

**LAWRENCE AABERGE**  
**Born: ? 1918 - Died: August 25, 1990**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**August 29, 1990**

**Lawrence Aaberg**

Lawrence M. Aaberg, 72, 1201 28th St. S., died Saturday following an extended illness.

Memorial services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Burial of the remains will be in Manchester Cemetery.

He was born at Devil's Lake, N.D. He married Mildred Johnson of Joplin in 1940. They lived in Joplin and other Montana communities



until 1954, when they moved to Great Falls. He was in the insurance business until illness forced his early retirement.

He is survived by his wife; his mother, Florence Aaberg of Shelby;

a daughter, Margie Feldman, Edmonds, Wash.; sons, Les Aaberg, of Bozeman; Marv Aaberg, of Mira Loma, Calif.; Curt Aaberg, of Valier; sisters Mrs. Gus Fransen, of Shelby; Mrs. Dave Fyall, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; a brother, Amos Aaberg, of California; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Chapel of Chimes is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, the Gift of Life, or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

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**VICTOR DAVID ADAMS**  
**Born: February 24, 1918 - Died: May 30, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 6, 1990**

### ***Vic Adams***

Victor David Adams was born north of Inverness, Montana on February 24th, 1918. He was one of 13 children born to Emma Lambott and Oscar Adams. He grew up on the family homestead south of Rudyard and attended country schools near there. During the depression years he worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps at Fort Peck Dam and later worked in the silver mines in Idaho. At the outbreak of World War II he was inducted into the U.S. Army. He achieved the rank of Sergeant and served in MacArthur's 5th Infantry Division in the South Pacific. After four years of active duty, he was honorably discharged in 1945. Vic returned to Montana and began farming. On October 28th, 1946 he married Mildred May Casady in Cut Bank. They farmed south of Rudyard

from 1945-1971, and during the winter months Vic worked on the railroad at Havre and in the oil fields near Shelby. From 1972-1979 he worked as a mechanic for Thielman Implement in Chester, and then he retired. They have made their home in Inverness.

Vic was recently hospitalized at the Great Falls Columbus Hospital. He died there on the early morning hours of Wednesday, May 30th, from complications of cancer. He was 72 years old...

Vic's hobbies over the years included fishing, hunting and trapping. He was a hard worker during most of his life and he raised a big family, so he didn't have much time for social activities. In earlier years he had been a member of the Chester V.F.W. Post. In his quiet time at home he loved to read Western histories. He enjoyed the simple things in life. Vic found

special pleasure in giving suckers and candy to the neighborhood children. He appreciated his family and friends...

Vic is survived by his wife, Millie of Inverness; by his children, Darlene Harris of Helena, Karen Leimkuhler of Panama City, Florida, Marla Strissel of Hamilton, Victor of Roundup, Terry of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, Tim of Fort Benton, Pamala of Chicago, Illinois, and Kelly of Inverness; by three brothers, Charlie of Inverness, Zane of Hingham, and Tom of Livingston; by six sisters, Elsie Taylor of Chinook, Marie Dunbar of Missoula, Gladys Johnson of Lolo, Helen Sterner of Havre, Nellie Lakey of Terry, and Joyce Knauss of Seattle, Washington; by 18 grandchildren; by 24 great-grandchildren; and by numerous nephews and nieces. Vic was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters (Stella, Ione and Nora).

Graveside services were conducted by Reverend Jeff Olsgaard of Rudyard at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 1st, at the Inverness Cemetery. Special military rites were included. Following the burial services, a luncheon was given by community friends at the Sacred Heart Church in Inverness. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

GEORGE LEROY AINLEY  
Born: November 29, 1908 - Died: May 2, 1990  
Liberty County Times  
May 9, 1990

*George Ainley*

George Leroy Ainley, 81, of Kalispell, died in the Fresno Community Hospital in Fresno, California Wednesday evening, May 2. He was born November 29, 1908, in Laurens, Iowa, a son of George and Bertha Ainley. When he was two years old he moved with his parents to Montana. He attended elementary and high school in Chester, graduating from Chester High School in the class of 1928. He then attended Hohenshuh-Carpenter College of Mortuary Science. He passed the Montana State Board and received his license in 1929. He was employed with the Holland-Bonine Funeral Home in Havre until 1933 when he started

the funeral home in Cut Bank, Montana. He was later employed with the Waggener-Campbell Funeral Home in Kalispell, and had managed mortuaries for Pierce Brothers in California. He was then employed with the Solie Funeral Home in Everett, Washington until retiring in 1975 when he returned to Kalispell and continued to work part time in the mortuary profession. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and the Kiwanis Club. June 20, 1931, he married Rosalind Tolley, and is now survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by a daughter, Audrey Roubos of Fresno, California; a son, Lee Ainley of Mesa, Arizona; a sister, Bertha Christian of Polson, Montana; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 8th in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Verlyn Retzer, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, officiating. Burial was to be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

**DONALD L. ANDERSON**  
**Born: 1920 - Died: March 22, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 28, 1990**

*Donald Anderson*

Donald L. Anderson, 70, of Fairfield, a former farmer and construction worker, died of natural

causes Thursday, March 22nd, in a Great Falls hospital.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday in Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Chapel of Chimes of Great Falls was in charge of arrangements.

Born at Joplin, Donald graduated from high school there in 1937 and attended college in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Havre. He married Beulah Thorson in Joplin on May 23, 1943. He worked for his uncle at an implement dealership in Joplin and after his marriage worked for Buttrey Meats in Havre. He and his brothers purchased a farm north of Chester and he later bought a farm near Augusta. After selling the farm in 1958, he moved to Fairfield and owned a heavy construction business for a time. He worked for various road construction companies around the state, most recently Lewis Construction. He retired in 1986.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Donis L. Leach of Stone Mountain, Georgia, and Laura Lynn Kasper of Fairfield; a son, Barry J. Anderson of Missoula; sisters, Laura Beatty of Great Falls and Mildred Overgaard of Plentywood; brothers, Prosper and Sanford, both of Joplin, and Robert of Augusta; and six grandchildren. Two brothers preceded him in death.

## LYLE ALBERT ANDERSON

Born: October 1, 1913 - Died: November 21, 1990

Liberty County Times

November 28, 1990

### **Lyle Anderson**

Lyle Albert Anderson was born in Conrad, Montana October 1st, 1913. He was one of two sons born to Inga Opdahl and Magnus Anderson. Lyle grew up in the Rudyard community and attended country school north of town. Following his formal education he worked with his father on the family farm. At the outbreak of World War II, Lyle enlisted in the U.S. Army. He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant and served in the African/Italy campaigns. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Montana. He married Velva Phillips in Rudyard November 25th, 1945. He purchased a farm north of town, and has lived and worked there from that time on. Velva died March 30th, 1989. Lyle was recently receiving medical care at Northern Montana Hospital in Havre, and he died there the morning of Wednesday, November 21st. He was 77 years old.

Lyle had been a long-time member of the Havre Masonic and Shrine lodges. He had served on the Hill County Airport Board and the Northern Montana Hospital Board. For many years during the winter months he worked for the A.S.C.S. office in Havre.

In his younger years Lyle maintained a private pilot's license and loved flying. He was an avid spectator sports fan. He enjoyed traveling and visiting with people. His greatest loves in life were his family and his farm.

Lyle is survived by four sons, Dennis of Rudyard, Tyrone of Helena, Terry of Kalispell, and Darwin of Rudyard; one daughter, Corrine Twedt of Rudyard; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by a granddaughter and his brother (Russell).

Memorial services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 24th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiated. Debbie Brownlee served as organist, and the congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Jesus Loves Me". Guitarist/vocalist, Jerome Lincoln, accompanied by Diane Griffith, sang a

number called "The Living Years".

Ushers were Bob Toner, Richard Fisher and Robin Toner. Old friends listed as honorary bearers included Don Koefod, Clarence Lynch, Morris Ewald, Walt Hovee, Dr. Stuart MacKenzie, Walt Hensley, Mark Widdis, Dick Ditmar, Clarence Ritter, Morris Smith and Allen Kolstad. Following the services a coffee hour was held at the church. Memorials will be given to the Shriner's crippled children hospital in Spokane. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

## OLGA AMANDA ANDERSON

Born: February 11, 1915 - Died: March 23, 1990

Liberty County Times

March 28, 1990



### **Olga Anderson**

Olga Amanda Anderson was born February 11th, 1915 in Becker County, Minnesota. She was one of five children born to Adlaug Amundson and Ole Anderson. She grew up near Trail, Minnesota and attended country schools near there. Olga was baptized and confirmed in a Norwegian Lutheran Church. October 24th, 1936 she married Selmer E. Anderson. They lived and farmed near Trail until 1955, when they came to Hingham to be near her sister's family. During those first years in Hingham, Selmer worked as a carpenter and Olga worked for her sister at the Hingham Hotel & Cafe. She eventually began working as a cook for the Hingham Schools and also served as a post office clerk. Selmer died in 1962. Olga retired in the early 1970's and has maintained her home in Hingham since that time. She spent several winters with her son in Minnesota and for the past two years has lived with her daughter in Gildford. Because of failing health she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester in January of this year. She died there on the morning of Friday, March 23rd, at the age of 75 years.

Olga was a member of the Hingham Lutheran Parish. During those early years in Minnesota, she taught Sunday school at the Bethany Lutheran Church. When she was young she learned how to sew; she was an excellent seamstress and could make patterns from scratch. She also enjoyed crocheting. In addition to her regular jobs in Hingham, she also did ironing, cleaning and baby-sitting for numerous families. Olga

was talented in the kitchen; she loved to bake and cook, and you always ate well at Grandma's house! As a hobby she collected spoons and she enjoyed working in her vegetable and flower gardens. Olga loved company - both young and old - and she enjoyed entertaining in her home. Some days there would be as many as 20 friends who would stop by for coffee. The ladies would spend hours cutting quilt blocks and enjoying each others' company. The most important thing in Olga's life was her family; she loved her children and had a special relationship with her grandkids...

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Ordean and Sharon Anderson of New Prague, Minnesota; a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Monty Borlaug of Gildford; seven grandchildren, including Beth and Rick, Erik and Kay, Kurt, Marit, Brenda and Mike, Travis, and Shane; one great-grandson, Kellen; one brother, Godfred Anderson of Savage; two sisters, Jennie Harmon of Sidney and Gladys Giboney of Missoula; and numerous nephews and nieces. Olga was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a sister (Alma).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 26th, at the Hingham Lutheran Parish. Reverend Rand Drollman officiated. Sharon Spicher accompanied Nick Alex, who sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The Lord's Prayer".

A special piano tribute was performed by Olga's granddaughter, Marit Anderson. Ushers were Lowell Johnson, Dick Hanson and Gary Brekke. Pallbearers included Roger Borlaug, Dick Brekke, Lloyd Harden, Jim Muller, Art Brekke and Ed Lipp. Memorial bearers were Olga's grandchildren. Following burial in the Hingham Cemetery, a luncheon was given at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorial gifts will be forwarded to the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home...

PROSPER LAWRENCE ANDERSON  
Born: August 16, 1910 - Died: March 25, 1990  
Liberty County Times  
April 4, 1990

***Prosper Anderson***

Prosper Lawrence Anderson was born August 16th, 1910 in Joplin, Montana. He was one of eight children born to Mayme LaValley and Andrew Anderson. The Anderson family had homesteaded one mile north of Joplin the same year the town was formed, and Prosper was the very first child to be born in this new town. He received his education in Joplin, graduating from high school in 1929. He then attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. November 7th, 1936 Prosper was married in Joplin to Hazel B. Olson, formerly of Ambrose, North Dakota. They made their home in Joplin where Prosper farmed. In 1940 he went into the meat market business with his brother, Clifford. That year they opened the Joplin Meat Market and operated the business as partners in the same location for the next 35 years. In 1975 they retired and sold the meat business. Prosper continued to farm until 1983. He made his home in the Joplin community his entire life. Following a five week stay at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls, Prosper died there on the

evening of Sunday, March 25th. He was 79 years old.

Prosper was a lifetime member of Bethel Lutheran Church, in fact, he was the first baby to be baptized there. He was also confirmed at Bethel and sang in the church choir for many years. He was proud of the fact that their meat market was one of the first stores in Montana to have rental freezer lockers for public use. In his younger years Prosper enjoyed fishing and hunting big game animals. He also loved to read, enjoyed vegetable gardening, and was an avid sports fan. Many old friends affectionately called him "Doc". He loved his family and never regretted his 53 years of happy times with Hazel...

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, David of Joplin; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jane and Kent Meldrum of Joplin; six grandchildren, including Brad, Todd, Jay, Darwyn, Greg and Joni; one great-grandson, Logan; two brothers, Sanford of Joplin and Robert of Augusta; two sisters, Laura Beatty of Great Falls and Mildred Overgaard of Plentywood and numerous nephews and nieces. Prosper was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers (Clifford,

Morris and Donald).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 29th, at Bethel church with Reverend Allen Haugen officiating. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Eldora Rosling. Vocalist, Terry Stevenson, performed "Beautiful Savior" and "Take My Hand". Ushers were Leonard Olson and Don Rocks, and pallbearers included Larry Olson, Dean Lyle, Ron Wolery, Tom Wood, Ellsworth Graff and Robert VanDessel. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery where committal services were held for Prosper and his brother Donald (who died on 3-22-90). A luncheon followed at Kjos Hall. Arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**STEPHEN J. AXTMAN**  
**Born: ?, 1964 - Died: August ?, 1990**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**August 9, 1990**

### **Stephen Axtman**

CONRAD — Stephen J. Axtman, 26, a former Conrad resident, died several days ago at his home in Salt Lake City, Utah, of an apparent drug overdose.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Conrad. Burial will be in the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Conrad.

He lived in Salt Lake City for the past eight years. He was born in Conrad and attended schools in Chester and Shelby.

Survivors include his parents, Linus Axtman of Salt Lake City and Mary Ann Bucsis of White Sulfur Springs; a sister, Rose Anfinson of Great Falls; a brother, Frank Axtman of Seattle; paternal grandfather, Stephen Axtman of Yakima, Wash.

Pondera Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



**BRYAN MICHAEL JOSEPH BARBIE**  
**Born: March 8, 1990 - Died: March 8, 1990**  
**Liberty County Time**  
**March 21, 1990**

***Bryan Barbie***

Bryan Michael Joseph Barbie, infant son of Bill and Cathy Barbie of Carson City, Nevada, died March 8, 1990 due to medical complications at birth. Funeral services were held March 12th at Walton's Chapel of the Valley in Carson City with Father Jerry Hanley officiating.

He is survived by his parents; maternal grandparents, Willard and Andree Watts of Ottumwa, Iowa; paternal grandparents, Alvin and Anabelle Barbie of Inverness, Montana; uncles, aunts and cousins.

## MATILDA H. BIEGALKE

Born: August 18, 1892 - Died: April 4, 1990

Liberty County Times

April 11, 1990



### *Matilda Biegalka*

Matilda H. Biegalka, 97, a long time resident of the Chester area,

died Wednesday, April 4, 1990 in the Fort Benton Hospital where she had been a patient since March 22.

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota on August 18, 1892, she was the daughter of the late William J. and Agnes M. (Woeste) Beste. She married Paul M. Biegalka on March 10, 1919 in St. Paul. They moved to Montana and homesteaded north of Chester where Paul died August 31, 1937. Matilda continued to live on the farm with her children until 1948 at which time she moved to Chester. The farm was sold in 1951, and she moved to Miles City where her oldest son, Paul Jr. had purchased a ranch. She remained in that area about 25 years. During the past several years she lived alternately with her daughters.

Surviving are her daughters, Bernice Skierka of Chester, Dolores B. Hortsch of Portland, Oregon; Madonna B. Lovelace (Addesso) of Reading, Pennsylvania; Rosemary E. Montayne of Kalispell; and a son Francis W. Biegalka of Stanford, Montana. Her other son, Paul Jr., died February 9, 1982.

Also surviving are her sister Elizabeth M. Lucker, two brothers, Leo F. and William H. Beste, all of St. Paul, Minnesota; 29 grandchildren, and 54 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and one brother, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild preceded her in death.

Rosary was recited Monday at the Benton Funeral Home. A Requiem High Mass was offered at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Black Eagle, with interment in the Chester Catholic Cemetery. Immediately following, a reception was held at the Royal Neighbor Hall.

**DOROTHY (CURFMAN) BRAIN**  
**Born: December 1, 1918 - Died: December 7, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 30, 1990**

**Dorothy C. Brain**

Dorothy C. Brain, 72, of Chester and Great Falls, and a former teacher, died Thursday at a local nursing home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Croxford & Sons Rose Room. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association, Montana Chapter, or the United Methodist Parish of Chester.

She was born Dec. 1, 1918, at Lothair, to Margaret and Paul Curfman, and was educated in Gildford schools before graduating from Northern Montana College in 1935 and gaining her teacher's certificate at Dillon Teachers College.

She taught elementary school in the Big Timber area and in country schools south of Chester and in Joplin.

On March 10, 1940, she married M.A. "Nick" Brain at Chester.

The couple farmed south of Chester from 1944 to 1968, when they retired.

She was a past Worthy Matron of the Joplin Chapter No. 109 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and served for years on the advisory board for the Joplin Assembly of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, which awarded her the Grand Cross of Colors. She was also a member of the Chester Methodist Church.

Survivors include sisters, Evelyn Fradet of Columbus, Donna Kinney of Fountain Valley, Calif., and Rose M. Davis of Billings; and a brother, Lloyd Curfman of Gildford.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1971.

ROY H. BRIESACKER  
Born: October 1, 1921 - Died: June 22, 1990  
Liberty County Times  
July 11, 1990

***Roy Briesacker***

Roy H. Briesacker died June 22 at his Rossmoor, California home following a lengthy illness. Death was attributed to heart failure.

He was born October 1, 1921 in Bonnie, Illinois, and served in the Army Air Force Medical Corps during World War II. Following his military service, he graduated from Long Beach City College and attended Cal State Long Beach, studying electronics.

Briesacker and his wife, Jean Lyders, married in 1967 and moved to Rossmoor. He worked for many years for Autonetics and then worked at the Long Beach Naval Shipyards until his retirement.

Briesacker had heart surgery at Loma Linda Hospital ten years ago and following that became active in the Mended Hearts, a support group for heart surgery patients. He also was a member of the Long Beach Elks Club.

An avid hunter, he was a great respecter of wildlife. Briesacker was known to friends and family as a man who could fix anything--"as handy as a pocket on a shirt"--was how he was described.

In addition to his wife Jean, who is active in Rossmoor Woman's Club and Rossmoor-Los Alamitos Republican Women, Briesacker is

survived by a son, Trent Briesacker of Alhambra, and a daughter, Vicki L. Brayton of Los Alamitos. He also is survived by a stepdaughter, Judy Azzahir of Seattle, and stepson, Mark Cheley of Richmond, and five grandchildren. His sisters, Ruth Digel and Helen Jolly and brother, Robert Briesacker, also survive.

Funeral services were scheduled Wednesday at Church of Our Fathers, Forest Lawn, Cypress.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to: Mended Hearts, Chapter 73, 2885 Temple Ave., Long Beach, CA 90806.

**K. CLARKE BUFFINGTON**  
**Born: October 9, 1908 - Died: July 11, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 13, 1990**

### **K. Clarke Buffington**

K. Clarke Buffington, 81, of 2105 8th Ave. S., a retired farmer, died in a local hospital Wednesday after a brief illness.

His family plans a private memorial service.



Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church or the Salvation Army. O'Connor Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Buffington** Born Oct. 9, 1908, in Bantry, N.D., he moved with his family to Liberty County, Montana, in 1916. When he was 9 he went to Golden City, Mo., to live with his grandparents and spent his teen years there.

He worked with his uncle as a decorator and attended Tulsa University and Tulsa Business College. During World War II he was a foreman at the Douglas Aircraft Co. in Tulsa.

He married Mary Jo Odell on Aug. 15, 1936. The couple returned to Montana in 1946 and farmed in Liberty and Hill counties. He retired in 1973.

He was an elder of First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Scottish Rite.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Jerry of Great Falls, and Malcolm of Glens Falls, N.Y., and four grandchildren. A brother, Pierce, preceded him in death.

**BIRGIT (BETSY) CLINK**  
**Born: November 3, 1894 - Died: March 10, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 14, 1990**



***Betsy Clink***

Birgit "Betsy" Clink was born in McIntosh, Minnesota November 3rd, 1894. She was one of ten children born to Anne Tveitli and Osov Froirak. Betsy grew up at McIntosh and received her education there. She obtained her teaching certificate at normal Training School in Minnesota. She later came to northcentral Montana and began teaching at country schools here. She met a Montana farmer, George H. Clink, and they were married November 21st, 1941 in Havre. They made their home on George's farm, which was located in the Minneota Community north of Inverness. Betsy continued teaching at the Laird and Tingdahl schools near the farm. After she retired from teaching, she frequently substituted at various Hi-Line schools. George and Betsy retired from farming in 1972, but maintained their home on the farm. Because of ill-health, Betsy moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester in 1985. The following year George moved to the nursing home, and he died there on February 11th, 1989. Betsy

remained at the nursing home until her death on the early morning of Saturday, March 10th. She was 95 years old.

Betsy attended the Goldstone Lutheran Church north of Rudyard and served as church organist for many years. A talented musician, she also played the violin and guitar. She taught piano lessons to local children for many years. Betsy was also a charter member of the Minneota Friendly Club. She enjoyed dancing, playing cards, and fishing with George. At home she liked to raise flowers, vegetables and fruits. She also enjoyed oil painting. George and Betsy married late in life and had no children, so they spent their winter months traveling and visiting with relatives in the southern states.

Betsy's survivors include a sister-in-law, Lillian Owens of Inverness, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four adult siblings (her brother, Sam, and her three sisters, Christine, Gunvor and Volborg).

Funeral services will be today (Wednesday, March 14th) at 2:00 p.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Jeff Olsgaard of Rudyard will officiate. Vocalist, Tammy Enghusen, will sing "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Iris White. Neighbors serving as pallbearers will be Olyn Wolery, Charles Lineweaver, Wayne Wolery, Ray Gulick, Sterling Wolery and Lloyd Wolery. Burial will be in the Chester Cemetery. A coffee hour will follow at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester.

ANNA MARGARET DAHINDEN  
Born: September 25, 1894 - Died: April 12, 1990  
Liberty County Times  
April 18, 1990



**Margaret Dahinden**

Anna Margaret Dahinden was born September 25th, 1894 at St. Martin, Minnesota. She was one of 11 children born to Anna Nierenhausen and Peter Weber. Margaret grew up in Minnesota and received her early education there. When she was 14 years old, her family moved to Tolley, North Dakota where Margaret worked in a hotel/restaurant for several years. July 15th, 1913 she married Frank Xavier Dahinden at Joplin. Frank had homesteaded in the Joplin area in 1910, so they made their home on a farm three miles south of town and raised their family. Following Frank's death in 1948, Margaret retired from farming. She moved to Havre in 1951 and made her home there for most of the next 25+ years. She moved to Chester in 1979 and was one of the first residents of the Sweetgrass Lodge. Because of failing health, Margaret moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in 1988. She died there the evening of Thursday, April 12th, at the age of 95 years...

Margaret had been an active church member during her life. She attended Sacred Heart in Inverness, St. Jude's in Havre, and St. Mary's in Chester. In addition she was a charter member of the Chester Royal Neighbors of America organization and had also been active in the Havre Garden Club. Her hobbies included gardening, cooking and needlework.

Margaret is survived by three sons, William of Walla Walla, Washington, Eugene of Hamilton and Vern of Joplin; seven grandchildren, including Ken, Anna, Gin, Steve, Greg, Joe and Tom; three great-grandchildren, including Erin, Laura and Katie; one sister, Tillie; and several nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and nine siblings.

Rosary prayers were recited by Tom Osterman on Easter Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. The funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 16th, at St. Mary's Church in Chester. Father Stanley Nadolny of Rocky Boy served as celebrant.

Pallbearers were Margaret's "Grandsons". The lector was Lochiel Edwards and the altar servers were Ivan Wodarz and Luke Kammerzell. Ushers were family friends Joe Minnehan and Lawrence Terwolbeck. Granddaughters Anna Flynn and Gin, Erin, Laura and Katie Edwards presented the gifts for communion.

Special music was provided by vocalists Marcus Jochim and Jerome Lincoln and members of St. Mary's Church Choir. Songs included "Come to the Water", "Father of Peace", "Unless a Grain of Wheat", "Lord of the Dance", and "We Will Rise Again".

Following the funeral mass, a luncheon was held in the church basement. Graveside services were conducted at 1:00 p.m. that afternoon at the Calvary Cemetery in Havre.

**GLADYS I. DAHINDEN**  
**Born: March 28, 1915 - Died: September 24, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 3, 1990**

***Gladys I. Dahinden***

Gladys I. Dahinden, 75, of Hamilton, died of cancer Monday, September 24, at Discovery Care Center in Hamilton.

Gladys was born March 28, 1915, in Okemah, Oklahoma, to Clarence and Bessie Myers Sowder. Raised and educated in Oklahoma, she graduated from high school and attended business college.

August 31, 1945, she married Eugene Dahinden in Salt Lake City. The couple farmed in the Chester area until moving to Hamilton in the spring of 1963.

Mrs. Dahinden was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, the Eagles Auxiliary, Rocky Mountain Grange and the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary in Hamilton. She was an avid bowler.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene, of Hamilton; a daughter, Thelma Sunderland, Colorado Springs; a brother, Marshall Sowder, Modesto, California; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Two brothers preceded her in death.

Cremation is under the direction of Daly-Leach Chapel and Crematory in Hamilton.

Memorial Mass will be held 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 24th, at St. Francis Catholic Church, with the Rev. Raymond Gilmore officiating. The urn will be placed in the family plot at Calvary Cemetery in Havre.

The family suggests memorials to the Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital cancer treatment department, 1200 Westwood Drive, Hamilton 59840.



**VERNON L. DAHLER**  
**Born: ?, 1923 - Died: October ?, 1990**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**October 7, 1990**

### **Vernon Dahler**

COLUMBIA FALLS — Vernon L. Dahler, 67, formerly of Joplin, Kalispell and Helena, died Tuesday of respiratory failure at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

A graveside service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

He was born at Alma near Joplin and raised in the Joplin area. He graduated from Joplin High School.

He worked on the family farm, and then was employed briefly by the railroad in Great Falls. During World War II, he served in the Navy in the Pacific aboard the USS Neville and the USS Point Cruz.

Discharged in 1946, he operated heavy equipment at construction sites all over Montana for many years. He was a truck driver based in Kalispell from 1972 until 1977, and later drove in Helena for several years.

Survivors are a brother, Lloyd Dahler of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, and sister, Evelyn Pierson of Kalispell. He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Wilke Dahler, his parents, and a sister, Lila Gorton.

Arrangements are by the Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Lung Association, 825 Helena Ave., Helena, 59601.

**HAZEL B. DUNNWEBBER**  
Born: July 16, 1910 - Died: January 2, 1990

**Hazel Dunnwebber**

Hazel B. Dunnwebber died at the Eckville Memorial Hospital in Eckville, Alberta on Tuesday, January 2 at the age of 79. She was born July 16, 1910 in Kalispell. She received her schooling in Butte and married Ernest C. Dunnwebber. Hazel taught in Fort Benton and Carter schools for 31½ years, then retired in 1972 and moved to the Flathead Lake area.

During the past six months she made her home with Eugene and wife Gladys Dunnwebber in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. She is survived by two sons: Eugene A. (Gladys) of Rocky Mountain House and Kenneth C. (Marian) of Arlee; two grandchildren: Raymond (Wanda) Dunnwebber and Debbie (Rick) Wickum of Chester; three brothers: Howard Davis of Mesa, Arizona, Frank Croucher of Libby and Robert Croucher from Kalispell; numerous nieces, nephews and other friends. Hazel was preceded in death by her husband Ernest C. in 1988.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services were held at Lakeside Baptist Church Tuesday, January 9 with Reverend David Driskill presiding. They family has requested memorials be made to the American Heart Association, 510 First Avenue North, Great Falls, or to the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital in Spokane.

## GARRETT CHANCE EATON

Born: May 14, 1921 - Died: January 14, 1990

Liberty County Times

February 14, 1990

### Garrett Eaton

Garrett Chance Eaton, 68, of Eureka, died of natural causes January 14 at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born May 14, 1921 in Terry to Herman and Olga Eaton. He was raised in the Terry and Glendive areas and graduated from high school in Columbus.

Mr. Eaton was a veteran of World War II where he earned the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and other various service medals. He was also a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. After the war he earned a degree in business administration from Montana State University in Bozeman.

December 21, 1946 he married and began his life with Frances Asbury in Bozeman.

After working in the banking

industry in Bozeman, Forsyth, Chester, Whitefish and Eureka, he retired in 1972 to begin a career in logging. He retired from logging in 1978.

Mr. Eaton also owned and operated Mr. E's Shoe Repair Shop at his home until the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife, Frances, of Eureka; two daughters, Chelli Gentry and Lori Rager, both of Oklahoma; three sons, Chance of Safford, Arizona, Gary of Helena, and Craig of Eureka; a sister, Loree Sandman of Park City; and ten grandchildren.

Family services were held at Vial Funeral Home. Graveside rites with military honors were held at Eureka Cemetery with Rev. Jim Rogers conducting the services.

Pallbearers were Dan Casazza, Winston Pluid, Ernie Roo, Dean Evins, Terry Utter and Jim Peltier. Honorary bearers were John Crawford, Dave Peterson and Fred King.

The family suggests memorials to the heart fund or Eureka Volunteer Ambulance.

## ERNEST WILLIS EVANS

Born: March 4, 1909 - Died: January 9, 1990

Liberty County Times

January 17, 1990



### Ernest Evans

Ernest Willis Evans was born March 4th, 1909 in Sanborn, Minnesota. He was from a large family and his parents were Anna Schmitz and Ephraim Evans. Ernest grew up and was educated near Wanda, Minnesota. Following his formal education he began working on the family farm. He first came to Montana in 1927 to visit some older brothers and sisters who were living here. He continued to visit Montana on a yearly basis, and worked intermittently for various farmers in the Hi-Line community during his stay here. Some of the old farmers he worked with included Herb Mansfield, Frank Calin, Ellen Gunderson and Les Freeman. While in Montana Ernest met his bride-to-be, Verda M. Green, and they were married on September 12th, 1940 at Hingham. They have made their home in the Inverness community since that time. In 1943 Ernest took a job with the Great Northern Railroad, and later worked for Burlington Northern. After 31 loyal years on the railroad, he retired in

1974. About two years ago he was diagnosed with cancer and his health has deteriorated since. Ernest died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the morning of Tuesday, January 9th. He was 80 years old.

Ernest was raised in the Catholic faith, and he and Verda have been longtime members of the Sacred Heart Church in Inverness. Outside of the home, his greatest pleasures in life included fishing, hunting and trapping. In his youth he enjoyed playing baseball, and his love for spectator sports continued into his later years. During his quiet time at home he liked to read Western publications and newspapers. Ernest also enjoyed playing cards and was especially fond of pinochle and solitaire. Each year he liked to work in his vegetable garden and they always did a lot of canning. Ernest was proud of his ability as a wise and frugal shopper, and he made all of the major grocery and family purchases over the years. He liked to tinker around the house and did most of the wiring, plumbing, and carpentry projects that needed done. One of his important mottos was "if you can't do something right, then don't do it at all", and he practiced what he preached. Ernest liked to tell stories and visit with friends. He loved his entire family and always tried to keep in close contact with all of his siblings. His greatest love was for his wife, Verda, and they would have celebrated their 50th anniversary together later this fall...

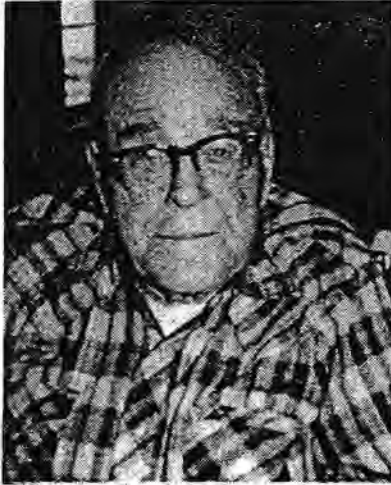
In addition to Verda, Ernest is survived by a daughter, Carol Fraser of Inverness; four sons, Roger of Inverness, Larry of Chester, Jerry of Denver, Colorado, and Mark of Joplin; two sisters, Leona Wagner of Waite Park, Minnesota, and

Evelyn Olson of New Ulm, Minnesota; two brothers, Otis and George Evans of Redwood Falls, Minnesota; 13 grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Ernest was preceded in death by his parents, by an infant son (Leroy), by five brothers (Victor, Ephraim, George, Clint and Con), and by eight sisters (Mac, Bessie, Merle, Nettie, Flossy, Katie, Rose and Frances).

Rosary services were held at Sacred Heart Church Friday evening, January 12th, at 7:00 p.m. The funeral mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Saturday by Father Frank Kelly. Susan VanDessel served as reader and the ushers were Greg May and Bill Evans. Pallbearers included Uriel May, John May, Bert Wicks, Tiger Evans, Ephraim May and Eric Olsen. Special music was provided by members of the church choir accompanied by Iris White. Musical tributes included "Spirit of the Living God", "I Exalt Thee", "Hosea", "There's Something About That Name", and "Return Unto Thy Rest". Following burial in the Inverness Cemetery, a luncheon was given at the church by the Altar Society. Funeral arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**WARREN RAYMOND EVANS**  
**Born: January 27, 1905 - Died: March 17, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 21, 1990**



**Warren Evans**

Warren Raymond Evans was born in Canby, Minnesota on January 27th, 1905. He was the eldest of two children born to Pearle Mae Bangs and Warren T. Evans. When he was a child his family came to Montana and filed homesteads southwest of Shelby. Warren grew up on the farm and received his education in Shelby, graduating from high school in 1922. He attended Stanford University in California and received a degree in economics. He returned to Montana and worked at various jobs in Shelby, including the Merchantile, the Mint, and Shelby Drug Store as a sales person. On December 14th, 1932 Warren married Wilma Leona Green in Shelby, and the product of the marriage was four children. About that same time Warren began selling insurance for New York Life and he eventually became one of Montana's best agents. He continued to work and live in Shelby until his retirement. Because of failing health, he moved to the Toole County Nursing Home in 1986. He died there on the evening of Saturday, March 17th, at the age of 85 years.

Warren's father was the first Master of the Shelby Masonic Lodge, so Warren was eager to join the lodge in 1926. He eventually became Master of the Lodge in 1943. During those 60 years as a Mason, Warren held every office in the lodge except as organist. He was also active in the Eastern Star. Because of his love for the Masons, it was Warren's wish to have his final rites conducted in the Masonic Temple.

During his years at Shelby High School, Warren served on the debate team which won many awards. While attending college at Stanford, he participated on the track team. His goal in college was to attain a law degree, but he developed a corneal disease which prevented him from pursuing additional studies. He had no regrets because he enjoyed his role as an insurance agent. He received a 50-year award from New York Life and won many trips over the years. His most prestigious trip was the year that New York Life celebrated its 100th anniversary in New York City and agents had to sell 100 policies to qualify for the trip.

While his kids were in school, Warren was active in the Shelby P.T.A. and had served a term as President. He was also a longtime member of the Shelby Bridge Club. Warren had many hobbies. He enjoyed yardwork and gardening. In his younger years he liked fishing. He was a good dancer and enjoyed working crossword puzzles. In his quiet hours at home he enjoyed reading local newspapers, news magazines, or good novels.

Warren is survived by two sons, Dale of Los Gatos, California and Mark of Seattle, Washington; two daughters, Sunie Lou Thompson of

Whitlash and Charlotte McCamish of San Jose, California; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister (Ruth).

Masonic Rites were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday (March 20th) at the Shelby Masonic Lodge #143. The services were conducted by LeRoy

Hagen (Worshipful Master), Russell Johannsen (Past Master), Terry Coons (Chaplain), and Frank Walter (Secretary). Special vocal music by Rosemary Johannsen was accompanied by Laila Lindberg on the organ. Fellow Masons acting as pallbearers were Nelson Bingham, Gus Coolidge, Fernald Landeen, Donald Coons, Howard Hall and Lyle Rowe. Warren's granddaughter, Dolores Turner, was the eulogist. Interment was in the Mountainview Cemetery in Shelby. Following burial rites a luncheon provided by the Eastern Star was held at the Masonic Lodge for family and friends. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel in Chester.

**DAVID ANTONIO FERRARO**  
**Born: October 17, 1990 - Died: October 19, 1990**  
**Liberty County Time**  
**October 24, 1990**

### ***David Ferraro***

Memorial services were held October 20th, 1990 at St. Thomas Catholic Church for David Antonio Ferraro, infant son of Laura and Paul Ferraro of Renton, Washington. David was born Wednesday, October 17th at Swedish Hospital in Seattle and passed away shortly after birth. He is survived by his parents, brother

Daniel, grandparents Merna and Galen Kolstad of Lothair, and Louise and Carlo Ferraro of Spokane, Washington; great - grandmother Mathea Hanson, Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester and Alta Kolstad, Great Falls; four uncles, four aunts and three cousins Levi and Leisa Kolstad and Jillian McCurdy.

GRACE FITZPATRICK  
Born: ? 1891 - Died: January 1, 1990  
Liberty County Times  
January 3, 1990

## Grace Fitzpatrick

Grace Fitzpatrick, 99, of 2115 Central Avenue, Billings, died last Monday in Western Manor Nursing Home of natural causes.

She was born in Truley, a daughter of Thomas and Anna Hunnewell. Around 1900, she moved with her parents to Great Falls, where she was raised and educated. November 18, 1908, she married John Fitzpatrick in Havre. Grace and her husband homesteaded south of Chester on the Marias River until 1920 when they moved to Billings. Her husband died June 21, 1957. Grace worked as a clerk at Hart Albin for several years. She enjoyed crocheting and was a former member of First United Methodist Church and West Side Club.

Survivors include a son, John H. of 930 Custer Avenue; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were at 3:00 p.m. Friday in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Smith Downtown Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

**R. A. (BUD) GIFFORD**  
**Born: September 10, 1921 - Died : June 17, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 27, 1990**

***R.A. Gifford***

A memorial service for R.A. "Bud" Gifford was held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, June 21st in First United Methodist Church in Grand Junction, Colorado, with the Rev. Lonnie Eakle officiating. Cremation had taken place prior.

Mr. Gifford died Sunday, June 17th in St. Mary's Hospital. He was 68.

Mr. Gifford was a retired sales manager for Mercury-Marine.

He was born September 10, 1921, to Olen and Ione Hanson Gifford in Hankinson, North Dakota. He spent his childhood and graduated from high school in Minot, North Dakota. He attended Minot Teachers College. He married Esther C. Heller January 1, 1945, in Williston, North Dakota. She survives.

Mr. Gifford had lived in various communities throughout the United States before moving to Grand Junction two and a half years ago. As a young man, Bud worked for Lawrence Schaefer in the Gambles Store in Chester, Montana, as well as for several farmers in the area.

Mr. Gifford was a member of First United Methodist Church of Grand Junction. He also was a member of the church choir, the Gem & Mineral Club, the Barber

Shoppers and the older American Center in Grand Junction.

As a Mason, he was a member of Mount Moriah Masonic Lodge 51 AF&AM, the Scottish Rite and the Blue Lodge. He also was a life member of the Elks Lodge in Columbus, Indiana, as well as the International Porcelain Club.

Other survivors include a son, David of Cedar Vale, Kansas; three daughters, Mary I. Brumfield of Jamestown, New York, Esther Jo Hall of Lizton, Indiana, and Christine M. Tutterow of Mooresville, Indiana; four brothers, William of Duarte, California, Russell D. of Eagan, Minnesota, Glen of Great Falls, Montana, and George E. of Westfield, Massachusetts; three sisters, Myra Sitch and Susan Brown of Chester, Montana, and Carrie Harmon of Seattle, Washington; and 12 grandchildren.

Bud has many relatives in and around the Chester, Montana, area. A brother, O.D. Gifford, is deceased.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Western Colorado Shrine Club, Hospital Travel Fund, c/o Callahan/Edfast Mortuary, P.O. Box 546, Grand Junction, CO 81502. Mr. Gifford supported the charitable activities of the Shriners.



**AMBER BECK GRAHAM**  
**Born: November 5, 1926 - Died: April 21, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 2, 1990**

Saturday, April 21, 1990. Born in Rudyard November 5, 1926, the daughter of John J. Beck and Opal E. (Swift) Beck, she was raised and schooled north of Rudyard and Kremlin.

She attended Kinman Business College in Spokane and took nurse's training at Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre. After receiving her R.N., she worked at Sacred Heart Hospital, Kennedy Deaconess Hospital and the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, all in Havre. She was director of nursing at the Lutheran Home for several years. Later she assisted at blood drawings and taking blood pressures at the North Central Senior Center in Havre. She also served with Home Health Care Services in Havre.

She was married in Havre June 23, 1949, to Robert J. Graham, who survives, along with her sons, Patrick J. Graham with the U.S. Navy in Memphis, Tennessee, Thomas E. Graham of Havre, Richard R. Graham of Havre, Shawn A. Graham with the U.S. Army in Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and a daughter, Norma J.

Vylasek of Great Falls; seven grandchildren; sisters, Anna P. Murphy of Valley Springs, California, Vinnie L. Bendix of Redwood City, California, and June Donoven of Kremlin; brothers, Harold Beck of Mesa, Arizona, and Morris Beck of Arlee, Montana. A brother, Dale Beck, and her parents preceded her in death.

Rosary services were Tuesday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Holland & Bonine Funeral Chapel with Father J. Patrick Stewart officiating. The Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, April 25th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church with Father Jack Harrington and Father J. Patrick Stewart officiating.

Soloist was Dave Rice who sang "Amazing Grace", "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today", and "On Eagle's Wings". Organist was Bill Lisenby. Gift bearers were Mrs. Graham's grandchildren, Amber and Jason Graham. Dave Rice was also the Cantor. Altar servers were Megan Voroney, Chris Schend and Andy hepp. Pallbearers were Richard ham, Thomas Graham, Patrick

## ALICE MARIE GRIESBAUM

Born: October 25, 1912 - Died : December 26, 1990

Liberty County Times

January 2, 1991



### **Alice Griesbaum**

Alice Marie Griesbaum was born on the family homestead located 12 miles northeast of Joplin, Montana on October 25, 1912. She was one of two children born to German immigrants, Helena Julia Doll and Andrew William Griesbaum. Alice grew up on the family farm and attended country schools near there. She graduated from the eighth grade at the Inverness School. Following her father's death in 1928, Alice and her mother kept the farm going. After her mother died in 1957, Alice's cousin (Art Doll) came to help her on the farm. When Art died in 1983, Alice leased out her land. She remained at home on the farm until January 1989 when ill-health forced her to move to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. Alice died at the Liberty County Hospital on the evening of Wednesday, December 26th at the age of 78 years.

In her younger years, Alice enjoyed attending dances at the Goldstone Community Hall. Reportedly, she was excellent with horses and could handle a team-and-wagon as good as any man. She loved raising a garden each summer and canning the vegetables. Alice enjoyed raising chickens on the farm and always had a pet dog and four or five beloved cats to take care of. She liked to read newspapers and was fond of Montana and stories of the "Old West." Although a very quiet person, Alice always enjoyed company.

Alice's only survivors include a nephew's wife, Marie Griesbaum; a great-nephew, Andy Griesbaum of Spokane, Washington; a great-niece, Marilu Pedigo of Lacey, Washington; a great-great-nephew, Brent Pedigo of Lacey, Washington. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother (Andrew Joseph Griesbaum).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 30th, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Allen Haugen of the Joplin Bethel Church officiated. Special vocal/guitar music by Carole Hanson included a medley of songs and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Alice was buried Monday morning near her mother at the Highland Cemetery in Havre.

## CONNIE VENETTA STOWMAN HANSON

Born: June 21, 1912 - Died: June 24, 1990

Liberty County Times

July 4, 1990



### Connie Hanson

Constance Venetta Stowman was born June 21st, 1912 in the Fairchild community north of Gildford, Montana. She was one of four children born to Estella Wikoff and Rollie Stowman. Connie was raised in Meadow, South Dakota and received her education at the Meadow Center School. Her parents both died when she was young, so at age 16 she came to the north

Hingham community to live with her grandmother. Connie met her husband-to-be, Orval Ergenbright, and they were married in Havre July 17th, 1932. They made their home and began raising their family on the Ergenbright farm north of Gildford. In the early 1950's they built a home in Rudyard. Following Orval's death in 1967, Connie continued to live in Rudyard and spent several winters in Mesa, Arizona. When her health began to fail about five years ago, she moved to Colorado to live with a daughter. She returned to Montana in 1989 and moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. Following a hospitalization in February of this year, Connie moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home. She died

there Sunday evening, June 24th, at the age of 78 years...

Connie had been a member of the E.U.B. Church in Rudyard and had served in the Dorcas Ladies Aide group. Many years ago she was active in a north Gildford home demonstration club.

Connie had aspirations to become a nurse, but this was prohibited with her early marriage, young family and farmwork. Her nursing dream was partially fulfilled in her later years when she helped care for several elderly ladies in Idaho, Washington and Cut Bank.

Connie was a good cook; her family remembers her wonderful breads and her specialty, homemade apple pie. She enjoyed flower gardening and always had a big vegetable garden each year. At home she enjoyed watching television or reading (she loved Montana histories and the National Geographic magazine). Connie was an unassuming and content person, so she spent much of her private time working on oil paintings. Many of her works of art will be enjoyed by her family for years to come...

Connie is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ralph (Claire) Orr of Woodland Park, Colorado, Mrs. Dennis (Shirley) Anderson of Rudyard, and Mrs. Rodney (Edith) Svenson of Joplin; 11 grandchildren, including Bert, William, Rebecca, Robert, Douglas, Susan, Craig, Janet, Stacy, Shawn and Sherri; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Claudia Oleson of Bellevue, Washington and Mona Vaught of Issaquah, Washington; and numerous nephews and nieces. Connie was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a son (Dale), by two grandchildren (Karla and Karina), and

by a brother (Harold).

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 28th, at the Calvary Evangelical Church in Rudyard. Reverend Charlie Hanson of Chester officiated. Vocal music by Terry Stevenson included "The Lord's Prayer", and the congregation sang "Because He Lives" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Sharon Spicher served as accompanist. Ushers were Jerry Copenhaver and Orville Solum. Friends serving as pallbearers were Leonard Chvilicek, Roland Ritter, Lloyd VandeSandt, Richard Jackson, Fred Elling and Gilbert VandeSandt.

Connie's grandchildren were listed as memorial bearers. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery with funeral arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A coffee hour followed at the church. Undesignated memorial gifts will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home or to the Liberty County Hospice group.

\*She was married and divorced from Alfred Hanson.

**GENEVA PARLEE GIBSON "NEVA" HEIMBIGNER**  
**Born: March 26, 1906 - Died : November 24, 1990**

**Liberty County Times**  
**November 28, 1990**



**Neva Heimbigner**

Geneva Parlee Gibson was born in Blanchard, Oklahoma March 26th, 1906. She was the only child of Molly Lee and Orissi Gibson. Neva came to Montana with her parents when she was six years old. She received her education at the Roke Country School and the Chester school system. August 8th, 1922 she married Benjamin M. Heimbigner at Sandpoint, Idaho. They made their home in the Chester community since that time. Neva's health had been relatively good until this past October, when she broke her hip. Since then her medical condition has

deteriorated, and she recently moved into the Liberty County Nursing Home. She died there the afternoon of Saturday, November 24th, at the age of 84 years.

Neva has been a life-long member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and was active in the A.L.C.W. She was also a charter member of the R.N.A. She loved her role as homemaker and wife, and always made sure that her family was well taken care of. She was talented in canning and cooking, and homemade soups were her specialty. When she wasn't busy around the house, she enjoyed working in her flower garden or working on an embroidery project. In her younger years she loved to dance, and it was common to hear her singing as she worked. As a hobby she collected salt-and-pepper shakers and spoons. Neva will be remembered as a very gentle, kind, and happy lady who always kept a positive attitude about life. She loved her family and was inseparable from Benny during their 68 years of married life together...

In addition to her husband, Neva is survived by two daughters, Audrey Stewart and Mrs. Dean (Fay) Wolfe, both of Chester; by eight grandchildren, including Debbie, Terry, Steve, Jodi, Deanna, Rod, Tracie and Jan; by 13 great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents and by a great-grandchild (Bradley).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 28th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Reverend Tom Dunham officiating. Stanleigh Barbie served as organist and the congregation sang Neva's favorite hymn, "Amazing Grace", and "The Old Rugged Cross". Pallbearers were Roy Heimbigner, Raymond Zorn, Bob Aitken, Harry Heimbigner (Jr.), Harley Rudolph and Quannah Bailey. Ushers were Boyd Nealy and Steve Brown. Burial was in the family plot in the Erickson Cemetery south of Chester. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

DAVID DUANE HENRIKSEN  
Born: May 31, 1956 - Died: April 2, 1990  
Liberty County Times  
April 4, 1990

David was born in Havre May 31, 1956 to Clarence and Mae Haugen Henriksen. David was employed by Hi-Line Plumbing in Chester and worked with his brother, Tom at the time of his death.

David loved country music and played guitar and banjo and also liked to hunt and fish. David was a very dear son and brother to all family and friends' who crossed his path.

David is survived by his sisters, Kim Knudson of Plains, Gertrude Clark of Havre, Donna Day of Vaughn, Isabelle Borst of Billings, Lourice Carbone of Sheridan, Wyoming; brothers, Elmer Jacobson of Missoula, Don Henriksen of Billings, Tom Henriksen of Chester, and Curtis Henriksen of Cut Bank; aunts, Alice Hutton of Turner and Cecile Ashton of Harlem; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

David's memory will always be treasured by those who loved him. David's parents, Clarence and Mae, and a brother, John, preceded him in death.

Memorials in his honor may be made to a person's choice.

Arrangements by Holland & Bonine Funeral Home, Havre.

*April 4-1990*

***David Henriksen***

David Duane Henriksen, age 33, died at a Great Falls hospital Monday, April 2 as a result of an automobile accident in Choteau County about 15 miles northwest of Fort Benton. Funeral services are Friday, April 6th at 2:00 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church in Havre with Rev. Ken Ross officiating. Burial is in Highland Cemetery.

URVIN BLY HUNTLEY

Born: June 29, 1911 - Died: April 22, 1990

Liberty County Times

May 3, 1990

*Urvin Huntley*

Urvin Bly Huntley, a retired farmer, 78 years of age, a resident of Rudyard, Montana, died Sunday evening, April 22, 1990 at a Havre hospital of natural causes.

Urvin was born June 29, 1911 at Hancock, Minnesota and was raised and attended schools there, graduating from Hancock High School in 1928. He came to Montana in 1933. November 24, 1936, he married Renee DeMartin at Havre. After their marriage the couple moved to Hancock, Minnesota where they farmed with his father until 1941. In 1941, Urvin and his father moved near Rudyard, Montana, where they have farmed since then. His family and farming have been his life.

He is survived by his wife of Rudyard, Montana; one son, Roger Huntley of Rudyard; daughters, Joyce Vohs of Lincoln City, Oregon, Linda Spatafore of Great Falls, Montana, and Nanci Dyksterhouse of Belgrade, Montana; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 25, 1990 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Rudyard, Montana with the Rev. Jeff Olsgaard officiating. Organist was Stanleigh Barbie and the soloist was Terry Stevenson who sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "Abide With Me". The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" as a closing hymn. Pallbearers were Scott Huntley, Jake Dyksterhouse, Tom Spatafore, Jayson Huntley, Shane Huntley and Chet Vohs. Ushers were Fred Elling and Bill Gorder. Burial was at the Rudyard Cemetery.

Memorials in his honor may be made to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rudyard, Montana.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre, Montana was in charge of arrangements.

CLARENCE HERMAN JACOBSON  
Born: ?, 1908 - Died : July 12, 1990  
Liberty County Times  
July 18, 1990

**Clarence Jacobson**

Clarence Herman Jacobson, a retired Lutheran Pastor ordained in 1936, died at his home in St. Paul on Thursday evening, July 12 at the age of 82. Pastor Jacobson had moved back to St. Paul together with his wife DeFlorence two years ago.

A graduate of Waldorf and St. Olaf Colleges and of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, he has served churches in Cook, Minnesota; Lisbon, Illinois; Whitefish, Chester, Joplin and Miles City, Montana; and most recently in Rapid City, South Dakota, where he and DeFlorence resided for 22 years. He was pastor to 12 congregations, built four churches, was co-founder, builder and first dean of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in northwestern Montana, and co-founder of Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, Montana. Following his retirement in 1972, he served as an interim pastor for a number of churches in South

Dakota. During his ministry he placed great emphasis on youth and adult education and on support of missions.

Clarence's avocation was that of a handyman and woodworker. His friends knew him as the man who could fix anything and had the right tool for the job. Having weathered the depression, he discarded almost nothing and was a champion of recycling long before the word was coined. He was an avid outdoor sportsman and had a deep love for the natural wonders of creation.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents Julie and Andrew, his sisters Edna and Myrtle, and his brother Ernest. He is survived by his sister Lola, his wife DeFlorence (nee Hinderaker), his children Joanne, Mark and Paul and their spouses Leonard, Jeanne and Diane, his grandchildren Julie Mae, Steven, Julie Marie, Nathaniel, Kirstin, Tanya, Benjamin, and Timmy, and his great-grandson Wesley, all of whom he loved very much.

Pastor Jacobson was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul, where the funeral was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 17th.

## CLARA METVEDT JOHNSON

Born: October 14, 1895 - Died: January 21, 1990

Liberty County Times

January 31, 1990

### *Clara Johnson*

Clara Metvedt Johnson was born October 14, 1895, the sixth of eight children. Her parents, Ole Metvedt and Thone Songdal had come to the United States from Telemark, Norway in 1881 and had lived in several places before moving to Greenbush, Minnesota earlier in 1895. They were one of the first pioneer families in the area and settled on a homestead a few miles northwest of the town site.

The family spoke Norwegian at home, and Clara did not learn to speak English until she began to attend the one-room school just across the road from their farmyard. A lifelong Lutheran, Clara was

confirmed at the Moland Norsk Lutheran Church in Greenbush in 1910. The instruction was in Norwegian. In 1911 the Metvedt family moved to Beaubier, Saskatchewan, Canada. Their farm equipment and cattle were loaded on rail cars and went to the end of the rail line in Ambrose, North Dakota, and then by wagon to Canada. Shortly after leaving home, Clara trained for several months in Grand Forks, North Dakota to become a seamstress. She sewed as a hobby for many years, and could do beautiful hand sewing. She next moved to Ambrose, North Dakota where she got a job in a restaurant and bakery owned by Charles Johnson. Charlie and Clara were married in Ambrose on May 31, 1914. The town soon began to fail when the railroad moved further west, so they moved to Spring Lake, Minnesota where they lived for ten years. During that time, they became the parents of three boys, Wesley, Carl and Franklyn. At the end of those ten difficult years, Charlie, Clara and their boys left to move to Greenbush, Minnesota with their clothes, a few household items and an old car.

In Greenbush, Charlie began working as a carpenter, and they moved to a small farm one mile north of town that Clara ran with the help of her sons. She milked cows, raised chickens for eggs, raised sheep and hogs and sold garden produce. During these years three more children, Norman, Arne and Darlene were born.





In 1946 the family moved into Greenbush. Clara spent many of her summers in Cut Bank, Montana, baking for her sister Julia's cafe. In 1957 Clara moved to Montana, living in Cut Bank, Missoula and Chester. She was one of the first residents of the Sweetgrass Lodge Retirement Home in Chester, living there until 1985 when poor health necessitated a move to the Liberty County Nursing Home.

Clara loved to garden, knitted beautiful mittens, did many embroidered items, and enjoyed attending any activities in which her grandchildren participated. She was very proud of the fact that all five of her sons were in the military service.

Clara passed away Sunday, January 21, 1990 at the Liberty County Nursing Home at the age of 94. She was preceded in death by her parents, all of her brothers and sisters, a daughter, Marian Thelma, who died as an infant, her son Carl and her husband Charlie. She is survived by her sons Wesley of Kalispell, Montana, Franklyn of East Wenatchee, Washington, Norman of Great Falls, Montana, and Arne of Onida, South Dakota. She is also survived by a daughter, Darlene Skari of Chester, 19 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and four nieces.

Funeral services were held at the United Methodist Church in Chester on Wednesday, January 24 at 11 a.m. Burial was in the Chester cemetery. Pallbearers were grandchildren including Alan Skari, Pat Johnson, Mike Rubich, Duff Van Alstine, Lee Johnson, Kristi Johnson, Sonya Ritter and Trudy Skari. Granddaughters Janet Rubich and Janice Van Alstine were ushers. Another granddaughter, Andrea Skari was the eulogist. The organist was Jan Christofferson. Special music was provided by Carole Hanson. Rev. Chuck Nowlen was the pastor. A luncheon was served for friends and family after the service by the women of the Methodist and Lutheran Churches with help from other friends of the family.

## CLARA GURINE JOHNSON

**Date of Birth:** October 14, 1895  
**Date of Death:** January 21, 1990  
**Age:** 94 years, 3 months, 7 days...

**Services:** 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 24th, Chester United Methodist Church

**Officiant:** Reverend Chuck Nowlen  
**Organist:** Jan Christofferson  
**Guitarist/Vocalist:** Carole Hanson  
**Eulogist:** Andrea Skari, granddaughter

**Ushers:** Granddaughters, Janice Van Alstine and Janet Rubich

**Pallbearers:** Grandchildren, Sonya Ritter, Kristi Johnson, Pat Johnson, Alan Skari, Duff Van Alstine, Mike Rubich, Trudy Skari, and Lee Johnson.

**Interment:** Chester Cemetery

.. Luncheon to follow at the church ...

**Arrangements:** Rockman Chapel

**Clara's Family:** Sons, Wesley, Franklyn, Norman and Arne; daughter, Darlene; 19 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and four nieces...

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over.

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

## NORMAN O. JOHNSON

Born: March 13, 1926 - Died: September 13, 1990

Great Falls Tribune

September 15, 1990

### Norman Johnson

Norman O. Johnson, 64, of 3232 Dove Court, who retired in 1988 as regional manager for Harvest States Cooperative, died at his home Thursday after a long bout with cancer.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Faith Lutheran Church.

Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. Chapel of Chimes is in charge. Memorials are suggested to Faith Lutheran Church.

He was born March 13, 1926, at Greenbush,

Minn., where he grew up and attended school. He enlisted in the Navy and left the day after high school graduation to serve aboard the aircraft carrier Essex in the South Pacific during World War II.

After his military discharge, Johnson stopped in Cut Bank to visit an aunt and decided to stay when he landed a job with GTA. That began a 42-year career in the grain business. Over that time he picked up the title of Mr. GTA in Montana.

Johnson was named manager of GTA's elevator at Hilger in 1949. From there he managed a co-op at Chinook, returned to Cut Bank to run that operation and transferred to Great Falls in 1979 as field man. He was named Harvest States regional manager in April 1984.

He married Audrey A. Best on Dec. 14, 1947, in Cut Bank.



Johnson

While in Cut Bank he served on the school board, the Glacier County Draft Board and the St. Paul Lutheran Church Board and was a Boy Scout leader and Sunday school teacher. He later served on the Faith Lutheran Church Board in Great Falls. He also belonged to the Elks Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Montana Elevator Association.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Janice Ann Van Alstine of Bozeman and Janet Joy Rubich of Butte; sons, Robert and Gerald "Tom," both of Coeur d'Alene, and Patrick of Great Falls; a sister, Darlene Skari of Chester; brothers, Wesley L. of Kalispell, Franklin O. of Wenatchee, Wash., and Arnold C. of Onida, S.D., and nine grandchildren. A brother preceded him in death. R. E. T. 15-Sept-1990

GEORGE J. JURENKA  
Born: December 25, 1917 - Died: April 16, 1990  
Liberty County Times  
April 18, 1990

### *George Jurenka*

George J. Jurenka, 72 years of age, a resident of Havre, Montana, died last Monday evening at Northern Montana Hospital in Havre. Funeral services were held Friday, April 13th, 1990 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Chapel in Havre with Rev. Dave Greep officiating. Soloist was Debbie Leeds who sang "Morning Has Broken" and "How Great Thou Art". She was accompanied by Bill Lisenby. Pallbearers were Aaron Swallow, Virgil Jurenka, Joe Jurenka, Ray Ramberg, Mel Fretheim and Cliff Wickum. Honorary pallbearers were Jim Morsette, Butch Mayer, Lance Ramberg and Ed Blazek. Burial was in the Highland Cemetery.

George was born in rural Big Sandy on December 25th, 1917 to Joseph and Anna Blazek Jurenka. He attended school in Big Sandy and graduated from Big Sandy High School in 1938. He was also a veteran and served with the U.S. Army. September 5, 1942 he married Ethel Ramberg at Havre and the couple lived in Havre since their marriage. In 1944 they started the Price Rite Meat Market in Havre, expanding it to a full meat market and grocery store which they operated until 1964. George then farmed ground he leased until 1973. In 1973 he became Farm Manager for the Dry Fork Farm Operation of the Chippewa-Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy, Montana, and held that position until the time of his death.

George was a past member of the Masons, Shrine Club, Elks and Eagles Club. He loved fishing and the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife of Havre; two sons, Carl of Havre, and Mark of Seattle, Washington; one sister, Mildred Miller of Del Ray Beach, Florida; one brother, Bill of Big Sandy; also numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Joe; and two sisters, Lillian and Ann Marie.

A memorial in his honor may be made to the American Lung Association.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## MAE ORIE (FRYDENLUND) KOSSEL

Born: November 28, 1912 - Died: December 15, 1990

Liberty County Times

December 19, 1990

### **Mae Kossel**

Mae Orie Frydenlund was born on her family homestead south of Devon, Montana on November 28th, 1912. She was one of eight children born to Lillie Moss and Elmer Frydenlund. Mae grew up on the family farm and received her formal education at Devon and Galata. In 1933 she married John Kossel, and they made their home at Tiber. In 1941 Mae moved to Chester where she worked at the Grand Bar, Golden West Saloon and Laas' Bar. She took a job at the Wheat Sheaf Motel/V.F.W. Lounge, and was eventually appointed manager following the death of Russ Hanson. After 40+ years of employment at the V.F.W., Mae retired in 1987. Several months ago Mae was diagnosed with cancer and her health deteriorated rapidly. She died at the Liberty County Hospital early Saturday morning, December 15th, at the age of 78 years...

Mae had been a member of the Business & Professional Women's group. She was a hard worker and loyal employee at the V.F.W., sometimes working seven days a week. In her younger years she enjoyed dancing, and she has always loved to work in her garden. At home she enjoyed arts and crafts projects, hooking rugs, and painting-by-numbers. Over the years she had accumulated a large bottle collection. Mae's most enjoyable hobby was canning and baking, and her specialties were breads and cookies. She loved sending "care" packages

of goodies to her grandson. Mae had always been loyal to her family and friends. She made many hospital visits, ran errands or took people places, and provided food to the ill or shut-in's. During those years at the V.F.W. Mae always tried to have an annual holiday dinner for some of the old bachelors or friends without family. Her love of fellow man was a tribute to her life...

Mae is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Newell (Bonnie) Aman of Beaverton, Oregon and Donna Hellweg of Portland, Oregon; six grandchildren, including Doug, Lisa, Leslie, Kelly, Shelly and Korie; three great-grandchildren; one brother, George Frydenlund of Devon; one sister, Anne Epstein of San Diego, California; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers (Andy and Pat), and three sisters (Daisy, Josephine and Mary).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 18th, at the Chester Alliance Church with Reverend Charlie Hanson officiating. Edith Hodges served as pianist. Vocalist, Tammy Enghusen, sang "Amazing Grace" and "The Old Rugged Cross". Pallbearers were Newell and Douglas Aman and Myron, Merlin, Keith and Wyatt Frydenlund. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery and a coffee hour followed at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to the American Cancer Society or donor's choice...

## CHARLES "CHARLIE" LAAS

Born: May 26, 1918 - Died: September 28, 1990

Liberty County Times

October 3, 1990



**Charles Laas**

Charles Laas was born on the family farm near Chester, Montana on May 26th, 1918. He was one of six children born to Lizzie Kerbes and Nick Laas. His parents were Estonian emigrants who homesteaded 14 miles northwest of Chester. Charlie attended the Trommer country school near the farm and finished his formal education in Chester. He began working on the family farm and enjoyed handling the sheep/lambing operations. On December 21st, 1939 Charlie married Dona B. Martell in Havre. They made their home in the Chester community. In 1943 Charlie was inducted into the U.S. Army. While serving in the Germany campaign, he suffered a shrapnel injury and was consequently awarded a "Purple Heart" medal. Following his honorable discharge in 1945, he returned to Chester. He and Dona acquired a farm near the family homestead. In addition to farming, Charlie took a job as field operator for the Montana Power Company in 1948. He retired from M.P.C. in 1983, but continued to be active on the farm until his health failed about three months ago. On the early morning of Friday (September 28th), Charlie died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester at the age of 72 years.

Charlie held memberships at the Chester Assembly of God Church and the V.F.W./American Legion organizations. Charlie had always been healthy and happy, and he attributed this to his enjoyment of life and work. He was proud of the fact that he only missed three days of sick

leave on the job during his 35 years with M.P.C. He loved raising sheep and tinkering/building things around the farm. In his quiet time at home he enjoyed reading; he only read factual and historical material, and was often kidded by his family of being a "walking encyclopedia". During his younger school years he memorized a lot of poems, most of which contained motivational or moral values, and he often quoted from these poems as a teaching tool for his children. Charlie was a avid Chester booster sports fan and was a regular at football and basketball games. In his younger days he enjoyed water skiing, a sport he last participated in at age 60. Charlie and Dona had many happy times during their 50 years of married life, but the most memorable were in 1959 and 1960 when they adopted Les and Lynda. Charlie loved to spend time with family and friends. He maintained a good sense of humor and philosophy in life, and was often heard to say: "It's been a treasure to have the pleasure to serve."

Charlie's survivors include his wife, Dona of Chester; a son and daughter-in-law, Leslie and Tracy of Bellevue, Washington; a daughter and son-in-law, Lynda and Dennis Barker of Chester; one grandson, Chance Barker; two granddaughters, Marsha Barker and Janessa Laas; one brother, Walt of Chester; three sisters, Mabel Schultz and Edna Leffler, both of Manson, Washington and Billie Hamel of Ledger; and numerous nephews and nieces. Charlie was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother (Gus in 1989).

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 2nd, at the Chester United Methodist Church. Scripture and prayers were provided by Reverend Dan Mielke, eulogy was read by Reverend Gary Bensen, and special message was given by Charlie's son, Les. A vocal ensemble by Rudy Cicon, Dale Gundersen, Janine Wolery, Lanea Gundersen and Pat McDowell was "He Gave Me Lord Jesus". Tracy Laas accompanied the congregation, who sang two of Charlie's favorite hymns, "Face to Face" and "In My Heart There Rings A Melody". Friends serving as pallbearers were Harold Gunn, Gordon Quick, Arnie Bronken, Mac Werry, Greg Bonilla and Billy

Combs. Ushers were Steve Hamel and Al Green. Memorial bearers were listed as "all of Charlie's many friends". In addition to prayers at the gravesite at the Chester Cemetery, the presentation of the military flag was made by Ray Standiford. A luncheon followed at the Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

## TROY WILFRED LAKEY

Born: April 15, 1918 - Died: February 5, 1990

Liberty County Times

February 14, 1990



### Troy Lakey

Troy Wilfred Lakey was born in Chester, Montana April 15th, 1918. He was one of six children born to Melvina Grace Abel and Alexander Lexington Lakey. Troy grew up on the family homestead located northwest of Chester and he attended the Horsecreek and Grauman Schools near there. Following his formal education, he began working for his folks on their summer range near the Sweetgrass Hills. It was at a dance in Whitlash that he met his wife-to-be, Lucy C. Morrison. They were married in Havre on October 12th, 1939 and made their home near the Sweetgrass Hills on a place that later became known as the Breed Creek Hereford Ranch. In 1947 they began raising registered Herefords. In 1957 they purchased the ranch from Troy's father. In the late 1960's and early 1970's they bought the Johnny Stratton place and the Quinten Larsen ranch. Also in the 1970's Troy and his son,

Tom, purchased the Tiber Tractor Company in Chester from Burnham Murray. In addition to helping at the implement business and running the ranch, Troy also served as a Liberty County Commissioner and drove the Whitlash school bus on a daily basis. In 1980 they decided to retire, so they sold Tiber Tractor and then the ranch. They bought a beautiful home in Chester and have lived here since. Following a three week illness, Troy died at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls the evening of Monday, February 5th. He was 71 years old.

During those early years on the ranch, Troy and Lucy were active in the Whitlash Presbyterian Church, Whitlash school activities, and community card parties. They assisted with the 4-H programs in Liberty County. They always raised a big garden on the farm and Troy enjoyed trapping coyotes, skunks and other varmints. Troy loved working with his cattle. He was handy with a rope at branding time, and some say he was one of the best heelers in the area. He loved western heritage and was proud of the fact that he was one of the last ranchers in the Sweetgrass Hills to quit feeding cattle the old-fashioned way: by team-and-wagon...

When Troy got into the registered Hereford business, he joined the Marias Hereford Breeders Association. At the spring sale in Cut Bank in 1951 he had the Grand Champion bull, which was the first of many during those 30 years in the Hereford business.

Troy served as a Liberty County Commissioner for 12 years, and from 1976-82 he served as Chairman of the Board. He was appointed by Governor Tom Judge

to the Local Government Advisory Council. In addition he served on the board of the Bear Paw Development Corporation. Back in the 1950's when the new high school was built in Chester, Troy was serving on the school board. He has also worked as a State Brand Inspector since 1946.

After they retired and moved to town, Troy became active in the Chester Lions Club. At the time of his death he was serving as the club's President. He was also active in the Liberty Leaners Horseshoe Club and had served as past president of that group. Troy loved playing horseshoes and had participated in many tournaments around the state.

Troy had many hobbies. He took great pride in his yardwork and garden at their Chester home. He collected coins and Indian artifacts, and always enjoyed going fishing. Although not a trained musician, he enjoyed playing the fiddle and harmonica. Troy loved rodeos, and during the past several years they enjoyed attending the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas. Troy and Lucy enjoyed music and being together, so they were regulars on the dance circuit in the Hi-Line area on the weekends. Troy loved to play cribbage, in fact, he always carried his lucky cribbage pegs with him at all times just in case he could talk someone into a quick game!

Troy's greatest love was for his family. He loved to visit his children and grandchildren, and there never seemed to be a generation gap in their relationships. He and Lucy had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past October. At that time they had a nice party for family and friends that

will provide a lot of cherished memories for years to come...

Troy was a people person. He made a point of knowing people, meeting people, and liking people. He enjoyed telling stories and jokes. He loved the excitement of auctioneering so he could share his quick wit and good sense of humor with all of his friends, both old and new...

Troy's survivors include his wife, Lucy of Chester; a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Kathy of Great Falls; a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Gordon Zorn of Las Vegas; one brother, Houston Lakey of Terry, Montana; two sisters, Irene Mattson and Ethel Rasmussen, both of Chester; six grandchildren, including Russell, Stacey, Terry, Juley, Tommy and Lynn; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. Troy was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers (Curtis and Gordon Lakey).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 9th, at the Chester United Methodist Church. The Reverend Jim Patton of Libby officiated. Special music by the St. Mary's choir and guitar group included "Valleys of Green" and "Without Clouds". The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by Juanita Wardell. Vocalist, Sue Violet, performed "Beyond the Sunset". Ushers were Cliff Wickum and Don Kuntz. Pallbearers included B.J. Oswood, Bill Gunderson, Bob Thompson, Glen Thompson, Roy Wickum and Norm Engstrom. Memorial bearers were listed as Wiley Meech, Jim McKechnie, Claude Demarest, Harold Nelson, Quinten Larsen, Irvin Brown, Earl Thompson, Nelson Bingham, John Vargas, and all of Troy's other many friends. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A luncheon followed at the church.

## **TROY WILFRED LAKEY**

**Date of Birth:** April 15, 1918  
**Date of Death:** February 5, 1990  
**Age:** 71 years, 9 months, 21 days

**Services:** 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 9th,  
Chester United Methodist Church

**Officiant:** Reverend Jim Patton

**Organist:** Juanita Wardell

**Vocalist:** Sue Violet

**Vocal/guitar ensemble:** St. Mary's  
Church Choir

**Ushers:** Cliff Wickum and Don Kuntz

**Pallbearers:** B.J. Oswood, Bill Gunderson, Bob Thompson, Glen Thompson, Roy Wickum and Norm Engstrom

**Memorial bearers:** Wiley Meech, Jim McKechnie, Claude Demarest, Harold Nelson, Quinten Larsen, Irvin Brown, Earl Thompson, Nelson Bingham, John Vargas and Troy's other many friends...

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## THEODORE DONALD LANGEL

Born: September 6, 1906 - Died: February 20, 1990

Liberty County Times

February 28, 1990



### *Ted Langel*

Theodore Donald Langel was born in Bloomer, Wisconsin on September 6th, 1906. He was one of six children born to Ellen Tealey and Joseph H. Langel. Ted's family came to Montana in 1913 and homesteaded in the Goldstone community north of Rudyard. Ted attended the Goldstone Country School near the farm. Following his formal education he began working on the farm with his folks. On January 7th, 1928 he married Evelyn L. Narestad at Havre. They continued farming together during their married life. In 1936 they moved into Rudyard. Ted managed the Farmer's Union Oil Station in Rudyard for nine years. He retired from farming in 1970, but continued to help with the farming operations until his health failed about four years ago. Ted moved to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre in the fall of 1989 and has resided there since. He died at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre on the morning of Tuesday, February 20th, at the age of 83 years.

Ted has been a longtime member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. He was an active board member of the Rudyard Service & Improvement Association during those early years when the water and sewer lines were first installed. He had also been a loyal supporter of the Farmer's Union Elevator & Oil Company. Ted enjoyed woodworking and carpentry, and he had made wooden toys for children.

In his younger years he enjoyed playing whist and pinochle. He always had a large vegetable garden each year and his greatest love was working on the farm. Although he was very content to be at home, he did enjoy taking trips with Netes or spending weekends at their Apgar cabin. Ted loved his family and appreciated his wife (last month they celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary).

Ted is survived by his wife, Netes of Rudyard; a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Marj of Rudyard; a grandson, Brandon; two sisters, Mrs. Hayes (Tracie) Starks and Mrs. Clifford (Dorothy) Hodgdon, both of Mesa, Arizona; and numerous nephews and nieces. Ted was preceded in death by his parents, by an infant son, and by three brothers (Arnold, Henry and Robert).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 23rd, at the Rudyard Lutheran Church. Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiated. The congregation sang "In the Garden", accompanied by organist, Stanleigh Barbie. Vocal tributes "Abide With Me" and "Rock of Ages" were performed by Terry Stevenson. Ushers were Fred Rigg and Howard Conquergood. Pallbearers were Bob

Christenson, Kenny Heydon and Gerald, Duaine, Richard and Stanley Langel. Old friends serving as honorary bearers included Morris Smith, Leonard Poier, Roland Ritter, Selmar Sanvik, Thomas Wilson, Sam Berge and Morris Ewald. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon followed at the church...



## MARGUERITE LOVE

Born: July 13, 1914 - Died: August 2, 1990

Great Falls Tribune

August 4, 1990

### Marguerite Love

Marguerite B. Love, 76, of Lincoln and formerly of Great Falls, a charter member of two women's organizations, died Thursday of an apparent heart attack at her home.

Her funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Croxford & Sons Mortuary. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Eagles Lodge Heart and Cancer Fund.



Love

She was born on July 13, 1914, on her parents' homestead at Inga. She attended rural schools in the Big Sandy area and graduated from Big Sandy High School. She moved to Fort Benton where she was employed as a housekeeper.

In 1934, she married Carl Christofferson in Fort Benton. The couple farmed in the Big Sandy area and raised four sons there. In 1957 she moved to Great Falls.

She married George Fiedler in Helena in 1958. He died 13 days later in an airplane crash.

She married Rolland Merle Love on June 30, 1961, in Lewistown. They lived in Great Falls until moving to Lincoln 13 years ago.

She was a charter member of the VFW Auxiliary in Big Sandy and the Eagles Auxiliary in Great Falls. She also marched with the Eagles Auxiliary Drill Team.

Survivors include her husband; sons, Orval Christofferson of Big Sandy, Ronald Christofferson of Ledger, Kenneth Christofferson of Floweree and Larry Christofferson of Great Falls; brothers, Donald Tyler of Oregon, Robert Braun of Loma and Harold Braun of Big Sandy; a sister, Dorothy Cooke of Big Sandy, 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and a son preceded her in death.

## BERNARD MADER

Born: January 21, 1918 - Died: July 12, 1990

Liberty County Times

July 18, 1990



### *Bernard Mader*

Bernard Mader, 72, a well-known retired electrician from Chester, died Thursday, July 12th at a Great Falls hospital of natural causes.

Bernard was born in 1918 in Blaisdell, North Dakota. He married Lilly Chambers in 1941. The couple farmed in North Dakota prior to moving to Montana in 1945. In Great Falls, Bernie worked for Beatrice Foods, Jersey Gold Dairy and at the A.C.M. Smelter. In 1953, he and his family moved to Chester where he was a self-employed electrician.

Bernard was married to Lil for 49

years, and some were rough, but he wouldn't have changed a thing. He enjoyed being outdoors and hunting. He could sit and watch a herd of deer for hours. He had a green thumb when it came to his garden. It was his pride and joy and it showed as a weed didn't have a prayer if it popped up in his garden. He always felt good when he could share with family and friends the vegetables that he had babied along from seeds. He liked to joke around with people and his wit kept everyone on their toes.

What he loved most were his grandkids, Shannon, Skye and Cory. And when he would get them to work he was even happier.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. Thursday at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. There will be a luncheon at the Mader residence after the services.

Cremation has taken place at the O'Connor Crematory. His eyes were able to be donated.

Bernie was preceded in death by an infant daughter, four sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Lil; son, Gary Mader of Lothair; daughter, Lori Tollefson of Rudyard; brothers, George Mader of Great

Falls and Kenneth Mader of Lostwood, North Dakota; numerous nieces and nephews.

MARY E. MADER  
Born: August 29, 1916 - Died: January 20, 1990  
Liberty County Times  
January 31, 1990

### *Mary Mader*

Former Inverness resident Mary E. Mader died of natural causes at her home in Great Falls January 20, 1990.

A vigil service was held at O'Conner Memorial Chapel on Wednesday. Funeral services were held January 25th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Great Falls with Father Jay Peterson officiating. Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Kevin, Richie and Glenn Greenwood, granddaughter, Tammy Mader, nephews, Patrick and Orville Mader.

Mary was born August 29, 1916 at Alma, Montana to Margaret and George Richter. She attended school there and at Inverness. In 1938 she married George Mader at Inverness. They continued to live there until 1942. Mary was a member of St. Joseph's Altar Society. She loved quilting, crafts, bingo and dancing.

She was preceded in death by a sister, three brothers and her parents.

Survivors include her husband, George; daughters, Deanna Greenwood of Great Falls, Karen Richardson of Couquitte, Georgia; sons, George Mader of Snohomish, Washington, Ted and Roger Mader of Seattle, Washington; sisters, Agnes Mader of Great Falls, Virginia Adams and Francy Fraser of Inverness; brothers, Frank Richter of Joplin, Ray and Chris Richter of Hingham, John Richter of Havre and Edwin Richter of Michigan; also by ten grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

ANDREW (ANDY) MANGOLD  
Born: April 5, 1919 - Died: July 7, 1990  
Liberty County Times  
July 11, 1990

### ***Andy Mangold***

Andrew Mangold was born at Inverness, Montana on April 5th, 1919. He was one of ten children born to Katherine Beck and Adam Mangold. Andy grew up on the family farm in the Goldstone Community north of Inverness and received his education at a country school near there. In the few years that followed he worked as a farmer. On October 28th, 1942 Andy married Catherine M. Lipp at Hingham. Shortly thereafter, he took a job with the Great Northern Railroad and worked at the Havre roundhouse. He eventually became a section foreman and retired from the B.N. Railroad in 1979. Andy and Catherine made their home in Hingham during most of their married life, and continued to live there following his retirement. Because of ill-health, Andy moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester in March of this year. He died there on the afternoon of Saturday, July 7th. He was 71 years old.

Although Andy enjoyed drinking coffee and visiting with friends, he was best described as a private person. He was a self-taught mechanic and he enjoyed restoring

old cars. He was an active member of the Antique Car Club of Rudyard. He was very proud of the trophies he won at antique car races and he always looked forward to old car rallies and events.

Andy's survivors include his wife, Catherine of Hingham; a daughter, Mrs. Lloyd (Maureen) Wood of Great Falls; a son, William, Sr. ("Bill") of Havre; eight grandchildren, including Paul, Gary, Joan, John, Stacy, Billy, Becky and Nicky; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Helen Gangness of Plymouth, Minnesota, Barbara Schaefer of Chester, and Mrs. Charles (Marie) Cross of Rudyard; and numerous nephews and nieces. Andy was preceded in death by his parents and by six brothers (Walter, Leon, Mike, Nick, Joe and Frank).

A memorial Mass is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 11th, at Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham. Father Thomas Harney will celebrate the Mass. Vocalist Jerome Lincoln will sing "The Lord's Prayer" and "Nearer My God To Thee", accompanied by Iris White. Ushers will be Mike Burkhartsmeier and Chris Richter. Memorial pallbearers

will be Ron Mangold, Mike Lipp, Mark Wickum, Daryl Spicher, Donald Schaefer and Dennis Mangold. Following the Mass, a luncheon will be held in the church basement. It was Andy's request to be cremated. Private family prayers and interment of the cremains were made at the Inverness Cemetery prior to the Mass. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

VIOLET G. MATYE

Born: May 27, 1929 - Died: December 31, 1990

Great Falls Tribune

January 9, 1991

***Violet G. Matye***

Violet G. Matye, 61, of Missoula, died of heart failure Monday, December 31 at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She was born May 27, 1929, in Havre to Fredrick and Alta Maher, and was raised and educated at Chester.

April 21, 1948, she married John S. Matye in Butte. The couple then moved to Missoula, where they have since resided.

Mrs. Matye worked for the Western Montana Clinic as an X-ray technician, retiring after 20 years of service in October 1987.

Survivors include her husband, John, Missoula; a son, Robert, Missoula; four daughters, Peggy Freeman, Fort Worth, Texas, and Linda Hay, Patricia Wankier and Barbara Maier, all of Missoula; three sisters, Fern, Spokane, Velma, Deer Lodge, and Eunice, Ronan; ten grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by a son and a brother.

Services were at 1:00 p.m. Saturday with the Rev. Joseph Robbins officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

## ROBIN ANNETTE MEECH

Born: May 20, 1967 - Died: July 1, 1990

Great Falls Tribune

July 3, 1990

### **Robin Meech**

Robin Annette Meech, 23, 612 40th St. N., a University of Montana student, died at her home Sunday.

Funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday at Christ United Methodist Church with Rev. Earl Detwiler officiating. O'Connor Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



**Meech**

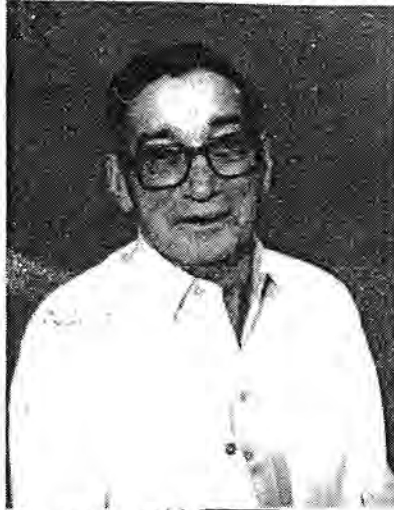
She attended schools in Great Falls and Chester, graduating from Chester High School in 1985. An honor student, she was also active as a cheerleader and in track, volleyball, basketball and science club while in high school. At the university she was a member of the Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies.

She was a member of the Chester United Methodist Church and was formerly employed at Anderson Elderding Travel Service and worked summers at Yellowstone National Park.

Survivors include her parents, Russ and Sandy Meech of Great Falls, a sister, Rhonda Meech of Seattle, Wash., and a brother Donnie Meech of Missoula. Also, her grandparents John and Ardyce Swank, Chester, Annetta McDowell, Shelby and Don Meech, Caliente, Nev.

According to Deputy Coroner Jim Olson, Meech died of self-inflicted carbon monoxide poisoning.

**FRANK MARTIN MELDRUM**  
**Born: March 16, 1912 - Died: August 31, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 5, 1990**



***Frank Meldrum***

Frank Martin Meldrum was born on the family homestead 12 miles north of Joplin on March 16th, 1912. He was one of five children born to Helen Johnston and William Meldrum. Frank received his early education at the Meldrum country school near the farm, and graduated from Joplin High School in 1931. He married Esther N. Wames of Chester on March 17th, 1934 at Havre. Frank farmed until his retirement in 1979, and they have lived in Joplin since that time. Frank's health has failed during the past 1-1/2 years. Following a two week's stay at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, he died on the evening of Friday, August 31st. He was 78 years old.

Frank was an active member of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. He was also active in community affairs; he helped develop the Joplin City Park, the community hall, and the TV translator system. He served on the Joplin School Board for 18 years and was a past president of the Montana School Board Association. He enjoyed gardening, golfing and bowling. His hobbies included knife collecting and restoration of an

antique car. Frank loved his friends and family; and was happy during his 56 years of married life with Esther.

In addition to his wife, Frank is survived by three sons, Gene of Havre and Kent and Lon of Joplin; one daughter, Marlene Rocks of Joplin; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Julian of Long Beach, California; two sisters.

Lillian James of Joplin and Connie McDonald of Great Falls; and numerous nephews and nieces. Frank was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother (William).

Funeral services were held on Labor Day Monday, September 3rd, 11:00 a.m. at the Bethel Church in Joplin. Pastor Allen Haugen officiated. The congregation sang "Praise and Thanksgiving", accompanied by Thelma Anderson. Vocalist, Sue Violet, performed "The King is Coming" and "What A Day That Will Be". Pallbearers were Tom Wood, Ed Mlinar, Bud Poppler, Duane Johnson, Dean Lyle and Ellsworth Graff. Ushers were Lysle James and Jack Nelson. Following interment in the Joplin Cemetery, a luncheon was held at Kjos Hall. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to Bethel Church, Liberty County Hospital, or donor's choice.

**ARTHUR GEORGE "ARTIE" MORRISON**  
**Born: December 12, 1914 - Died: May 11, 1990**

**Liberty County Times**  
**May 16, 1990**



**Artie Morrison**

Arthur George Morrison was born on the Laird Ranch north of Chester on December 12th, 1914. His father had come to Montana from Scotland in 1910 and took a job on the Laird Ranch before homesteading in the Sweetgrass Hills near Mount Lily. Artie was one of 11 children born to Mary Milne and Arthur Morrison. He attended the Laird Country School and finished his formal education in Chester. In the years that followed, Artie worked for numerous ranchers in the vicinity of the Sweetgrass Hills (some of those ranches include Laird, Demarest, Milles, Oswood, Strode, Brown, Dolezal, Wickum and Prescott). He was considered one of the best sheep herders in the north Chester country, and also was a good cattle hand and horseman. At the outbreak of World War II, he was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served as a Tech-5 in the 826th Amphibious Tractor Battalion of Company A, and spent time in New Guinea and the Philippines. Following three years of active service, he was honorably discharged in 1945 and returned to Chester. Artie continued working at the Prescott Ranch. On December 5th, 1948 he married Alice Furlong at Havre. He took a job with the

A.S.C.S. office in Chester, and also worked intermittently for the S.C.S. office where he did farm mapping and surveying, measured grain bins, and helped build numerous shelter belts. In 1969 Artie became maintenance man at the Liberty County Courthouse, a job he held until his retirement in 1983. Artie and Alice built their home in Chester in 1960 and have continued to live here since. Artie had a heart condition that dated back several years. He died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the evening of Friday, May 11th. He was 75 years old...

In his younger years he enjoyed hiking in the Sweetgrass Hills and competing in running events with his Whitlash area friends. He also enjoyed travelling, fishing, and playing a friendly game of Poker. His favorite pastime in recent years was wood-working and refinishing furniture. Artie enjoyed staying busy and always felt that his time should be productive, so he spent many summer months house painting in the Chester area. In 1979 he was very proud to have been selected as the Bears Den Home Demonstration Club's "Citizen of the Month". He maintained his membership in the local V.F.W. Post. Artie loved young people and was always happy to have neighborhood kids around his home. He adored his four grandsons. He and Alice just recently returned from a trip to Virginia, where he and his son built an elaborate "jungle gym" playground for his grandson. Artie was a dedicated husband, father, and friend...

Survivors include his wife, Alice of Chester; son and daughter-in-law, Ben and Carolyn of Hampton, Virginia; daughter and son-in-law, Natalie and Steve Ghekiere of Chester; four grandsons, Michael,

Luke, Adam and Bryan; one brother, John of Whitlash; five sisters, Lily Murray of Scotland, Mabel Getz of Helena, Violet Racine of Medford, Oregon, Margaret Sarrazin of Livingston, and Lucy Lakey of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Artie was preceded in death by his parents, by two brothers (Jimmy and Scotty), and by two sisters (Kathleen and Mary).

Funeral services were held at the Chester United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 15th. Reverend Chuck Nowlen officiated. The congregation sang "Harvest Time" accompanied by Gail Cicon. The vocal duet of Claude and Loren Hawks provided a special number "Put Your Hand in the Hand". Ushers were Dale Hawks and Jim Ghekiere. Pallbearers were family friends who had stayed with the Morrison's periodically in years gone by. They were Greg Maki, Allan Mangold, Paul Waite, Warren Wickum, Mike Waite and Cliff Wickum. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with military rites by members of the V.F.W. and American Legion. A memorial luncheon followed at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.



## ADOLPH OLIVER OLSON

Born: March 12, 1910 - Died: April 24, 1990

Liberty County Times  
May 2, 1990



**Adolph Olson** *2 May 1990*

Adolph Oliver Olson was born at Enderlin, North Dakota on March 12th, 1910. He was one of four children born to Julia Sagvold and Peder Olson. His parents came to Montana in 1911 and homesteaded north of Lothair. Adolph attended the Trommer Country School near the farm and received his high school education in Galata. He continued working as a farmer until the outbreak of World War II, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and attained the rank of Tech-5. After three years in the military, he was honorably discharged in 1945 and he returned to Montana. December 10th, 1946 he married Louisa G. Pourroy at Shelby. They made their home on his farm eight miles north of Lothair and continued farming there until retirement. They sold the farm in 1971 and became full time residents of Chester. Since 1987 they have lived at the Sweetgrass Lodge. Adolph's health had been extremely good over the years, in fact, he had been hospitalized only two times his entire life. This past week he had gone to Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls for medical tests, and following a week's stay there he died on the morning of Tuesday, April 24th. He had just turned 80 years old.

Adolph had been a long time member of the Trinity Church, in fact, he had helped move the church to its present location. After moving to Chester, they attended church at Our Savior's. Adolph had served on the North Lothair school board and had been active in the

Galata American Legion organization. In his younger years he enjoyed rabbit and pheasant hunting. He also liked to fish on occasion, but most of his fishing was done from the shore as he was not fond of boats. Adolph enjoyed vegetable gardening, and his fresh peas and strawberries were always a treat to the grandkids. He loved woodworking projects; he had made some nice furniture and cabinets for the grandchildren. Adolph was best described as a quiet and reserved man who was always in control of his emotions and actions. In his private time at home he enjoyed reading; he was especially fond of newspapers and westerns by Louis L'Amour. He loved family functions and always got great pleasure out of teasing the Grandkids. He was appreciative of those 43 years with Louisa...

In addition to his wife, Adolph is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Dennis (Judy) Snyder and Diane Brese, both of Chester; by four grandchildren, including Dennis & Lisa Snyder and Jason & Krista Brese; by one sister, Ovedia Rishoff of Bigfork; and by numerous nephews and nieces. Adolph was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers (Edwin and Alvin).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 27th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Reverend Tom Dunham officiating. Vocal duets by Claude and Loren Hawks included "In the Garden" and "On Eagle's

Wings". The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by Dorothy Heydon. Ushers were Gerald Fenger and Gary Standiford. Pallbearers included Ray Standiford, Lyle Glee, Fred Fenger, Kent Rudolph, Calvin Hanson, Ron Ward, Joel Fenger, Bill Skinner and Charles Laas. The eulogy was given by Ray Standiford. Graveside services were held at the Chester Cemetery with military rites by members of the Galata American Legion. A luncheon followed at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

**WAYNE KENNETH OLSON**  
**Born: October 3, 1935 - Died: July 5, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July ?, 1990**

In Memory Of

**WAYNE KENNEITH OLSON**

**Born:**

October 3, 1935  
Havre, Montana

**Died:**

July 5, 1990  
Kalispell, Montana

**Services:**

Messiah Lutheran Church  
2:00 p.m. Monday July 9, 1990

**Officiants:**

Rev. Will Olsen  
Rev. Allen Haugen

**Organist:** Ruth Carlson

**Soloist:** Debbie Leeds

**Burial:**

Highland Cemetery

In Charge of Arrangements:

**Holland & Bonine Funeral Home**

**NELLIE AGNES O'NEIL**  
**Born: June 9, 1907 - Died: February 21, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 28, 1990**

***"Nell" O'Neil***

Nellie "Nell" Agnes O'Neil, 82, of Big Sandy, died February 21 at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls.

Nell was born June 9, 1907 in Henry, South Dakota, to William and Mary Parker. She came to Montana from Henry at the age of five with her parents, two sisters and two brothers and homesteaded on the Prairie west of Big Sandy. She received her education at the Brownswell School. She was married to Frank O'Neil in Havre August 27, 1928. They lived and farmed in the Black Coulee area until retiring in 1968. They moved to Big Sandy in 1976. Nel was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Grand Cross of Color, Rohrer Memorial United Methodist Church of Big Sandy, the United Methodist Women of Big Sandy and the Big Sandy Senior Citizens.

Survivors include her husband, Frank; two sons and daughters-in-law, Fred and Mae O'Neil, and Arnold and Margaret O'Neil, all of Rudyard; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mariana (O'Neil) and Marlyn Cornett, and CoraLee (O'Neil) and Gene Welty, all of Big Sandy; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grand-

children; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, two brothers, one grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, February 24th at the Rohrer Memorial United Methodist Church in Big Sandy with Rev. Donald L. Keefauver officiating. Soloist Marla Ray sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beyond the Sunset". A congregational hymn was "In the Garden" accompanied by organist Joanne Kibbee. A reading of the obituary and sharing was by Keith Edwards. Pallbearers included Joe Horel, Shy Horel, Don Hansen, Aaron Boehm, Glenn Cook and Keith Edwards. Ushers were Alfred Ophus and Robert Martin. Burial was in the Big Sandy Cemetery. A luncheon was held at the church following interment. Arrangements were by Holland & Bonine.

Memorials to the Big Sandy Medical Center, Rohrer Memorial United Methodist Church and the Gift of Life Regional Cancer Center in Great Falls are preferred by the family.

**RICHARD (DICK) DUNN O'NEIL**  
**Born: September 2, 1935 - Died: July 21, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 8, 1990**

***Richard O'Neil***

Richard (Dick) Dunn O'Neil died Saturday, July 21st in Oregon State University Hospital in Portland, Oregon following a short illness. He was 54 years old.

Dick was born September 2, 1935 in Bismarck, North Dakota. He spent his childhood at and graduated from high school in Havre, Montana. He served in the Marine Corps for four years, then attended Northern Montana College in Havre. He worked for the family road construction business out of Havre before marrying Marge Thielman of Chester in 1960. They made their home in Chester where Dick managed the old Standard gas station. In 1966, they moved to Great Falls where he worked for Andy's Tire and to Seattle in 1989 to work for American Tire Wholesalers. Dick was involved in the Lions Club of Chester,

Knights of Columbus in Great Falls, and was a 27-year member of the Elks. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gold panning and family camping trips.

His survivors include Marge O'Neil; son Ralph of Lakeside, Montana; his parents, Ralph and Frankie O'Neil of Monterey, California; four brothers, Tom, Jack, Joe and Pat; and four sisters Mikail, Marsha, Mary and Margie. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Rebecca, Rachel, Jennifer, Daniel and Ralph Jr. He was preceded in death in 1977 by two daughters, Shelly and Vicki.

It was Dick's request to be cremated and his ashes buried along with his daughters'. A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 10th at St. George's Church in Great Falls.

**JOE OSTERBAUER**  
**Born: ?, 1932 - Died : September 12, 1990**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**September 15, 1990**

**Joe Osterbauer**

HAMILTON — Joe Osterbauer, 57, died Wednesday in a Great Falls hospital of injuries sustained in a car accident on Interstate 15 near Ulm.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton. Burial will be in River-view Cemetery at Hamilton. Memorials are suggested to the Ravalli County Council on Aging Bus Fund or Ravalli County Home Health Personal Care.

Born in 1932 in Havre, he grew up at Gildford and graduated from high school there in 1951. He helped his father farm and later farmed at Gildford.

He married Sylvia Crawford in Gildford on Nov. 22, 1953, and continued farming there until moving to Hamilton in 1968.

While in the Gildford area he created a waterfowl refuge by creating ponds on private lands while working with the conservation district and later was instrumental in creating natural habitat ponds in Ravalli County.

After moving to the Bitterroot Valley, the couple began a real estate and development business and improved housing for the elderly. He developed low-income housing in Hamilton, the Parker Addition in Hamilton and other facilities.

During the past two years, he was active in buying and selling machinery throughout the state.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Melody Anacker of Bozeman, Julie Osterbauer of Sunnyvale, Calif., and Dyan Osterbauer of Hamilton; a son, Joey of Hamilton; a half-brother, Herman Beecher of Gildford; a sister, Lorraine Alfred of Spokane, and two grandchildren. Two brothers, a half-brother and a half-sister preceded him in death.

**ELAINE ELIZABETH GRAW OVERLIE**  
**Born: June 13, 1917 - Died: November 23, 1990**

**Liberty County Times**  
**November 28, 1990**

***Elaine Overlie***

Elaine Elizabeth Graw was born June 13th, 1917 at Scranton, North Dakota. She was the only daughter born to Susan Naegle and Harry Graw. Elaine grew up and received her education in North Dakota. In 1934 she came to Terry, Montana with her family. While there she met Olav R. Overlie, and they were married December 23rd, 1935 at Wibaux. They made their home in Terry until 1952 and then moved to Bozeman. They lived and raised their family in Bozeman for the next 20 years. They spent two years in Missoula before moving to Shelby in 1974, and they have resided in Shelby since. They were visiting in Chester with their sons during the Thanksgiving holiday. Friday morning (November 23rd) Elaine had acute chest pains, so she was taken by ambulance to the Liberty County Hospital. Resuscitative efforts were to no avail. She was 73 years old.

After moving to Shelby, Elaine worked as a nurse's aide at the Toole County Hospital. After her retirement in 1985, she continued doing volunteer work at the nursing home. She loved to do ceramics, so she shared her talents with the residents in the rest home. When they lived in Bozeman, she had been active as a den mother in the Boy Scout program and had enjoyed serving in the church circles. Elaine's hobbies included sewing, knitting, crocheting and gardening. She loved to travel; she and Olav made several memorable trips together. She loved her family and remained a dedicated wife and mother for 55 years...

Elaine is survived by her husband,

Olav of Shelby; three daughters, Donna Lingle of Shelby, Mary Henrickson of New York City, and Deborah White of San Diego; three sons, Richard and Paul of Chester and Eric of New York City; a half-brother, Leroy Graw of Dallas, Texas; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 27th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Tom Dunham officiated. Juanita Wardell served as organist and the congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Elaine's grandsons served as pallbearers and her sons-in-law served as honorary bearers. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery, followed by a coffee hour at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

*ELAINE ELIZABETH "MARY ANN"*  
*(GRAW) OVERLIE*

BORN: June 13, 1917 at Scranton, N.D.  
DIED: Nov. 23, 1990 at Chester, Mont.  
AGE: 73 years, 5 months, 10 days...

SERVICES: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27,  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Chester

OFFICIANT: Reverend Tom Dunham

ORGANIST: Juanita Wardell

HYMNS: "How Great Thou Art" and "What  
A Friend We Have In Jesus"...

PALLBEARERS: "Grandsons"

HONORARY BEARERS: "Sons-in-law"

EULOGIST: Son, Eric

INTERMENT: Chester Cemetery

COFFEE HOUR: To follow at church...

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Chapel, Chester

\*She was named  
Elaine Elizabeth  
Mary Ann Graw.

**RANDY PATRICK**  
**Born: March 20, 1967 - Died : August 18, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 29, 1990**

***Randy Patrick***

Randy Patrick, 23, a Billings resident, died Saturday, August 18th in Great Falls. Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 21 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Richard Hays officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Great Falls.

Randy was born March 20, 1967, in Havre. He graduated from C.M. Russell High School in Great Falls in 1985 and from the University of Montana in Missoula in June 1989. He moved to Billings to take a job with Tire Rama in September 1989. Patrick was a member of Redeemer

Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his parents, Charles and Florene Patrick of Great Falls; sisters, Rhonda Steubs of Cleveland, Ohio, and Tara Patrick of Great Falls; his grandparents, Clarence and Gladys Lynch and Ardys and Morris Ewald, all of Rudyard.

Patrick died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

## CURTIS LEROY PHILLIPS

Born: November 25, 1913 - Died: November 13, 1990

Liberty County Times  
November 21, 1990



**Roy Phillips**

Curtis LeRoy Phillips was born November 25th, 1913 on the family homestead south of Rudyard, Montana. He was one of two children born to Goldie Cady and Curtis M. Phillips. Roy moved to South Dakota with his mother. He grew up there and received his formal education at Mitchell. During his teens and early 20's, Roy spent summer months working on the family farm near Rudyard. He spent the winter months in California where he worked as a general laborer. In 1941 Roy enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served as a sergeant in the 460th Army Air Corps during the Asiatic/Pacific campaign.

While in Australia he met his wife-to-be, Isabel "Teddy" Abrahams. Following his honorable discharge in 1945, he returned to Montana. Roy married Teddy in Great Falls September 8th, 1947. They made their home in the Rudyard and Hingham communities where Roy leased farmland. In 1965 they moved to Joplin where they have lived since. Until Roy's retirement in 1980, he worked various jobs including the restaurant business, Hill County road crew, Fuller Brush sales, and janitorial duties. Following a lengthy illness, Roy died on the morning of Tuesday, November 13th at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He was 76 years old.

Roy was a past member of the Chester V.F.W. Post. He had many hobbies over the years, including fishing, boating and camping. He also enjoyed collecting coins, working with leathercraft, and doing stone mason projects. He liked to bowl and play pool. He also loved to ride motorcycles. During his quiet hours at home, Roy loved reading, and was especially fond of western and science fiction books.

Roy's survivors include his wife, Teddy of Joplin; two daughters, Kathy Phillips of Great Falls and Diane Peterson of Rudyard; two sons, Glen of Great Falls and Scott of Stateline, Nevada; two granddaughters, Katherine and Aimee Peterson; seven sisters, Mary Patterson, Irene

Potter, JoAnn Croly and Verne Armstrong, all of California, Dorothy Phillips of Great Falls, Eva Bowery of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Emma Ridgeway of Stanford; four brothers, Jack Phillips of Mesa, Arizona and Don, Edwin and Billy Warner, all of California; and numerous nephews and nieces. Roy was preceded in death by his parents, his step-mother (Mary Phillips), a son (Curly), a brother (Frank), and three sisters (Velva, Elsie and Pat).

Roy was cremated per his wishes. His cremated remains were buried in the Joplin Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, November 17th. Private family committal services were conducted by Rev. Allen Haugen. A tape recording of Roy's favorite song, "Danny Boy", was played at graveside.

Memorial services were conducted at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday. Reverend Allen Haugen of Joplin and Reverend Chuck Nowlen of Chester handled the services. Susan Peterson served as organist, and special vocal music by Jerome Lincoln included "The Lord's Prayer" and "How Great Thou Art". The congregation sang "Amazing Grace". Memorial bearers were "all of Roy's friends", and Mike Peek and Fred O'Neil served as ushers. A luncheon followed in Kjos Hall. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial fund is being established.



LAWRENCE F. ROMAIN  
Born: ?, 1902 - Died: September 22, 1990

Great Falls Tribune  
September 25, 1990

*C.F.'s Tribune 9-25-90*

### Lawrence Romain

Lawrence F. Romain, 88, of 2926 5th Ave. N., a farmer and rancher, died Saturday in a local hospital of natural causes.

His funeral will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at O'Connor Memorial Chapel with burial at Manchester Cemetary.

He was born in Keuterville, Idaho before moving to the Goosebill area

to homestead with his parents. He attended school in Fort Benton.

He married Alice Blanchard in Shelby in 1947. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. A farmer

and rancher north of Fort Benton, he had retired by the time of his death.

He is survived by a son, Steven T. Romain of Fort Benton; sisters, Lena Hoene of Cottonwood, Idaho, and Delores Hutchison of Chester, and four brothers, Raymond of Chester, Alfred of Buelton, Calif., Bernard of Grangeville, Idaho, and John of Cutbank.

He was preceded in death by a younger brother Clarence and his wife who passed away in 1981.

Romain, Lawrence F., 79, 2926 5th Ave. N.; 2:00 p.m.; Mr. Irvin Hutchison officiating; burial in Manchester Cemetery; memorials to American Heart Association are suggested. O'Connor Funeral Home.

### Correction *Sept 26-90*

### Lawrence Romain

Services for Lawrence Romain, 79, of 2926 5th Ave. N., will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at O'Connor Memorial Chapel.

An obituary published Tuesday in the Tribune listed his age incorrectly.

**LORETTA PAULINE SCHWAN**  
**Born: December 5, 1915 - Died: September 2, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 5, 1990**



***Loretta Schwan***

Loretta Pauline Schwan was born on December 5th, 1915 in Bremer County, Iowa. She was one of four children born to Augusta Rosol and Julius Dorn. She grew up in Waverly, Iowa and received her formal education there. Following graduation from high school, she attended Beautician's College. Loretta worked as a hairdresser in Iowa for many years. In 1960 she came to Rudyard. She married Andrew Schwan in June of 1961 at Havre. They have made their home on Andy's farm north of Rudyard since. Loretta's health had slowly failed these past few years. She died peacefully in her sleep at their farm home this past Sunday morning, September 2nd. She was 74 years old.

Loretta attended the Sacred Heart Church in Inverness. She had been a member of the Liberty County CowBelles and the Minnesota Friendly Club. She loved all

animals, and was especially fond of dogs and cats. She enjoyed sewing and reading during her quiet hours at home. In 1972 Loretta's sister, Ida Dorn, began living with them and remained here until her death in 1979. Loretta stayed active in the beautician's trade by fixing hair for some of the neighbor ladies for several years. She enjoyed many of the simple things in life and always maintained a good sense of humor.

Loretta is survived by her husband, Andrew of Rudyard; by a niece, Helen Bullen of Waterloo, Iowa; and by numerous cousins. She was preceded in death not only by her parents, but also by a brother (Edward) and by two sisters (Alice and Ida).

The funeral mass will be celebrated by Father Howard Moran tomorrow (Thursday, September 6th) at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Inverness. Rosary prayers will be recited at 10:15 a.m. at the church. Iris White will serve as organist. Vocal tributes by Alberta Langel will include "In the Garden", "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art". Alberta will also read the obituary. Pallbearers will include Blaze Wendland, Charlie Fraser, Bernie Laeupple, Byron Wolery, Eddie Falla and Russell Sherman. Ushers will be Dave Aageson and Roland Laeupple, and altar servers will be Chris and Joe Moog. Following burial in the Rudyard Cemetery, a luncheon will be given by the Goldstone ladies at the Rudyard Youth Center. Funeral arrangements are by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to the American Heart Association, the Diabetes Foundation, or to donor's choice.

**LLOYD VERNON SCOTT**  
**Born: March 16, 1911 - Died : June 16, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 20, 1990**

***Lloyd Scott***

Lloyd Vernon Scott was born at Alliance, Nebraska on March 16th, 1911. His parents were Mae Ida Nickels and Earl C. Scott. Lloyd grew up in Nebraska and received his education there. He worked in the bakery business and learned a trade as dough mixer. In the early 1930's he served in the U.S. Army. He returned to Nebraska following his military discharge. In 1938 he married Agnes (Roberts) Thompson at Alliance. During WWII they lived

in Seattle where Lloyd worked in the shipyards. They spent most of their married lives in the northwest United States where Lloyd worked as a baker in various cities including Salt Lake, Denver, Boise, and Walla Walla. He retired in 1974 and they moved to Phoenix. Five years later they moved to Roswell, New Mexico to be near Agnes' sister. When their health began to fail in 1988, Agnes' son brought them to Chester. They lived at the

Sweetgrass Lodge for a short while, then moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home. Lloyd died there from complications of cancer on the afternoon of Saturday, June 16th. He was 79 years old.

Lloyd was a very quiet and reserved person. He was an avid fan of professional baseball and enjoyed watching the news on television.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes of the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester; a stepson, Robert

Thompson of Whitlash; four grandchildren, including Ramona, Glenn, Mariam and Christina Thompson; two half-sisters, Clea of Colorado and Helen of Kentucky; and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, by two brothers (Glenn and Clyde), and by a half-brother (Michael).

Lloyd was cremated per his wishes and no services are planned. Local arrangements were handled by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

## MICHELLE ANN SEIDLITZ

Born: May 13, 1948 - Died: March 19, 1990

Liberty County Times

March 28, 1990



### *Michelle Seidlitz*

Michelle Ann Seidlitz was born in Havre, Montana on May 13th, 1948. She was the youngest of nine children born to Helen White and Elle Seidlitz. Michelle was baptized and received her religious training at St. Mary's Church in Chester. She grew up on the family farm east of Chester and lived with her parents throughout her life. Michelle was born with "Downs Syndrome" and did well medically until the past few years, when her health slowly deteriorated. She died at home on the morning of Monday, March 19th, at the age of 41 years.

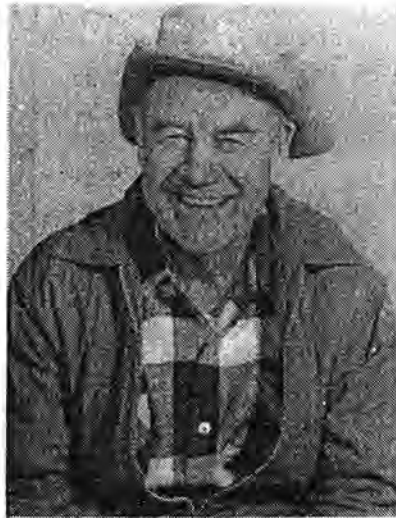
Although Michelle had no formal education, she learned a lot from books, television and her family. In her quiet time at home she enjoyed sketching, coloring and constructing with Lego blocks. She liked to plunk away at a small keyboard and sing along with tunes on the radio. Michelle had an excellent memory

when it came to identifying faces and names. She enjoyed helping with the housework and taking long walks around the farm. She loved kittens of all kinds and had a small collection of stuffed animals. Michelle always looked forward to going to church with her folks, but was also eager to get back to the security of her home...

She is survived by her father, Elle of Chester; four sisters, Betty Jeanne Wolfe of Chester, Virginia Dyrud of Ledger, Adella Wagner of La Mirada, California, and Pat Bruce of Columbus; three brothers, Joe, Jack and Ray, all of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Michelle was preceded in death by her mother (Helen in 1987) and a brother (Dick in 1960).

Rosary services were Thursday evening, March 22nd, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. The funeral mass was celebrated by Father Frank Kelly at 11:00 a.m. Friday at the church. The lector was Donald Dyrud and the altar servers were Robert Pulst and Ed Cole. Ushers were Rory and Eugene Seidlitz. Other nephews and nieces served as musicians, pallbearers, and presented the gifts for communion. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. Following the graveside services, a luncheon was held at the church. Undesignated memorial gifts will be given to St. Mary's Church or the Easter Seals...

**JOHN W. SKIERKA**  
**Born: 7, 1917 - Died: September 3, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 12, 1990**



**John Skierka**

John W. Skierka, 73, of Chester, died last Monday, September 3, 1990 at the family farm of natural causes.

Rosary was recited at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 5 at the Benton Funeral Home in Fort Benton, Montana. Mass was offered Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Black Eagle, Montana. Burial followed at the family farm south of Chester.

John was born in Fort Benton. In 1941, he married Bernice Biegalka at Chester and they continued to live on the family farm.

Survivors include his wife of Chester; sons, Frederick, Vincent and Leo, all of Chester, and the Rev. Martin Skierka of Great Falls; daughters, Rita Bogner and Veronica deWit, both of Fort Benton, Barbara Kalafat of Chester, and Sister Virginia Maria of Cincinnati; a brother, Frank, of Pincher Creek, Alberta, Canada; a sister, Aurelia Dalimta, of Nyack; and 36 grandchildren.

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*5 Sept. 1990*

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*C. F. S. Tribune*

**G. DAVID SMITH**  
**Born: June 6, 1947 - Died: August 26, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 5, 1990**

### *David Smith*

G. David Smith, 43, of 3 Nelmar Heights, Claremont, New Hampshire, died Sunday afternoon, August 26, 1990, as the result of an automobile accident on route 12 in Charlestown, New Hampshire.

He was born in Newton, Massachusetts on June 6, 1947, the son of Eugene and Gladys (Atwood) Smith and had resided in Claremont for the past three years. He was a graduate of Waltham, Massachusetts High School and received his B.S. degree in Education from Westfield State College. He was a sixth grade school teacher at the Newport School District for the past three years. He was a member of the Newport Teachers Association, the New Hampshire Teachers Association, the National Education Association, the Claremont Goodwin Community Center Chess Club, was active in community service work and had a great love for the computer.

The family includes his wife, Mrs. Lois L. (Anderson) Smith of Claremont whom he married on July 4, 1986; five sons, Dakota Z., Colter M., Trevor A., Wesley D. and Eric S.; his parents of East Falmouth, Massachusetts; one sister, Mrs. Richard (Janice) Wenderoth of Cherry Hill, New Jersey; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Doris Jensen of N. Falmouth; also aunts, uncles, one niece, one nephew and cousins.

Funeral services were held Friday morning, August 31st at 10:00 a.m. in the First Congregational Church in Claremont. Interment followed in Union Cemetery.

The family suggests that donations may be made in his memory to the David Smith Scholarship Fund, Newport High School, in care of Sandra Tanguay, Newport, NH 03773.

**VERNON J. SOHM**  
**Born: December 8, 1923 - Died : September 4, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 12, 1990**

### *Vernon Sohm*

Vernon J. Sohm, 66 years of age, a resident of Kremlin, Montana, died of natural causes Tuesday, September 4, 1990 at Northern Montana Hospital in Havre, Montana.

Mr. Sohm was born December 8, 1923 at Danbury, Iowa to Frank and Lenora (Dirkx) Sohm. He attended school in Danbury. The family moved to Kremlin, Montana in 1927 and he graduated from Kremlin High School in 1941. He was a Veteran of WWII and served with the U.S. Army. He received the purple heart for wounds he received in action.

In September 1947 he married JoAnn Gussenhoven at Havre and after their marriage the couple farmed South East of Kremlin. Vernon was a member of the D.A.V., V.F.W., the Eagles Club, The Knights of Columbus, and St. Jude's Catholic Church, all of Havre.

He is survived by his wife JoAnn Sohm of Kremlin; his step-mother, Clara Sohm of Havre; daughters, Patricia Felt of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Jana Sohm of Hillsboro, Oregon; sons, Michael Sohm of Pensacola, Florida, and David Sohm and Paul Sohm, both of Kremlin; sister, Bonnie Barkmeier of Lake City, Florida; brothers, Claire Sohm of Big Sandy, Montana, Leon Sohm, Danbury, Iowa, and Eugene Sohm and Duane Sohm, both of Havre; also one grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Rosary Service was held Friday, September 7th at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Home Chapel. The Funeral Mass was Saturday, September 8th at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre with Father Jack Harrington officiating. Burial followed at the Highland Cemetery Veterans Section where the Havre Honor Guard conducted Military Graveside Honors. Members of the Honor Guard and Firing Squad were: Bob Styber, El Quiring, Fay McDonald, Blair Paronto, Larry Weise, Vern Holman, John Simko, Harold Cassile, Sandy McLean, Leonard Thackery, Ken Hannah, Ralph Collier, Lars Golie, Richard Wieweck, Dick Brough, Butch Schock, Marlene Hannah, Dick Wieweck, John Haas, Mark Whalen, Jingles Engebretson, Laura Engebretson, Jack Larson; Dan Graber was Bugler; Acting Commanders, Jack Yates and Mark Whalen.

Debbie Leeds was the soloist and she sang "Here I Am Lord", "Ave Maria", "How Great Thou Art" and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee". The organist was Bill Lisenby. The eulogy was given by Jana Sohm, daughter of Mr. Sohm. The cantor was Regina Gabriel. The Altar Servers were Justin Keller, Eric Nemeth and Cathy Nemeth.

Pallbearers were Robert Rinehart, Vernon Berg, Norman Reynolds, Roland Gould, Herbert Freier and Laurence Ophus.

Memorials in Mr. Sohm's honor may be made to either the St. Jude's Catholic Church or the Fort Benton Ag Museum.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**FERN MILDRED STERLING**  
**Born: December 23, 1906 – Died: December 29, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 2, 1991**



***Fern Sterling***

Fern Mildred Sterling was born December 23rd, 1906 at Wheelerville, New York (which is now the town of Caroga). She was the fourth of six girls born to Grace DeLunn and Samuel Sandford. Fern grew up in New York and received her formal education there. June 19th 1927 she married Raymond Sterling at Mayfield, New York. They came west by car to join up with Ray's brother, Herman, at Libby, Montana. Ray and Herman sawed logs together as a team. During Ray's working years, they lived at various logging camps in the Libby area and raised their family. In 1947 they purchased a 160-acre homestead on Bobtail Creek located eight miles from Libby, and they lived there until Ray died in 1964. For several years after that, "Grandma" Sterling spent summers at Libby and winters at Joplin. For the past 20 years she has made her home with her daughter north of Joplin and has made occasional visits

back to Libby. Her health has failed this past year. Fern died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the evening of Saturday, December 29th. She was 84 years old...

"Grandma" enjoyed life. She loved people and always expected the best of them. She was faithful to her God and loved the "great outdoors". While she was still at home in New York, Fern and her sister (Hope) were the "boys" their Dad didn't have. Together they hunted, fished, trapped, and made maple syrup. During her years at Libby, Fern worked hard; she was an A-1 teamster; she pitched hay and cut Christmas trees with the best of them. Grandma loved to fish and ramble through the woods, carefully inspecting all of God's creations. Even on the prairie, so different from what she was used to, she found beauty and loved to watch the birds and small animals that appeared through the big west window. In addition to fishing and hiking, Fern loved picnics. She was a good cook and enjoyed sharing her talents with her family. Because of her love for the woods, she had an interesting collection of tree knots. During her quiet hours at home, she enjoyed working crossword puzzles or simply reading her Bible. Grandma was proud of her family and never tired of watching the little ones learn about God's good earth...



## SYLVIA ANNA STRATMAN

Born: August 19, 1915 - Died: February 24, 1990

Liberty County Times

February 28, 1990

### *Sylvia Stratman*

Sylvia Anna Stratman was born at St. Helena, Nebraska on August 19th, 1915. Her parents were Sophia Beckmann and Joseph Stratman. When Sylvia was a child her mother died, so she was raised by her father and step-mother, Cecilia. There were 14 children in the family. The Stratman's lived in South Dakota before moving to Canada. Sylvia was educated near Pincher Creek, Alberta. When she became of age, she moved to Oakland, California where she worked in a hospital as a nurse's aide. Sylvia came to Shelby, Montana in the early 1940's and managed the Roxette Cafe for a short time. She enjoyed the food service trade and eventually took a job as cook at the Inverness Hotel. In the years that followed she worked as a cook on a ranch near Chinook and on a farm near Frontier, Saskatchewan. In 1969 Sylvia suffered a massive stroke which left her debilitated. In 1970 she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester and has lived there since. She died at the Chester hospital on Saturday evening, February 24th, at the age of 74 years.

Sylvia had been a hard worker all of her healthy life. Her hobbies included gardening and reading, and she also was interested in good art. She enjoyed traveling and meeting people. She always maintained a good sense of humor, even during the past 20 years of poor health. Sylvia was a special patient at the nursing home and was well-liked by fellow-residents and staff.

She is survived by four brothers, including Donald, William and Gerald Stratman, all of Shelby, and Lee Stratman of Zimmerman, Minnesota; by four sisters, Margaret Foss of Great Falls, Doreen Stratman of Shelby, LaVerne Parker of Sandy, Utah, and Leona Penberthy of Minnesota; and numerous nephews and nieces. Sylvia was preceded in death not only by her parents and step-mother, but also by three brothers (Harry, Sylvester and Bob) and two sisters (Marian Stratman and Lorraine Stores).

The funeral mass will be celebrated at 12 noon on "Ash Wednesday", February 28th, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Father Frank Kelly will officiate. Members of St. Mary's choir and guitar group will sing "The Old Rugged Cross" and traditional mass music. Pallbearers will be Rich Foss, Jerry Stratman, Cal Stores, Gene Stratman, Marie Englund and Doreen Stratman. Memorial bearers include "the staff and friends at the L.C.N.H.". A luncheon will be provided immediately following the mass. Graveside services will be at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Mountainview Cemetery in Shelby. Funeral arrangements are by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**CHARLES SYMMS**  
**Born: March 30, 1903 - Died : December 18, 1990**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**December 25, 1990**

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**Charles Symms**

SEATTLE — A former Great Falls man who enjoyed driving in the snow, Charles Symms, 73, died Dec. 18 where he fell in the snow a short distance from the Yellow Cab he drove.

In his obituary, the Seattle Times said "unlike many in Seattle, Symms delighted in driving on snow and ice." The Times quoted his daughter, Marjorie DenHerder, saying: "When there was a bad snowstorm he would go out and help people. Days like this in Seattle reminded him of Montana", she said of the blustery winter weather that gripped Seattle last week.

Symms had been off the job with flu for four days, but had returned to driving Dec. 18. He had completed his shift at 4 p.m. when he died.

He was born in Watertown, S.D., grew up in southeastern Montana and moved to Great Falls after finishing high school. He married Phoebe Heikes in Great Falls in 1942.

After serving in the Army Air Corps on a secret gun project in Las Vegas during World War II, he worked as an electrician. The family moved to Seattle in 1966. He began driving cab after an industrial accident prevented him from returning to electrical work.

Survivors besides his wife and daughter, include another daughter, Pamela Richards, and two grandchildren.

**PIERCE EDWIN TROTTER**  
**Born: ?, 1958 - Died: July 24, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 22, 1990**

*Pierce Edwin Trotter*

Pierce, age 32, of Elverta, California died July 24th, 1990 in Elverta. He was a member of the Church of the Good Samaritan. Mr. Trotter graduated from Bearden High School in Knoxville, Tennessee and served four years in the U.S. Navy, stationed on the West Coast. After his discharge, he remained in California and was employed by a large construction firm. Pierce attended the Chester school during the 1970-71 academic year. He then transferred to Conrad and attended school during the 1971-1972 academic year before moving to North Dakota and then to Knoxville where his mother Nell still resides. Pierce's father, the late Joseph Trotter, was employed by the Corp. of Engineers.

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday at Mann's Heritage Chapel in Knoxville with Rev. Ellis O. Mayfield officiating. Memorials may be made to the memorial fund of the Church of the Good Samaritan. Pierce's survivors include his wife, Carla Byrd Trotter and sons Matthew and Andrew, all of Elverta, California; mother Nell V. Trotter, Knoxville; brother John V. Trotter and sister-in-law Ryndee; nephews Russell and Keith and niece Jenny, all of Kingsport and nephew Joseph V. Trotter Jr. of Vancouver, British Columbia; and grandmother, Vivian B. Trotter of Mobile, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his father Joseph B. Sr. and his brother, Joseph B. Jr.

## RANVEIG TWEDT

Born: December 30, 1922 - Died: November 6, 1990

Liberty County Times

November 14, 1990

### *Ranveig Twedt*

Ranveig Twedt, 67, died at a Havre nursing home the morning of Tuesday, November 6 of natural causes.

Funeral services were held Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the Hingham Lutheran Church with the Rev. Rand Drollman officiating. Burial was in the Hingham Cemetery.

Mrs. Twedt was born December 30, 1922 in Lake Alma, Saskatchewan, Canada to William and Kristina Tveit Roen. She attended normal school obtaining her teaching certificate and teaching school in Lake Alma for two years. She later attended one year of nursing school in Regina prior to her marriage to Lloyd Twedt in Hingham on October 27, 1945. The couple made their home in the Hingham area. She was a member of the Hingham Lutheran Church

and was active with the ALCW group.

She is survived by her children, Lyle of Rudyard, Diane Griffith of Great Falls, and Paul of Kent, Washington; four grandchildren; three sisters, Agnes Lee of Decorah, Iowa, Herborg Vinge of Outlook, Saskatchewan, Canada and Kristina Dale of Hoquiam, Washington.

She was preceded in death by her husband on October 19, 1972, one brother, Harold, one granddaughter, Heidi, and her parents.

Memorials in her honor may be made to the Hingham Lutheran Church, United Scleroderma Foundation or to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**IRMA L. VAHL**  
**Born: 7, 1902 - Died: October 30, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 7, 1990**

**Irma Vahl**

COLUMBIA FALLS — Irma L. Vahl, 88, of Columbia Falls, died Tuesday of natural causes at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.

A graveside service will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

She was born in New York City. At age 1, she moved to a family homestead near Chester in the Sweet Grass Hills. After her father's death, she lived at the Trommer ranch for eight years.

She attended schools in Lothair and Great Falls.

She was one of the first employees at the New Liberty Theater in Great Falls in the early 1920s. She also worked with her mother in the operation of hotels at Lothair and Chester.

In 1925, she married Ben Nelson, an oil field worker. She cooked in several oil camps in eastern Montana. In 1935, she moved to Whitefish. She moved to Kalispell in 1943 and worked for Montgomery Ward for five years.

In 1946, she married Harry Vahl. They moved to Columbia Heights in 1961. In 1970, they moved to Hot Springs. They returned to Kalispell and Columbia Falls in the late 1970s. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Vahl.

Survivors include a step-daughter; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren.

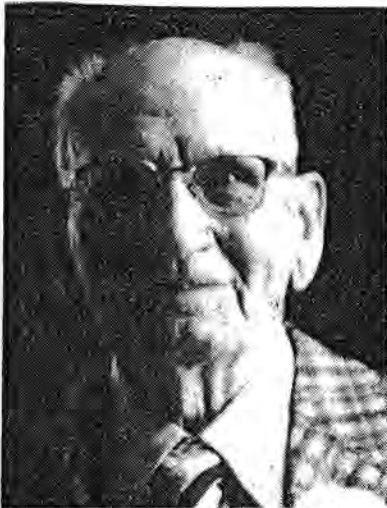
Arrangement are being handled by Johnson Mortuary.

## JACOB ANDREW VANWECHEL

Born: November 19, 1889 - Died: May 17, 1990

Liberty County Times

May 23, 1990



### Jake VanWechel

Jacob Andrew VanWechel was born in Orange City, Iowa on November 19th, 1889. He was one of eight children born to Katherine Sinnema and William VanWechel. When Jake was very young, his family moved to several states and finally settled on a small farm in Lakota, North Dakota. When he turned 21, he came to Inverness with his father and brother (Aaron), and they filed adjoining homesteads 12 miles north of Rudyard. They broke up the land and built their

homestead shacks that first year. Their first crop yielded eight bushels/acre of flax and 15 bushels/acre of wheat. During those first three years on the farm, Jake worked the winter months as a steam engineer at the saw mills in Kalispell. He also ran a bulk oil station in Rudyard for a few years and worked in a garage for Chris Wehr for a short time. In 1925 Aaron returned to North Dakota, so Jake bought his land. On June 30th, 1927 Jake married Gertrude M. Narestad in Havre. They made their home on the farm and raised their family of four. Although Jake retired from farming at age 77, he

continued to drive combine into his 80's. Jake and Gert moved into Rudyard in 1973 and lived there until failing health sent him to the Liberty County Nursing Home in February of 1989. Jake died at the nursing home on the morning of Thursday, May 17th. He had celebrated his 100th birthday this past November...

Jake had been active in the Hingham Oddfellows Club, the Farmer's Union, and had served on the Rudyard School board. During those early years in Montana, he and Aaron played in a band at local dances (Jake played the violin and Aaron played the saxophone). Jake's favorite sport was baseball. He played on Hi-Line baseball teams from 1911 through 1932, and then played in local softball leagues. He continued to be an avid spectator fan of professional baseball. Jake enjoyed other sports, too, in fact he built an oil tennis court years ago on the farm, and community friends came over on Sundays to play tennis. When the bowling alley opened in Rudyard, Jake took up this sport at the age of 69. He continued to bowl until age 92 and maintained a bowling average of about 150. Although Jake never played much basketball, he enjoyed the sport, and back in the 1920's he used to take the high school team to their Hi-Line games in his truck. During those early years on the farm he liked to go ice-skating (and he still owned his original handmade wooden ice-skates!). He and Gertrude always had a nice vegetable garden each year and then enjoyed attending

community square dances. In his later years he liked to go fishing or playing pool at the Senior Citizen's Center. In his quiet time at home he enjoyed reading the daily newspapers and watching sporting events on television. He loved his family and was very happy during those 62+ years of married life with Gertrude...

In addition to his wife, Jake is survived by two sons, Melvin of Fort Yukon, Alaska and James of Auburn, Washington; one daughter, Mrs. Ed (Kathryn) Norenberg of Rudyard; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Ruth Novak of Vancouver, Washington; and numerous nephews and nieces. Jake was preceded in death by his parents, by a daughter (Phyllis Anderson in 1989), by four brothers (Guy, William, Lester and Aaron), and by two sisters (Esther Pate and Mae Stevens).

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 21st, at 2:00 p.m. at the Calvary Evangelical Church in Rudyard with Reverend Robert Conover officiating. Organist, Rachel Blake, accompanied Terry Stevenson, who sang "In the Garden" and "Rock of Ages". The congregation sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Ushers were Joe Lincoln and Richard Jackson. Grandsons serving as pallbearers included Bob Anderson, Dick Tardiff, Randy Anderson, Tim VanWechel, Dick Anderson, Kim Hickman, Jesse VanWechel and Kim Merryman. Memorial bearers were listed as all of Jake's friends, especially the senior citizens. Burial was in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A coffee hour followed at the church. Memorial gifts will be given to the Liberty County Nursing home or donor's choice...

**JOYCE STELLA VOHS**  
**Born: January 12, 1939 - Died: December 18, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 26, 1990**

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Joyce Stella Vohs, age 51, died Tuesday, December 18, 1990 at her residence from cancer. She had been a Lincoln City, Oregon resident for one year after moving from Salt Lake City, Utah. She was born January 12, 1939 to Urvin and Renee (DeMartin) Huntley in Hancock, Minnesota. She was married to Chester Vohs on August 4, 1967 in Vancouver, Washington. She was an Elementary school teacher and homemaker.

Surviving are her husband Chester Vohs of Lincoln City; sons, Leonard Vohs of Washington, Ken Vohs of Alaska and David Vohs of Washington; her mother, Renee Huntley of Montana; brother, Roger Huntley; sisters, Linda Spatofores and Nancy Dykstrous, all of Montana; five grandchildren; also many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father in April of 1990.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 21, 1990 at 1:00 p.m. at Pacific View Memorial Chapel with Pastor Larry Rohlfing officiating.

Interment followed at Pacific View Memorial Gardens.

Pacific View Memorial Chapel, serving the family.

## CLARENCE ADAM WEHR

Born: October 16, 1909 - Died: January 27, 1990

## RUTH LENORE WEHR

Born: January 7, 1905 - Died: January 27, 1990

Liberty County Times

January 31, 1990



Clarence and Ruth Wehr

Clarence and Ruth Wehr of Rudyard died Saturday evening (January 27th, 1990) when their auto was struck by a freight train at the west Rudyard crossing. They had been playing "bingo" in Havre earlier in the day and were just coming home in the evening when the accident occurred...

Clarence Adam Wehr was born in Anamoose, North Dakota on October 16th, 1909. His parents were Louisa Kanitzka and Matthew Wehr. When Clarence was a child his family moved to Montana and homesteaded near Inverness. He grew up and attended schools in Rudyard. He graduated from Rudyard High School in 1925, a member of the school's second graduating class. Following his formal education, Clarence began working for his father at the Wehr Garage in Rudyard. He eventually took over the business, which became better known as Wehr Auto Supply. In 1980 Clarence sold the business to his son, but never officially retired. He came into the business almost on a daily basis to relieve Bob during the lunch hour and to visit with old friends...

Ruth Lenore Wehr was born in Greenbush, Minnesota on January 7th, 1905. Her parents were Karen Helgeson and Helge Lillemon. Ruth grew up near Greenbush and graduated from high school there. She attended the St. Cloud Teacher's College and received a teaching degree. She taught school in Minnesota for one year, then came to Montana because she felt that there were better opportunities here. While teaching school north of Rudyard, she met Clarence Wehr. The next year she transferred to the Zurich school system. It wasn't long before Rudyard became their home and they began raising their family of two. When their children became of school age, Ruth went back to teaching at Rudyard for several years and later helped with the special ed program. Following their retirement they continued to live in their Rudyard home and have been constant companions in and around the community during these past 20 years...

They attended Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard and Ruth was a charter member of the ALCW. They enjoyed bowling in the Rudyard leagues and Ruth served as secretary of the Women's Bowling Association for many years. Clarence loved trap-shooting, so they were involved in the early organization and management of the Rudyard Gun Club. They used to go south in the winter months on the trap-shooting circuit, and one winter Clarence had the privilege of shooting with Roy Rogers. In more recent years they enjoyed playing "bingo" and "keno", so this hobby took them on frequent trips to Havre and Great Falls. They also enjoyed going to the horse races and traveling to Las Vegas each winter. Clarence was a past member of the Rudyard School Board and the Havre Elks Lodge. Ruth had been active in the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority in Havre and had also served as a Hill County election judge for many years.



In their quiet time at home they enjoyed reading; Ruth was fond of magazines and novels, and Clarence liked to read newspapers. Ruth also enjoyed knitting, sewing and crocheting. She was proud of her flower garden and she loved playing cards (especially bridge).

In his younger years Clarence was the strong, athletic type. He played basketball in high school and was respectfully known as "Bull Wehr" by fellow competitors. He played baseball in the summer leagues and was one of the few good southpaw pitchers around. His love for sports continued into his later years and he became an avid spectator fan. Clarence also enjoyed bird hunting.

Ruth was a good cook and well known for her delicious Scandinavian dishes (especially "Royal Fan" and lefse). She also enjoyed working crossword puzzles.

Ruth and Clarence loved spending time together. Some of their fondest memories were during their fishing trips. They appreciated their family and friends and their 57 years of married life together...

Survivors include a daughter, Pat Sponheim of Great Falls; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Linda Wehr of Rudyard; six grandchildren, Danny, Danelle, Diana Jo, David, Deborah and Jeffery; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. In addition Ruth is survived by a brother, Ingvald Lillemon, and a sister, Gustine Hermanson, both of Greenbush, Minnesota. Clarence is survived by three sisters, including Ruth Van Wechel of Rudyard, Helen Chapman of Helena, and Elaine Miller of Joplin. They were preceded in death by their parents and Ruth's sister (Clara).

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. today (Wednesday, January 31st) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Jeff Olsgaard will officiate. Special organ music will be provided by Stanleigh Barbie. Vocal music by Terry Stevenson will include "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art". Jeffery Wehr will play a guitar tribute. A recording entitled "Take My Hand" will be played at the end of the service. Pallbearers will be Danny Sponheim, David Wehr, Jeffery Wehr, Stephen Brownlee, Fred Elling and Kenneth Miller. Ushers will be Fred Rigg, Gerry Langel, Allen Twedt and Stuart Brownlee. Honorary bearers will be Bud Poppler, Sam Chapman, Leonard Poier, Clarence Wendland and Albert Budeau. Danny Sponheim will serve as eulogist. Interment will follow in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

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**A. DAVID WILSON**  
**Born: August 24, 1942 - Died: December 27, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 2, 1991**

### ***David Wilson***

A. David Wilson, 48, an area farmer, died Thursday at his home when a vehicle slipped off the jack and fell on him. Memorial services will be Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Van Orsdel Methodist Church in Havre. Cremation has taken place.

He was born August 24, 1942, in Havre and attended schools there and in Kremlin. He graduated from Havre High School in 1960. He had bachelor's and master's degrees in agronomy from Montana State University and a doctorate in international agronomy from Pennsylvania State University.

He worked in the Peace Corps in India from 1965 to 1968 and then was with the U.S. AID in Afghanistan in 1969. He returned to the family farm in 1974 and has operated it since then.

He was a member of the Professional Farmers of America, the Great Northern Britanic Association, AERO and the Organic Farmers and was active in 4-H in the area.

He married Jo Nute on March 10, 1967, in India. She survives. Also surviving are a son, Chandon of Palo Alto, California; a daughter, Tabatha Wilson of Kremlin; a sister, Rachael Theophanes of Junction City, Oregon; brothers, Robert of Bismarck, North Dakota, Roger of Circle Pines, Minnesota, Donald of Bozeman, Howard of Harrisburg, Missouri and Bruce of Palo Alto, California.

He was preceded in death by a sister and his parents.

Memorials may be made to the Hill County 4-H Foundation and the Kremlin-Gildford Quick Responders.

Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook in charge.

ALICE E. WILSON  
Born: March 20, 1902 - Died: January 8, 1990  
Liberty County Times  
January 17, 1990

## Alice E. Wilson

Funeral services for Alice Wilson, 88, were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 12th, 1990, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Rev. Jeff Olsgaard officiating.

She was born March 20, 1902, in Hawley, Minnesota, to Nicholas and Mathilda Daniels. She came to Montana in 1913 with her parents and the family homesteaded north of Inverness. October 28th, 1925, she married Thomas Wilson in Havre. The couple moved to North Minnota, Minnesota, until 1943 when they moved to Rudyard. They farmed south of Rudyard and bought the International Harvester dealership which they operated for a number of years. The couple retired in 1972 and moved to Havre in 1984.

Alice died in Havre, Montana on January 8th, 1990.

Soloist Jerome Lincoln sang "Beyond the Sunset", "How Great Thou Art" and "Softly and Tenderly". The congregational hymn was "Amazing Grace". Sharon

Spicher was organist. Pallbearers were all Alice's grandsons, Dale Dahlke, Derrick Dahlke, Darby Ditmar, Melvin Gustafson, Jon Dow Jacobson and Grant L. Sather. Ushers were also grandsons, Bobby Toner, DeLoy Dahlke, Lyle Petersen and Drew Dahlke. Burial was in the Rudyard Cemetery. Arrangements were by Holland & Bonine.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Wilson of Havre; daughters, Lavon Sather of Whitefish, June Toner of Rudyard, Naomi Jacobson of Great Falls, Darlene Ditmar of Rudyard and Myrla Dahlke of Inverness; 22 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and two grandsons.

Memorials may be sent to a person's choice.

\*She was born to Nicholas and Mathilda (Daniels) Gustafson.

**MICHAEL WOODS**  
**Born: October 7, 1956 - Died: April 7, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 9, 1990**



***Michael Woods***

Michael Woods, 33, the son of John and Margie (Hader) Woods of Loon Lake, Washington, and nephew of Shirley Lybeck of Chester, was electrocuted working on a power pole in Raleigh Hills, Washington.

He was born October 7, 1956 at Vancouver, Washington. A memorial service was held April 28, 1990 at Riplinger's Chapel of Flowers in Spokane, Washington with special family music.

Cremation preceded.

Michael was a member of a three-man crew that was replacing a power pole and was in a harness at the top of the old electric pole. The new pole had been set up and he was trying to tie the two poles together when his companions heard a groan and, looking up, saw Woods slumped over.

It was not known what Woods might have touched that shocked him. The other workers lowered him and administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation for about five minutes until ambulances arrived. Battalion Chief Joe Greulich of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue said Woods had no heartbeat and was not breathing when rescuers arrived at the scene. He was taken to Emanuel Hospital & Health Center where he was admitted directly to surgery. He was pronounced dead at 12:25 p.m.

Woods, a Spokane resident who had traveled to Portland to work on the project, was an apprentice electrician who was working with two journeymen, and had completed 6,000 of the 7,000 hours he needed

to reach journeyman status.

Mike is survived by two sons, Nick and Tony Woods, his parents, brother Jeff Woods of Republic, Washington, two sisters Jenne Watkins of Valley, Washington, and Patti Erickson of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

**MARY JEAN (JOHNSON) YACKLEY**  
**Born: July 21, 1930 - Died: April 18, 1990**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 25, 1990**



***Mary Yackley***

Mary Jean Yackley was born in Milnor, North Dakota on July 21st, 1930. She was one of seven children born to Ruth Beisterfeld and James Marvin Johnson. Mary grew up near Milnor, attended schools there, and graduated from high school in 1948.

She began working as a waitress at Lisbon, North Dakota. June 23rd, 1950 she married Billy A. Yackley at Lisbon, where they made their home for the next five years. They moved to Rudyard, Montana in 1955, and then to Chester in 1962. During those first years in Chester, Mary worked at the Wagon Wheel Cafe as waitress and at the drug store as clerk. She stayed busy at home raising their three sons and helping Bill with the bookwork in their fuel supply business. During the past ten years Mary's health had gradually deteriorated. She had surgery for an aneurysm in 1985 with a long recovery period. Her legs were weak and walking was difficult, so she stayed close to home. On this past Wednesday, April 18th, Bill came home from work and found her unresponsive. She was dead on arrival of medical personnel. Mary was 59 years old.

Mary's hobbies included crocheting and gardening. She was

an exceptionally good cook. In her younger years she enjoyed fishing and dancing with Bill. At home she liked to read fictional stories or watch her favorite TV soap operas. She enjoyed relaxing to music, and was especially fond of the easy-listening country-western tunes. Mary and Bill would have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this coming June. She loved her family and was proud of her boys...

Mary's survivors include her husband, Bill of Chester; two sons, Steven of Conrad and Mark of Seattle, Washington (and Mark's fiancée, Kelley Smith of Seattle); one brother, Erwin Johnson of Milnor, North Dakota; five sisters, Edith Larson of Sheldon, North Dakota, Geraldine Hopewell of Leonard, North Dakota, Glenice Milbrandt of Cut Bank, Pearl Sweet of Lisbon, North Dakota, and Genny Gruba of McCloud, North Dakota; and numerous nephews and

nieces. Mary was preceded in death by her parents and by her eldest son, James (in 1974).

Funeral services were held at the Alliance Church in Chester at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 21st. Reverend Charles Hanson officiated.

Vocalist, Sue Violett, sang "He Gave Me Lord Jesus", the song written by Howard Bailey of Kremlin, and "Beyond the Sunset". The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Merna Kolstad. Ushers were Duane Milbrandt and Dave Mattson. Friends serving as pallbearers included Terry Thielman, Tom Ludwig, Howard Hall, Neil Shepherd, Earl Keith and Bob Mattson. Memorial bearers were listed as "all of Mary's friends in attendance". Following the graveside services at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

## MARDELLE CECILE ZORN

Born: May 8, 1912 - Died: May 14, 1990

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May 23, 1990



### *Mardelle Zorn*

Mardelle Cecile Zorn was born on May 8th, 1912 at Jefferson, Oregon. She was one of three children born to Clara C. Edwards and Roy Hogan. When she was very young, her parents moved to Springfield, Oregon and took over the operation of her maternal grandfather's homestead and dairy farm. By 1926 both of her parents had died, so Mardelle was sent to live with relatives in Yuba City, California where she attended three years of high school. She later moved to Long Beach, California to live with another aunt, and it was there that

she graduated from high school. Mardelle then went into nurse's training, but she became ill and had to give it up. When she regained her health, she moved back to Eugene, Oregon and took employment at the Walker Clinic (a physician's clinic). Mardelle made many friends in Eugene and was active in local affairs. While there she served as president of the Quota Club and the Breakfast Club for Career Women. After World War II she met her husband-to-be, William "Bill" Zorn, through a mutual friend in Eugene. They were married on February 18th, 1949 in Spokane, Washington. Bill was from Chester, so they made their home here. They lost their only child, a daughter, shortly after birth. Bill managed the McNutt farm on the west side of Chester until his retirement. Mardelle did bookkeeping at the local hospital from 1960-69 and she also served as the Chester School clerk from 1961-71. Bill died in 1975. Mardelle maintained her home in Chester until her health failed. She has lived at the Liberty County Nursing Home since 1984. She died there on Monday evening, May 14th, at the age of 78 years.

Mardelle was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, had been

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active in the church women's group, and served as treasurer of the Sunday School program for many years. Her hobbies included reading, handiwork, and listening to music. Although Mardelle suffered many years from progressive blindness and debilitation due to her diabetes, her high morale and faith never seemed to falter...

Her only living relatives include two sisters, Maxine Gredvig and Lorraine Smith, both of Sacramento, California; a cousin, Lucille Biggs of Malin, Oregon (Mardelle was raised with this cousin after her parents died); three nieces; three nephews and seven grandnieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her infant daughter (Nancy Jane in 1949).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 17th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with Reverend Tom Dunham officiating. Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, sang "In the Garden" and "Amazing Grace", accompanied by Merna Kolstad. Cliff Hanson served as usher and pallbearers were Armand Anderson, Lawrence Schaefer, Walt Wicks, Charles Green, Bob Mattson and Jerry Hendrickson. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.