-

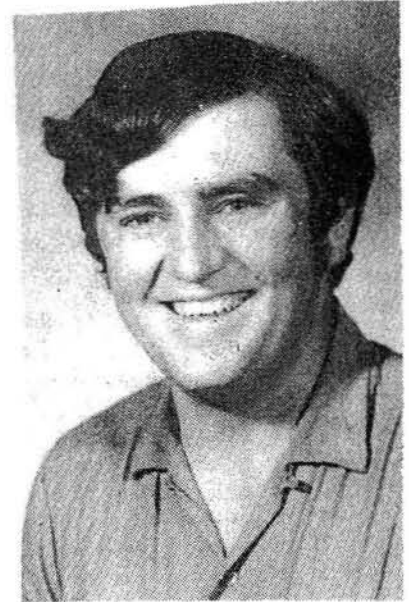
penger of Missoula and Dennis Peppenger of Great Falls; two sisters, Pvt. Lola Shettel of Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, Mrs. Frank (Lois) Bear of Big Fork; maternal grandfather, E. Earl Heavirland of Shelby; many uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and cousins. Also surviving is Bill's shadow, his dog Sam, and a special friend Kathy Hanes of Endicott, Washington.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy; three uncles, Elmer and Hud Heavirland and Levi Shettel; maternal grandmother, Haddie Heavirland and paternal grandparents, John and Iona Shettel.

Pallbearers were Allen Kolstad, Marlyn Harstad, Neil Harstad, Buzz Zorn, Bob Aitken and Ray Zorn. Ushers were Bud Ish, Gordon Lerum, Darrel Aitken and Steve Norris. Rockman Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

Organist was Mrs. Iris White. Vocalists were Jack and Ray Seidlitz who sang: "In the Sweet Bye and Bye", "In the Garden," "Beyond the Sunset" and "How Great Thou Art."

Burial was in the Chester cemetery. A luncheon was held in Bill's memory in the R.N.A. Hall following burial.



Bill Shettel

Cave-in kill

Two young men on the Chester City crew were killed Tuesday forenoon in a cave-in of a trench for a sewer line which they were installing. The victims are Steven Campros, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Campros of Chester and Bill Shettel, son of Clarence Shettel, also of Chester. Both young men lived in Chester most of their lives and were well known in the community. The town was in a state of shock Tuesday afternoon as news of the tragedy unfolded.

According to city director of public works Jim Coffman the crew was on the last 50 ft. of a 1300 ft. project. Bob Aitken and Buzz Zorn were on the ground and Steve and Bill were in the trench. He said the trench was about eight feet deep.

Suddenly the side gave way and fell onto them. A slab of dirt estimated at over four feet wide fell on them, knocking them down and burying them. The accident happened about 11 a.m. Help was summoned, and the ambulance was called. Quannah Bailey was on the scene within minutes with the oxygen for the victims, but to no avail. It is assumed the men suffocated. Observers who arrived to help dig the men out estimated that rescue operations took about 20 minutes.

The accident happened south of the high school building, just south of the football practice field.

Mr. and Mrs. Campros were in Seattle at the time, and Clarene Shettel was at the Kolstad farm.

Bill Shettel had worked for the city for two years. Steve Campros had been on the city crew for only two months.

Funeral services for Steve Campros will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be in Great Falls at Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Funeral services for Bill Shettel are pending at press time.

Chester city office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in memory of Bill

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ROBERT J. SOWA
Born: ? 1937 - Died: February 8, 1977
Liberty County Times
February 17, 1977

Services for Robert Sowa were Monday in Great Falls

Robert J. Sowa, 40, Milpitas, California, who was born and reared in Great Falls and spent a number of years in the Navy, died Tuesday, February 8th in the naval hospital at Oakland, California. He had been ill about two years with leukemia.

Services and burial was at 2 p.m. Monday, February 14th at Holy Family Church in Great Falls. Burial with Military honors was in Mount Olivet cemetery. O'Connor Funeral Home handled arrangements.

After graduating from Great Falls High School, Sowa, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sowa, enlisted in the Navy and served two years in the Pacific theater. He married Esther May Greiner in Chester in 1959. He worked for First National Bank in Great Falls until 1962 when he was recalled to the Navy. He taught reservists for a time and then was assigned to Okinawa for three years and also spent two years in Vietnam.

He was a member of the VFW in Great Falls and of the Catholic faith.

Survivors are the widow, children, Gary, and twins, Jeanette and Stephen, all at home, and a brother, Clarence J. Sowa.

FRANKLIN LEE SPRINGER
Born: ?, 1956 - Died: June 28, 1977
Liberty County Times
July 7, 1977

2 Havre men die in wreck near Hingham

HAVRE—Two Havre men were killed Tuesday evening in a single-vehicle rollover accident about two miles east of Hingham on U.S. 2, the state Highway Patrol said.

Reported dead were Franklin Lee Springer, 21, and Wyman Francis Enno, 32.

A pickup, apparently driven by Springer, went off the right side of the highway at about 7 p.m. as it traveled toward Havre, the patrol said. Both men were thrown out of the vehicle, and probably killed instantly, authorities said.

The deaths raised Montana's traffic death toll to 131, compared with 133 on July 6, 1976.

PEGGY SUE STANDIFORD
Born: September ? 1976 - Died: March 4, 1977
Liberty County Times
March 24, 1977

Peggy Sue Standiford died March 4th

Peggy Sue Standiford, 5½ month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Standiford of Chinook, passed away Friday, March 4, at the Sweet Memorial Nursing Home. She had been a patient there for only one short week.

Funeral services were held at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Chinook Tuesday, March 8, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Leo F. Janson officiating. Pallbearers, all uncles, were Jim and Pat Carr, and Alan and Gary Standiford. JoAnn Meyer, Marliss Picarda and Meredy Phares sang, "In the Garden," and "Just a Closer Walk With Thee." Nick Alex, of Havre, sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Accompaniment was provided by Mrs. Nancy Inman on the organ.

Besides her parents Peggy Sue is survived by sisters Cathy and Leanne, and brother Leland Jr., all at home; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. James Carr of Havre; and paternal grandmother Mrs. Hazel Standiford of Chester; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

DONALD DENNIS STORES
Born: November 8, 1907 - Died: September 9, 1977
Liberty County Times
September 15, 1977

Funeral held for Don Stores

Mass of the Christian Burial for Donald Dennis Stores, 69, was conducted at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chester Tuesday forenoon by Father Rene Petit. Vigil Service was conducted at 8:00 p.m. Monday at Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

Don died Friday following a lengthy illness. He was born November 8, 1907 at Sherwood, North Dakota. He attended Chester grade and high schools. He played guard on the basketball team during his freshman and sophomore years. He worked as the Reservoir Superintendent for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation at Sanford Park for 25 years. He retired in 1975.

Don was married March 12, 1937 to Dorothy M. Marshall, who survives. Other survivors include two sons, Robert and Pat, both of Eugene, Oregon; four daughters, Mrs. Dan (Helen) Harmon of Kalispell, Mrs. Donna Crabtree of Kentucky, Mrs. Gerald (Marjorie) Coon of Federalway, Washington, and Sharon Stores of Hazen, North Dakota; 9 grandchildren; 1 brother, Ward of Kevin, Montana and nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dennis and Louise and a brother, Jack.



Donald Stores

Don has lived in the Liberty County area all of his life except for his years in the military. He was in the U.S. Marines Corps 4th Regiment (the Horse Marines) during the China Rebellion and served three years in China (1927-1930). He also served as a Sargeant in the Marine Corps one month in 1950 during the Korean Conflict. He was presently a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. He was a past member of the local VFW and the Lions club.

Helen Ann Aaberg was the organist and selections were sung by the Catholic Church choir. Interment was in the Chester Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers were Don Buffington, Lawrence Schaefer, Dale Nelson, Mike Kammerzell, Darby O'Brien and Bud Broadhurst. Ushers were Dick Harmon and Cliff Hanson.

RUSSELL SWANK
Born: March 24, 1917 - Died: October ?, 1977
Liberty County Times
October 13, 1977

Russell Swank passes on

Anchorage businessman and pioneer Alaskan Russell Swank, 60, died at his home of an apparent heart attack.

A funeral for Swank will be at 10 a.m. Thursday (today) at Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel. Russell Hahn of the Christian Science Church will officiate at the service.

Born March 24, 1917 in Chester, Montana Swank went to Alaska in 1938, beginning his long career as a cook in various Anchorage restaurants. In 1941, Swank opened the first Toppers Gas Station at Fourth Avenue and B Street. He went on to build many such gas stations in Anchorage and owned the Tesoro franchise here.

He started the Matanuska Valley Bus Co. in the mid 1940's and later expanded that company to the Anchorage City Transit Co. which operated until 1957. As a contractor, he built several of Anchorage's largest streets including I Street, C Street and Ingraham Street.

He was a past chaplain and vice president of the Pioneer's of Alaska Igloo No. 15, the Anchorage Elks Lodge No. 1351, the Alaska World Affairs Council, the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce and the Christian Science Church.

Survivors include his widow, Emaline of Anchorage; a daughter Geraldine Patton of San Diego; two sons, James of Pleasant Hills, California and Daniel of Anchorage; four brothers, DeVoe of Valier, Montana and John, Dallas and Ed, all of Chester, and four sisters, Mildred Shettel of Chester, Grace Anderson and Edith Poiter, both of Portland and Lorene Jacobson of Seattle.

ALFRED J. TAYLOR
Born: July 19, 1894 - Died: November 1, 1977
Liberty County Times
November 17, 1977



ALFRED JOHN TAYLOR

Alfred J. Taylor passes on

Alfred John Taylor, 83, died in Florence, Oregon Tuesday, November 1, 1977.

He was born in Exmouth, England July 19, 1894 to Henry and Emily Taylor.

When he was six years old he came to the United States with his mother and second father, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hayman and lived in Michigan. In 1904 they came to Montana and lived in the Two Dot and Harlowton areas.

He served as a navy man on the USS Arkansas during World War I. The ship docked several times near his ancestral home and he visited relatives during his shore leaves. Two of his sons also served their country as sailors during World War II.

On October 14, 1920 he and Winnie Maie Hunt were married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Hunt in Hill County, Montana. To this union six children were born. They made their home in Wheatland County for several years where he was employed on ranches. In 1936 they purchased a home in the Creston area which the family still owns.

July 27, 1937 his wife passed away in Kalispell. Later he and the children moved to Oregon where he worked in the lumber mills and raised his six children without remarrying and provided each with a high school education though he had only a fourth grade education himself. He then returned to Montana as a farm laborer for many years in the Chester area. After he retired he made his home at either Roundup or Malta. He enjoyed travel and took many trips to visit children and friends. In 1976 he moved to Oregon where he finished out his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, infant Reginald Taylor in England and Thomas Hayman of Calado, Idaho in June 1977.

He is survived by three sons, Ray of Stockton, California, Reginald of Glasgow and James of Malta, Montana; three daughters Emily Taylor Hendrix of Fresno, California, Beatrice Taylor Rose of Galveston, Indiana, Grace Taylor Sullivan of Florence, Oregon; one brother Reginald Hayman of Balantine, three sisters Emily Dorman, Gladys Hazelton both of Roundup and Mary Collins of

Huntley; 25 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins and numberless friends.

Graveside services and interment were conducted with Pastor Clifford Emery of Florence, Oregon officiating at 2 p.m. November 7 in the Creston Cemetery, Creston, Montana where he rests beside his wife.

Pallbearers were four of his grandsons, David Hendrix, Johnny Taylor, Jimmy Taylor and Clinton Taylor.



GEORGE E. TOMASKIE

Born: December 24, 1922 - Died: December 28, 1977

Liberty County Times

January 12, 1978

George Tomaskie dies in Oregon

George E. Tomaskie, Sunset High School teacher of Aloha, Oregon died of cancer Wednesday, December 28.

Mr. Tomaskie was born December 24, 1922 in Sand Coulee, Montana. He has been a resident of Aloha the past 20 years.

He obtained his education at the University of California at Santa Barbara and Oregon State University graduating with a Masters degree in industrial arts-power mechanics.

Surviving are his wife Rosemary (Schuhmacher) formerly of Chester; son George of San Ramon, California; and daughter Sheryl Putnam of Forest Grove, Oregon. He is also survived by sisters, Ann Samuelson of Helena, Mary Ofstrand of Great Falls; brothers Nick of Fort Benton and John of Helena, and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held December 31 in Pegg, Poxton and Springer Chapel in Beaverton with private entombment in Skyline Memorial Mausoleum.

ANTON and his wife ELIZABETH TWEDT

Born: N/A - Died: January 28, 1977

Liberty County Times

February 17, 1977

**Mr. and Mrs.
Anton Twedt
killed in hotel
fire**

Anton Twedt and his wife Elizabeth lost their lives in a hotel and cafe fire in Des Moines, Iowa January 28. Anton was a brother of Swen Twedt of Rudyard and the late Bert Twedt of Hingham.

According to reports the Hotel Stratford, combination hotel and cafe burned to the ground about 4 a.m. It is estimated 16 or 20 persons were staying there at the time. Only one person escaped the fire alive.

JEFFREY VAN WECHEL
Born: July 20, 1958 - Died: January 24, 1977
Liberty County Times
January 27, 1977

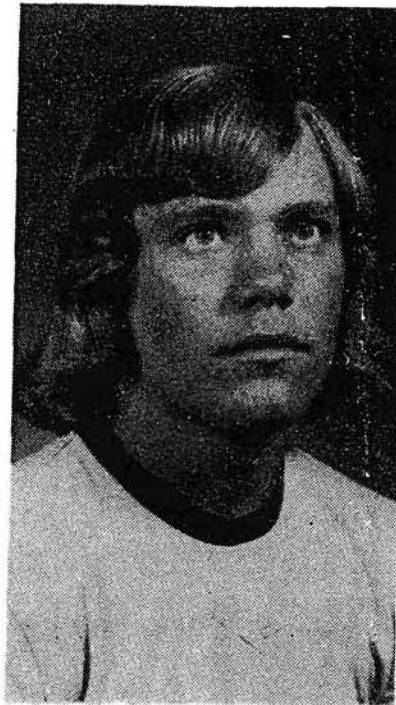
Two I. H. S. senior boys killed in accident

Two Inverness High School Seniors were killed instantly in a pickup-semi truck collision Monday afternoon. The driver of the semi escaped with very minor injuries. Killed were Jeffrey Craig Van Wechel, 18 and Kenneth Warren O'Neil, 17. The driver of the truck was Wayne Johner of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada in a semi owned by Oliver Industries Supply of Lethbridge.

According to authorities who investigated, the accident happened on Highway 2, just east of the Liberty-Hill County line about 2 p.m. The Inverness shop class was returning from Joplin where they go regularly for shop training. O'Neil was riding in the school bus and Van Wechel was following in a pickup.

Suddenly the pickup went around the school bus, and both vehicles were stopped. The O'Neil boy quickly dismounted the bus and got into the pickup. The Van Wechel boy then made a U turn right in front of the oncoming semi which was also travelling east. Authorities said there was no way the truck driver could have avoided the accident, it all happened so quickly.

Both the semi and the pickup came to a rest in the snow-filled borrow pit on the north side of the road. The pickup was totally destroyed. Damage to the semi front end was considerable.



JEFF VAN WECHEL

Jeffrey Craig Van Wechel was born July 20, 1958 and has been residing with his maternal grandfather, Oscar Goldberg, for the past few years in the Inverness-Havre area.

He is survived by his mother, Donna Van Wechel of Denver, Colorado; his father, James Van Wechel of Seattle, Washington; one sister, Valerie, Havre; two brothers, Tim, Inverness, and Jesse, Denver; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. VanWechel, Rudyard and his maternal grandfather.

Funeral services for Van Wechel and O'Neil will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Inverness High School gym. Burial for Van Wechel will be in Highland Cemetery in Havre. O'Neil will be buried in a Rudyard cemetery.

The pallbearers for Warren O'Neil were: Luke Diemert, Craig Fraser, Greg Friberg, Dick Richter, Randy Schafer, and DeLoy Dahlke. Pallbearers for Jeff Van Wechel were: Bob Anderson, Marlin Moog, Kelly Haaland, Kenny Kops, Darwyne Cady and Todd Adams. Ushers were: Scott Woods, James Diemert, Clay Dunbar, Kim Haaland, Dexter Cady, Derrick Dahlke.

FRANCES L. VESTAL
Born: ?, 1914 - Died: July 15, 1977
Liberty County Times
July 21, 1977

Services held for Frances Vestal, 63

Frances L. Vestal, 63, Havre died Friday. Services were Monday at 2:30 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home. Born at Collyer, Kansas she came to Montana as a child and grew up in the Rudyard, Cottonwood and Havre areas.

She married Alvis Vestal on December 29, 1956 at Havre. He survives with her brothers, Joe and Tony Malsam, Havre, and five sisters, including Marian Bessette of Havre.

ETHEL WARD

Born: January 14, 1891 - Died: April ?, 1977

Great Falls Tribune

April ?, 1977

State deaths (1977)

GLASGOW — WARD, Ethel, 86, died Thursday in a Glasgow hospital. Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Glasgow Methodist Church. Born at Hat Creek, Calif., she attended school there and in Redding, Calif., where she married Frank Ward March 4, 1911. She and her husband came to Montana in 1915, settling on a homestead in the Baylor community near Ophelm. Her husband died in 1943. She is survived by daughters, Mrs. Les Mlinar of Joplin and Mrs. Theo Beck of Glasgow.

MINNIE FRANCES (SEUSER) WARDALL
Born: March 14, 1885 - Died: September 19, 1977
Liberty County Times
September 22, 1977

**Funeral today
for Minnie
Wardall, 92**

Minnie Frances Wardall, 92 died at the local hospital Monday after a short confinement. Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. in the Chester United Methodist Church with Rev. Bob Hermstad officiating. Interment will be in the Chester cemetery. Pallbearers will be Olyn, Wayne and Lloyd Wolery, Kenneth Bangs, Clive Owens and Walter Wicks. Chet Eveland, Marvin Krook and Neil Shepherd will be the ushers. The family prefers memorials to the Liberty County Senior Citizens Center.

She was born March 14, 1885 to Philipp and May Seuser at Northwood, Iowa. She grew up in the Northwood area and attended grade and high school there. After high school graduation she attended the Methodist University at Des Moines and received her teaching degree, a life certificate in the primary grades in 1903. She taught school in Iowa until 1912.

On June 24, 1913 she married Charles A. Wardall in Northwood. They moved to Montana in July, 1913 and homesteaded north of Inverness in the Minneota community. She again taught at the Minneota, Goldstone, Fairchild, Burke and Inverness and Joplin schools. She was very active in community affairs until her retirement in 1947.

She has always been a green thumb and was a very artistic



Minnie Wardall

woman. She was an avid reader and loved especially to read and write poetry. She was always ready to listen to both young and old. She was also a very understanding and patient mother and wife. Until her recent illness she remained an avid fisherwoman and hiker.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie of Chester; two sons, Sterling of Chester and Fred of Richland, Washington; one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Mary) Stillwell of Long Beach, California; one sister, Mrs. Ethel Sweet of Mesa, Arizona; 10 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Walt and Vic and two sisters Anna and Lethia.

RICHARD L. WARNES
Born: August 7, 1934 - Died: June 1, 1977
Liberty County Times
June 9, 1977

Funeral held for Richard Warnes, 42

Richard L. Warnes, age 42, who had resided at 119-2nd Avenue West, died in Kalispell on Wednesday evening. He was born August 7, 1934, in Chester, Montana, a son of Nora and Einar Warnes. He had attended school in Chester and was a graduate of the high school in Joplin, Montana as valedictorian.

On October 2, 1952, he entered the U.S. Navy where he continued his career with the Navy until receiving his Honorable Discharge on November 10, 1972, at Bremerton, Washington. He then moved to Kalispell where he has resided since that time. Mr. Warnes was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans.

On December 1, 1956, he was married to Carol McManus at Reno, Nevada and is now survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by one son, Ron, at home; two daughters, Cindy at home and Mrs. David (Wanda) Rosman of Havre; four brothers, Erwin of Chester, Robert of Kalispell, Dee of Eureka, California and

Chris Warnes of Portland, Oregon; two sisters, Ellen Violet of Lothair, Montana and Esther Meldrum of Joplin, Montana and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Edward Warnes and one sister, Ella Wigen.

His career in the Navy included four years as instructor in radio communications and electronics at Treasure Island, Ca., sea duty in the China Seas and overseas duty at Guam, Midway Islands, Hawaii and Ireland.

Memorial services were held at Johnson Chapel in Kalispell at 9:30 a.m. June 3 with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey of the Lakeside Chapel officiating. "Anchors Aweigh" and "The Navy Hymn" were sung by Al Olson, accompanied by Louise Hanger, organist. Pallbearers were: Glen McManus, Hugh McManus, Blackie Naumann, Bob Lawson, Gary Violet, Ed Richter and Mike Violet.

Interment was at 5:00 p.m. the same day in the Erickson cemetery south of Chester with Pastor David Barker of Our Saviors Lutheran church officiating. Military rites and firing squad were provided by C.P. Bakke Post VFW of Chester with taps played by Randy Violet. Rockman Funeral Chapel was in charge of the graveside services.

JEFFREY BROCK WIGEN

Born: June 14, 1959 - Died: August 18, 1977

Liberty County Times

August 25, 1977

Jeff Wigen, 18, killed in farm accident electrocution

An 18-year-old man who makes his home parttime in Great Falls was electrocuted when the grain auger he was helping mount on a steel bed touched an overhead power line, Sheriff Charles Loberg said Friday.

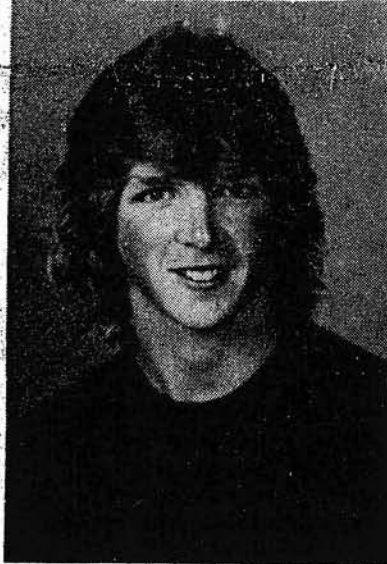
He said the accident that killed Jeff Wigen occurred Thursday on the Wigen ranch near Ackley Lake just south of Hobson.

Loberg said the victim, his two brothers and their father, Robert Wigen, were moving the 38-foot auger when it touched the line. The other two boys and the father received shocks.

Jeff was born and reared at Chester. The family lives in Great Falls and also has a farm home at Hobson. Survivors include the father, brothers Clint and Jon and a sister, Bodeil Wigen.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Faith Lutheran Church in Great Falls with Rev. Gregory Kaiser presiding. Soloist Mike McCann sang "Starry, Starry Night" accompanied by Mike Root on the guitar. Church organist was Sharon Weaver. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art."

The committal service was held at the Erickson cemetery located about 15 miles south of Chester at 1:30 p.m. This service was conducted by Rev. David Barker of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Chester. A luncheon was held at Our Savior's in Chester following the committal.



Jeff Wigen

Jeff resided in Chester from birth to age 6. His family then moved to their farm in Hobson, Montana. In 1968 they moved to Great Falls. Jeff attended Great Falls schools, including Lewis & Clark Grade School, East Junior High School and Great Falls High School. He stayed out of school during the year 1975-76 and worked with his father on the farm. Consequently, he would have been a senior this year at Great Falls High. Jeff was a starting player on the first team of the Great Falls Bison AA basketball squad. He played in the state tournament last year and received an honorable mention to the all-state team. This past summer he attended the Cougar Cage Camp in Pullman, Washington where he was elected to the all-star team for the 3rd year in a row. In past years he had been competitive as an ice-dancer in figure-skating. Last school year at

G.F.H.S. he was named to "Who's Who in America Among H.S. Students" and also received a school "Heisey Award" (a school scholastic/citizenship award). He was a confirmed member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Great Falls.

Jeff was engaged to Robin Castle (of Great Falls) on May 4, 1977 and they were to be married in June of '78. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ella, in 1973. He is survived by parents, Robert & Hummel of Great Falls; 2 brothers, Clint of Hobson & Jon of Great Falls; sister, Miss Bodeil Wigen of San Antonio, Texas; 3 step-sisters, Peggy Peck & Barb Forrest (both of Great Falls) and Roberta Gross of Longmont, Colorado; 1 nephew; 3 nieces; and many aunts, uncles & cousins. Memorials will be used to establish a Basketball Memorial Award at the Great Falls High School. Arrangements were by the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Pallbearers were Steve Patterson, Mike Zeigenhagel, Greg Campanella, Larry Mueller (all of Great Falls), Dean Barrick (of Hobson), and John Barkow (of Littleton, Colorado).

Honorary bearers were Dennis, Dave & Delwyn Castle, Gene Espeland, Gene Cook and Dean McFadden.

Ushers were Mike Violet and Lon Meldrum.

ELLEN C. WILSON
Born: April 4, 1903 - Died: February 9, 1977
Liberty County Times
February 17, 1977

Services Feb.
11 for Ellen
Wilson of
Rudyard

Funeral mass for Mrs. Ellen C. Wilson was conducted at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, 10 a.m. Friday. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Rosary was recited at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 10th.

Mrs. Wilson died Wednesday, February 9.

She was born in Shelbyville, Indiana April 4, 1903 and came to the Big Sandy area in 1916. On May 31, she married Aaron Wilson in Fort Benton. In 1934 they moved to the Rudyard area to farm.

Mrs. Wilson's husband is her only survivor. Six sisters and four brothers preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Catholic Church and of the Holy Family Altar Society in Rudyard.

**BERNARD YACTOROWIC
BERNARD GANDY**

Born: March 25, 1905 - Died: September 13, 1977

**Liberty County Times
September 22, 1977**

**Bernard Gandy
passes on**

Graveside services for Bernard Yactorowic, known as Bernard Gandy were held Thursday, 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery with the Rev. Dan Clark of United Methodist Church officiating.

Mr. Yactorowic, 72, died Tuesday in Kalispell. he was born March 25, 1905 in Minnesota, and moved with his parents to the Joplin area where they homesteaded. He came to the Flathead 25 years ago and worked in Hungry Horse Dam construction. Two years ago he moved to Libby.

He was a single man and is survived by two brothers, Ben and J.G. and a sister, Ann Obie all of Sweet Home, Oregon.

Pallbearers were Hubert Hellman, Darrol Groven, Norman Groven, Bill Rowe, Bill Fish, Bob Trumbull. Van Leuven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.