

JEROLD EUGENE 'BUD' ALBERTSON
Born: December 15, 1928 – Died: July 24, 2005
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**Jerold Eugene 'Bud'
Albertson**

HAVRE — Herold Eugene "Bud" Albertson, 76, of Havre, a retired Burlington Northern Railroad conductor and partner in Altec Graphics, died of natural causes at his residence.



Albertson

His memorial service is 1 p.m. Wednesday at Fifth Avenue Christian Church in Havre, with burial of ashes in Highland Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the church. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home Funeral Home of Havre is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Rhoda Albertson of Havre; sons Kenneth Butch Albertson of Havre and Brett Albertson of Bozeman; a daughter, Mardy Rae Robinson of Havre; a sister, Geradine Taylor of Havre; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Rhonda Nordgulen.

CLARENCE PALMER BAKKE, JR.

Birth: October 22, 1927 - Death: January 3, 2005

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Clarence Bakke

Clarence Palmer Bakke, Jr., age 77, retired Inverness farmer, died Monday morning January 3, 2005 at the Benefis East Medical Center from heart failure. He had been a patient at this Great Falls hospital since Dec. 27, 2004.

Clarence was born October 22, 1927 at Chicago, Illinois. He was the eldest and only son of two children born to Clarence Sr. and Sylvia (Winji) Bakke, both of Norwegian origin. He grew up on the Bakke homestead near Inverness, Montana. After graduation from Inverness High School in 1945, Clarence continued his education at Northern Montana College in Havre for a year.

In 1948 Clarence enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. After a short enlistment, he received an honorable discharge following the death of

his father. He returned to Montana to operate the family farm. In addition he served in the Marine Corps Reserves for 10 months with the Shelby (Mt.) detachment. During three winters in the early 1950's he worked in San Francisco, California for Pan American Airways, refueling aircraft.

Clarence married Betty Simonian on January 6th, 1956 at Las Vegas, Nevada. They made their home on the Bakke farm north of Inverness and raised a family of three daughters. Clarence put his farm into C.R.P. in 1999 and retired. The Bakkes have continued to live on the farm since their retirement.

Clarence was a life member of the Havre Elks Lodge #1201 and had served a three-year term on the Inverness School board. He was baptized and confirmed at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Of interest is the fact that the C. P. Bakke V.F.W. Post #3997 in Chester was named after Clarence's father.

In his early years Clarence enjoyed hunting, fishing, and boating. He was a good mechanic and an exceptional amateur artist. He also enjoyed attending local sporting events and socializing with friends. Several of his good buddies affectionately called him "Bakk."

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Betty Bakke of Inverness; three daughters and spouses: Lori and Steve

Thorsrud of Sammamish, Washington, Carol and William Hammer of Great Falls, and Lisa and Enoch Walker of Phoenix, Arizona; five grandchildren: Jackie Melcher, Alexa and Nels Thorsrud, and Courtney and Ryan Hammer; his only sister, Sylvia (John) Arhontes of Hayward, California; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday January 6, 2005 at Bethel

Lutheran Church in Joplin by Pastor Peter Erickson. Prelude music was selected Glenn Miller tapes and two special musical interludes included "Moonlight Serenade" and "In the Mood." The closing song (requested by Clarence) was the familiar Louis Armstrong hit, "When the Saints Go Marching In." Scripture readings were shared by Lori, Alexa, and Nels Thorsrud. Ushers were Lloyd Wolery and Chuck Lineweaver. Pallbearers included John May, Ted Tempel, Vernon Moog, Duane Fraser, Larry Barbie, and Elton Byxbe. Honorary bearers were all of Clarence's old friends. Burial followed at the Joplin Cemetery with final prayers and military rites. The flag presentation was made by Ray Standiford. A reception was held at the Inverness Steak House. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

Undesignated memorials will be given to the Helicopter Landing Pad Fund at the Liberty County Hospital (in care of the Hi-Line Health Foundation in

DELBERT E. BARDWELL

Born: 1945 – Died: December 30, 2005

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Delbert E. Bardwell

GEYSER — Delbert E. Bardwell, 60, of Geyser, died Friday at the ranch where he was a ranch-hand. The coroner has not determined the cause of death.



Bardwell

His memorial service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Croxford's Rose Room, with bur-

ial in Big Willow Cemetery in Belt. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Croxford Funeral Home and Crematory.

Survivors include sisters Barbara Anderson of Hamilton, Vivian (Bill) Shank of Anthem, Ariz., Patricia (Merlin) Wolery of Rudyard and Beverly (George) Smith of Clearfield, Utah; a brother, Douglas (Jean) Bardwell of Huson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was born in Great Falls, where he was raised and educated, attending Great Falls High School. He went to work on the Strand Ranch in Geyser, right out of high school. He worked for many area ranches in the Highwood Mountains, at the flourmills in Great Falls and as a truck driver.

He was a member of the Montana Cowboys Association and was active in the Belt Rodeo for years. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, and no one was a stranger to him.

GLADYS (HOCKETT) WODARZ BIALEK
Birth: Age 94 – Death: July 4, 2005
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Bialek

Gladys Bialek

Gladys (Hockett) Wodarz Bialek, age 94, a homemaker and former member of the Rudyard community, died of natural causes Monday at a Havre hospital.

A prayer vigil service was held at 7:00 pm Friday July 8, 2005 at Holland & Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Funeral Mass was at 9:00 am Saturday July 9th at St. Jude Catholic Church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharon Wodarz Toscano of Mexico; a brother Clarence Hockett of California; a sister, Doris Evans of Condon, Washington; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Gladys was preceded in death by her first husband John Wodarz in 1978, and her second husband Leo Bialek in 1998.

ROBERT DUANE "BOB" BOLEY
Born: July 9, 1940 – Died: March 27, 2005
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March 30, 2005

Robert D. Boley

MESQUITE, Nev. — Robert Duane "Bob" Boley, 64, an Army veteran, teacher, coach and principal, died of a heart attack Sunday in Mesquite, Nev.



Boley



At his request, cremation has taken place under the direction of Virgin Valley Mortuary in Mesquite, and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Bob is survived by his wife Barbara, a resident of Lakeside, Mont., and Mesquite; his children Staci (Otis) Thrasher of Butte, Qui Boley of Missoula, Shaun (Kari) Boley of Boise, Idaho, and Casey Boley of Inverness, M; four grandchildren, Chance and Chelsi Thrasher of Butte and Isabelle and Callie Boley of Boise; a sister, Barbara Diane Boley of Great Falls; a brother, Terry (Diann) Boley of Kent, Wash.; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; and a dear friend, Rheta Housman of Mesquite.

A son of Duane and Barbara "Bobbie" Boley, Bob was born in Glasgow, Mont., on July 9, 1940. In 1979, he married his sweetheart, Barbara Strong.

He graduated in 1958 from Glasgow High School, and in 1962 from Northern Montana College, where he excelled in football and baseball. He received his master's degree in counseling from the University of Montana, and began his teaching/coaching career in Outlook, Mont.

After serving in the United States Army in the Vietnam Conflict, he taught in Dodson, Lodge Grass, and Havre, where he was vice-principal until 1977. He was principal at Poplar High School from 1977 to 1980, and at Colstrip High School from 1980 to 1987. Bob and Barbara moved to Lakeside, Mont., where they owned and operated the Spinnaker until selling it in 1993.

Bob was an avid sports fan and a Green Bay Packer follower; he also enjoyed golfing, hunting, playing cards and carpentry. He was a Past Master of Havre Lodge AF/AM, a member of Algeria Shrine, and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Duane and Barbara Boley.

Memorials may be sent to the Heart Fund, Shrine Hospital in Spokane; QRU Lakeside; or a charity of one's choice. Condolences may be sent to the Boley family at Box 297, Lakeside, MT 59922.

VIOLET K. (ROSS) BOREEN
Birth: January 23, 1912 – Death: August 18, 2005
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Violet Boreen

Violet K. Boreen, died on August 18, 2005 at her home in Helena, Montana. She was born Violet Ross of January 23, 1912 on the family farm near Kingston, Minnesota.

Violet graduated from Dassel High School and from Minneapolis Business School in 1933. She married Arvid Boreen on February 28, 1934.

They moved to Chester, Montana that same year where they homesteaded, running a successful farm for forty years, passing their winters in Long Beach,

California.

Violet will be remembered for her unfaltering generosity toward her family and others, and her adventuresome spirit. Violet traveled the world intensively collecting charms for her bracelet wherever she went.

Violet was preceded in death by her husband Arvid, two brothers, Alex Ross and Lawrence Ross; two sisters, Gladys Barnes and Lillian Ailie.

Violet is survived by her nieces and nephews: Bill Ross of Helena, MT, Charles Ailie of Dassel, MN, RoseMarie Nelson of Belgrade, MT, Dianne Jones of Mesa, AZ and Bonita Davis of Pryor Lake, MN, as well as her many grand nieces and grand nephews.

Funeral service Monday, August 22nd at 1:30 p.m. at Retz Funeral Home Chapel. Mrs. Boreen will be forwarded to Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel, Minnesota (320)-

275-3131 for funeral service and interment at Lake Arvilla Cemetery.

Family requests memorials be directed to the American Heart Association, 1831 Euclid Ave. Helena, MT 59601, Hospice of St. Peter's 2475 Broadway Street., Helena, MT 59601 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

JEAN (LYDERS) BRIESACKER

Birth: March 7, 1921 – Death: April 18, 2005

Jean Briesacker

Jean Lyders Briesacker, age 84, died of cancer on April 18, 2005 in California. Jean was born in the town of Chester, Montana on a cold winter day in early March 1921. Chester is a small town on the Great Northern Railroad line between Chicago, IL and Seattle, WA. That day there were few inches of snow on the ground and everyone in town was waiting to see this new child. She was the youngest daughter of Martin and Anna Lyders. Martin, her father, ran the International Granary elevator and had a hand in the Texaco gas dealership.

As Jean grew up, she and her three sisters and two brothers had their hands into everything. She was known for her paper route for the Liberty County Times and for playing the drums with a dance band along the Hi-Line, as the railroad and US Hwy. 2 were called. Liberty County had just been split off from O'Toole County a year before her birth, and Chester was the place along the Hi-Line. It was the county seat. She played basketball for her high school team up and down the hi-Line. She later played music for the local Lutheran church services.

After her graduation from high school, she moved to Seattle. While working at the Boeing Company she met a young man from Montana named William "Bill" Austin Cheley. They married on the base in Lovington, New Mexico while Bill was training as a bomber pilot with the 483rd Army Air Corps. He headed a crew of several B17s for the 50 missions over Germany during

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World War II. He returned to the States in time to see his first-born daughter Judy Ann Cheley arrive in February 1945.

They soon left Hobbs, New Mexico to finally return to Jean's home of Chester. They set up residence behind a hardware store that they established in Chester. A son, Mark William Cheley, was born down the highway from Chester in Havre, Montana on May 10, 1950. He, like his sister, was kicked out of the womb early – a preemie. The Korean War broke out and Bill was called back into service, where he was a B29 pilot in Japan. The family lived in a trailer and pulled a trailer from Montana to Air Force bases in Atlanta, GA, San Antonio, TX, and Victorville, CA and back.

After the war ended, they moved back to Chester. They

then moved to Great Falls, Montana where Bill worked as an air traffic controller in the Civil Air Agency and flew fighter jets for the Air National Guard. They eventually transferred to Spokane, WA where Bill was responsible for all the flight patterns for all the airports in the Northwest.

Bill was killed in a traffic accident while his plane, a C-47, was being serviced and outfitted with new equipment in Southern California Jean decided to move her children and herself to Lakewood, CA in 1960.

She went from being a homemaker to a wage earner. She originally worked at a hardware store in Downey, CA and then

got a job as a payroll clerk for California State College at Long Beach after receiving her AA degree from City College Long Beach.

She bought a house in Rossmoor in 1965. In 1967 she married Roy Briesacker. They enjoyed world travel including Europe, Eastern Europe, the Greek Isles, Japan, Alaska, China, Singapore, Thailand, Capri, and Mexico.

Jean and Roy also enjoyed playing cards, dancing, golf, and the theatre. After Roy's death from heart problems in 1990 Jean continued her interest in traveling, playing cards, dancing, football games, and the theatre. Larry Miller had become her closest friend during this time.

She was an active member and officer with the Rossmoor Women's Club, the Republican Women's Club, and El Dorado Community Church.

She first learned of her breast cancer in 1987. It went into remission for a number of years, but it returned in 2000. She had an operation that left a lot of titanium holding her back together. She fully recovered but had to have a rod installed in her femur in 2003. It all came to a halt when a tumor started on top of her hardware and an open wound that would not recover began in the same place. Good pain relievers from her doctors controlled her suffering.

She will be missed by her family. Survivors include: son Mark Cheley; daughter Judy Cheley-abdul az-Zaahir; son-in-law Ammar Hussein Abdul az-Zaahir; grandsons Jared Abdul az-Zaahir and Hatim Abdul az-Zaahir; step-daughter Vicki Briesacker; step-son Matt Schmitt; cousins; nieces, nephews, and her good friend Larry Miller.

RUTH (ADAMS) FARRELL BRIGHT
Born: February 22, 1908 – Died: May 2, 2005
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Ruth Farrell Bright

FORT BENTON — Former Fort Benton resident Ruth (Adams) Farrell Bright, 97, of Danville, Calif., who homesteaded with her family near Rudyard, died of natural causes May 2 in Danville.



Bright

A memorial service for Ruth and her son, Ron Farrell, who died earlier this year, will be 2 p.m. July 2 in Riverside Cemetery in Fort Benton.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Marlene Ramsey Farrell of Danville, Calif., (formerly of Shelby); a grandson, Brandon, and his wife, Sherry, and their children, Mason, Jordan and Haley, all of San Ramon, Calif.; a granddaughter, Kim Sammet and her husband, Michael Sammet, and their daughter, Teyva, all of Ben Lomand, Calif.; stepdaughters Arlie Keith and her husband, William, of Nampa Idaho, and Hazel Havens and her husband, Ed, of Fort Benton; seven step-grandchildren, 21 stepgreat-grandchildren and nine stepgreat-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Maurice Farrell; her husband, Frank Bright; a son, Ron Farrell; and a stepson, Lee Bright.

Ruth was born Feb. 22, 1908, in Moline, Kan. At age 6, she migrated with her father and mother, Alphonse Legouri Adams and Anna Gertrude (McCormick) Adams to a farm just outside of Rudyard, where they homesteaded. Here she spent her childhood until moving to Fort Benton to attend school. Ruth graduated from Choteau County High School in 1926.

On June 9, 1930, Ruth married Maurice Farrell, also of Fort Benton, and they bought a home and settled there. On March 15, 1933, her son and only child, Ronald "Kik" Farrell was born. Ruth led an active life in her community and traveled extensively. Her husband Maurice passed away in 1969. Ruth married Frank Robert Bright of Great Falls on Sept. 9, 1981, and they resided in Fort Benton. Frank passed away on Oct. 7, 1996. In 2001, Ruth moved to Danville to live with her son and be near family. Ron died Feb. 10.

Memorials are suggested to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fort Benton.

KATHLEEN MARY (STOKES) BROWNELL
Born: February 27, 1945 – Died: May 4, 2005
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Kathleen Mary Brownell

CONRAD — Kathleen Mary (Stokes) Brownell, 60, a math and computer science teacher, died of cancer Wednesday at her home in Conrad.



Brownell

Vigil service is 7 p.m. today at Pondera Funeral Home. Funeral Mass is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Conrad followed by a private burial. A reception will follow the service at St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Brownell of Conrad; her six children, Mary (John) Ramsey of Dayton, Ohio, Alan (Janelle) Brownell of Valier, Michael (Jamie) Brownell of Conrad, Aaron (Jennifer) Brownell of Rockwall, Texas, Anne Brownell of Missoula, and Jill (Chad) Swanson of Pendroy. Kathleen is also survived by her six grandchildren, Kasey, Sean, Kyle, and Ainsley Brownell, as well as Max and Mark Ramsey; her parents, Gerald and Mary Stokes; and her siblings, Gerald Stokes Jr., Patricia Truman, Thomas Parley Stokes II, Robert Stokes, and Rosemarie DeRuwe.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Paul Stokes.

Kathleen was born to Gerald and Mary Stokes on February 27, 1945, in Great Falls. She was raised and educated in the

Dupuyer, Pendroy, and Choteau communities. In 1963, she received a high school diploma from Choteau High School and in 1967 she graduated from Gonzaga University with a BA in mathematics. She received her teaching certificate in 1967 from Montana State University in Bozeman.

Kathleen married Larry Brownell in Choteau, Mont., on June 11, 1966. They lived in Bozeman, Chester, Cut Bank, and settled in Conrad in 1975.

She was an active participant of Saint Michael's Parish, Conrad Park and Recreation Board, Crop Walk Coordinator and a member of the Friends of the Library.

Prior to teaching math and computer science at Valier Public Schools, she substitute taught and was a Title I and Chapter education teacher for Conrad Public Schools. She received the 2005 Conrad Area Chamber of Commerce Unsung Hero Award.

Kathleen spent her time overseeing her much loved family as well as youth summer recreation programs including tennis, golf, PeeWee Baseball, Little League, girl's fast pitch softball, and Conrad High School softball. She was a member of the Montana Officials Association, refereeing volleyball for six years. She loved spending summers at the lake with her family watching her grandchildren grow.

A memorial scholarship fund is set up in her name at Wells Fargo Bank, 419 S. Main, Conrad, MT 59425.

RONALD DEAN BURNETT

Birth: February 22, 1925 – Death: November 11, 2005

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Ronald Dean Burnett

HUNTLEY - At the age of 80 and still so young at heart, our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather left us to meet his Lord and Savior following a short illness, at his home in Huntley, early Friday morning, Nov. 11, 2005. The son of Watson A. and Margaret G. (Seward) Burnett, Ron was born Feb. 22, 1925, in Dalhart, Texas.

Ron attended grade school in Sheridan, Wyo., and graduated from Billings High School in 1942. Ron was the high school interscholastic tennis and swimming champion. In the Service, he attended the Navy program at Carroll College in Helena, and radio school at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. After the war, he married Betty Jean Brayton of Sheridan, Wyo., and then

attended Montana State University in Bozeman, graduating with a degree in business from the University of Montana in Missoula.

On Dec. 17 and 18, Ron was united in marriage to Darlene Laas in Golden, Colo.

A family business owner of the Mildred Hazel Shops until 1969, Ron was also a member of the Billings and Browning Lions Clubs. Sharing his faith in Jesus Christ, politics, reading, and a zealous interest in nutrition and alternative health were the things that kept Ron so young.

Ron leaves behind his beloved wife of 35 years, Darlene; son Dan (Lynn) Burnett of Story, Wyo.; daughters: Carla Burnett of Ashland, Ore.; Robin Burnett Patton of Reno, Nev.; Cindy Burnett of Billings, grandchildren Amanda Holms, Bernice Blackhurst, Nicholas Erickson, Jessica Erickson, Jacob Burnett, and great-grandson Calin Erickson.

Memorial services for Ron were held Monday, Nov. 14, at Harvest Church in Billings. Cremation has taken place and Ron's ashes will be laid to rest at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Big Sky Hospice in Billings.

LOUISE MAURIE (KIBBEE) BURNHAM
Born: November 11, 1932 - Died: December 9, 2005
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Louise Maurie Burnham



Burnham

HELENA — Louise Maurie (Kibbee) Burnham, 73, of Helena, died of natural causes Friday at a Helena hospital. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Helena Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements.

With love, she leaves behind her husband and best friend, Gary Burnham of Canyon Ferry; four daughters, Polly Russell of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Patty Matsko of St. George, Utah, Peggy Beck of Missoula, and Debbie Smith of St. George, Utah; two sons, John Schnitzmeier of Rudyard and Carl Schnitzmeier of Lance, Mich.; a stepson Martin Burnham of Bozeman; two brothers, Larry Kibbee of Manhattan, Mont., and Leo Kibbee of Pahrump, Nev.; two sisters, Rosie Crockett of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., and Nancy Trimble of New Florence, Pa.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and her beloved dogs, Classie and JR.

Louise Maurie Burnham went in Peace to the Lord on Dec. 9, 2005. Louise was born Nov. 11, 1932, in Dodson, Mont., to Harold and Virginia Kibbee.

She married her heart's love, Gary D. Burnham, at Eddie's Coroner (Moore, Mont.) in August of 1971. They lived on the Burnham Ranch until 1981 when they moved to Denton, to work at LP Gas and Fertilizer. They retired together in 2000, and moved to Canyon Ferry Lake in Helena.

Louise and Gary's marriage exemplified the true definition of soul mates. They were not just husband and wife, but fishing buddies, hunting partners and truly best friends for all of time and eternity. Louise was a loving wife a wonderful mother, a kind and caring friend when you needed one, and she will be deeply missed. Though we may never hold her in our arms again we will carry our love for her in our hearts forever.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Jesse; and her brother Harry.

WILLIS WARREN CADY

Birth: August 30, 1918 – Death: December 5, 2005

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Willis W. Cady

Willis Warren Cady was born August 30th, 1918 at Havre, Montana. He was the eldest and only son of six children born to Harry and Rose (Vosen) Cady. Willis grew up on the family farm, which was located between Gildford and Kremlin, and he received his formal education in both communities. Following his graduation from Gildford High School in 1936, he began his life as a full-time Montana farmer.

Willis married Dorothy M. Blanchard on October 16th, 1941 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. They made their home in the Gildford community throughout their married life. Although Willis officially retired in 1985, he enjoyed staying active in the farming operations during his retirement years.

His health remained relatively good until this past year, when his lungs began to fail. He spent many days in-and-out of hospitals and nursing facilities. Following a 5-day stay at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, Willis died peacefully on the early morning of Monday (December 5th, 2005). He was 87 years old.

Willis was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith. He was active in the Gildford community, serving as a volunteer fireman and a member of the school board and the water board. He was also a past member of the Havre Eagles Lodge.

Willis was an avid fan of high school athletics. He served as a Hi-Line basketball referee for many years, then became a "fixture at the clock", serving as the game timer at G.H.S. and K.G.H.S. home basketball games for many more years.

Willis enjoyed his daily trips to the local coffee shop to socialize with his old friends, many of whom affectionately called him "Willie". In addition, he enjoyed playing cards (especially, cribbage, pinochle, and whist). In earlier years he always looked forward to the annual family reunions at Apgar, where he enjoyed that quality time with his children and grandchildren. Willis was very content with his life in Montana, although he and Dorothy did take several memorable trips (namely, to England and Hawaii). They were loyal companions and best friends during their 64 years together.

In addition to his wife, Dorothy of Gildford, Willis is survived by 4 sons, Gene (Myrna) Cady of Great Falls, Gary (Irene) Cady of Billings, Warren (Dena) Cady of Eagan, Minnesota, and Charles Cady of Kent, Washington; 5 grandchildren (including Chris, Chad, Tish, Kevin, & Curt); 13 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Lorraine (Bob) Eyman of Clyde Park and Carol (Clifford) Heggen of Kremlin; brother-in-

law, Bob Gillet of Great Falls; and many nephews and nieces. Willis was preceded in death by his parents and 3 sisters, Helen Gillet, June (Dan) Corbitt, and Dorothy (John) McCormick.

Memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday (Dec. 12th) at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Father Joseph Diekhans officiated. Sharon Spicher served as pianist.

Terry Stevenson performed vocal tributes "Beyond the Sunset", "On Eagle's Wings", "How Great Thou Art", and "The Lord's

Prayer". Daughter-in-law, Irene Cady, shared several scripture readings. The obituary was read by friend, Jim Stuart. The communion gifts were presented by son (Gary) and grandson (Curt). Honorary pallbearers were Willis' many friends and neighbors. A memorial luncheon by the Altar Society followed at the church.

Graveside services and burial of ashes were 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Father Joe recited the committal prayers. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Hospital & Nursing Home in Chester.

JEROME "JERRY" KENNETH CARTER
Birth: November 20, 1941 - Death: May 23, 2005
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Jerome Carter

Jerome "Jerry" Kenneth Carter, 63 of Monarch, an army veteran, pilot and farmer died of mesothelioma at the Great Falls Peace Hospice on Monday, May 23, 2005. His funeral was held at Hillcrest Lawn Chapel on Friday, May 27, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., with military honors. Cremation has taken place. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Jerry is survived by his wife

Diane of Great Falls; daughter Jana Punt (Evan) of Fargo, ND; sisters Joyce Bolme (Don) of Adrian, ND and Jean Miller (Kent) of Adrian, ND; brother Jon Carter (Kathy) of Laurel, MT, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jerry was born November 20, 1941 in Lisbon, North Dakota to Kenneth and Mary (Hanson) Carter. Jerry was the second of four children. In 1957 the Carters moved to Rudyard, MT. Jerry graduated

from Rudyard High School as valedictorian in 1959 and attended Montana State University in Bozeman from 1960-1963. He joined the U.S. Army in 1963 and served a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1965. In 1967, Jerry graduated from the Herrod School of Aviation in Billings.

In 1967, Jerry married Diane Leeper of Carter. For the first three years Jerry worked as a pilot. The Carters became "The Carters" of

Carter MT and farmed there from 1971 to 2000.

Jerry was a member of the VFW and Carter Chouteau County Water District. Jerry enjoyed hunting with his friends, NASCAR, racing, drag racing, and his corvettes.

Every time you looked at Jerry you saw that grin that made everyone smile. Jerry had an infectious laugh and was an inspiration to all who knew him. He was a true friend to many. Jerry's songs,

letters and funny antics will be missed greatly and never forgotten.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Mary Carter and a brother-in-law Don Bolme.

Memorials are suggested to the Carter Volunteer Fire Department, Carter, MT 59421 or the Peace Hospice of Great Falls, 1501 26th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.

MARY S. (HANSON) CARTER
Birth: June 3, 1914 – Death: January 20, 2005
Liberty County Times
January 26, 2005



Mary S. Carter

Mary S. Carter age 90 of LaMoure, North Dakota and formerly of Oriska, North Dakota died Thursday evening January 20, 2005 in The St. Rose Care Center in LaMoure. Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 PM Tuesday January 25, 2005 in the Lerud Johnson-Schuldt Funeral Home in Valley City, North Dakota with Reverend Thomas Puffe officiating. Interment was in Memory Gardens Cemetery near Valley City in the spring.

Visitation was from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM Monday in the Lerud-Johnson-Schuldt Funeral Home in Valley City and one hour before services in the funeral home Tuesday afternoon.

Mary S. Hanson, the daughter of Nels and Carrie Hanson, was born on June 3, 1914 at Lisbon, ND.

She was raised in Lisbon and graduated from high school there. On May 10, 1932 she married Kenneth Carter in Lisbon. Kenneth's

grain elevator employment led them to live in Adrian, Spiritwood and Oriska before moving to Rudyard, Montana in 1957. There she was employed for 10 years as a checkout clerk at Sanvik Brother's Grocery and Hardware Store. In 1975, after her husband's passing, she moved back to Lisbon, ND.

Through the years, she enjoyed sewing, knitting, baking and bowling.

In 1996 she moved to Jamestown, ND and lived there until 2003 when she entered St. Rose Care Center in LaMoure.

She is survived by two daughters: Joyce Bolme and Jean (Kent) Miller, both of Adrian, ND; two sons: Jerome (Diane) Carter, Monarch, MT and Jon (Kathy) Carter, Laurel, MT; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, five brothers, two sisters, one son-in-law and one grandson.

Funeral arrangements by the Lerud-Johnson-Schuldt Funeral Home on Valley City, ND.

MARVIN SPENCER CHEEK

Birth: February 22, 1920 – Death: January 6, 2005

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January 19, 2005

Marvin Spencer Cheek

Marvin Spencer Cheek, 84, a retired farmer/rancher, passed away January 6, 2005, at Pondera Medical Center Extended Care Facility. He was born February 22, 1920, at the Cheek ranch 30 miles east of Conrad, the second son of F.G. and Bertha Cheek. He graduated from Conrad High School in 1940. After enlisting in the Army at the beginning of World War II, he was transported to the European theatre via the Queen Mary and served 3 years in Belgium, France, and Germany as a Sergeant. He returned to the family ranch in Montana in 1945 and vigorously courted Vivian Aznoe whom he married February 8, 1946, in Great Falls. They lived at the Cheek ranch where they raised cattle, chickens, wheat and barley. He farmed with his brother,

Don. During that time he served 9 years as Liberty County Commissioner. In 1987 Marvin and Vivian retired from farming and moved to Conrad. He enjoyed traveling with his 5th wheel trailer to Arizona for rock hunting in the desert. A highlight of his life was a fishing trip to Alaska with his grandson Casey.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing, capturing live rattlesnakes, coin collecting, and playing pitch and pinochle. He was a rock hound and also a puzzle master. An avid musician, his preferred instrument was the fiddle, though he also played the guitar, banjo, and mandolin. He played for community dances with the Knee Benders and spent countless hours entertaining area residents with the fondness for playing at the nursing home. He had a special gift for amusing children. Marvin was a member of

Pondera Valley Lutheran Church, Golden West Church, the Moose Lodge, Montana State Old-Time Fiddlers Association, and the VFW.

Survivors include daughters, Arlene Harvey of Helena and Rita Cheek of Missoula, grandsons, Casey Kellogg of Helena and Randall Kellogg of New York City, and siblings Donald Cheek (Ella) and Exene Russell of Conrad, and Violet White (Bob) of Sun City, Arizona as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Marvin was preceded in death by his loving wife of 58 years Vivian.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 10 2005, at Pondera Valley Lutheran Church in Conrad. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Pondera Valley or Golden West Lutheran Church, Intermountain Children's Home in Helena, or donor's choice. Pondera Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

RUSSELL CHINADLE
Born: March 18, 1939 – Died: December 13, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
December 15, 2005


Russell Chinadle

CASCADE — Russell Chinadle, 66, of Dearborn, an Army veteran and former Havre resident, died of cancer Tuesday, at Peace Hospice.



Chinadle

A gathering of friends is 3 p.m. Saturday at the Dearborn Inn. A family burial of ashes will be held at a later date.

 Cremation has taken place under the direction of Schnider Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.schniderfuneralhome.com.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Lois Chinadle; a daughter Cheryl Kirkland, of Great Falls; sons Roger (Becky) Chinadle, of Bend, Ore., and Jim Chinadle of Dearborn; grandchildren Hailey, Evan, Ethan, and Owen, of Bend, and Nevaeh of Dearborn; a brother, Allen (Georgia) Chinadle, of Hingham; and an aunt, Elsie Jones, of Great Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents James and Ethel Chinadle; and his 14-year-old grandson, James, in 2001.

Russell was born March 18, 1939, and raised in Hingham, Mont. He joined the U.S. Army in 1958. He was a bar owner prior to becoming a U.S. Postal worker where he delivered mail to the Rocky Boy Reservation for 28 years. He formed many life-long friendships there.

In earlier years, Russ enjoyed fishing at Tiber and Fresno, and camping. After retirement and moving to the Dearborn area, he enjoyed puttering in the yard, taking care of his trees and helping raise Nevaeh.

Russell will always be remembered for his generosity and willingness to help anyone at anytime.

Memorials may be made to the Peace Hospice House, 1501 26th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405; or to the donor's choice.

GLEE ADELE (ROSS) CLARK

Birth: January 26, 1942 – Death: February 13, 2005

Liberty County Times

June 8, 2005



Glee A. Clark

Glee Adele (Ross) Clark was born January 26, 1942 at Kalispell, Montana. She was the youngest of four children born to Margaret "Peggy" Clark and Donald A. Ross. Her family moved to Joplin where she grew up and received her early education. Glee finished her schooling at Florence, then began working in the construction business.

In the years that followed, Glee raised a family of five children. Her parents had

retired in the Chester/Joplin community, so Glee visited here in the summer months for many years. She lived in Chester in the early 1980's and worked in the kitchen at the Liberty County Nursing Home. She returned to Kalispell for a few years before moving to Reno (Nevada) to be close to several daughters. While in Reno she worked at WalMart.

Glee suffered from chronic lung disease, which required numerous hospitalizations during the last year of her life. She died at a Reno hospital on February 13, 2005 at the age of 63.

Glee's faith was important to her. In her quiet time at home she enjoyed reading spiritual literature. She also enjoyed religious videos and tapes. In the last days of her life, Glee expressed how the love she was shown greatly lifted her heart and how her life had touched others. Her family is content that she passed away in a state of perfect peace.

Survivors include two sons, Terry Goulet of Denver,

Colorado and John Pardon of Belt; three daughters, Wendy Glanzman (and husband, Merlin) of Boise, Idaho, Carla Arribillaga (and husband, Richard) of Reno, and Stacy Riordan (and husband, Pat) of Reno; two brothers, Clark Ross of Galivants Ferry, South Carolina and Leland Ross of Corvallis; one sister, Dawn Bjornstad of Joplin; one foster-brother, David Rico of El Paso, Texas; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many nephews and nieces. Glee was preceded in death by her father in 1985 and her mother in 2001.

Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday (June 11, 2005) at the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Chester. Interment of ashes will follow at the family plot in the Joplin Cemetery.

Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

DEAN RUSSELL CLAYBORN
Birth: August 4, 1945 – Death: May 30, 2005
Liberty County Times
June 8, 2005

Dean Clayborn

Dean Russell Clayborn, age 59, an oilrig driller and farmer, died in a tractor accident May 30, 2005 at his home.

Dean was born in Havre on August 4, 1945 to Margaret (Flatness) and Harold Clayborn. He graduated from Havre High School in 1965.

On August 6, 1966 he married Lorraine Vosen, and from that marriage two sons were born, Kenny and Kevin. The couple later divorced. Dean then married Sis Gable and they had one daughter, Deana Clayborn. The couple later divorced.

Dean loved his horses and enjoyed helping people. In 2005 he was awarded a Donor of the Year award from the Hospitalized Veterans Association. He never turned anyone away and did what he could to help everyone. Dean was also a good mechanic and spent his time working on the farm and fixing cars and farm machinery. He was a good worker who worked for various oilrigs, Heltne's Service Station, Buttrey's, and Hi-Line Dodge. He was also a member of the National Guard.

He was preceded in death by his father Harold Sam

Clayborn; and brothers Dale and Larry Clayborn.

Dean is survived by sons Kenneth Beck of Kremlin, Montana, and Kevin Beck of Preston, Idaho; a daughter Deana Clayborn of Havre; his mother Margaret Golie at the family farm south of Havre; a brother Neal (Audrey) Clayborn of South Havre; a stepbrother Berney Golie of South Havre; grandchildren Kadeen, Halsten, Tabitha, Katie, and Dexter; nephews Willis Clayborn of Anchorage, AK, and Harvey (Theresa) Herrig of Havre; nieces Susie Clayborn of Havre, and Adrienne (Shawn) Love of Laredo. Good friends Dick McClain and Paul Seabey; and longtime buddy Ed Nystrom.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 am Friday June 3, 2005 at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Chapel, followed by a luncheon at the VFW. Burial of ashes took place at the Clayborn farm.

Lt. Col. J. D. COLEMAN
Birth: December 16, 1930 – Death: October 4, 2005
Liberty County Times
October 19, 2005

J.D. Coleman

KALISPELL - Lt. Col. J.D. Coleman, retired, loving husband of 53 years; father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died of cancer at his home Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005, at his residence in Kalispell surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Dec. 16, 1930, in Spokane, the son of Phil and Lois LaBreche. Abandoned by his father during his infancy, he was raised east of the mountains where his mother taught in several one-room country schools. J.D. and his mother later moved to the Flathead and lived in Columbia Falls and Kalispell.

After graduating from Flathead High School, J.D. joined the Montana National Guard in 1948 and in April of that year went on active duty with the U.S. Army. After basic training, J.D. was assigned to the 11th Airborne Division in Sendai, Japan, and proudly became a "rice paddy jumper."

With the start of hostilities in Korea, J.D. served as an Airborne infantryman in the 187th Regimental Combat Team (Airborne) and during the conflict, made two combat jumps behind enemy lines. J.D. was honorably discharged in 1952 after four years of service, returned to

Kalispell, where he met his future wife, Madeline Young. J.D. and Madeline were married Sept. 14, 1952, and the couple moved to Missoula where J.D. pursued a degree in journalism at the University of Montana and graduated in 1956.

While attending the university full time, J.D. worked at a local radio station where he covered local news and sports. After graduation, J.D. worked for a newspaper in Pasco, Wash., and then returned to Missoula and became the assistant sports information director at the University of Montana. He later took the position of news director and editorial writer for Missoula radio station KBTK.

J.D. remained affiliated with the U.S. Army Reserve and received a direct commission as a second lieutenant in 1958. In 1963, J.D. returned to active duty with the U.S. Army and was assigned to Fort Benning, Ga., where he was an infantry company commander with the 11th Air Assault Division (test), which was later re-designated the 1st Air Cavalry Division (airmobile). As a captain in August 1965, he deployed to Vietnam with the 1st Cav, initially as assistant public information offi-

cer. During this time J.D. wrote the official After Action Report of the Pleiku campaign that was extensively studied by senior leaders in the military; this report later became the basis for his first published book, "Pleiku, The Dawn of Helicopter Warfare."

Later, during his first tour, he was selected for command of a paratrooper infantry rifle company with the First Cavalry Division (B Co. 2/8). There, J.D. served with distinction and was awarded a Silver Star and a Bronze Star with "V" for valor for actions during a pivotal battle in the Central Highlands of Vietnam, during which he and his company of soldiers successfully led the defense of a special forces camp as several battalions of North Vietnamese army regulars furiously assaulted it. The 18 hours of intense combat won his unit the first Valorous Unit Citation ever awarded to a rifle company in Vietnam.

Upon returning to the states, J.D. was assigned to the Defense Information School in Indiana for two and a half years. In 1969, he returned to Vietnam as PIO for the 1st Cavalry. There, J.D. assembled a team of young soldiers to write and photograph the exploits of the "First

Team."

J.D., now a major, spent much time sparring with the members of the news media around the world who seemed determined to undermine the war effort and discredit the brave young men who were fighting an unpopular war.

Back in the states, again in April 1970, he was PIO for the Combat Development Command at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he filled a colonel's slot as a major. J.D. went on to be PIO at Fort Ord, Calif., and chief of command information at Fort McPherson, Ga. J.D. retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel in 1979. In addition to the Silver Star, he wore three Legions of Merit, four Bronze Stars, two CIBs and a Meritorious Service Medal.

After retiring from active duty, J.D. became communications director for the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, helping lure Fortune 500 companies to the area (a campaign that won a national award) and PIO for the Georgia Department of Public Safety (Highway Patrol).

In 1980, J.D. signed on for some strenuous part-time work as a disaster assistance employee at the Federal Emergency Management Agency. His assignments included

hurricanes in Mississippi, Florida and Alabama and a tornado in Wisconsin.

In 1989, his first book on Vietnam was published, "Pleiku: The Dawn of Helicopter Warfare in Vietnam," covering events of his first tour with the First Cav in Vietnam. He followed up with his second book in 1991, "Inursion: From America's Chokehold on the NVA Lifelines to the Sacking of the Cambodian Sanctuaries."

In 1991, he finally returned to his beloved Montana, as a Forest Service Public Affairs Officer at the Flathead National Forest. After retiring from the Forest Service in 1997, J.D. signed back on with FEMA with deployments that included the immense Hayman Fire in Colorado in 2002, floods in Los Angeles and North Dakota. That same year his latest book was published, "WONJU, The Gettysburg of the Korean War." In 2003, J.D. was recalled by the Forest Service to help run a wildfire information office.

J.D. was a member of the advisory committee of the Journalism School in Missoula, board member on the Flathead County Republican Assembly, and a member of the Flathead County Central Committee

and the First Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell.

J.D. was also active in the 1st Cav and the 187th RCT (Rakkasans) Association and followed his alma mater's football team with passion.

J.D. is survived by his wife of 53 years, Madeline; two daughters, Kathleen Sudan and husband Marvin and their three children, Tracey Jean, Travis and Kimberly Morrison and husband Bill, all of Kalispell, and Michelle Standley and husband John and their two daughters, Rebecca of New Orleans and Jennifer of Kalispell; three sons, Darrell Coleman and his wife J and two children, Alex Jean of Dallas and Michelle of Salinas, Calif., Roger Coleman and sons Charles and Roger of Louisiana, and Joseph and son Brandon of Louisiana.

J.D. is also survived by two great-granddaughters, Caitlin Jean and Anna Louise Morrison.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to the scholarship fund for journalism students at the University of Montana at Montana Community Foundation, 101 N. Last Chance Gulch Suite 111, Helena, MT 59601.

Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for J.D.'s family.

JUNE (CADY) CORBITT
Born: Age 85 – Died: August 8, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
August 11, 2005

June Corbitt

WALKERVILLE — June (Cady) Corbitt, 85, a retired nurse and homemaker, died of natural causes Monday at her home in Walkerville.



Corbitt

Visitation is 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick's Church, with funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Cremation will take place after the service, with burial of ashes at a later date. Duggan Dolan Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include sons Joe Corbitt of Butte and Dan Corbitt of Denver; daughters Rose Crowley of Billings and Mary Lewis of Butte; a brother, Willis Cady of the Havre area; and sisters Lorraine Eyman and Carol Heggen of the Havre area; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel J. Corbitt, on March 11, 1989.

THELMA L. (WILLIAMS) CRAWFORD
Born: Age: 82 – Died: April 13, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
April 19, 2005

TheLma L. Crawford

HAVRE — Chester native Thelma L. (Williams) Crawford, 82, of Havre, who enjoyed knitting, fishing and making quilts, died of natural causes April 13 at Northern Montana Hospital.

Cremation has taken place and his memorial service will be held at a later time. A luncheon for family and friends is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Eagles. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is handling arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, Ray Crawford, of Havre; sons Ken Kampf of Havre, Dan "Duck" Kampf and Larry Kampf, both of Great Falls; daughters Linda Sterner of Havre and Judy Goodian of Box Elder; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

ROBERT WAYNE DAFOE
Birth: April 11, 1918 – Death: February 3, 2005
Liberty County Times
February 9, 2005

Wayne Dafoe



Robert W. ("Wayne") Dafoe was born April 11, 1918 at Ithaca, Michigan. He was one of four children born to Ernest and Nellie (Peck) Dafoe. After receiving his formal education, Wayne began working in the

tool-and-dye division at the Buick factory in Flint. He later completed a course in auto body repair at a local trade school.

Wayne and a friend traveled to Montana on their Indian motorcycles in the summer of 1939. He met his wife-to-be, a Chester area girl named Mable Mae Hoffner. They were married at Flint on December 3, 1939. They made their home in Michigan for the next four years. In 1943 Wayne was inducted into the U.S. Army, so Mable returned to Montana to be near her family. Wayne served as a medic in Burma during World War II. When he received his honorable discharge in 1947, he came to Montana to be reunited with Mable. For a short while he assisted with the ranching oper-

ations on the Hoffner ranch northeast of the Sweetgrass Hills. The Dafoe's made their home in Chester where Wayne owned and operated the Chester Body Shop from 1948-1959. When the Hoffner's retired in 1959, Wayne and Mable and their family of three moved to the ranch. In addition to raising Angus cattle, Wayne continued to do auto body repair work at his shop on the ranch.

After 39 years of marriage, Mable died of cancer on December 28, 1978. Wayne remained a widower throughout the rest of his life; however, in 1983 he and Betty Lou Standiford became special friends and social partners until her untimely death in 1988. Wayne retired about 20 years ago, but continued to live on the ranch and help out whenever he could. In the 1990's he began traveling during the winter months to Apache Junction, Arizona where he developed a host of friends in a trailer park there. Wayne's health remained relatively good until three years ago. In October of 2003 he moved to the Wheat Country Estate (assisted living facility) in Chester.

Wayne was eventually diagnosed with lung cancer. He entered the Chester hospital about a month ago and later transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home, where he died on the early morning of Thursday (February 3rd, 2005). He was 86 years old.

Wayne's past memberships included the Chester V.F.W. Post, the Havre Elks Club, and

the Chester United Methodist Church. He had served on the Chester School Board for many years. Wayne was very proud of his military service.

Of interest was the fact that he and his two brothers had all served during WWII and had all lived into their 80's.

Wayne enjoyed many hobbies, especially his artwork. In the 1950's he started oil-painting, then converted to pencil drawings. He was meticulous in his sketchings of people, animals, machinery, and scenery. Locals have appreciated his work for many years.

He also enjoyed stream fishing, wildlife, and hunting. Social activities included bowling, camping, dancing, attending horse races, and enjoying the events of his grandchildren. During his quiet time at home he had constructed intricate model ships, completed many jigsaw puzzles, and even tried knitting. He had a nice collection of match-box cars, enjoyed Western movies, liked to read Western novels, and loved to play cards (especially pinochle and "penny-ante" poker). And last, but not least, he was an excellent acetylene welder.

This past November Wayne appreciated traveling south for the last time with several of his children and grandchildren to celebrate "Thanksgiving" in Elko, Nevada at the home of his grandson, Bill.

He is survived by two sons, Hal Dafoe (and wife, Gerri) of Great Falls and Bob Dafoe (and wife, Toni) of Chester one daughter, Janet Jonas (and hus-

band, Richard) of Great Falls; one brother, Lionel (Marj) Dafoe of Burton, Michigan; one sister, Arlene Jackson of Germantown, Wisconsin; eight grandchildren including Kean, Kylynn, Kareece, Bill, Julia, Marjorie, Tiffari, and Althea; one great-granddaughter, Cheyenne; and many nephews and nieces. Wayne was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and a brother (Leroy).

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Tuesday Feb. 8th at the Chester Alliance Church. Officiants were Pastors John Maatta and Richard Mullinax. Pianist, Ruth Maatta, accompanied the congregation, who sang "Amazing Grace" and "What A Friend." Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, performed "Beyond the Sunset" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Ushers were John Cicon and Earl Colbry. Pallbearers included Bill Dafoe, Brian Bliss, Buster Brown, Vance Graham, Bill Albee, and Dan Wolery. A luncheon by the Bear's Den Homemakers followed at the church. Graveside services with military rites were 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Whitlash Cemetery where Wayne's son-in-law, Richard Jonas, read scripture and his old friend, Don Bullington, made the military flag presentation. Memorials will be given to the Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester or to donor's choice. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

ETHEL COLENE (FUGATE) KEITH DARNALL
Birth: June 1, 1925 – Death: July 27, 2005
Liberty County Times
August 3, 2005



**Ethel C.
Darnall**

Ethel Colene (Fugate) Keith Darnall was born June 1, 1925 in Greentop, Missouri. Ethel was one of seven children born to Oleph and Ester (Brenizer) Fugate. The Fugates moved to Washington State where Ethel received her formal education, graduating from Colville High School in 1943.

While working in Spokane, Washington Ethel met Lloyd Keith, a Montana native serving in the United States Army. They were married June 5, 1943. After completing his service in the Army, Lloyd and Ethel moved to Chester Montana, where they raised their family of sons. During their 24 years together in Chester, they owned and operated Keith Chevrolet and the County Fair Super Market. Ethel and Lloyd were divorced in 1968.

Ethel moved to Great Falls, Montana where she worked at the Pin-n-Cue Bowling Alley and as an insurance clerk. On June 6, 1970 she married Robert Darnall. They lived and worked in the Kalispell community for several years where they eventually purchased the Cedar Lodge Motel in Columbia Falls. After selling the motel, they moved to

Ideal Motel for a short time. Ethel and Bob took advantage of an opportunity to work in motel management for the "Imperial 400" chain, where they managed hotels in San Diego, Billings and Bozeman until their retirement in 1994.

After retiring, Ethel and Bob moved to Chester to be closer to their family and friends. They were active at the local Senior Center where Ethel served on the board. Ethel enjoyed crocheting, bowling,

traveling and playing board games and cards (including Bridge, Hearts, Spades, and her favorite, Pinochle). She was very competitive, especially when playing against her sons! In her quiet time at home she enjoyed her favorite television shows: "The Guiding Light," "Jeopardy," "Wheel of Fortune," and "The Price is Right."

Her family described Ethel as the "Queen Bee of the Keith Clan." She was the driving force behind many family gatherings and vacations. She was a wonderful cook, who expressed her love for her family through her kitchen skills. She knew all the favorite foods of her children and grandchildren, preparing these special dishes with love to please each visitor. Her homemade jams and jellies were always a special treat for everyone! Ethel will be missed by all who love her.

Ethel suffered from pulmonary fibrosis during the past five years. This serious lung condition required her to be on oxygen, limiting her activities outside the home. Ethel was

recently diagnosed with terminal cancer. Her desire to stay home and be cared for by family and home nurses was fulfilled. Ethel died peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday evening July 27, 2005. She was 80 years old.

Survivors include her husband of 35 years, Bob Darnall of Chester; six sons and spouses, Jasper Womach (and Marilynne Black) of Alexandria Virginia, Donald Keith (and Lorri) of Great Falls, David Keith (and Teri) of Great Falls, Rodney Keith (and Inez) of Chester, Kelly Keith (and Mary) of Twenty-nine Palms, California, and Cal Keith of Great Falls; two stepdaughters, Vicky Gearhart of Buffalo, Wyoming and Rhonda Jay of Waldorf, Maryland; three brothers, Lee Fugate of Colville, Washington, Ole Fugate of Centralia, Washington, and Glen Fugate of Salem, Oregon; 23 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Ethel was preceded in death not only by her former husband and parents, but also by her

son, James Keith; two grandsons, Davey and Robert Keith; and three sisters, Bea Scammon, Letha Johnson, and Sarah Fugate.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday August 1, 2005 at the United Methodist Church in Chester by Reverend Waveland King. Son, David Keith, shared a special message and personal remembrances. Pianist, Gail Cicon, accompanied the con-

gregation, who sang "Hymn of Promise" and "In the Garden." Vocalist, Marcus Jochim, performed "There's Something About That Name" and "The Impossible Dream." Pallbearers were grandsons David, Dean, Karl, Curtis, Mathew, Derek, and Eric Keith. Honorary bearers were all of Ethel's other loving grandchildren. Jana Wolery provided sign language for the service. Graveside services with a balloon ceremony followed at the Chester Cemetery. A coffee hour was held at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Liberty Senior

DOROTHY (HOLMES) PAWLITSCHKEK DeBUTY
Birth: September 18, 1918 – Death: September 5, 2005
Liberty County Times
September 14, 2005



Dorothy DeButy

Dorothy Holmes Pawlitschek DeButy, 86, a Montana resident, died of natural causes Monday, September 5, 2005 at the Liberty County Nursing Home.

Born to Melvin and Jessie (Cunningham) Holmes September 18, 1918, she was the youngest of four children. At birth she was named Cerene Ann but later changed to Dorothy. Her early years were spent ranching on Tullock Creek east of Hardin. In the Great Depression her family moved to Spokane later returning to Hardin. A 1936 graduate of Hardin High School, she worked during WWII for Douglas Aircraft Co. in Santa Monica, California. She married Jim Pawlitschek in Paris, Texas. They were blessed with a son Jack. The couple later divorced. Dorothy worked in

Hardin as a secretary in the law office of Burt Kronmiller and for rancher Harvey Willcutt before establishing her own land lease business in 1965. She adopted two nieces Carol and Beverly in 1966, officially becoming "Mom" to them after the death of their parents Les and Burneta Holmes. April 3, 1982 she married Warren "Ray" DeButy in Lolo, Montana. They retired, living in Hamilton until his death in 1992. Dorothy's health failed also. Forest fires forced evacuations of the Hamilton area in August 2000 and she moved to Joplin near her daughter. In July 2002 she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home, where she was lovingly cared for the rest of her life.

Dorothy enjoyed the outdoors. In early years she was an avid hunter and later more of a wildlife observer and conservationist. She loved family picnics, hikes and camping. She was known as an excellent cook and flower gardener. Holiday dinners (her specialty) were complete with elegant table settings. Fried chicken, lasagna, meat loaf and apple pie were family favorites. Dorothy enjoyed golf and bowling and was a member of the Congregational Church and Order of Eastern Star. Mostly

she was proud of being born and raised in MONTANA!

She is survived by son Jack (Vicki) of Snohomish, Washington; daughters Carol (Tom) Bangs of Inverness and Beverly (Jim) Tevnan of Newtown, Connecticut; grandchildren Joni, Traci, Jeff, Katie, Carolyn and Jillian; sister-in-law Betty Holmes; a nephew, nieces and dear friends. Preceding her in death were her husband, parents, sister Doris Watkins and brothers Leslie and Jack Holmes.

A memorial service is planned for Friday, September 30th at 2:00 p.m. at the Bullis Mortuary in Hardin. Interment of ashes will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations to Hi-line Health Foundation, Alzheimer's Foundation or Red Cross would be appreciated.

CLAUDE SMITH "CLAUDIE" DEMAREST
Birth: September 4, 1912 – Death: April 15, 2005
Liberty County Times
April 27, 2005



Claude Demarest

Claude Smith Demarest (better known as Claudie Demarest) was born September 4, 1912 at Great Falls, Montana. He was the only son of four children born to Harry and Amelia (Brown) Demarest. He grew up on the family ranch in the Sweetgrass Hills and received his formal education at Whitlash. Following his school years Claudie began working with his dad on the ranch.

In 1930 he met his wife-to-be, Elsie R. Wehr, a North Dakota native who had come to Montana to teach rural schools in the Sweetgrass Hills. Claude and Elsie were married on December 23, 1934 in Havre. They made their home on the Demarest Ranch where they raised a family of two. They were happily married for 62 years when Claudie's wife (whom he affectionately called his "loving cowgirl") passed away on

Elsie's death Claudie continued to remain active in the ranching operations with his partner/best friend/son, Douglas. In fact, he was still helping with calving details until a few weeks ago, when he developed pneumonia. After two short hospitalizations, Claudie died at the Marias Medical Center in Shelby on the past Friday evening (April 15th, 2005). He was 92 years old.

Claudie was a longtime member of the Galata Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star. He was also active at the Whitlash Presbyterian Church. He served as a director at Marias River Electric for 48 years before retiring several years ago. In addition he managed the Liberty Hall in Whitlash for many years; of interest was the fact that he served as a Liberty County Deputy Marshal in Whitlash "to control peace and good conduct" at those memorable weekend dances and activities that made Liberty Hall famous.

Claudie's passion in life was his ranch and everything related to it. He collected samples of all the native grasses and categorized them as to type. He was fascinated with cattle and horse brands; he studied the history of brands and had a wonderful memory in identifying brands and ownership. Claudie personally owned several brands, but his favorite was (which is technically described as "U up, U down, bar"; however, Claudie affectionately described it as "a horseshoe comin' and goin' with a bar underneath"). In addition Claudie had a large collection of books and magazines relating to ranching, rodeos, western histories and biographies, and Montana histories.

There's just no doubt that Claudie was an original Montana cowboy whose lifelong love was working with horses and cattle. In those early years on the ranch he broke horses for himself and his neighbors. For many years he trailed cattle from the hills to the Chester stockyards for local ranchers.

In 1929 he was an active participant in the Liberty County wild horse roundup. Because of his love of livestock

and rodeos, Claudie helped sponsor a special rodeo that was held in Chester in 1934. In the late 1930's he learned to spay heifers; over a span of 50 years Claudie spayed literally thousands of heifers each season throughout northcentral Montana. Because there was a shortage of good cowboys during World War II, Claudie was recruited in the fall of 1945 to work at the St. Paul (Minnesota) stockyards. In the 1950's Claudie began raising registered Hereford cattle and helped form the Marias Hereford Breeders Association (in which he served as past president). These are just a few of his life's experiences as Montana rancher "in the old west". At age 87 Claudie was encouraged by family and friends to write his memoirs. His book "Cardboard Ponies to Buckin' Broncs," was published in 2001.

Claudie is survived by his two children, including his son, Doug of Whitlash and his daughter, Auverne Dieffenbach (and husband, Tim) of Stanwood, Washington; two sisters, Helen Weber of Kalispell and Lucille Ritter of Lakeside; six grandchildren, including: Sandra (and Michael) Orman, Craig Dieffenbach, Brian Dieffenbach, Paula (and Dolan) Hull, Marty Demarest, and Crystal Demarest; seven great-grandchildren, including Tiffany Orman, Giovanna Dieffenbach, Amanda Dieffenbach, Reid Broadhurst, Rylan Broadhurst, Tyson Hull, and Tatum Hull; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Claude was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a sister (Mabel Iverson).

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. today Wednesday, April 20th at the Whitlash Presbyterian Church. Reverend Charles Woodworth of Cut Bank will officiate. Paula Hull (granddaughter) will read Psalm 121 and Byron Weber (nephew) will share the eulogy. Niece, Donna Turcott, will serve as pianist and accompany the congregation on several hymns. Ushers will be Pete Woods & Craig Broadhurst. Friends serving as pallbearers include Buster Brown, Robert Thompson, James Dahlea, Jim Sutton, Matt Eide, & Ben Wurz. Following burial in the Whitlash Cemetery, a reception will be held at the Liberty Hall. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials will be given to the Liberty Hall in Whitlash or donor's choice.

LILLIAN 'LILLY' (SANVIK) DeMARTIN
Birth: August 11, 1917 – Death: December 14, 2005
Liberty County Times
December 21, 2005



Lillian DeMartin

Lillian "Lilly" (Sanvik) DeMartin, age 88, passed away Wednesday morning (December 14th, 2005) at the nursing home in Chester.

Lillian was born August 11th, 1917 on the family homestead 21 miles north of Gildford, Montana. She was one of seven children born to Ole and Karolena "Lena" (Berge) Sanvik. In 1928 the Sanviks moved to Rudyard where Lillian graduated from high school.

She married Howard DeMartin on June 29th, 1935. They lived on a farm 6 miles north of Rudyard for 38 years, where Lillian worked as a farm wife, homemaker, and mother of four. The DeMartins moved into Rudyard in 1973. After 46 years of marriage, Howard passed away in November of 1981. Lillian remained at home in Rudyard until January of 2002, when she moved to the Wheat Country Estates Assisted Living Facility in Chester. After being diagnosed with cancer, she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home for extended care this past November.

Lillian was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church; in addition to teaching Sunday School for 23 years, she had served on the church council and was active in the church circles and ladies organizations. Lillian was also an active member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary and was recognized in 1970 with a special award as Group 2's "President of the Year". Local friends will remember her "Rudyard News" articles, which she wrote for the Liberty County Times for many years.

Lillian's hobbies were crafts and ceramics. In her younger days she enjoyed bowling in the Hi-Line leagues. An excellent

cook, she was well-known by family and friends for her delicious homemade pies! In her quiet time at home, Lillian enjoyed watching television (especially, the Tonight Show with Johnnie Carson, favorite soap operas, and selected sporting events).

Her survivors include 2 sons, Joe (Betty) DeMartin of Rudyard and Rick (Barbara) DeMartin of Toston; son-in-law, Charles Hanson of Roswell, New Mexico; 9 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Lillian was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a son (Jerry DeMartin), a daughter (Janice Hanson), 1 grandson, 1 granddaughter, 4 brothers, and 2 sisters.

Her funeral was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday (Dec. 19th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Pastor Brian Pederson officiated. Scripture readings were shared by Barbara DeMartin and the eulogist was Kirk Hanson. Sharon Spicher served as organist, who accompanied the congregation in hymns "Abide With Me" and "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past". Pallbearers were Brian, Barry, and Levi DeMartin; Kirk Hanson; Lowell Strissel; Stu Smith; and Jerry Copenhagen; the usher was Bob Christenson. Following a luncheon at the church, the graveside services were held at 1:30 p.m. at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to Our Savior's Lutheran Church or donor's choice...

FRANK CHARLES DITTUS
Birth: January 16, 1922 – Death: August 16, 2005
Liberty County Times
August 24, 2005

Frank Dittus

Frank Charles Dittus was born on January 16, 1922, the second of two children to Frank and Anna Weigman Dittus of Middle Village, New York. Frank was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church and attended public school until the age of fifteen, when he was severely injured by a drunk driver while returning home on his bicycle. Frank lived most of his life in Middle Village, NY in the family home with his sister Violet Kruithoff and her fam-

ily. Frank retired from Bethlehem Steel/Glendale Yards and then worked part-time with his brother-in-law Emil until 1981.

Frank was involved in many church activities at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glendale, NY, and served as a deacon for many years.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Violet and two brother-in-laws, Philip Brendan Kruithoff and Emil Gastich. Frank came to live with his nephew Philip and family in 1995 in Billings, MT, after the death of his sister, Violet.

Frank never married and had no children. He was a doting uncle to his two nephews, Philip and Dennis Kruithoff, who survive him, along with their children and grandchildren: Robert and Kim Kruithoff and children Rodney and Ellen; Kathryn Kruithoff; Karalyn and her daughter Teagen Kruithoff;

all of Great Falls, MT, and Dennis' children, Jennifer and James Kruithoff of Glendale, New York.

Frank was a very loving and caring man who loved a good joke, fishing in his boat and sharing his life with his family. One of his many joys was playing Santa Claus at the nursing home, passing out presents and kisses to staff and patients alike. The twinkle in his eye and the smile on his face made him a hit at all the Christmas parties. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Frank passed away quietly on Tuesday morning, August 16, 2005 at Park Place Nursing Home, Great Falls, MT.

Graveside services and burial were held at the Chester Cemetery on August 21, 2005 at 3:00 pm.

Memorials may be sent to Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester, MT.

JUNE ELRID (McDERMOTT) DOLEZAL
Birth: February 6, 1931 – Death: October 4, 2005
Liberty County Times
October 12, 2005



June Dolezal

June Elrid Dolezal, age 74, a patient at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, died on Tuesday evening (October 4th, 2005) of complications related to diabetes.

At the time of her death she was surrounded by her loving family.

June was born February 6th, 1931 in Shelby, Mt. She was the fifth of six children born to Edward and Ethel (Barnes) McDermott. June was raised in Sunburst and received her formal education there.

She married Valerian "Jack" Dolezal on August 25th, 1952 in Sunburst. During their 53 years of married life together, they lived at Whitlash, Turner, Shelby, Harlem, & Chester, and raised a family of five children.

June was raised in the Catholic faith at Sunburst. She was a longtime member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She enjoyed fancy-work, especially tatting, crocheting, and embroidery. She also enjoyed reading, playing cards (mainly pinochle), and "Yahtzee". Her favorite pastime was her large doll collection.

June was proud of her family heritage. She was the granddaughter of Rodney Barnes, who was credited with discovering gold near Gold Butte, Mt. She dedicated her life to being a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She kept close contact with family and friends by her daily phone calls and sending flowers on special occasions. June will be remembered for her warm heart and gentle spirit...

She was preceded in death by her parents (Edward and Ethel McDermott), her sister (Ethel Verona McDermott), 2 brothers (Rodney and Jack McDermott), and an infant grandson (Aaron Dolezal).

June is survived by her husband, Valerian Dolezal of Chester; 4 sons, Patrick (Mindy) Dolezal of Castle Rock, Colorado, Jack (Melissa) Dolezal of Marysville, Wash., Richard (Debra) Dolezal of Havre, and Tom Dolezal of Chester; 1 daughter, Kathleen

Dolezal (Kent Barnes) of Helena; 7 grandchildren; 4 step-grandchildren; and 1 great-grandson. She also leaves behind 2 brothers, Wayne and James McDermott, both of Sandpoint, Idaho, and numerous other relatives, including a very dear cousin, Gladys Morrison, of Bozeman, Mt.

June's family would like to express their sincerest thanks to Dr. Anna Earl, Dr. Richard Buker, the clinic staff, and the nursing staff at L.C.H. for their dedication and professionalism.

June's funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Friday (Oct. 7th) by Father Joseph Diekhans at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Special music by vocalist/guitarist, Penny Velk, included "The Old Rugged Cross", "On Eagle's Wings", "In the Garden", and "We'll Meet Again".

Richie Hamel served as pianist and Mindy Dolezal shared the eulogy. Mass participants included altar server, Tom Osterman; scripture reader, Debora Dolezal; communion gifts, Keenan and Garrett Dolezal; and Eucharistic ministers, Natalie Ghekiere and Marjie Dahinden. Pallbearers were June's 4 sons and 2 grandsons (Nick & Mike Dolezal).

Honorary bearers were Dr.

Buker, Dr. Earl, and the entire staff at the clinic & hospital who lovingly cared for June.

A luncheon followed in the church basement.

Graveside services were 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Sunburst Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials may be given to the Liberty County Hospital or donor's choice...

ROBERT "BOB" WILLIAM DUNCAN
Birth: August 12, 1917 - Death: January 7, 2005
Liberty County Times
January 19, 2005

**Robert "Bob"
William Duncan**

Robert "Bob" William Duncan, of Kalispell, Montana, age 87, passed away on Friday, January 7, 2005 at his winter home in Mesa, Arizona. He was born August 12, 1917 in Hingham, Montana to Louis Elmer and Alice Lee (Crabill) Duncan.

Robert received his early education at the Burk School north of Joplin, Montana for 8 years and graduated from high school in Chester, Montana. He then attended Montana State College in Bozeman where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Economics in 1942. During the war Robert worked in the Boeing plant in Seattle, WA as an aircraft inspector. After the

war he went to Big Sandy, Montana where he worked as an FFA teacher. In 1948 he began work for the SCS in Cut Bank, MT. In 1952 Robert met Catherine Dalby and the couple married in 1953. They began farming the old homestead in 1954 and retired in 1984. The couple had built a home in Mesa, AZ in 1980 for the win-

ter months and upon retiring built a home in Lakeside, MT as well. Catherine passed away in 1996 and in 1998 Robert married Edna Colbry, a life long friend.

Robert is survived by his wife: Edna Colbry Duncan of Lakeside and Mesa; one son: Bill Dalby, and a granddaughter: Jenny Dalby.

Funeral services for Robert "Bob" William Duncan were held Friday, January 14, 2005 at 11:30 am at the Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, Montana with Pastor Wayne

Pris officiating. Graveside committal was at 10 am, prior to the church service, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

GRANT ARNOLD FLAGE
Birth: June 12, 1917 – Death: September 7, 2005
Liberty County Times
September 14, 2005



Grant Arnold Flage

Grant Arnold Flage was born June 12, 1917 to Anna Bertha Aslakson Flage and Helge G. Flage in Great Falls, Montana. He attended school in Galata. He graduated from Galata High School in 1933. He attended one year of post-graduate classes in Galata before attending Kinman Business College in Spokane. Upon the death of his father, he returned to Galata and later picked up his studies at the University of Missoula. The needs of the ranch prevented his further education except for some short courses at the University in Bozeman.

On March 23, 1944, he married Alvina Myhre Larsen at the Galata Lutheran Church. They made their life together farming and ranching in Galata until her death in 2002. Grant was very active in the community. He served on the school

board, on the board of directors of the Union Elevator Company and the Galata Co-op for many years. A lifetime member of the Galata Lutheran Church, he served virtually every office and position in the leadership of the Church. He became a member of the Galata Masonic Lodge #106 in 1939. He was master in 1944 and served as treasurer for 60 years until his death. He was also instrumental in the founding of the Galata County Water District and served on its board of directors until his death. Always active, he was a member of the Democratic Party, Montana Farmers Union, Montana Land and Mineral Owners Association, and other various organizations.

After a long illness, Grant went to rest with the Lord on September 7 in the Marias Care Center at Shelby, Montana. He was preceded in death by his parents and his loving wife Alvina. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Frances B. Smith of Galata and many nieces, nephews, and their families who will miss him very much.

The funeral will be held at the Galata Lutheran Church in Galata at 11 a.m., September 20th. Interment will take place following the service at the Galata Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Galata Community Hall.

DENNIS D. FRASER
Born: October 9, 1956 - Died: March 28, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
March 31, 2005

Dennis D. Fraser

CASCADE — Dennis D. Fraser, 48, of Cascade, died of an apparent heart attack Monday while at work.



Fraser

Funeral Liturgy is 3 p.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cascade. Cremation has taken place under the direction of

Schnider Funeral Home.

He is survived by his children, Michaela and Weston; his parents, Don and Clara Mae Fraser of Cascade; sisters Judy (Steve) Gianarelli of Craig, Alaska, Donna (George) Franko of Cascade and Penny Fraser of Philipsburg; brothers Merle (Kerry) Fraser of Great Falls and Don Fraser of Missoula; and many nieces and nephews.

Dennis Dale Fraser was born Oct. 9, 1956, to Don and Clara Mae (Comer) Fraser in Great Falls. He was raised and educated in Cascade, graduating from Cascade High School. He married Pat McGuire on Feb. 9, 1985, and they had two children. They later divorced.

He worked various jobs around the state, most recently for Shumacker Construction.

Dennis had a ready smile for all and an easygoing nature. He was a devoted son, always lending a helping hand to his parents, and was a loving brother and loyal friend. Above all, he was a devoted, loving father and that was what he viewed as his greatest accomplishment. His children were his pride and joy.

He was preceded in death by a nephew, Danny Franko; and a special uncle, Jim Comer.

Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice or may be designated to an education fund for his children at Stockmens Bank in Cascade.

JONNA RENAE (WOODS) FUHRINGER
Born: October 21, 1957 – Died: December 1, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
December 4, 2005

POWER — Conrad native Jonna Renae Woods Fuhringer, 48, of Power, died Thursday in Power. The cause of death has not been determined.



Fuhringer

Her memorial services will take place at a later date. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Schnider Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.schniderfuneral-home.com.

Survivors include her four children, Cory (Amanda) Fuhringer, Jeremy Fuhringer, Miche (Dusty) Jarvey and Amber Fuhringer, all of Great Falls; sisters Kay (Charlie) Robinson of Gildford, Kathy (Tom) Robinson of Conrad, and Nikki (Ray) Lowe of Pocatello, Idaho; a brother, Mike Woods of Kalispell; grandchildren Brade and Caleb VanHeel, Tyler and Kendall Jarvey and Gavin Fuhringer.

Jonna was born Oct. 21, 1957, in Conrad, to Nicholas and Joyce (Henneman) Woods. While growing up in Conrad, Jonna was active in basketball and softball. She graduated from Conrad High School in 1976.

She married David Meier and together they had two sons. They later divorced. She then married her best friend and companion, Don Fuhringer of Dutton, and she became an active farm wife.

She enjoyed yard work, gardening, the outdoors and dancing. She always worked hard in planning the annual Dutton Fun Day activities. Her determination, talent and love of sports carried over to her sons and she was always their number one fan. Jonna was a very loving and passionate person. She loved her family, friends and would go out of her way to help anyone.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her ex-husband, Don Fuhringer; two sisters, Karen Moritz and Michelle Hauer; and a brother, Dean Woods.

Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice.

JOHN IVER FUSK
Birth: May 23, 1920 – Death: December 23, 2005
Liberty County Times
January 4, 2006



John Fusk

John Iver Fusk was born May 23rd, 1920 on the family homestead in the Alma community north of Joplin, Montana. He was one of five children born to Peter and Olianna (Gotsvosli) Fusk. John grew up on the farm and received his formal education at the nearby Tingdahl country school.

John helped on the family farm for a few years, then began working as a ranch hand for various farmers in the north Joplin community. In the 1950's he moved to White Sulphur Springs, where he worked as a

lumberjack and rancher for many years.

John retired in 1985 and continued to live in White Sulphur Springs. In 1996 he moved back to Joplin to be closer to his family.

Although his eyesight and hearing had failed him in recent years, for a man of 85 years old, John's physical health remained relatively good. He attributed this good health to his daily walks in and around Joplin. No matter the weather, these treks totaled 15-20 miles each day! On this past Friday afternoon (December 23rd, 2005) John was finishing a walk into Joplin (he was northbound on Highway 224). Although the B.N. railroad crossing warning apparatus was operational, John apparently believed he could get across the tracks before the arrival of a westbound freight train. Tragically, he was struck by the train and died instantly.

In addition to his love of walking, John enjoyed gopher hunting. During his quiet time at

home he enjoyed reading, word-search puzzles, and braiding bailing twine ropes. He was an avid fan of the Paul Harvey radio show and he enjoyed several news and game shows on television. After he retired, he kept busy shoveling walks and supplying firewood to many of the widow ladies in White Sulphur Springs. After moving back to the Hi-Line, he enjoyed his daily coffee breaks at the Joplin Bar or an occasional lunch at the Senior Center in Chester. Although John did enjoy people, he was a little eccentric and appreciated his quiet, private life. He was proud of the fact that he had been a member of A.A. for the past 20+ years.

John was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers (Harold and Donald Fusk), and 1 nephew (Walter Bilden).

He is survived by 1 sister, Alice Bilden of Havre; 1 brother, Cliff Fusk of Port Angeles, Washington; 5 nieces, Pat Meldrum, Janet Bilden,

Christine Sapp, Debbie Dees, and Ellie Keeley; and 2 nephews, Whitey Bilden and Leonard Fusk.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Wednesday (Dec. 28th) at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Reverend Dale Wolery officiated. Tammy Duncan served as pianist and the congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and "The Old Rugged Cross". Ushers were Gene Meldrum and Lloyd Wolery. Pallbearers were Whitey Bilden, Leonard Fusk, Steve Sapp, Jerry Meldrum, Troy Meldrum, and Barney Bjornstad. Following burial in the Joplin Cemetery, a luncheon was provided at Kjos Hall by WELCA. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Bethel Church in Joplin.

'ODD' GARBORG (better known as OTTO GARBORG)
Birth: October 12, 1921 - Death: March 6, 2005

Liberty County Times
March 16, 2005



Otto Garborg



'Odd' Garborg (better known as Otto Garborg) was born October 12, 1921 on the family farm near Brene, Norway. He was the fourth of seven children born to Martin and Oline (Indreboe) Garborg. Otto grew up and received his formal education in Norway, then began working with cement and as a farm laborer. He never served in the Norwegian military, but remembered those horrific months in his early 20's when Germany invaded Norway during World War II.

A single man seeking new adventures, Otto migrated to the United States in the early 1950's. He came to the Hi-Line in northern Montana where he worked as a farmhand for 30+ years for various local farmers and ranchers, including the Sundby Brothers, Dave Ratzburg, Allan Kolstad, Clark Kolstad, William Fraser, Clarence Kolstad, Galen Kolstad, and the Skari Brothers. They all reported that Otto was a very quiet and private man, but also a very competent guy with a good work ethic.

When Otto retired in the early 1990's, he purchased a home in Shelby. In the summer months he often returned to several of these local farms (specifically, to Bill Fraser's and Wayne Kolstad's), where he enjoyed making a few rounds on a tractor or combine, tinkering in the shop or around the farm, or changing the oil in his automobile.

Otto had traveled to Norway on two occasions after coming to the U. S. In 1999 he got a hankering to return to Norway for good. By then he had sold his home and his pick-up, so he gave away his few valuables and flew to his homeland. He stayed in Norway for over a year, then got disenchanted with the political system and the weather, so he decided to return to Montana. Otto came to Chester to the Sweetgrass Lodge Retirement Center in June of 2000. He continued his

life in Chester as a private, quiet, frugal man. Although he wasn't well-known in the community, local people recognized him as the "elderly man from the Lodge who walked around town everyday." Otto enjoyed these daily walks for the exercise and to improve the circulation in his feet!

In addition, he was a good resident at the Lodge; his apartment was always neat, tidy, and organized.

About two weeks ago Otto collapsed at his apartment. He was initially admitted to the Chester hospital, then transferred to Benefis East in Great Falls. He died at the Great Falls hospital on the early morning of Sunday March 6, 2005 at the age of 83 years.

In his youth Otto enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing football, cycling around Norway on summer holidays, and wood-working projects (he had made many nice cabinets in those early years).

Otto was happy and proud when he was granted his United States Certificate of Naturalization papers on May 12, 1960.

Otto remained a bachelor throughout his life. His only survivors are a brother, Oleiv Garborg; a sister, Astrid Afrid; and numerous nephews/nieces, all of Norway. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and one sister.

His body was cremated and his ashes will be sent to Norway for final disposition.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday March 11th at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Pastor Peter Erickson officiated. Musical selections included "Peace in the Valley" and "Mansion Over the Hilltop." A coffee hour followed at the Sweetgrass Lodge.

FLORA CATHERINE GATZEMEIER
Born: Age 85 – Died: November 20, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
December 21, 2005

Flora Gatzemeier

MISHAWAKA, Ind. — Former Hingham and Great Falls resident Flora Catherine Gatzemeier, Sister M. Clara Ann, 85, of Mishawaka, Ind., a retired teacher, died of complications from bile duct cancer Nov. 20 in Mishawaka.

Services were held Dec. 3 at Our Lady of Angels Convent in Mishawaka.

Survivors include sisters Martha Haag of Fort Wayne, Ind., Mary Rockwell and Hazel Gatzemeier of Havre and Helen Krejci of Rudyard; and brothers Joseph Gatzemeier of Havre and Edward Gatzemeier of Helena.

CAROL LOUISE (HALVERSON) GERNAAT
Born: December 25, 1943 – Died: December 19, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
December 21, 2005

Carol Louise Gernaat

CONRAD — Public school teacher Carol Louise Gernaat, 61, died of cancer Monday, at the Pondera Medical Center in Conrad.



Gernaat

Memorial services are 11 a.m. Friday at the Pondera Valley Lutheran Church in Conrad with burial of ashes in the Hillside Cemetery. A memorial service is 2 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 28 at The Greater Lutheran Parish in Malta. Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

Survivors include her siblings, Ron (Evelyn) Gernaat of Omaha, Neb., Harriet (Allen) McCracken of Denver, Colo., Phyllis (Jim) Elings of Cut Bank, Mont., and Darryl (Julie) Gernaat of Conrad, Mont.; numerous nieces and nephews; three great-nieces and two great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Louise Gernaat.

Carol was born Dec. 25, 1943, in Conrad, Mont. to John and Louise (Halverson) Gernaat. Being born on Christmas Day, she was truly a "Christmas Carol."

She grew up on the family farm 12 miles west of town. She attended Brownell Rural School, graduated from Conrad High School and then earned her teaching degree at Northern Montana College. She taught junior high and high school math in Hingham and Malta, Mont., retiring in 1993. Following her teaching career, she became a tax preparer for H&R Block.

Carol was a member of The Greater Lutheran Parish in Malta, treasurer of the PEO Sisterhood, and treasurer for Delta Kappa Gamma. She enjoyed traveling and visiting family. Carol loved her family and loved to play cards including solitaire, bridge, pinochle, cribbage, golf and nertz, which could turn into marathons.

LEWIS C. GILBERT
Born: Age 90 - Died: June 12, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
June 15, 2005

Lewis C. Gilbert

HARLEM — Lewis C. Gilbert, 90, a Harlem farmer and rancher, died June 12 at his home.

Visitation is Thursday afternoon and evening and Friday until 11 a.m. at Edwards Funeral Home in Chinook. Services are 3 p.m. Friday in the Harlem High School gym.

Survivors include his wife, Irene; children Kay Howard (Jack) of Great Falls, Lewis Jr. of Harlem, Sandra Gilbert of Great Falls, Susan Grovom (Ron) of Helena, Phyllis Gilbert of Harlem, Gwen Anderson (Jerry) of Power, Bonnie Josephson (Mark) of Big Timber, and a chosen daughter, Mary Whitaker (Jay) of Great Falls; sisters Elsie K. Nelson and Lily (Dwayne) Kretchmer of Havre, Iris Hay of Hood River, Ore., Quentin Gilbert of Acworth, Ga., Kenneth (Betty) Gilbert of Chester and Gaylord (Lola) Gilbert of Butte; sisters-in-law Rose Gilbert of Harlem and Virginia Gilbert of Bremerton, Wash.

Lewis was born in Trenton, Neb., to Millard G. and Emma Gilbert, the sixth of 14 children. His family followed the harvest work from state to state, which eventually led them to the sugar beet fields of Chinook, Mont.

Lewis learned at an early age that hard work is a virtue, which he exemplified ever after. He attended schools in Blaine County and graduated from Harlem High with honors. It was here that he was to meet his beloved Irene Fitzsimmons of Savoy. They married in 1937 and celebrated their 68th anniversary in November of 2004. Of this union seven children were born.

Lewis and Irene built their ranch east of Harlem over a lifetime of dedication and foresight. Lewis was proud to serve as a city councilman for many terms and was instrumental in getting Harlem streets paved. He was a volunteer rescue/fireman and served on the Fort Belknap Housing Board to bring in housing tracts, traveling to Washington, D.C. In his early years Lewis worked at the quarry at Snake Butte before he went into farming. He later raised bucking horses for the old Chuck Wagon Days, owned a small grocery store at Fort Belknap, the Montana Café in Harlem, the Tubbs Oil gas station and had various ventures in farming. He avidly enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, irrigating and clearing his land. He will long be remembered for his love of family and endless generosity and concern for others.

Preceding him in death were his parents; three sisters, Flossie Bubnash, Lucy Bailey and Louisa Woepfel; and four brothers, John, Calvin, Andrew and Charlie Gilbert. Good attitudes and strong constitutions are synonymous with his family.

The word "retire" was not in his vocabulary, as Lewis worked until he was 85 years young. It was then that he would come to gallantly face ongoing health issues. Although the last five years were difficult ones, he never lost his appreciation of life or his kind and gentle nature. His absence leaves a large hole in our hearts but he also leaves us many legacies. Mostly he left us as he lived: in the spirit of a true Champion.

His life will be remembered in the service on Friday, and we invite personal reflections from those who hold him dear.

A special Thank You to the dear caregivers who will ever remain in our hearts, Laura and Joy. Thanks to all who have cared and prayed for us along the way. Memorials may be made to the Northern Montana Hospice Center.

RALPH C. GIPE

Born: September 7, 1916 – Died: April 27, 2005

Great Falls Tribune

April 29, 2005

Ralph C. Gipe

POLSON — Ralph C. Gipe, 88, a longtime Polson farmer, died of natural causes Wednesday at his home in Polson.



Gipe

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service is 11 a.m. Saturday at Polson Community Church, followed

by a reception at the church. Grogan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 63 years, Amelia Gipe; daughter Doreen Ratzburg and husband Dayle of Ledger, Mont.; sons Ron Gipe and wife Kathy of Lakeside, Mont., and Harlan Gipe and wife Shirley of Polson; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and two special friends, Rebecca and Diane.

Ralph was born Sept. 7, 1916, in Cedaredge, Colo., to L.A. and Sophia Gipe. When he was three, his family moved to a farm in Valley View near Polson, Mont. Ralph grew up on this farm and ended up living there for 72 years. Ralph and his two brothers all attended Valley View School through the eighth grade, and then graduated from Polson High School. After graduating, Ralph worked on the construction of Kerr Dam, but his love for

farming would eventually bring him back to the family farm. On the side he worked at the Valley View School as a clerk. This is where Ralph was to meet his future wife, Amelia Borden, the new teacher there! They married May 10, 1942. Ralph and Amelia had three children, a daughter, Doreen, and two sons, Ron and Harlan. Ralph and Amelia took over the family farm in 1942.

Ralph was voted Lake County Conservation Farmer of the Year in 1983; he loved to farm! He always said, "A man who tills the soil is as close to God as you can get." Ralph was president and director for the Lake County Farmers Insurance Co., which was founded by his father and several other farmers in 1928. He was a member of the Polson Community Church, where he spent many hours building, joyfully planting, and taking good care of the grounds.

Ralph loved his family. His greatest joys were teaching his boys and grandsons how to fish, hunt, and enjoy God's creation. He enjoyed many wonderful hunting trips into the Bob Marshall and other areas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, L.A. and Sophie Gipe; and brothers Lawrence and Gordon Gipe.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the Lake County Hospice caregivers Awnie Faught and Lynda Edwards.

Memorials may be made to the Lake County Hospice or to the Polson Community Church, Polson.

RAYMOND WALLEY GOUCHENOUR
Birth: August 10, 1905 – Death: October 9, 2005
Liberty County Times
October 12, 2005

**Raymond Walley
Gouchenour**

Ray Gouchenour was born August 10, 1905. He died on October 9, 2005. He was 100 years old.

Raymond filed on the last homestead in Toole County and the last one in Montana in 1927. It's still a family farm. He married Esther Fenger in 1926. They had a son, Don and two girls, Elaine and Arlene. Raymond and Esther were true pioneers - they had to learn a lot and work hard. They were married over 50 years before Esther died. His dad started farming with horses, then Ray used a steel wheel tractor - a McCormic Deering. They went through very hard times, the depression, drought - water seemed a real concern. They dug reservoirs and wells - hauled water with a bucket

to the house for cooking, cleaning and bathing. They had an icehouse to keep things cold. Had to cut wood to heat the house and for their stove for cooking. He taught us all to work hard - he's always had a love for trees, flowers, gardens, rhubarb, strawberries, raspberries, plums and anything he could get to grow in Montana. He had a milk cow or two, pigs, chickens, and other livestock to help be self-sufficient.

In a 100 years, Ray has seen many modern conveniences come into the world such as running water, electricity, phones, music, movies, television, computers, big fast moving farm equipment. His first car was a Model T. So the vehicles have come a long way too. Raymond has been a wonderful father, grandfather, great and great-great grandfather.

Raymond was preceded in death by his wife Esther, his brother Clayton, and his mother and father Luella and Ford Gouchenour.

Raymond is survived by one son Don Gouchenour of Ledger;

two daughters, Elaine Nixon of Great Falls and Arlene Conway of Havre; 18 grandchildren; 59 great grandchildren; and 33 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral will be held October 13, 2005, 2:00 p.m. at Pondera Valley Lutheran Church in Conrad, Montana.

MABEL S. (CALOVIS) GRAFT

Born: February 24, 1920 – Died: February 19, 2005

Great Falls Tribune

February 20, 2005

Mabel S. Graft

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Mabel S. (Calovis) Graft, 84, a former Montana resident and homemaker, died of natural causes Saturday in St. George, Utah.



Graft in 1988

Graveside services are 2 p.m. March 26 in Manchester Cemetery. Spilsbury Mortuary of St. George is in charge of arrangements.

She is survived by her son, George W. "Bill" (Shirlene) Graft; two grandchildren, Jay Graft of Santa Clara, Utah, and Jolie Keith of St. Francisville, La.; nine great-grandchildren, Kari Wilkerson, Sara, Tyrel, Clayton, Amie and Jace Graft, Danielle and Natalie Johnson and Riley Keith; and one great-great-granddaughter, Kamree Wilkerson.

Mabel was born Feb. 24, 1920, in Columbus, Mont., a daughter of William and Johanna Johnson Calovis. She spent her childhood years on a homestead farm south of Columbus, and attended Columbus High School.

She married George A. Graft in Columbus, Mont., on Aug. 3, 1938. After their marriage, they remained in Columbus, where her only surviving son, Bill, was born in 1939. She also gave birth to two other sons who died in infancy.

After World War II, Mabel and George moved to Highwood, where they lived for seven years. Their daughter, Delanna, was born while in Highwood. They then moved to Chester for two years and then to Denton. George then took a job with the Department of Agriculture, and they lived in several parts of the United States over the next 20 years.

When George retired, they settled in Billings, and remained there until George's death in 1990. Mabel retained her home in Billings until she entered the Meadowlark assisted living facility in Columbus. In 2002, she moved to St. George to be near Bill and their family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to institutions searching to cure Alzheimer's disease.

Friends and family are invited to offer their condolences at www.spilsburymortuary.com.

Click on the dove. Obituaries are also available at our Web site. Click on the rose.

DORIS LEOTA (YEAGER) HAALAND
Birth: December 29, 1930 - Death: February 13, 2005
Liberty County Times
February 23, 2005



Doris Haaland

Doris Leota Haaland, age 74, of Missoula, passed away on February 13, 2005, in Portland, Oregon, due to complications from a fall she sustained on December 10. Cremation has taken place and memorial services were held at First Lutheran Church, Missoula, Montana, on Wednesday, February 23, at 11 a.m., followed by interment of the ashes next to her husband's at Fort Harrison, Montana.

Doris was born to Russell and Grace Yeager in Jennings County, Indiana, on December 29, 1930. Her sister Lucille joined the family two years later. The Yeager family moved to Valier, Montana, in 1939 where they began ranching. Doris graduated from Valier High School in 1949, and then attended nursing school in Great Falls where she met Milton Haaland. They married on May 28, 1950, and moved to Inverness where Milton was engaged in farming. Milton and Doris remained in the farming business until 1986, and then

moved to the Bitterroot Valley to enjoy their retirement years.

Doris was a skilled cook and seamstress, and remained active in various clubs and social groups throughout her life.

Milton died in 1993. Doris is survived by her sister Lucille and brother-in-law, Loyal Deardorff, of Boise, Idaho; son Lauris and partner Tim Chiu of San Jose, California; daughter Linda and husband Butch Connor, of Evanston, Wyoming; sons Kelly and wife Jody, of Absarokee, Montana, and Kent, of Gresham, Oregon; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren: Amie Davies, and husband Jeff, children Spencer, Henley, and Dane Bryant; Keith Haaland, Tanya Foster and husband Carl, Stacy Connor, Chad Connor, Christine and Caitlin Haaland.

The family respectfully asks that in lieu of flowers to please make a donation in her name to their favorite charity.

DORMA (HEYDON) JOHNSON HADFORD
Birth: May 15, 1914 – Death: May 2, 2005
Liberty County Times
May 11, 2005



Dorma Johnson Hadford

Dorma Johnson Hadford, age 90, died of natural causes at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester on the evening of Monday (May 2nd, 2005).

She was born Dorma Vera Heydon on May 15th, 1914 at Chester, Montana. She was one of ten children born to Frank and Effie (Taplin) Heydon, who farmed 12 miles northwest of Joplin. Dorma received her early education at the Meldrum country school near the farm. She finished her schooling in Joplin where she graduated from Joplin High School in 1932.

Dorma married Paul Jennings "Boosty" Johnson on June 27th, 1935 at Havre, Montana. They made their home on the Johnson farm north of Joplin where Dorma worked diligently as a homemaker and mother of five. Unfortunately, in 1958 Boosty died unexpectedly. Dorma moved to Joplin and began working as a waitress/cook at the Rudyard bowling alley.

Later she took a job as a postal clerk at the Joplin Post Office.

She married her second husband, Elmer Hadford, at Joplin on November 14th, 1964. They made their home on the Hadford farm west of Chester. After suffering a stroke in 1999, Dorma entered the Chester nursing home where she lived the rest of her days. Husband, Elmer, passed away in 2002.

Dorma was a longtime member of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin; she was active in the ALCW, taught Sunday school, and sang in the church choir. Many years ago she served as the clerk at the Tingdahl country school.

Her hobbies included bowling, square dancing, crossword puzzles, and listening to broadcast basketball tournaments. In her quiet time at home she enjoyed crocheting; she made literally hundreds of baby afghans over the years for family & friends. She also loved to play cards with her grandchildren. She was not a worldwide traveler, but she enjoyed a memorable trip to the Minneapolis "Mall of America" at age 81!

Dorma is survived by 2 daughters & spouses, Elva & Fred Elling of Rudyard and Elaine & Dick Kline of Nashua; 3 sons & spouses, Stanley & Bonnie Johnson of Chester, Duane & Jean Johnson of Joplin, and Calvin & Candy Johnson of Missoula; 1 sister, Fern Keith of Moorehead, Minnesota; 1

brother, Ferroll Heydon of Dragoon, Arizona; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and many nieces & nephews.

In addition to her parents and two husbands, Dorma was preceded in death by twin sons in infancy, a grandson (Glenn Elling), 2 sisters (Lois Aspevig & Havreen Frydenlund), and 5 brothers (Cecil, Franklin, Clyde, Lloyd, & Lyle Heydon).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday (May 7th) at the Bethel Church in Joplin. Reverend Brian Pedersen conducted the ceremony. Scripture readings were shared by Barbara Johnson and the obituary was read by John Knudsen. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" & "Amazing Grace", accompanied by Della Wolery on the piano. Special vocal music by Candy Johnson included "On Eagle's Wings" & "Love Remains". Greeters were Cari Fenger, Paula Kratochvil, Bodell Miller, Traci Waugh, & Brenda Ball. Pallbearers were Jennings Johnson, Wade Johnson, Bret Johnson, Fred Fenger, Mike Kratochvil, & Cole Kratochvil. Burial followed at the Joplin Cemetery. A luncheon was held at Kjos Hall.

Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

ELLA (DEES) HAMMOND

Born: February 14, 1919 – Died: March 26, 2005

Great Falls Tribune

March 29, 2005

Ella Hammond

MALTA — Ella (Dees) Hammond, 86, of Malta, a farm and ranch wife, died of natural causes Saturday.



Hammond

Malta is in charge of arrangements.

Her funeral is 11 a.m. Thursday at Malta Lutheran Church, with burial in Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

Ella will be missed by her sons Mike Hammond and his wife, Debbie, and Howard Hammond and his wife, JoAnn; her daughter, Patty Young and her husband, Steve, all of Whitewater; grandchildren Nate (Kari) Hammond, Haley Hammond, Tricia (Kris) LaBrie, Shane (Jeni) Anderson, Ella Simanton, Tanner Anderson, Mike (Jenna) Murieen, Aimee (Sig) Salveson, Ashley Hammond and Andrea Hammond; step-grandchildren Cliff and Clint Salveson and Kasara Young. She was grandma-great to Rhett Simanton, Signee Salveson and Addy Anderson. She also is survived by her sister, Dorothy Sanda; brothers Alvin (Evelyn) Dees, Richard Dees, Don (Rita) Dees and Norman (Mary) Dees; brothers-in-law Milton (Marjorie) Olsen and R.A. (Cathy) Olsen; a sister-in-law, Beverly Haugen; and numerous nieces and nephews, including her dear niece and friend, Nancy Olsen.

Ella was preceded in death by her husband, Howard "Swede" Hammond, on Oct. 22, 2001; her parents, Andrew and Dortha Dees; and brothers Morris Dees and Arnold Dees.

Ella Dees Hammond passed away with her family by her side on Saturday, March 26, 2005.

Ella was born Feb. 14, 1919, on her family farm near Kremlin, the third of eight children born to Andrew and Dortha Dees. She attended school in Kremlin and Havre and graduated from Havre High School in 1936. She then attended Kinnman Business College and in 1939 she graduated and went to work for Buttrey Department Store in Havre. On Dec. 28, 1941 she married Howard "Swede" Hammond and they established their first home in Kremlin. In 1942, Howard joined the Army Air Corps and Ella traveled with him until he went overseas. Their travels and jobs took them to many states in the U.S.



Hammond in 1941

In 1952, they moved to Big Sandy where they made their home for 27 years. While in Big Sandy, Ella was active in many church and community organizations including Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary and Lutheran Ladies Circle. She also enjoyed bridge club and was a very talented seamstress. However, her family was always her first priority. Ella and Howard also farmed and ranched north of Whitewater, spending their summers working on the farm. Upon retirement in 1979, they moved to Malta to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Ella's greatest joy of life was the time she spent loving and caring for her family. She will be missed by many but never forgotten.

DONOVAN LEONARD HANSON

Born: March 9, 1930 – Died: October 10, 2005

Great Falls Tribune

October 16, 2005

Donovan Leonard Hanson

BOZEMAN — Gildford native Donovan Leonard Hanson, 75, of Bozeman, a Navy veteran, farmer and Realtor, died of cancer Monday in Bozeman.



Hanson

His memorial service is 2 p.m. Tuesday at Gildford Baptist Church in Gildford. Cremation has taken place and his ashes will be spread by his grandson, Michael, on the farm north of Gildford in the spring when the wheat is beginning to grow. Cremation or Funeral Gallery of Belgrade is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Vandra Hanson of Bozeman; a daughter, Arlys (Tim) Spear of Malta; three sons, Larry (Kay) Hanson of Billings and Darryl Hanson and Rick Hanson of California; a sister, C.J. Gregg of California; a niece, Connie and a nephew, Keary, of California; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; his special little friend, Lillie, and numerous cousins and friends.

Donovan Leonard Hanson passed away at his home on Monday, Oct. 10, 2005, following a valiant battle with cancer, with his greatest joy in life, his loving wife and caretaker, at his side. Donovan was born March 9, 1930, in Havre to Leonard and Vivian

Hanson. Donovan was raised on the family farm north of Gildford. He graduated from high school in 1948. His father passed away at the age of 38 in late November 1937. He was raised in the Baptist faith by a devoted mother and stepfather.

While attending the University of Washington, he joined ROTC and subsequently joined the Navy Air and spent time in Korea, Japan and Hawaii. After the Navy, Donovan returned to the family farm. Farming until 1965 he gave up farming and joined Flynn Realty.

He married Vandra Bader on July 1, 1966, in the Baptist Church in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. During their 39 years together they remodeled several homes and motels, always with a strong team effort. He was a loving husband and father, deeply devoted to his family and friends.

Donovan was in real estate for 40 plus years. He met many a farmer and rancher who became is life-long friends.

He looked forward to fall, the Reno air race and football season. He was a great Raiders fan and followed grandson Michael Hanson's football days from fourth grade to senior in college. They had a special relationship as the two enjoyed the thrill of flying, both being pilots.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Vivian; a niece, Joy Gregg; and his stepfather Elmer Jorgenson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be sent to the Gildford Baptist Church, Gildford, Mt.

MILDRED HENRIETTA (ERICKSON) HANSON
Birth: October 28, 1907 – Death: July 04, 2005

Liberty County Times

July 13, 2005



Mildred Hanson

Mildred Henrietta (Erickson) Hanson was born in Cavalier County, North Dakota on October 28, 1907. She was the eldest of eight children born to Fred & Emma Erickson. In 1913 she came to Montana with her parents to a homestead south of Chester. Mildred received her early education at the Erickson Country School near the farm. She finished her schooling in Chester, where she was an active member of the girl's basketball team. She graduated from C.H.S. in 1927.

Mildred married Clifford Glines Hanson on September 22, 1928 at Havre, MT. They made their home in Chester where Mildred worked diligently as a homemaker & mother of four.

In those early years she cooked noon meals in her home for several local school teachers and worked as a secretary for George Gau.

She also served as bookkeeper for her husband's business, "Triangle Hardware" in Chester. The Hanson's were married 48 years when Clifford died on June 3rd, 1976.

Mildred lived in their Chester home for 66 years before moving to the Sweetgrass Lodge in 1994. She later transferred to

the Wheat Country Estates (assisted-living facility). In 2003 she needed extended care for a broken hip, so she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home. Just recently her health suddenly deteriorated. Mildred was admitted to the Benefis Medical Center in Great Falls, where she died on Monday afternoon (July 4th, 2005). She was 97 years old.

Mildred developed serious arthritis in her joints when she was in her 30's. For many years she traveled to Hot Springs (MT.) every summer to soak in the mineral springs & mud baths there.

She attributed these therapeutic treatments and some personal spiritual cleansing in eliminating much of her pain and promoting longevity in her life.

Mildred was baptized as an infant in North Dakota. In her pre-teens she returned to North Dakota to be confirmed at the Highland Lutheran Church, a Norwegian parish at Fairdale. Mildred maintained her lifelong membership at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, where she was a charter member of the Ladies Aid (A.L.C.W.) and volunteered as Sunday School superintendent for 18 years. In addition, she served as the Havre Conference President of the Women's Missionary Federation for several years.

Mildred had strong political beliefs and was a longtime member of the Liberty County Republican Women. Several

years ago she was honored by then-Governor Racicot as a "Pioneer of Montana". At Chester's recent "All Class Reunion" Mildred was recognized as the "oldest living C.H.S. graduate" (unfortunately, she was hospitalized and unable to attend this celebration).

Mildred loved her quiet time at home. She enjoyed reading, especially her Bible, the Lutheran Standard, & devotional books.

Her favorite television shows included "The Price is Right", "Wheel of Fortune", Lawrence Welk, and the news. Mildred felt that "the way to keep your mind sharp was to keep your mind busy", so she enjoyed word puzzles. And she took pride in the fact that she kept up on current events and world affairs.

Mildred enjoyed her time away from home, too. For instance, she always looked forward to family trips to Glacier Park or to Peaceful Bay near Lakeside.

Mildred was an exceptional homemaker & cook. Her family will never forget her delicious specialties, including her lefse, creamed peas-&-potatoes, chicken-&-dumplings, corn chowder, and sour cream raisin pie! But most of all, they'll never forget Mildred: a woman of dignity, grace, & poise; a woman of spirituality & beauty; a woman of kindness & good deeds; and a woman they loved & respected more than any...

Survivors are her 4 children & spouses, Cliff (Charlotte) Hanson of Chester, Ron (Sharlene) Hanson of Havre,

Gaye (Ted) Kehm of Clear Lake, Iowa, and Julie (David) Larson of Anoka, Minnesota; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; 1 sister-in-law, Esther Erickson of Chester; and numerous nieces & nephews.

Mildred was preceded in death not only by her husband & parents, but also by her 7 siblings (Alvina Erickson, George Erickson, Freda Oren, Erma Smith, Howard Erickson, Oscar Erickson, & Donald Erickson).

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday (July 8th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester by Pastor Peter Erickson. Granddaughters, Christy Ojile & Brynn Pariseau, read selected scriptures and the eulogy was shared by Allen Kolstad.

Karen Stack served as organist and the congregation sang "Amazing Grace" & "I Know That My Redeemer Lives". Vocalist, Sue Violet, performed "What A Day That Will Be" & "O Happy Day When We Shall Stand". Mildred's grandchildren requested a special tape by the Dixie Chicks entitled "Godspeed".

Ushers were Gary & Carmen Jensen. Pallbearers included Curt, Brent, Scott, & Eric Hanson; Nick Ludwig; Rick & Jeff Kehm; and Keith Stromberg. Burial followed at the Chester Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Undesignated memorials will be given to Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

LELA MAE (PORTER) HESS
Born: Age 74 – Died: June 03, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
June 5, 2005

Lela Mae Hess

LEWISTOWN — Lela Mae (Porter) Hess, 74, who along with her husband farmed and ranched for many years in the Denton area, died of natural causes Friday at Valle Vista Manor.

Her funeral is 10 a.m. Friday at Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown, with burial will be at the Central Montana Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Francis Hess of Lewistown; daughters Linda Bersuch of Lewistown and Lois Wiley of Tarkio, Missouri; a son, Loren Hess of Billings; a sister, Laurel Styke of Chester; 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

MABEL CAROLINA ELLEN HOCHBERGER
Birth: February 18, 1910 – Death: February 3, 2005
Liberty County Times
February 16, 2005

Mabel Hochberger

Mabel Carolina Ellen Hochberger was born February 18th, 1910 at Hawkeye, Iowa. She was one of ten children born to Fredrick & Hulda (Hehmke) Hochberger. The family moved



to a farm near Sutton, North Dakota in 1918, so Mabel received her formal education there. Following her school years she worked as a telephone operator in LaVerne (No.Dak.), then took a job in Carrington.

In 1936 Mabel moved to Harlem, Montana to be near her sister, Elsie Berg. She worked various jobs in Harlem, Chinook, and Rawlins (Wyoming) before moving to Cut Bank in 1944.

Cut Bank became her home for the next 50 years. Initially, Mabel worked in the hospitality business at the Ranch Supper Club and the V.F.W. Club. Later she was employed as a night clerk & bookkeeper at the Glacier Motor Hotel, a job she held until her retirement. After she retired, Mabel continued to work parttime at the Mode-O-Day Dress Shop in Cut Bank.

In December of 1994 Mabel moved to Chester to be closer to relatives. She made her home at the Sweetgrass Lodge until February of 2002, when she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home. She passed away at the Chester rest home on the evening of Thursday (February 3rd, 2005). At the time of her death Mabel was just two weeks shy of her 95th birthday and she had been looking forward to her upcoming birthday party!

Mabel was baptized & confirmed Lutheran and maintained her membership at the Mabel Lutheran Church in Sutton, North Dakota.

In October of 2001 she was recognized by the National V.F.W. for "reaching out to America's veterans & their families". Mabel had been a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary since April 7th, 1958 when she qualified for membership through the military service of her brother, Bill Hochberger, who served our country during World War II.

Mabel took many memorable trips during her lifetime. She traveled to Nashville to see the "Grand Ole Opry" and journeyed to the Philippines. On a cruise to Hawaii with several Chester area people, her ship cabin-mate was an old friend, Josie Wolfe.

One of Mabel's favorite pastimes was corresponding with family & friends; she was always writing "haste lines" and sending birthday cards. Her favorite color was red and she loved red roses. The Atlanta Braves were her favorite baseball team.

Mabel never married. She is survived by a brother, Clarence "Bill" Hochberger of Chester. She is also survived by numerous nephews & nieces, including Betty Raunig & Beverly Violett (both of Chester), who helped care for her. Mabel was preceded in death by her parents, 5 brothers (Walter, Aaron, Richard, Hugo, & Charles), and 3 sisters (Hilda, Elsie, & Laura).

Mabel requested cremation with no formal services. Burial of ashes with graveside services in the Hochberger family plot at the Mabel Lutheran Church Cemetery (in Sutton, No. Dak.) is being planned for later this spring. Local arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

SHIRLEY GRACE (TOTTEN) HOPPE
Birth: May 29, 1922 – Death: April 19, 2005
Liberty County Times
April 27, 2005

Shirley Grace Hoppe

Shirley Grace Hoppe, 82, died Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester, Montana of natural causes. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday at the Highland Cemetery with Pastor Alfred Ebel officiating. Interment of the cremated remains will follow. Memorials in Shirley's honor may be made to Liberty County Nursing Home Chester, Montana. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.

Shirley was born May 29, 1922 to Lloyd and Wilma Totten in Pocatello, Idaho. She attended the Pocatello public schools graduating from High School. Shirley entered into the Army Air Force in February of 1944. She served during World War II and was honorably discharged in January of 1946 as a Sargent. Shirley was a weather observer for the Army Air Force, which brought her to Havre to work at the weather station. Shirley married Robert F. Hoppe on October 9, 1948 in Havre, Montana. She was a member of

the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Shirley started her own cake decorating business and was considered a cake decorating artist. She made many cakes for weddings, anniversaries, and birthdays. After her husband passed away Shirley entered the Liberty County Nursing Home in 1978 and was a resident of the Home for over twenty seven years.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, husband Robert Hoppe in 1977, and one brother Arthur Totten.

Shirley is survived by daughter Marianne Hoppe of Havre, Montana; sons Roger Hoppe of Havre, Montana, Robert Hoppe of Reno, Nevada, Richard Hoppe of Havre, Montana; sisters Carol Morris of Brady, Montana, Lois Leonhart of McDonald, Ohio; brothers Vern Totten of DeerPark,

Washington, Richard Totten of Mead, Washington, Clifford Totten of Las Vegas, Nevada; two grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

SCHUYLER A. "SHY" HOREL
Birth: January 15, 1916 – Death: June 9, 2005
Liberty County Times
June 15, 2005



Shy Horel

Schuyler A. "Shy" Horel, age 89, passed away early Thursday morning June 9, 2005 at the medical facility in Chester.

Shy was born January 15, 1916 at Council Bluffs, Iowa and grew up at Augusta, Wisconsin. Following his education he came to Fort Peck, Montana where he worked on the construction of the Fork Peck Dam. In 1942 he enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps

and served three years in the South Pacific during World War II. He received his honorable discharge, then returned to Montana where he farmed south of Rudyard until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Donna Horel of Rudyard; one son, Joe (Marsha) Horel of Rudyard; one daughter, Lynne (Gary) Thuesen of Columbia Falls; four grandchildren: Kim (Devin) Grammar of Chester, Nick Thuesen of Seattle, Jason Horel of St. Paul, and Laurie Thuesen of Portland; two great-grandchildren, Trevin and Adam Grammar; two brothers, Bob Horel of Boise, Idaho, and Marvin Horel of Tampa, Florida; one sister, Bonnie Een of Boise, Idaho; and several nephews and nieces.

Cremation has been completed. A private service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

ANSELM JAMES HULL

Birth: November 19, 1915 – Death: March 31, 2005

Liberty County Times

April 6, 2005



James Hull

Anselm James Hull was born November 19, 1915 on the family farm four miles north of Chester. He was the third of nine children born to Anselm Joseph Hull and Mary Ann Friel. From 1921-1926 the Hull family lived near Lewistown where James received his early education at a country school. When they returned to the Chester community in 1926, James finished his schooling at the Grauman School near the farm. They raised sheep in those early years, so James spent many hours herding and lambing. They eventually got out of the sheep business and went exclusively to cattle and farming. James and his two older brothers, Michael and Raphael, took over the farm/ranch operations and successfully maintained a good working relationship for 40+ years.

James remained a bachelor into his 50's. In 1973 Marcella (Koenig) Gagnon, a friend who was recently widowed, asked James to be her square-dancing partner. Their relationship flourished and they were married in Chester on June 14, 1975. They made their home on Marcella's

farm south of Chester from that time on. James continued to farm his own place north of town until his retirement in 1978.

James' health remained good until two years ago. He moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home on this past January 6th. James died at the Chester rest home on the evening of Thursday (March 31st, 2005). He was 89 years old.

James was a life member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Chester. He was extremely loyal to his faith; he and Marcella prayed the Rosary together every day!

James and Marcella enjoyed square-dancing, round-dancing, and RV camping. They were members of the Good Sam's, and they took many memorable trips (to Alaska, to the Black Hills, and to the Calgary Stampede, to name a few).

In his early years James enjoyed many hobbies. He loved to fish in his boat at Tiber Lake. He also enjoyed hunting and always had his "trusty .22 rifle" with him at all times. He liked to bowl and had won several trophies in various bowling tournaments around the state. In addition, he loved to watch or attend rodeos.

In his later years James continued to stay busy, either working in his yard or tinkering in his shop. In his quiet time at home he enjoyed reading newspapers or watching his favorite television programs (like "The Price is Right" and "The Lawrence Welk Show"). James also enjoyed smoking sausage or beef jerky.

James maintained a wonderful memory over the years. He could share special events and dates of times gone by. In addition he could recite poetry and verses that he had learned in his youth. He enjoyed good food and his taste-buds craved everything from limburger cheese to lemon meringue pie!

James is survived by his wife of 29 years, Marcella Hull of Chester; one stepson, Lee Gagnon of the Special K Ranch in Columbus, Mt.; one sister, Sister Marleen Hull of Spokane, Wash.; one brother-in-law, Ernest Gagnon of Chester; two sisters-in-law, Jeanne Hull of Chester and Irene Belusko of Portland, Oregon; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, by two brothers (Michael and Raphael Hull), and by five sisters (Sister Mary Louise Hull, Nora Hemmer, Genevieve Gagnon, Susanna Nickol, and Patricia Schaller).

Rosary Prayers were recited

7:00 p.m. Tuesday (April 5th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. The Funeral Mass will be 11:00 a.m. today (Wednesday, April 6th) at the church. Co-celebrants will be Father Joe Diekhans and Father Tom Hamey.

Participants include readers, Charles Hull and Brenda Harmon; greeters, Dick Harmon and Tom Osterman; altar servers, Tylor Hull and Lane Harmon; presenters of the gifts, Sister Marleen Hull and Lee Gagnon; Eucharistic ministers, Ken Gagnon, Pat Warhank, Marje Dahinden, and Pat Ludwig; eulogist, Tom Nickol; and pallbearers, Don Hull, Ray Hemmer, Kevin Nickol, and Curt, Charles, and Ted Ries. Music will be provided by organist, Iris White; pianist, Richie Hamel; vocalist, Marcus Jochim (performing "Ave Maria"); and the St. Mary's Choir (singing "Valleys of Green," "On Eagle's Wings," and "Bread, Blessed and Broken"). Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon will be held at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Memorials can be given to the Special K Ranch in Columbus, the "window fund" at St. Mary's Church, or donor's choice.

JEANNE ELIZABETH (GAGNON) HULL
Birth: April 8, 1916 – Death: June 9, 2005
Liberty County Times
June 15, 2005



Jeanne Hull

Jeanne Elizabeth (Gagnon) Hull was born April 8, 1916 on the family homestead nine miles south of Chester, Montana. She was one of nine children born to Louis and Elise (Hamel) Gagnon.

Jeanne received her early education at the Erickson School near the farm, then finished her schooling in Chester where she graduated from Chester High School in 1936. She attended the College of Great Falls for a year and studied accounting, then transferred to St. Joseph Nursing School in Lewistown where she graduated in 1940. Jeanne began her nursing career at

Conrad, Montana. She later moved to California and began working at L. A. General Hospital with her sister, Erma.

The two Gagnon girls heard there was a demand for military nurses, so they enlisted together into the U.S. Army in 1943. Jeanne attained the rank of Captain during her World War II service and worked in military hospitals at Melbourne (Australia), New Guinea, and San Francisco. She received her honorable discharge in the summer of 1946 and returned to Montana.

She married Michael J. Hull at St. Mary's Church in Chester on September 28, 1946. They made their home on the former John O'Connor homestead northwest of Chester where they farmed, ranched, and ran a meat processing business. In addition Jeanne worked diligently as a homemaker and mother of six. The Hull's retired in 1978 and planned to travel during the winter months. Unfortunately, husband, Mike, died unexpectedly that fall. In 1980 Jeanne bought a mobile home in San Marcos, California and spent her winters there until 1991, when her health began to fail. She lived at the Sweetgrass Lodge Retirement Home in Chester until March of 2002, then transferred to the Wheat Country Assisted Living Facility. In the spring of 2005 Jeanne was hospitalized following a leg fracture from a fall. She moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home for extended care and resided

there until her death on the early morning of Thursday June 9, 2005. She was 89 years old.

Jeanne was a life member of St. Mary's Catholic Church; she was baptized and confirmed there and was active in the Altar Society for many years. During her winter years in California she helped with a "Homebound Ministry" program. In her early years in Chester she helped organize the first "lazy-eye" screening program in Liberty County. When her kids were young, Jeanne volunteered as a 4-H health leader. In addition she was a member of the Chester American Legion group.

Jeanne's hobbies were many. She liked sewing, cooking, reading, crossword puzzles, and cards (especially, Pinochle). In their early years the Hull's enjoyed camping. In later years they loved to travel in their motorhome. During those years in California she spent her free days at local garage sales.

Jeanne was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by a daughter (Mary Elise Hull), four brothers: Francis, Narciss Gagnon, and two infant brothers, and two sisters: Rose Boucher, and Erma Riecke.

Survivors include four sons, Louis (Bette) Hull of Dillon, Charles Hull of Chester, Donald (Deanna) Hull of Chester, and Dennis (Mary) Hull of Pendleton, Oregon; two daughters: Loretta (John) Tibor, and Theresa (Dan)

McClain, both of Anchorage, Alaska; two brothers: Ernest and Joseph Gagnon, both of Chester; 19 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Vigil Prayers were 7:00 p.m. Monday June 13th at St. Mary's Church in Chester. Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday June 14th at the church by Father Joseph Diekhans. Pianist, Richie Hamel, accompanied St. Mary's Choir, who sang selected hymns "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art," "Ave Maria," "On Eagle's Wings," "Gift of Finest Wheat," "Here I Am Lord," and "Prayer of St. Francis." Jeanne's family members played an active role in the ceremony, serving as greeters, readers, pallbearers, etc. Burial with military rites followed at the Chester Cemetery. The flag presentation was made by Don Buffington. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Memorials can be given to St. Mary's Church or any charity of donor's choice.

MABEL MAE (DEMAREST) IVERSON
Birth: November 8, 1913 – Death: January 20, 2005
Liberty County Times
January 26, 2005



Mabel Iverson

Mabel Mae Demarest Iverson, 91, a long-time Whitlash area farm and oil/gas manager from Shelby passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on January 20, 2004, at the Marias Medical Center. Viewing was at Whitted Funeral Chapel Monday, January 24, from 1 to 9 pm. Services were Tuesday, January 25, at the Shelby High School Auditorium at 10:45am followed by a reception at the Elks Lodge. Interment at the Whitlash Cemetery followed the reception. Her family suggests memorials may be given to the Marias Museum of History and Art.

Mabel Mae Demarest Iverson (also known as Cheech) was born in Great Falls November 8, 1913 to Harry and Amelia Brown Demarest. She worked the ranch as a child, herding sheep and raking hay behind a team of horses. She attended

grade school in Whitlash, graduated from Chester High School in 1931, and earned her Teachers Certificate from Northern Montana College in Havre. Mabel taught in rural schools north of Lothair until marrying Carl J. Iverson at the Demarest Ranch August 1, 1937. They farmed and ranched in the Sweet Grass Hills where they raised three children. With Carl she founded Western Natural Gas Company, a northern Montana oil and gas production company. She served as President, going to work every day until Christmas 2004. Mabel was a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the Marias Museum of History and Art and an active member of the Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association. She loved baseball and the rodeo. Children loved Chee Chee, and she loved them right back. She could tell a good story and was an avid reader, participating in the Shelby Book Club for 41 years. Mabel maintained homes both in the Sweet Grass Hills and in Shelby before moving into the Heritage Center in January 2004. She will be missed by her family and many friends.

Preceded in death by her parents and her husband Carl, she is survived by sisters Helen Weber of Kalispell and Lucille Ritter of Lakeside, and brother Claude Demarest of Whitlash; daughter Ardelle Watkins (Bruce) of Great

Falls; sons Dennis Iverson of Helena and Warren Iverson (Karen) of Whitlash; grandchildren Mike, John and Erik Iverson, LeeAnne and Len Watkins, and Molly Iverson; great-grandchildren Madison Watkins, Shyam Dorn, and Nolan Iverson.

LAURA 'JEAN' (LUDTKE) JELINEK
Born: Age: 71 – Died: April 15, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
April 19, 2005

Laura 'Jean' Jelinek

LEWISTOWN — Laura "Jean" (Ludtke) Jelinek, 71, of Coffee Creek, died Friday at home following open-heart surgery.

Her memorial service has taken place in Denton. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown handled arrangements.

She is survived by her husband Jack Jelinek, of Coffee Creek; one son, Ed and his wife, Terri, of Denton; daughters Nancy McKinley and her husband Robert of Hingham, Charlene Lensing and her husband Ron of Stanford and Connie Hotvedt and her husband Carl of Helena; one brother-in-law, Robert Cartwright, of Geraldine; and one sister-in-law, Georgia Hamill of Cadillac, Mich.; 10 grandsons; one granddaughter; one great-grandson; four great-granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

Her parents, two sisters and one great grandson preceded her in death.

She was born Sept. 8, 1933, in Great Falls, the daughter of Henry E. and Grace (Sande) Ludtke. She received her schooling in Herron, Mont.; Clark Fork, Idaho; Geraldine; Fort Benton; and Chester, graduating from Chester High School in 1951. She then worked at the Hardware Store in Geraldine for one year.

On June 4, 1952, she was united in marriage to Jack Jelinek in Geraldine. They made their home at Coffee Creek. She worked as clerk for the Coffee Creek School and a bookkeeper for the Coffee Creek Farmers Union until becoming postmaster in the mid 1980's, a position she held at the time of her death.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, Rebekah Lodge and the Denton School Board.

Friends are asked to make memorials to the Denton Baseball Association or the charity of their choice, and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

CHRISTINE ANN (EGGLESTON) JOB
Birth: May 25, 1954 - Death: May 4, 2005
Liberty County Times
May 18, 2005



Christine Job

Christine Ann (Eggleston) Job was born May 25, 1954 at Havre, Montana. She was the only daughter of three children born to William and Lillian (Fritz) Eggleston.

Chris grew up and received her formal education in Billings, where she graduated from Billings Central Catholic High School in 1972. She excelled in track and field events, setting school records and receiving many awards in the 440 sprints.

In the years that followed, Chris attended the Sheridan Community College in Sheridan, Wyoming. She studied welding and mine maintenance engineering. She became a certified welder in 1980.

Chris married Jeffrey T. Job on February 22, 1980 in Sheridan. They traveled and worked in the mining industry for several years and raised their family of two. The Jobs have lived in Wisconsin for the past 13 years, where Chris worked as a Nursing Assistant.

She loved to spend time with her family and friends. As a hobby, she collected Pillsbury Doughboy memorabilia.

Chris suffered from medical problems for the past 20 years. On Wednesday May 4, 2005 she

died peacefully in her sleep of apparent natural causes at her home in New Richmond, Wisconsin. She was 50 years old.

Chris was preceded in death by her grandparents and her father.

Survivors include her husband of 25 years, Jeff Job of New Richmond; daughter Carissa Johnson (husband Ryan) who are stationed in the US Army at Babenhausen, Germany; son Matthew Job of New Richmond; mother Lillian Eggleston of Phoenix, Arizona; two brothers Tim and Joe Eggleston, both of Phoenix; her pet cat Muffin; and a host of other relatives (including the Fritz families in the Chester community).

Vigil Prayer Service was held at 7:00 pm May 12th at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester, Montana.

Funeral Mass was at 2:00 pm Friday May 13th at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester, with Fr. Joseph Diekhans officiating. Scripture Reader was Anita Spencer; vocalist was Anne Seidlitz-Melton who sang "Ave Maria," and "On Eagle's Wings," accompanied by organist Iris White. Presentation of Communion Gifts by Jeff Carissa and Matthew; Eucharistic Minister was Bonnie Johnson. The closing song was "My Immortal" by Evanescence.

Interment of ashes was at the Fritz family plot at the Chester Catholic Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the Catholic youth Center.

Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester, Montana.

ALBERTA GAIL "BERT" (RANES) LEWIS JOHNSON
Born: Age 67 - Died: March 10, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
March 16, 2005

Alberta Johnson

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Former Fort Benton and Hingham resident Alberta Gail "Bert" (Ranes) Lewis Johnson, 67, died after a long illness Thursday in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

A memorial service was held Monday in Coeur d'Alene. Yates Funeral Home of Coeur d'Alene was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include sons Gerald Lewis of Portland, Ore., and Terry Lewis of Spokane; daughters Karla Walters of Hayden, Idaho, and Colleen Lewis of Havre; brothers Melvin Ranes of Fort Benton and Donald Ranes of Casper, Wyo.; sisters Margaret Hays of Kalispell, Judy Gathright of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Barbara Ludwig of Las Vegas; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

KIRK JAY JOHNSON
Born: May 16, 1957 – Died: March 20, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
March 27, 2005

Kirk Jay Johnson

CASPER, Wyo. — Former Kremlin resident Kirk Jay Johnson, 47, died of complications from a stroke March 20 at a hospital in Casper, Wyo.



Johnson

Cremation will take place, with burial of ashes at Highland Cemetery in Havre at a

later date.

Survivors include daughter Nicole (Mike Roohr), and grandson Michael of Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and daughter Kristen (Steve Gates), and granddaughter RaeLynn of Casper; sister Carra of Annandale, Va.; and brothers Con of Bracken, Saskatchewan, and Larry and Rodney of Kremlin.

Born May 16, 1957, in Havre, Kirk was the fifth child of Norton and Mary (Winter) Johnson of Kremlin, Mont., and was raised and attended school in Kremlin.

He married Tracie Dropps on June 30, 1979. They eventually moved to Casper, headquarters of Ellenberg Oil, for whom he worked in the oil fields for more than 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Tracie; an infant child; his parents; and sister Greta.

CARL JOHN KANTOROWICZ
Birth: October 16, 1917 – Death: August 7, 2005
Liberty County Times
September 28, 2005

Carl Kantorowicz

Carl John Kantorowicz, age 87, of Highwood Road, a farmer and rancher, died of natural cause Sunday August 7, 2005 at a local nursing home.

Carl Kantorowicz was born October 16, 1917, to Stanislaw and Katherine (Lopata) Kantorowicz, on the family

farm south of Joplin, Montana, and attended a country school south of Joplin.

He married Loretta Phelan in 1944, and she helped with farming and ranching. Carl and Loretta farmed south of Joplin on the Highwood Bench and east of Great Falls. They also ranched at Wolf Creek.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law J.C. and Charlotte Kantorowicz of Great Falls; brother and sister-in-law Alfred and Jo Biggs of Tonasket, Washington; sisters Catherine "Bessie" Wanken of Chester, Mary Ennis of Spokane, Washington, Ruth Corbet of Kalispell, Josephine

Buhnash of Billings, and Bernice McCabe of Muskogee, Oklahoma; granddaughters Tammy Kantorowicz of West Point, Utah, and Courtney (Jim) Feldman of Great Falls; great-grandson Zachary Feldman; sister-in-law Mildred Kantorowicz of Chester; and brother-in-law Wilson "Bill" Gray of Highwood.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, by his wife of 61 years, Loretta; brothers, John, Chester and Frank; sisters, Agnes Kantorowicz, Sister Susanne Kantorowicz, Sophie Lalum, Anna Manchak and Julia McIntyre; nephews, Arthur Lalum and Ronald

Colliver; and niece, Margaret Lalum McCarty.

Cremation has taken place. A gathering of friends and family was held Saturday, August 12th at Schneider Funeral Home.

LORETTA (PHELAN) KANTOROWICZ
Born: August 02, 1912 – Died: April 25, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
April 27, 2005

Loretta Kantorowicz



Kantorowicz

Loretta (Phelan) Kantorowicz, 92, of 1104 6th Ave. N., a former teacher who ranched with her husband near Wolf Creek and farmed with him south of Joplin, on the Highwood Bench and east of Great Falls, died of natural causes Monday at a local nursing home.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Surviving are her husband, Carl Kantorowicz of Great Falls; a son, J.C. (Charlotte) Kantorowicz; grandchildren Tammy Kantorowicz of West Point, Utah, and Courtney Feldman of Great Falls; a great-grandchild, Zachary Feldman; and a brother-in-law, Wilson "Bill" Gray.

Loretta P. Kantorowicz was born Aug. 2, 1912, in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada, the daughter of Michael and Emma (Olson) Phelan. She was raised and educated in Chinook, Mont., where the family homesteaded in the Bears Paw Mountains. Loretta graduated from Chinook High School and received her teaching degree in Maine.

She taught school in Montana, last teaching in Wolf Creek, where she met Carl Kantorowicz, who had a ranch near there. She and Carl were married in 1944. Loretta worked alongside Carl on the ranch and farms. They moved to Great Falls in 1997.

She was an avid bridge player.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Emma Phelan; a brother, Lawrence Phelan and sisters Gene Kuhr and Mildred Gray.

SISTER SUSANNE OSF (HELEN) KANTOROWICZ

Birth: July 7, 1916 – Death: February 2, 2005

Liberty County Times

March 2, 2005



Sister Susanne Kantorowicz

OSF (Helen), 88 passed away February 2, 2005 at Marian Residence, Santa Maris, CA. Sister Susanne was born on a farm southeast of Chester, MT on July 7, 1916 to Stanislaw and Katherine Lopata Kantorowicz, the sixth of fifteen children. Sister Susanne met the Sisters of St. Francis at Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre, MT. She worked in the kitchen, and learned more about her Catholic faith through classes offered to all who worked at the hospital. She was so impressed with the work done by the Sisters and especially by the help they gave to the poor that she entered the Community of the Sisters of St. Francis at Stella Niagara, New York in 1938. She made her profession of vows as a Sister of St. Francis in 1939 in Monrovia California.

During her many years as a professed Sister of St. Francis Sister Susanne held many positions as a cook and baker in California, Washington and Montana. She was known for

her delicious bread, buns, donuts, pies and cookies, which were the delight of the Sisters, students and patients in the schools, convents and hospitals where she ministered. The ministry was cut short when she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1954. This disease was one that Sister endured with determination and grace for fifty years. During the early stages she was able to continue with some light cooking and housework but by the mid 1960's, even this became impossible. Sister was then transferred to Havre where she lived at Sacred Heart Hospital, and learned to make clown dolls, a pastime she enjoyed until the 1990's. She came to Santa Maria in 1968, where she supervised the gift shop at Marian Medical Center, and endeared herself to patients and visitors alike. In 1977 she moved to Marian Residence, where she used her electric wheelchair to visit the chapel, the other sisters and to take a trip around the grounds. She made several trips to Montana to visit family and friends.

She was especially devoted to the Eucharist and Mass and could be found each morning in front of the Residence chapel eagerly waiting for the priest to celebrate the Mass for all who attended. She also had a great love for the Blessed Virgin Mary and prayed many rosaries each day for family, friends and those in need.

Sister was at Marian Respite the last eight months of her life and the nurses and visitors soon learned to come at times that did not interrupt her schedule of prayers. She was truly a "faithful and suffering servant of the Lord."

Sister was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Agnes, Anna Manchak, Julia McIntyre and Sophie Lalum; brothers, Chester, John and her twin brother, Frank. She is survived by her sisters: Catherine Wanken, Chester; Ruth Corbett, Kalispell; Mary Ennis, Sitka, Alaska; Josephine Bubnash, Billings; and Bernice McCabe, Maskogee, Oklahoma; by her brothers; Carl and wife Loretta, Great Falls, Montana and Alfred and wife Jo, Tonasket, Washington; by her sister-in-law, Mildred Kantorowicz, Chester, and by her many loving nieces and nephews. She is also survived by the members of the religious community, the Sisters of St. Francis.

Vigil service was held on Wednesday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel at Marian Residence, 124 South College Drive, Santa Maria. Mass was at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, celebrant was Reverend Riz Carranza. Interment followed in the Santa Maria Cemetery.

Arrangements were in the care of Manager-Maloney Funeral Home.

A Memorial is planned at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chester in July.

DARILYN MITIS (ROBERTSON) KELLER
Born: March 10, 1938 – Died: October 15, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
October 20, 2005

Darilyn Keller

CASTRO VALLEY, Calif. — Shelby native Darilyn Mitis (Robertson) Keller, 67, of Castro Valley, Calif., died of cancer Saturday at Stanford University Medical Center.

A memorial service is 1 p.m. Friday at the Jess C. Spencer Mortuary in Castro Valley. Burial will take place in Shelby at a later date.



Keller

She is survived by her five children, Terry (Sue) Keller of Weimar, Calif., and Kim, Jay, Peggy and Brad (Maria) Keller of Castro Valley; seven grandchildren, Jay and Jessica Keller, Tony Perata, Gary and Jordan Keller, Kyle Conner and Cameron Keller; seven siblings, Lucille Frydenlund, Vern (Sharen) Robertson and Jim (Marlys) Robertson, all of Shelby, Clare (Thelma) Robertson and Betty Stevens of Phoenix, Ariz., Shirley Sheridan of Polson, and Duane (Barbara) Robertson of Helena.

Darilyn was born March 10, 1938, in Shelby, Mont., to Clarence and Beatrice Robertson. The daughter of a hard-working farm couple and the seventh of eight children, she was raised to be strong and independent, yet having an unending supply of love for her family and friends.

Darilyn's wonderful sense of humor and fun-loving upbeat attitude adds to the qualities she leaves as a legacy to her children, grandchildren, and siblings.

Darilyn attended South Devon country school and graduated from Shelby High School in 1956. She married Leo "Bud" Keller in Shelby on Aug. 8, 1956. In 1962, with their five children, they moved to the Bay area of California and later divorced. She raised her children and worked a variety of jobs. The majority of her employment life was spent with Safeway Stores. Upon her recent retirement from Safeway, she worked for Executive Mortgage Company.

Darilyn enjoyed reading, cooking and volunteering as a grandparent at the Proctor Elementary School kindergarten program. She loved spoiling her grandchildren, as well as traveling with children and siblings. She found great delight in pulling practical jokes on her family members. In addition to time spent with family, she loved getting together with long-time friends for lunch and activities.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers-in-law George Frydenlund, Dick Stevens and Bud Sheridan.

Memorials may be sent to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Donor Service5, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

ALLAN J. 'BUD' KIDD
Birth: April 5, 1925 – Death: April 23, 2005
Liberty County Times
April 27, 2005

Allan J. "Bud" Kidd

Allan J. "Bud" Kidd, 80, died Saturday April 23, 2005 at the Northern Montana Care Center of natural causes. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday April 27, 2005 at the Gildford Baptist Church with Pastor Ed Fallo officiating. Burial will follow at the Gildford Cemetery. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the church immediately after the services at the graveside. Memorials in Bud's honor may be made to Bear Paw Hospice C/O NMH 30 West 13th Street Havre, MT 59501. Arrangements are under the direction of Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Bud was born April 5, 1925 in Havre to James W. and Lulu (Zabel) Kidd he was raised and educated in Gildford graduating from Gildford High School. Bud worked on the family farm in Gildford. In 1949 he married Dorothy Crites and the couple made their home on the farm and raised their eight children. Bud enjoyed farming and took great pride in it. He was a family man and loved to spend time with his children and grandchildren. His wife Dorothy passed away July 29, 1993. He moved to the Care Center in January of 2004.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Dorothy in 1993.

Bud is survived by his children Linde (Mike) Danielson of Havre, MT; Lars Gasper of Port Angeles, WA; Paula (Jim) Keeler of Havre, MT; Renee Brothers of Havre, MT; Lee Ann (Fred) Church of Aberdeen, WA; Timothy Kidd of Gildford, MT; Shelly Kidd of Havre, MT and Sheila Kidd of Havre, MT. Sisters Lola (Edmund) Vogel of Haines, Alaska and Jean (Rollen) Knapp of Columbus, NE; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

HERMIE FLORENCE (RAY) KRUSE KINYON
Born: April 16, 1917 – Died: September 17, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
September 19, 2005

**Hermie Florence Kruse
Kinyon**

SHELBY — Hermie Florence (Ray) Kruse Kinyon, 88, of Shelby, died of natural causes Saturday at Marias Care Center in Shelby.

Her memorial service is 3 p.m. Tuesday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby, with burial of ashes in Valley View Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

Survivors include her husband, Brondle Kinyon of Shelby; her children, Shirley Kruse (Norman) Nash of Yuma, Ariz., and Donald L. (Mary) Kruse of Kalispell; stepdaughters Jane (Curt) Shaffer of Shelby and Jean (Dexter) Aspegig of Bozeman; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lester Kruse; siblings Morris Ray, Wm. "Bud" Ray, Margaret Ray Haney, Dorothy Ray Farrell and great-grandchildren, Crystal Wilson and Eric Willis.

Hermie was born April 16, 1917, in Hermiston, Ore., to William D. and Orpha Ray. The family moved to Oilmont when Hermie was young and this is where she grew up and graduated from high school. At 19, she married Lester Ernest Kruse in 1936 in Shelby. In 1941, they made their home in Cut Bank, where Hermie was a dedicated homemaker. Lester died in 1980.

She married Brondle Edward Kinyon on Feb. 21, 1987, in Columbia Falls. They lived on the farm near Galata and in later years spent winters in Yuma, Ariz., and summers at their cabin near Essex.

She was a member of Galata Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cut Bank.

She loved to paint, make cards for her family and travel. She also enjoyed being outdoors including fishing, camping and going out to the desert. Family was the most important thing to Hermie.

Memorials are suggested to the Marias Care Center.

RAY FRANKLIN KINYON
Birth: May 17, 1919 – Death: July 16, 2005
Liberty County Times
July 20, 2005



Ray F. Kinyon

Ray Franklin Kinyon was born May 17th, 1919 on a family farm 4 miles north of Galata, Montana. He was one of six children born to James & May (Pegg) Kinyon.

Ray attended the Teal country school through grade eight. His favorite class in school was geography; he pretended to travel to all of those interesting places he studied! He also had a good head for numbers & math. Ray was an exceptional speller, too, but did it best when he could write the word on paper rather than spell it out loud.

Ray became a farmer and remained on the family farm throughout his working life. He also raised cattle and sheep, but most of the sheep were raised as pets. He loved dogs, too, and had many loyal canine friends over the years. Ray's most enjoyable part of farming was driving tractor, and his favorite tractor was the caterpillar. He enjoyed many automobiles, too, his favorite being an old white Thunderbird.

Ray loved his life on the farm. He helped care for his folks and enjoyed trips with them to Iowa to visit family. He was also a good neighbor & friend. In fact, in those early years Ray hauled many tanks of drinking water (literally, hundreds) from the Sweetgrass Hills to his surrounding neighbors as a gesture of friendship.

Ray was a "permanent fixture" in the Galata community until 1989, when he retired and moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. His health began to fail in 2004, so he transferred to

the Wheat Country Estates (assisted living facility). This past June (2005) he entered the Liberty County Nursing Home for extended care. Ray died at the Chester rest home on Saturday afternoon (July 16th, 2005). He was 86 years old.

After moving to Chester, Ray had his favorite "stops" around town. He enjoyed eating & socializing at Spud's Café. He would stop daily at Fraser's Conoco where he could visit with the crew & customers. Ray always said "hello" to everyone with a smile on his face. Ray loved to tease and be teased, so as a special treat to his good friends, he always "offered them a chew"!

At age 6 Ray learned to play the violin from his Uncle Irv. He eventually learned to play the harmonica, mandolin, fiddle, & guitar, all by ear. Two

of his favorite songs were "Over the Waves" and "Turkey in the Straw".

In his quiet time at home Ray enjoyed playing solitaire and watching television. His favorite foods were hamburgers and homemade ice cream.

Ray never married. He is survived by 1 brother, Brondle Kinyon (and wife, Hermie) of Shelby; 8 nieces, including Marge McSweeney, Mary Shaffer, Freda Butterbrodt, Esther May, Myrna Orme, Eldora Rosling, Jane Shaffer, & Jean Aspevig; and numerous grand-nieces & -nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by 3

brothers (Olen, Vern, & Homer Kinyon) and 1 sister (Margaret "Maggie" McSweeney).

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. today (Wednesday, July 20th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester by Pastor William "Bill" Orme. Piano music will

be provided by Eldora Rosling. Pallbearers will be Craig Fraser, Larry Fossen, Larry VanDessel, and Brian, Greg, & David May. Graveside services will follow at 3:30 p.m. at the Galata Cemetery.

CLIFFORD A. KREJCI

Birth: February 8, 1922 – Death: May 15, 2005

Liberty County Times

May 25, 2005



Cliff Krejci

Clifford A. Krejci was born February 8th, 1922 at Rudyard, Montana. He was the second of four children born to Joseph and Emily (Tichey) Krejci. Cliff grew up and received his education in Rudyard, graduating from Rudyard High School in 1940. In his teens he worked in the family service station and bulk plant.

Cliff was inducted into the U. S. Army in 1942. He attained the rank of Tech-4 and served in the Western Pacific Campaign during World War II. As the war wound down and

the troops were demobilized, Cliff received his Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, and honorable discharge in 1945.

He returned to northern Montana and began working as a farm laborer. In 1947 Cliff took a job as a highway maintenance man for the State Department of Highways. In the late 1950's he was promoted as Field Maintenance Supervisor for the Chester District, which included Liberty and western Hill counties. He

was in charge of the highway shop, equipment, and road maintenance, including snow removal, patching, mowing, and upkeep of delineators and signage in his section of Highway 2.

Cliff met a Chester widow, Betty (Brandvold) Rockman. They were married on December 8, 1961. That same year they built a home in Chester, where they raised Betty's four teenage sons and a new son of their own.

After 35 years of dedicated public service to the State of Montana, Cliff retired in 1982. The Krejci's continued to live in the Chester community. Cliff's wife, Betty, died in 1998.

Cliff's health remained good until two years ago, when he was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. Since then he had suffered from progressive lung disease, especially the past six months.

Cliff died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on Sunday evening May 15th, 2005 at the age of 83 years.

His memberships included the V.F.W. and American Legion.

During his high school years he was active in basketball and track.

In later years he enjoyed bowling in the Hi-Line leagues and dancing with Betty. As a hobby he collected old coins. During his quiet time at home Cliff liked to do crossword puzzles and read, especially, local histories and the newspaper. His favorite television shows were "Jeopardy" and "The Wheel of Fortune".

He also enjoyed watching the N.F.L. and college football; his favorite college teams were the Alabama Crimson Tide and the Montana Grizzlies. Before his health failed, he took great pride in his yard and trees.

Cliff was a simple man who led a simple life, so he would not want to be praised or eulogized. He was known as a quiet, harmless guy who avoided confrontation, never wanting to hurt anyone's feelings. Still, he enjoyed being around people and he cherished those special relationships. A man of simple faith and spirit, he was as honest as the day is long and lived by the "Golden Rule".

Cliff is survived by his son, Jody Krejci of Parker, Colorado; three stepsons: Rlynn Rockman of Chester, Bryce Rockman of Montgomery, Alabama, and Tyrone Rockman of Great Falls; one brother, Alvin Krejci of Rudyard; 13 grandchildren, including Brighton, Lundin, Heidi, Hildee, Hubbel, Jarrid, Jenaya, Jaelyn, Meganne, Julia, Jessica, Weslee, and Shay; numerous nephews and nieces; and his dog, "Bear".

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents, a brother Ervin Krejci, a sister Geraldine Een; and a stepson, Terry Rockman.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday May 21st at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester by Pastor Pete Erickson. A scripture reading was shared by Bryce Rockman.

The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art," accompanied by pianist, Richie Hamel. Vocalist, Marcus Jochim, performed two musical tributes, "In the Garden" and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee." Greeter was Pam Seidlitz. Pallbearers included Jody Krejci, Rlynn Rockman, Bryce Rockman, Ty Rockman, Hubbel Rockman, and Weslee Rockman. Honorary bearers were Cliff's two grandsons, Brighton and Lundin Krejci.

Burial with military rites followed at the Chester Cemetery where Ray Standiford made the flag presentation. A reception was held at the church fellowship hall. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

DANIEL BERNARD KUCERA

Birth: May 24, 1928 – Death: January 2, 2005

Havre Daily News

January 4, 2005

DANIEL KUCERA obituary

Daniel Bernard Kucera, 76, a retired railroad engineer, died at his home Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, from complications of meylodysplastic syndrome, a disease of the blood.

A prayer vigil will be 7 p.m.

Thursday and the funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Friday, both at St. Jude's Catholic Church with the Rev.

Robert D.

Grosch officiating.

Burial will follow at the Highland Cemetery and a luncheon will be held at the St. Jude Parish Center immediately after the services at the graveside.

Daniel was born to Louis and Helen Svoboda Kucera in Prague, Neb., on May 24, 1928. He attended St. John's Catholic School in Prague, until he was in the third grade, when the family moved to Brainard, Nebraska. He finished his elementary education there, attending Holy Trinity Catholic School and then moved on to Brainard Public High School. During those years he worked on the railroad. After his junior year, worked at Kellogg in Omaha during the summer months.

In June of 1946, upon graduation from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged on April of 1948. He attended boot camp in San Diego and then served a six-month tour of duty in China. His ship, the USS Wiltse DD-766, was attached to the Chinese Naval Academy in Tsingtas. In late March, because of the Communist Revolution, they left Tsingtas and moved to a naval base in southern Japan. Then it was back to the United States and into dry dock and his discharge.



Kucera

The train trip from Seattle to Omaha was interrupted by a stopover in Havre, where he and another sailor spent two days. They were very impressed with the friendliness of the people and the pace of life. Back on the train, he was seated at a table in the diner with an older man and

they talked about the future. Dan told him he had enjoyed his stay in Havre and hoped to come back if things didn't work out back in Nebraska. The man told Dan that if he ever returned to Havre, he would give Dan a job or see to it that he could get one from one of his friends. He returned to Nebraska and found that there was not much going on there, jobwise. With Montana on his mind and his mustering out check in hand, he headed up to Montana. Instead of going on to Havre, he got off in Glasgow, where his brother and family lived, and found work with a plumbing contractor as a laborer. In September, a co-worker was going to Havre to attend college at Northern Montana College. Dan went along to see if he could get in and found that everyone with the GI Bill was welcomed. He enrolled in the secondary education program. Needing extra money, he went job hunting and ended up working in the Havre Laundry plant for the gentleman he had met on the train and also as a clerk at the Great Northern Railway. In June of 1950, he went to work as a locomotive fireman, until he was recalled to the Navy for the Korean conflict in June of 1951. He served until September of 1952, when he returned to Havre and continued his work on the Great Northern. In 1953, he enrolled at Creighton University in Omaha.

In September of 1954, he met Mary Margaret McBride and they were married on May 27, 1955 in Blue Hill, Neb. Dan decided then to return to Havre where he continued to work as an engineer for the railroad, and he and his wife raised their seven children.

After 41 years, Dan retired from the Burlington Northern Railway on May 1, 1990. He and his wife enjoyed traveling to see their children and their families during the years immediately following their retirement, but also found that it was nice to be able to spend time at their home and to enjoy their friends in Havre. Dan enjoyed working in his flowerbeds each summer and was an avid reader.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and a grandson, Thomas Kucera.

Survivors include his wife Margaret of Havre; children, Mike (Pat) of Ann Arbor, Mich., Tim (Jeanne) of Duluth, Minn., Mark of Billings, Eva (Ed) Tucholski of Annapolis, Md., David (Cathy) of Jefferson City, Tenn., Margaret of Madison, Wis., and Daniel of Missoula; two brothers in Nebraska; two sisters

in Nebraska; and 11 grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Parish Center, P.O. Box 407, Havre, MT 59501 or to Bear Paw Hospice 30 West 13th Street Havre, MT 59501.

Services and arrangements are under the direction of Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.



Kucera

BETTY JO (PHILLIPS) KUNTZ
Birth: June 2, 1923 – Death: May 14, 2005



Betty Jo Kuntz

Betty Jo (Phillips) Kuntz was born June 2nd, 1923 at Rudyard, Montana. She was one of six children born to Robert & Josephine (Saueressig) Phillips. Betty grew up on the family farm at Goldstone (north of Rudyard) and received her early education at nearby country schools.

She graduated from Joplin High School in 1941. In the years that followed she worked as a partswoman at Valley Motor Supply in Havre. While there she met her husband-to-be, Reuben C. "Don" Kuntz. They were married September 11th, 1947 at Kalispell, Mt. The Kuntz's made their home in Havre for 26 years. In addition to being a homemaker & mother of five children, Betty was employed in the parts department at Eaves Equipment Company and later as a clerk at Owl Drug Store.

Don's work brought them to Chester in 1973. While here Betty was employed at Liberty Drug Store in Chester. Don & Betty retired in 1990 and moved to the Flathead Valley to a home at Lakeside where they have lived since

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Betty was diagnosed with cancer over 2 years ago and fought valiantly until her death. In April she chose to stay at home to receive personal care from her family and hospice nurses. With her family at her bedside, Betty died peacefully in her sleep on the morning of Saturday (May

14th, 2005). She was 81 years young.

When her children were growing up, Betty spent most of her free time with her children volunteering in such activities as a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader. She loved spending time with both her children & grandchildren as a eager participant in card games, board games, lawn games, & other family activities. Other activities included such things as league bowling with friends.

She was a creative person who loved handiwork, namely, sewing, knitting, crocheting, ceramics, and painting. She also enjoyed gardening, camping, & fishing. After moving to Lakeside Betty joined a ladies card club and always looked forward to the regular pinochle matches.

Betty was a great cook and her family will remember her delicious homemade cinnamon rolls & candies. She took a special interest in learning computer skills in her late 70's, and spent many happy hours on-line with friends & family.

Betty maintained a sharp mind and excellent memory even throughout her last illness. She loved her children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren dearly and spent a large share of her time bragging about their accomplishments & good deeds. She was loved dearly by all and will be

dearly missed

Survivors include her husband, Don Kuntz of Lakeside; 4 sons, Ronald (Darlene) Kuntz of Forney, Texas, Robert (Sherry) Kuntz of Helena, Dennis (Darla) Kuntz of Havre, and Dale (Robin) Kuntz of Keller, Texas; 1 daughter, Janet (Adrian) Hawks of Chester; 11 grandchildren (including Donald, Kristy, Chris, Jennifer, Darcy, Dacen, Kelly, Kayce, Kimberly, Kari, & Cory); 9 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Gene Phillips of Idaho and Rodney Phillips of Fairfield; her pet cat, "Cookie"; and many nephews & nieces. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers (Howard & Robert Phillips), and 1 sister (Eleanor Lambine).

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. today (Wednesday, May 18th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Charles Woodworth will officiate and the eulogy will be shared by son, Dennis. Organist, Karen Stack, will accompany the congregation, who will sing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" & "He Leadeth Me". Granddaughter, Kari Hawks, will perform a vocal tribute, "Amazing Grace". Pallbearers & ushers will be Dacen, Christopher, & Donald Kuntz, Cory Hawks, Rod Griffin, Ed Mitch, Bill Gunderson, & Ken Campbell. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon will be held at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

A separate memorial service in honor of Betty for Lakeside friends will be 10:00 a.m. Friday (May 20th) at the Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers. This service will be conducted by Reverend Wayne Pris.

Betty's family would like to share this powerful quotation by Henry VanDyke: "Nothing is lost that love remembers!"

ALICE CAMILLE (CHVILICEK) LANGEL

Birth: February 17, 1936 – Death: February 10, 2005

Liberty County Times

February 16, 2005



Alice Langel

Alice Camille (Chvilicek) Langel was born February 17th, 1936 at Hingham, Montana. She was the only daughter of 8 children born to John & Marion (Hustis) Chvilicek. Alice grew up on the family farm and received her early education at the Mariner country school north of town. She graduated from Rudyard High School in 1954.

Alice married Arnold F. "Bud" Langel on February 1st, 1955 at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They moved to the Langel farm north of Rudyard where Alice worked as a farmwife, homemaker, and mother of six. Following Bud's untimely death in 1968, Alice and the children moved into Rudyard where she began working as a cook & waitress at the local bowling alley.

In 1972 Alice began studying nursing at Northern Montana College in Havre, where she earned her L.P.N. degree (and graduated highest in her class!). She worked several years at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester before returning to college in 1977. Alice received her R.N. degree from Northern in 1979, then continued her nursing duties in Chester. After she

retired from nursing in 1998, Alice continued to teach the C.N.A. classes at the Chester hospital 2-3 times a year.

In November of 2003 Alice traveled to Phoenix, Arizona to visit family and attend a "Simon & Garfunkel" concert. While there she fell at her daughter Judy's home and ended up in the hospital for 3 weeks. Shortly thereafter she was diagnosed with lung cancer and she received the gamut of chemo & radiation treatment. Alice spent the better part of 6 months in-&-out of hospitals & skilled nursing facilities. On December 29th, 2004 she transferred to her daughter's home in Phoenix to be cared for by nurses from the Hospice of the Valley. Alice's eldest daughter, Marietta, had come in April to be with her and spent everyday at her bedside. Alice passed away in her sleep on the early morning of Thursday (February 10th, 2005), just one week before her 69th birthday.

Alice was baptized & confirmed in the Catholic faith and was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham.

Her hobbies included gardening, bowling, reading, and cross-stitching. She was one of Garfield's biggest fans, as evidenced by her large collection of Garfield memorabilia.

In her quiet time at home she enjoyed watching television; her favorite shows were "Jeopardy", "The Price is Right", "Wheel of Fortune", and "The Young & the Restless". Alice became an avid football fan after her eldest son played high school ball, and her

favorite N.F.L. team was the Denver Broncos. Alice enjoyed her many years of bowling; she served on many statewide committees, including Director of District II of the Montana Women's Bowling Association.

Alice was an inspiration to many people in the fact that she worked, attended college, & raised 6 kids (ages 2 to 13) following the death of her husband. She attributed this to the love & help of her family and her wonderful community friends. Alice was proud of her nursing career; this was exemplified by her personalized license plate which read "Alice RN". Last, but not least, she will be remembered as a loving mother, grand-mother, & friend.

Survivors are 3 sons, Eugene Langel of Las Vegas, Nv., Bill Langel (and wife, Pam) of Inverness, and Dennis Langel (and wife, Debbie) of Havre; 3 daughters, Marietta Haaland of Federal Way, Wash., Judy Langel (and husband, Mark Brady) of Phoenix, Az., and Janet Twedt (and husband, Paul) of Federal Way, Wash.; 6 grandchildren, inc. Angela Wagner, Martin Haaland, Christopher Haaland, Jakob Twedt, Nathaniel Twedt, & Mindy Smith; 1 great-grandchild, Maverick Wagner (who was just born on Jan. 6, 2005); and 2 brothers, Lawrence (Carole) Chvilicek of Pendleton, Oregon and Robert Chvilicek of Chester.

Additional survivors include 4 sisters-in-law, Stella Kerkvliet of Lake Arrowhead, Calif., Charlotte Chvilicek of Roseburg, Oregon, Loy Chvilicek of Helena, & Doris Chvilicek of Florida. Langel family members are Dewey (Ruby) Langel of Missoula, Audrey (Lloyd) Kaercher of Havre, Stan (Willy) Langel of Kalispell, Richard (Alberta) Langel of Billings, Katherine Brandt of Rudyard, Lucy (Bill) Miller of Salmon, Oregon, Dorothy Langel of Chester, and Joann Langel of Havre.

Alice is also survived by numerous nephews & nieces. Alice was preceded in death not only by her husband & parents, but also by 5 brothers (John, James, Leonard, Norbert, & Gerald Chvilicek) and 1 granddaughter (Jessica Langel).

Vigil Prayers will be 7:00 p.m. Friday (Feb. 18th) at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Funeral Mass will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday (Feb. 19th) at the church. Cremation will follow (per Alice's request). Graveside services & burial of ashes will be 11:00 a.m. Monday (Feb. 21st) at the Rudyard Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

Memorials will be given to the American Cancer Society or Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church.

ERNEST J. LARGENT

Born: November 19, 1916 – Died: September 29, 2005

Great Falls Tribune

October 1, 2005

Ernest J. Largent

Former Sun River and Power resident Ernest J. Largent, 88, of 800 36th St. S., a retired farmer, died of natural causes Thursday at a local hospital.



Largent

Visitation is 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at O'Connor Funeral Home. His funeral is 11 a.m. Monday at

Peace Lutheran Church, with burial in Manchester Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Esther Largent of Great Falls; daughters Donna (George) Mellinger of Fairfield, Sharon (Richard) Pollington of Kremlin and Marlet (Roger) Crabtree of Billings; sisters Helen Burgo, of Plano, Texas, and Betty Baker of Great Falls; eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Ernest was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ernestine Largent; a grandson, Mark Mellinger; a sister, Mary Jane Jones; and a brother, Bill Largent.

Ernest was born Nov. 19, 1916, in Great Falls and raised in Sun River. He attended schools in Sun River and Simms where he graduated in 1934. He married Esther M. Gettel on Oct. 18, 1936, in Power. He farmed at Sun River until 1942, and moved to Power where he farmed until 1981. In 1991 they moved to Great Falls.

Ernest enjoyed fishing.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Power, where he served as president and treasurer of the council, and was also a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Great Falls. He served on various boards while living in Power.

Memorials are suggested to Peace Lutheran Church, Lutheran Hour Ministry or the donor's choice.

QUINTEN R. LARSEN

Birth: February 19, 1919 – Death: January 18, 2005

Liberty County Times

January 26, 2005



Quinten Larsen

Quinten R. Larsen was born February 19th, 1919 at Galata, Montana. He was the only son of four children born to Joseph and Lovisa (Hatteberg) Larsen, who had homesteaded in the north Galata community. Quinten attended local schools and graduated from Shelby High School in 1936. He continued his education at M.S.U. in Bozeman where he completed a comprehensive course in agricultural studies. In subsequent years Quinten returned to the Hi-Line where he farmed and raised registered Columbia sheep.

Quinten met his wife-to-be, Julia C. Kasel, in the summer of 1950. They were married that fall on September 28 at Shelby. They made their home on the Larsen farm north of Galata, where they raised a family of six children. In addition, Quinten bought a ranch near the

Sweetgrass Hills and operated an Angus cattle business there for 20 years. Eventually he sold the ranch in the 1970's, but continued to farm near Galata.

After 49+ years of marriage, wife Julia died on August 19, 2000. Soon after, Quinten moved to the Heritage Center, an assisted living facility, in Shelby. When his health began to fail in the summer of 2004, he transferred to the Marias Care Center. Quinten died at this Shelby nursing home on Tuesday morning January 18, 2005. He was 85 years old.

The Larsen's were an inseparable couple who were well-known in the Hi-Line community from Shelby to Chester. Always sociable and friendly, they attended many weddings, funerals, & other functions during their married life together. In their later years they enjoyed attending all of the events of their grandchildren.

Quinten was a life member of the Galata Lutheran Parish and had served on the church council in many capacities. He was also an active member of the Democratic party and had worked on various county committees. In addition he served on numerous boards over the years, most notably, the P.C.A. of Conrad.

One of Quinten's greatest enjoyments was his work as a Boy Scout Master. He always looked forward to the camping expeditions and working with the youth. During his "labor of

love" in the scouting program, he was proud to have helped many boys attain the rank of "Eagle Scout," including his son, Joe.

Quinten is survived by five daughters: Catherine Eklund of Shelby, Betty Dickison of Paris, Illinois, Rita Hegland (and husband, Doug) of Whitefish, Ann Vraa (and husband, Duane) of Shelby, and Tammie Dibblee (and husband, Jeff) of Havre; one son, Joe Larsen (and wife, Barb) of Galata; 17 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters: Joyce Dye of Shelby, and LouAnn Burd (and husband, Miles) of Galata; brother-in-law, Grant Flage of Galata; and many nieces and nephews. Quinten was preceded in death by his wife, parents, sister Alvina Flage, and brother-in-law Henry Dye.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday January 22, 2005 at the Galata Lutheran Church by Reverend Charles Woodworth. The congregation sang "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Praise and Thanksgiving" accompanied by organist, Laila Lindberg. Candle-lighters were grandchildren Jen and Nikki, scripture readings were by granddaughter Valerie, and personal remembrances were shared by son Joe. Six of Quinten's grandchildren served as pallbearers. Burial followed at the Galata Cemetery. A luncheon was held at the Galata School Hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

SAMUEL JOHN LEE
Born: Age 58 – Died: March 1, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
March 4, 2005

Samuel John Lee

LEDGER — Great Falls native Samuel John Lee, 58, a Marine Corps veteran and truck driver, died Tuesday at his home in Ledger. He had been ill for several years.



Lee



A memorial service is 10:30 a.m. Monday at Pondera Funeral Home in Conrad, with burial in Montana Veterans Cemetery in Helena.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Lee of Ledger; daughters Melissa Habets and Kelly Lee of Ledger and Jamie Lee of Bozeman; a brother, Jerry Lee of Conrad; and two grandsons.

EVELYN MARIE (LUDWIG) LITTLE
Born: March 7, 1924 - Died: January 5, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
January 9, 2005

Evelyn Marie Little

HELENA — Rudyard native Evelyn Marie Little, 80, of Helena, a longtime bowler, died of natural causes at a Bozeman hospital while returning from her trip to Denver where she spent the holidays with her daughter, Theresa Little.

Visitation is noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday at Retz Funeral Home in Helena, followed by a vigil services at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Helena. Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with burial at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Geraldine Cemetery.

She is survived by her daughters Alida M. and her husband, Fred Olson, of Helena, Barbara J. and her husband, Ben Arps, of Augusta, Theresa L. Little of Denver and Bette A. and her husband, Jon Moe, of Helena; sons Lawrence L. and his wife, Sue Little, of Geraldine, Thomas Little of Bozeman, Martin M. and his wife, Linda Little, of Great Falls, Mark A. and his wife, Nadine Little, of Glenville, N.Y., John A. Little of Anacortes, Wash., Joseph Little, of Bozeman, Richard and Connie Little of Helena, James Little of Helena, and Tim and his wife, Tammy Little, of Issaquah, Wash.; two brothers, Ted Ludwig and Tom and his wife, Pat Ludwig; four sisters, Virgie Toner, Lorraine and her husband, Tom Shirley, Ruth Simons and Irene and her husband, Wally McMaster; 48 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion W. Little; her son, Roger Marion Little; a grandson, Bart David Sliper; and a stepgranddaughter, Theresa Storey.



Little

Evelyn Little was born March 7, 1924, in Rudyard to Joseph and Tracey Ludwig, graduating from Rudyard High School in 1941 and Northern Montana College in 1943 with an elementary teaching degree. Instead of teaching, she married her teacher from Rudyard, Marion W. Little on Oct. 2, 1943, in Jacksonville, Fla. After Marion got out of the service they started ranching in Geraldine in 1943, and were blessed over the years with 14 children. As she stated, they kept very busy tending to the children. In 1980 they retired from the farming and moved to Helena.

She always stayed busy and always found time to stop and go somewhere if someone wanted her to go. She stayed very active in bowling. She bowled high game in Division IV of the Montana State Bowling Tournament in Great Falls at the age of 74. She always said that every night she prayed for every child, grandchild, and great-grandchild that she had. That was, "she said," so that she could remember their names. They loved her for the cookies she left in the freezer for them.

As she loved God and her church with all her heart and soul, any donations one wishes to give are suggested to the St. Mary's Building Fund, 1700 Missoula Ave., Helena, MT 59601.

CLIFFORD LYBECK

Birth: November 27, 1920 - Death: June 11, 2005

Liberty County Times

June 22, 2005



Cliff Lybeck

Clifford Lybeck was born November 27th, 1920 at Great Falls, Mt. He was one of five children born to Karen Koll & Hans Christian Lybeck. Cliff grew up on the family homestead 38 miles north of Chester and received his formal education at country schools near the farm. In the few years that followed he worked with his family on the Lybeck ranch.

In 1942 Cliff was inducted into the U. S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He served in France, Rhineland, & Central Europe and was trained as a flight maintenance gunner. His main role as a member of the 385th Bombardment Group was gunner in the top turret of B-17 airplanes. His squadron was on their 22nd mission in 1944 when they were shot down over Germany. Cliff was held as a P.O.W. at Stalag 17-B in Krems, Austria for 13 months. As the war ended, he was demobilized back to the United States. Cliff had attained the rank of Technical Sergeant at the time of his honorable discharge in 1945.

He returned to Chester and worked various jobs around the community, including ranch & road work and employment in a local elevator & service station. Cliff met the love-of-his-life, Shirley Hader, and they were married February 8th, 1947 in Havre. They made their home on the Lybeck ranch near the Sweetgrass Hills where they raised a family of eight. In addition to farming they sold commercial cattle.

In the late 1980's Cliff & Shirley began spending their winters at Lake Havasu City, Arizona. In 1997 they were pleasantly surprised when all of their children traveled to Arizona to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

After 12 winters at Lake Havasu and some declining health problems, the Lybeck's purchased a home in Chester for their retirement years. They enjoyed their fulltime residence in Chester and continued to remain active in the community. After 56 years of marriage, Shirley died unexpectedly on November 13th, 2003. Cliff continued to live at home, but Shirley's death left a sad, lonely void to overcome. Cliff's health continued to deteriorate and he was recently admitted to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, where he died on the morning of Saturday (June 11th, 2005). He was 84 years old.

Cliff had many memberships over the years. He helped establish the Sage Creek Water District and had served as past president. He was a member of the Chester V.F.W. Post #3997.

He had served on boards of the Laird Country School, the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester, and the Farmer's Home Administration in Shelby. He had also served as a 4-H leader when his kids were young.

Cliff was an avid reader and he enjoyed the daily news & weather. He had a good mind for retention and he kept it sharp with his reading skills & "brain-teasers". He loved to play cards, especially pinochle, whist, cribbage, & Bridge.

He also enjoyed raising potatoes on the farm. In his younger years he liked to go fishing and snagging salmon. He was essentially a self-taught man who could fix just about anything!

Cliff loved everything about the ranch, be it a hard day's work or a casual trip to salt the cows or check out the crops. In the early 1970's the three Lybeck brothers attended a 2-week veterinary course in Fort Collins, Colorado where they learned how to do C-sections on cattle, a skill Cliff could apply to the ranch.

In 1992 Cliff & Shirley made a memorable trip to England for the 50-year reunion of his military platoon. Not only did Cliff renew old friendships & relive those experiences of World War II, he also "touched down" and finished that 22nd mission!

Cliff was loved by his family and earned many endearing nicknames, including Dad, Grandpa, Pap, & Papa C.

He is survived by 7 children & spouses, Lynda Colbry of Portland, Ore., Lonna & Butch Tempel of Joplin, Janis Hanson of Spokane, Wash.,

Judy & Russ Tempel of Chester, Kip & Delia Lybeck of Joplin, Colin & Julie Lybeck of Chester, and Chad & Jayna Lybeck of Cheyenne, Wyo.; 2 brothers & spouses, Willard & Shirley Lybeck of Kalispell and Ray & Tommy Lybeck of Kalispell; 23 grandchildren (including Gannon, Kyran, Conor, & Crestan; Jennie, Jada, Jalena, & Jeb; Desiree; Hapi, Tarr, Mari, & Maci; Drue Ann Bryony, Laine, & Josh; Logan, Lexi, & Larisa; and Chelsey, Madelyn, & Landon); 16 great-grandchildren; and many nephews & nieces.

Cliff was preceded in death not only by his parents & wife, but also by a son (Calvin in 1995), a sister (Cora Sievers), and a brother (Harold Lybeck).

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday (June 15th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester by Pastor Peter Erickson. Scripture readings were by granddaughters, Jennie Payne, Jada Fraser, & Jalena Preeshl. The obituary & special memories were shared by grandson, Kyran Colbry. A poem entitled "Abba" was written & read by son, Kip Lybeck.

Pianist was Tammy Duncan and the congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross". Vocalist, Marcus Jochim, performed "In the Garden" & "How Great Thou Art". Ushers were Arnie & Bo Woods. Cliff's children served as pallbearers. Burial followed at the Chester Cemetery. Chester military friends served as color guard, Havre veterans provided a firing squadron, grandson (Josh

LILA VIOLA (HENDRICKSON) WADHAMS LYDERS
Birth: May 14, 1915 – Death: September 16, 2005
Liberty County Times
September 21, 2005



Lila Lyders

Lila Viola (Hendrickson) Wadhams Lyders was born May 14th, 1915 at Mandan, North Dakota. She was the eldest of two children born to Carl & Agnes (Haugen) Hendrickson. Lila received her early schooling in North Dakota. Her family moved to Montana, so she continued her education in Chester (of interest was the fact that Lila played on the Chester Bluebird girls basketball team in 1932). The Hendrickson's moved again to Seattle, Washington where Lila graduated from Broadway High School in 1933.

Lila married Floyd Wadhams on October 28th, 1936. They made their home in the Seattle community where she worked as a secretary in the insurance business for many years. After 36 years of marriage, Floyd died in 1973.

Lila married her second husband, Verne Lyders, on July 21st, 1979. They made their home in the Ballard community of Seattle during their 20 years together. They were living at the Ballard Manor Assisted Living facility when Verne died in 1999. Lila remained in Washington until 2003, when she moved back to Montana to be closer to family. She entered the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester, where she resided until her death on this past Friday afternoon (September 16th, 2005). She was 90 years old.

Lila had been an active life-member of the Sons of Norway (Leif Eriksson Lodge # 1) in Seattle. During her years there she attended the Ballard First Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed many of the simple things in life, like walking and dancing. During her quiet time at home Lila enjoyed reading and watching television (especially her favorite soap opera, "General Hospital"). Just for the fun of it, she collected plates and figurines. On a personal note, Lila had a "sweet tooth" for chocolate! By far her greatest pleasure in life was traveling with Verne; they made many worldwide trips, including memorable ones to Hawaii, Alaska, China, and the Panama Canal.

Lila was preceded in death not only by her parents and her 2 husbands, but also by her only sibling (Lloyd Hendrickson).

Lila never had children of her

own, so she became very attached to her brother's family. She is survived by 1 nephew, Jerry (Elizabeth) Hendrickson of Chester; 2 great-nephews, Larry (Janice) Hendrickson of Chester and Dean (Amy) Hendrickson of Fort Collins, Colorado; 5 great-great-nephews- & nieces, including Christi, Tyrel, Andrew, Graham, & Maggie Hendrickson; and several cousins.

Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m. Thursday (Sept. 22nd) at the Evergreen-Washelli Funeral Home in Seattle, Washington. Following the services Lila will be buried next to her husband, Floyd Wadhams, in the Evergreen-Washelli Cemetery in Seattle.

Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Visitation for Chester area friends was Monday (Sept. 19th) at the funeral home.

EARL T. McCONNELL
Birth: June 2, 1920 – Death: June 19, 2005
Liberty County Times
June 22, 2005



Earl McConnell

Earl T. McConnell, age 85, died Sunday evening (June 19th, 2005) of natural causes at a private care home near Havre.

Per his request, his body will be cremated. A memorial service will be planned in the near future. Local arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

Earl was born June 2nd, 1920 in Pennsylvania. He received his education there and excelled in track-&-field during his high school years.

He served in the U.S. military during World War II and the

Korean Conflict. Following his discharge he lived in Arizona & New Mexico, where he worked in construction.

Earl moved to Montana in the early 1970's. He made his home in Havre where he helped build homes at the nearby reservations. While in Havre he met his wife-to-be, Jeane Louise Kaiser, and they were married October 28th, 1975. They continued to live in Havre for a few years, then purchased a home in Gildford. Earl worked as a private painter & carpenter in the community until his eyesight failed. In his retirement years he worked part time as a bartender at the Gildford Bar.

Earl's wife, Jeane, died on August 23rd, 1999 after being accidentally struck by an automobile in Gildford. Earl continued to live in their Gildford home until three weeks ago, when he moved to the Nardo Ranch Care Home near Havre for extended care. He had suffered from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other ailments during the past few years.

Earl was an exceptional woodworker. He loved his pet dogs.

His only survivors are a brother, George McConnell of Kingsville, Ohio and several nephews & nieces. He also had several good friends in the Gildford community who looked after him.

DOROTHY ANN (CADY) McCORMICK
Born: Age-83 – Died: January 22, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
January 25, 2005

Dorothy Ann McCormick

KREMLIN — Dorothy Ann (Cady) McCormick, 83, of Kremlin, a former a welder at McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft Co. during World War II who farmed with her husband south of Kremlin, died of natural causes Saturday at the Northern Montana Care Center.



McCormick

Her funeral is 11 a.m. Friday at the First Lutheran Church in Havre, with burial in Highland Cemetery, followed by a fellowship luncheon at the Duck Inn Mediterranean Room. Holland

and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is handling arrangements.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John McCormick, in 1984; one grandson; and one great granddaughter.

Survivors include daughters Carol Farr of Centerville, Ohio, Trudy Meyer and Lue Waite, both of Havre and Harriet Cady-McCormick of Kremlin; a son, Neil McCormick of Kremlin; a brother, Willis Cady of Gildford; sisters June Corbit of Walkerville, Loraine Eyman of Clyde Park and Carol Heggen of Kremlin; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

JAMES HARLAN McKECHNIE

Birth: August 7, 1940 – Death: November 23, 2005

Liberty County Times
November 30, 2005



Harlan McKechnie

James Harlan McKechnie, age 65, longtime Dunkirk, Montana area farmer, passed away from complications of cancer at the Marias Extended Care Center in Shelby on Wednesday afternoon, November 23, 2005.

Harlan was born August 7, 1940 in Shelby, Montana. He was the only son of three children born to James and Ruth (Blackford) McKechnie. Harlan lived his entire life in the Dunkirk community. He received his early education at the Dunkirk School and finished his secondary education in Shelby, where he graduated from high school in 1958. After attending Northern Montana College in Havre, Harlan returned to the family farm at Dunkirk, where he remained active in the farming operations until he was diagnosed with cancer in June of 2004.

For several years he was a professional square dance caller

and was especially fond of traditional country western music. Harlan was also active in the 4-H program and had served as a regional director of the National Farmers Organization.

Harlan was married to Bernice Hoffman, Anita Hiebert, and Jo Zeitner; all marriages ended in divorce.

He is survived by his devoted mother, Ruth McKechnie of Dunkirk; 3 daughters, Julie (Brad) Fisher of Rancho Cucamonga, California, Jill Newman of Bozeman, and Rachel (Aaron) Brown of Cut Bank; 2 sons, James Justin McKechnie of Tampa, Florida and James Hyer McKechnie of Dunkirk; 3 granddaughters, Tiffany and Kylie Wellen and Hannah Newman; 1 grandson, Max Jameson Fisher; 2 sisters, Bonnie (Leroy) Flesch of Helena and Eileen (Don) Pettigrew of Shelby; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Harlan was preceded in death by his father, Jim McKechnie, in October of 2001.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday (November 26) at the Devon Lutheran Church in Devon. Pastors Jon Kibler-McCabe and Charles Woodworth officiated. Friends serving as eulogists were Keith Dangerfield and Russ Barrows.

Piano music was provided by

John Osler. Vocal tributes, "Amazing Grace" and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", were sung by Harlan's niece, Amy Pettigrew. Pallbearers were Chris, Jurgen, and Mark Wigen; Cliff and Cecil Benjamin; Tony Stimac; and Leonard Matteson. Honorary bearers were Ron Munson, Ed Skeslien, Lloyd Kanning, Robert Appley, and Art Adamson. Burial followed at the McKechnie family plot at the Dunkirk Cemetery. A reception for family and friends was held at the Frontier Inn in Dunkirk. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials can be given to the Marias Extended Care Center or donor's choice.

MARILYN (STRAND) McLEAN

Born: March 3, 1926 – Died: December 9, 2005

Great Falls Tribune

December 11, 2005

Marilyn McLean

HAVRE — Marilyn (Strand) McLean, 79, a Havre resident, died of lung cancer Friday at Northern Montana Care Center.



McLean

Cremation has taken place and her memorial service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Holland and Bonine Funeral Chapel in Havre, with graveside service in Highland Cemetery, followed by a fellowship luncheon at the VFW.

Marilyn is survived by her husband of 58 years, A.A. "Sandy" McLean of Havre; sons Sandy (Cherrie) McLean of Kent, Wash., and Scott (Maryann) McLean of Havre; daughters Cindy (Jerry) Schubert and Susie (Bobby) LaSalle, both of Havre; grandchildren, Angela Kitchen of Jackson, Mich., Danny Wallace of Bonney Lake, Wash., Jeremy McLean of Kent, Wash., Scottie McLean of Helena, Ryan (Jen) McLean of Havre, J.T. and Karly Schubert of Missoula, and Beau and Kayla LaSalle of Havre; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Marilyn was born March 3, 1926, in Lignite, N.D., to Oscar and Myrtle (Gustofson) Strand. When she was just an infant she

moved with her family to Hinsdale, Mont. She attended schools in Hinsdale and Havre graduating from Havre High School. She met Allen A. "Sandy" McLean and the couple later married on Aug. 9, 1947, in Havre. Marilyn and Sandy were the first rawhide bride and groom of Havre in 1947. The couple made their home in Havre until 1948, when they moved to Joplin and operated a grocery store until 1950, when they returned to Havre. The couple had four children.

Marilyn enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, camping at the Bear Paw Mountains and traveling. She also enjoyed all of the accomplishments her grandchildren achieved. She was a very loving mother and grandmother. They were all blessed to have had such a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother in their lives. She holds a very special place in each person's heart and will be deeply missed. She was a member of the VFW ladies auxiliary and the Eagles auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Myrtle (Gustofson) Strand; and sisters Marguerite Frey and Maxine Adams.

Memorials in Marilyn's honor may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210-2472 or to the Gift of Life Housing P.O. Box 7008 Great Falls, MT 59406-7008.

DARRYL R. MILLER

Birth: September 18, 1951 – Death: December 27, 2005

Liberty County Times

January 11, 2006



Darryl R. Miller

Sidney, Mt. - Memorial services for Darryl R. Miller, 54, of Sidney, MT, will be 2:00 P.M., Saturday, December 31, 2005, at the Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT with Pastor Josh Magyar officiating. Music will be provided by Gary Rauschendorfer and Virginia Herrick. Honorary Casketbearers are: Jerry Rau, Sherman Dynneson, Keith Dynneson, Ron Waters, Rick Miller, Bob Lazzarotto and all of Darryl's many friends. Ushers are Wendy Haugen and Maxine Haverkamp. Cremation has taken place, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Darryl Miller was born on September 18, 1951, in Havre,

Montana to parents Kenneth and Elaine (Wehr) Miller. Darryl grew up in Joplin, Montana and graduated from high school in Joplin. Darryl was involved in farming and ranching there until he met and was united in marriage to Donneta Gabbert in Chester, Montana on June 13, 1973. They moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho in 1973 and started raising their two children there. He started his own construction company and built many beautiful homes there. He was a very gifted carpenter and could craft anything out of wood.

They moved to Sidney in May of 1980, where he continued in construction along with raising cattle on the side. He worked for Sidney Millwork for several years until he became involved in farming with his son Kirk. He was able to participate in his last beet harvest even though he wasn't feeling well. He was the type of person who tried to finish what he had started. Darryl and Kirk spent many enjoyable hours together farming and working on equipment. He loved his family dearly and was very proud of his two children.

Darryl died at his home, Tuesday, December 27, 2005.

Darryl is survived by: his

wife, Donneta Miller, Sidney, MT; son, Kirk (Kris) Miller, Sidney, MT; daughter, Stefanie (fiancé, Myles Schettler), Wahpeton, ND; mother, Elaine Miller, Joplin, MT; his brother, Rick (Debbie) Miller, Joplin, MT; aunts, Ruth Van Wechel and Helen Chapman; his mother-in-law, Anna Gabbert; sister-in-laws, Diana Gabbert and Debra Tillo; brother-in-law, Donald Gabbert; eight nieces and nephews and numerous other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Miller and both his grandparents.

JAN (TURBAK) MILLER
Birth: November 28, 1945 – Death: July 10, 2005
Liberty County Times
July 27, 2005



**Jan
(Turbak) Miller**

Jan Miller, age 59 of Tulsa, Oklahoma died July 10, 2005 in her home of natural causes. A memorial service was held at World Outreach Church in Tulsa on July 14, 2005. A memorial service is scheduled for Jan in Great Falls at Victory Christian Center at 3220 11th Avenue South on Friday, July 29th at 11:00.

Jan Miller was born November 28, 1945 in Havre MT to George and Renette Turbak. She was raised in Havre and graduated from Havre Central in 1964. She married Terry LaValley and moved to Joplin, MT in 1967 and had two children, Lisa and Jeff. Jan was very involved in many ministries in the Catholic church throughout the Hi-Line and Northcentral Montana. Afflicted with muscular dystrophy, a disease which greatly limited her physical abilities throughout the years, Jan was very involved with the Muscular Dystrophy

Association and attended and appeared on the "Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon" many times.

In 1983, Jan was divorced and moved to Great Falls MT, where she continued her many philanthropic efforts and was an active member of Victory Christian Center of Great Falls. It was there where Jan met the

love of her life, John Miller, and was married in November of 1987. In November of 2002, Jan and John moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where she remained until her passing.

Jan deeply loved her husband, children and grandchildren but it was her love for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that drove her to touch and influence countless lives throughout the years. She was a true missionary and obedient servant of God and will be deeply missed.

Jan is survived by her husband John Miller of Tulsa, daughter Lisa (Bret) Walker of Bozeman, MT, son Jeff (Julie) LaValley of Ellensburg, Washington, sisters: Judy (Ed) Matter of Havre, MT, Jeanne (Mike) Kase of Billings, MT, Julie Turbak of Havre, and eight grandchildren.

MONICA (MATHERS) MILLER
Born: Age 98 – Died: August 8, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
August 13, 2005

Monica Miller

CHINOOK — Monica (Mathers) Miller, 98, a Clerk of Court for many years, died of natural causes Monday at a Havre care center.

Her funeral is 11 a.m. Monday at Edwards Funeral Home chapel, with burial in Kuper Memorial Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Lou Graham of Illinois; a niece whom she raised, Penny Hadford of Rudyard; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husbands Grant Bowerman and Louis Miller; a daughter, Donna Bowerman Showman; and a son, Harold Bowerman.

ALICE LUCILLE (STURM) MOEN
Birth: July 11, 1920 – Death: April 26, 2005
Liberty County Times
July 27, 2005

Alice Moen

Alice Lucille Moen, age 84, was born July 11, 1920 in Polson, to Irvin and Lois Sturm. She died April 26, 2005 in her home at Kalispell. The Sturm family lived in Valley View during Alice's early years.

Alice's father operated construction equipment for the large dam building projects in Montana and Washington and the family followed that job trail; living first in eastern Montana and then Washington state. Alice graduated from high school in Spokane, and then attended Kinman Business College.

During World War II she worked as an executive secretary at various military bases, first in Spokane, and later at Auburn, Washington.

Alice was engaged to Harold Moen prior to his military deployment to England in 1943. The engaged couple would not see each other for 2-1/2 years but numerous letters and telegrams kept the romance thriving. Harold's release from the Army in December 1945 again united the couple and Alice married her sweetheart on March 1, 1946. Alice's wedding day marked the beginning of what she considered her real career – a wife to Harold and later – a mother to her children.

The newlyweds lived in several Northwest cities, including Portland and Edmonds,

Washington until 1949 when they moved to Devon, Montana. Kalispell has been home to Alice since 1950.

Alice is survived by her husband Harold, at the family apartment; daughter Joanne Perrett and son-in-law Dave Wilson of Bellevue, Washington; daughter-in-law Wren Moen of Kalispell; granddaughter Annette and husband Rick Perry of Puyallup, Washington; and three great-grandsons, Jackson, Dylan, and Luke. She is also survived by her sister Dorothy and brother-in-law Wes Benjamin of Auburn, Washington, and sister Gladys and brother-in-law Dick Mooney of Wenatchee, Washington; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Ruth and Harold Kolden of Missoula; sister-in-law, Helen Moen of Missoula; and sister-in-law Norma Braaten of Everett, Washington. She is also survived by 12 nephews, and nieces and their families; and many, many friends.

Alice was preceded in death by her son Irvin Moen, on March 16, 2005; her parents Irvin and Lois Sturm; her parents-in-law Ole and Gina Moen; and her brother-in-law Arnold Braaten.

Alice's deep faith was a constant; she dedicated her life to serving the Lord. For many years as an elder's wife she ministered to the workers and

the faithful by preparing countless meals, changing many beds and washing loads of clothes. Alice's house was always spotless on Saturday evenings in preparation for Sunday morning meetings.

Alice volunteered her time and secretarial expertise to youth organizations that her children were involved with:

first to the Boy and Girl Scouts, then to the local parent Teachers Association. For several years she was secretary/treasurer for the local PTA and for two years she served on the board of the Montana State PTA.

Music was a joy to Alice. She was self-taught on both the guitar and piano and delighted in teaching guitar basics to her son and piano fundamentals to her daughter. Alice often sang as she worked, usually hymns, but also popular tunes from her youth.

Alice passed away peacefully in her home at Prestige Assisted Living surrounded by her family and her Prestige caregivers.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 Saturday April 30, 2005 at the Salvation Army Community Center. Burial followed at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Funeral arrangements by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

GWENITH L. (ROSS) MOEN
Birth: September 14, 1923 – Death: April 26, 2005
Liberty County Times
August 17, 2005

Gwenith Moen

Gwenith L. Moen, age 81, passed away on April 26, 2005 at Brendan House in Kalispell after a short battle with lung cancer.

Gwen was born in Chester to George and Martha Ross on September 14, 1923. She was the sixth of seven children. In 1936 she moved with her family to Rexford, and graduated from Lincoln County high School in Eureka in 1941.

Gwen moved to Kalispell and there she learned her accounting skills. She lived with her sister Helen in Kalispell and it is there that she met her future husband Harold B. Moen. They were married on July 31, 1945 in Kalispell and enjoyed 55 years together.

She worked at various book-keeping jobs over the years. Later she worked in the business office of School District 5 for many years; then worked for Dr. Al Swanberg and also Dr. Little at the Kalispell Medical Arts Center, from which she retired.

She always enjoyed learning. Over the last several years she learned how to use a computer and was able to develop skills in digital photography and e-mail, which she used to send many of her favorite pictures to friends and family.

Among her many interests were following Flathead High School sports and joining the Moose Lodge, where she developed many new friend-

ships. Gwen enjoyed playing cards and many special meals there.

Her lifelong hobby was collecting antiques. The antique shops were always the first destination on her travels. She enjoyed the antiques and their stories.

She and Harold enjoyed traveling, especially to Florida and Hawaii with their family.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband Harold; sister Juanita (who died in infancy); sister Louise; and brother Ed.

She is survived by her sons: Gary Moen of Lakeside with Helen Bradley of Yakima, Washington; and Steve, with Margaret Ewert of Kalispell. Also surviving are her grandsons: Michael Moen and wife Andrea of Winter Haven, Florida, and Richard Strand and wife Kathy of Columbia Falls; great-grandchildren: Kayla and Troy Moen of Winter Haven, and Tasha Strand of Columbia Falls; sisters Helen Kidder and husband, Dan of Missoula, Georgie Wickburg and husband Floyd of Missoula, and Margie Martin of Regent, North Dakota; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was April 29, 2005 at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Memorial service was at 11:00 am Saturday April 30 at Glacier Church in Kalispell. Interment followed at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The Rev. Hal Irvine conducted the services. A short reception followed at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen, Montana.

FELIX MORALES

Birth: April 18, 1988 – Death: June 30, 2005

Liberty County Times

July 6, 2005

Felix Morales

Felix Morales, age 17, died from injuries received in a car accident on the Laird Road approximately 3 miles north of Chester this past Thursday morning (June 30th, 2005).

This young Puerto Rican was born April 18th, 1988 at Chicago, Illinois to Richard Morales & Fidela Perez. Felix grew up in Chicago and received his elementary education at the Brentano Academy. He had just finished his sophomore year at Schurz High School in Chicago.

Felix was baptized & confirmed in the Catholic faith.

Approximately three years ago he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and was rebaptized at the Ebenezer Christian Center

(C&MA) in Chicago. He had been a member of the Ebenezer

Summit Youth Group since that time. This volunteer group enjoyed traveling to Christian & Missionary Alliance congregations to sing & praise the Word of God. They had just arrived in Chester on Wednesday evening to be part of the weekend festivities here. These young people and their chaperones were staying in various homes throughout the community. Felix was a passenger in a car with two other friends, who were on their

way into Chester from a north country farm when the accident occurred. The driver lost control of the car on a gravel road. Felix was ejected from the vehicle and he died at the scene.

Felix loved to sketch. His favorite medium was "Street Art", which he always "tagged the good way"! He enjoyed sports of all kinds and was fond of music, especially "Christian Hip-hop". His role in the Summit Youth Group was to help with the sound system. Felix fit in well, as he was a friendly, out-going young man with a good sense of humor. He loved to laugh and be funny, so he always brought smiles to the faces of his many friends & contacts. He will surely be missed by all who loved him.

Felix is survived by his mother, Fidela Perez; his father, Richard Morales; his step-father, Zaier Ghabayen; 4 siblings, Richard Morales, Sophia Marie Morales, Ismael Ghabayen, & Izeem Ghabayen, all of the Chicago area; and many aunts, uncles, & cousins.

A memorial service was conducted at 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening (July 2nd) at the Christian Alliance Church in Chester.

Funeral services will be Tuesday evening (July 5th) at the Ebenezer Christian Center in Chicago. Burial will be Wednesday morning

at Mount Carmel Cemetery. Local arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Arrangements in Chicago by Alvarez Funeral Home.

JOHN MORRISON
Born: Age: 92 – Died: April 19, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
April 21, 2005

John Morrison

BIG TIMBER — John Morrison, 92, an Army veteran who retired from the Forest Service after 35 years, died of natural causes Tuesday at a Big Timber hospital.



Morrison

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Lowry Funeral Home. Funeral Mass is 1 p.m.



Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Big Timber.

He is survived by sons John Jr. "Jack" Morrison of Lakewood, Colo., Dan Morrison of Rock Springs, Wyo., and Anthony Morrison of Helena; and daughters Ann Warhank of Rudyard, Peggy Hallinan of Elizabeth, Colo.; a sister, Esther Whelan of Spokane; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Gwen (Lindford) Morrison, in January, 2004.

GARY A. MORTON
Born: Age 62 – Died: June 23, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
July 27, 2005

Gary A. Morton

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Gary A. Morton, 62, a former Fergus County High School coach, died Saturday at his home in Broken Arrow, Okla. The cause of death was not available.

Services are 3 p.m. today at Hayhurst Funeral Home Chapel in Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Morton of Broken Arrow; a daughter, Alison Lester of Monterey, Calif.; a son, Douglas Morton of Choteau; brothers Richard Morton of Castlerock, Colo., and Brian Morton of Parsons, Kan.; and two grandchildren.

NETELIA VIOLA "TILLIE" (BROWNING) MUIR
Born: November 12, 1941 - Died: May 16, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
May 18, 2005

Netelia Viola 'Tillie' Muir

Netelia Viola "Tillie" (Browning) Muir, 63, of Great Falls, a registered nurse, died after a lengthy respiratory illness Monday at Peace Hospice.



Muir

Services are 1 p.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1401 9th St. N.W., with a reception following. Burial with dedication of the grave is 4 p.m. in the Augusta Cemetery. Croxford Funeral Home and Crematory is handling arrangements.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Donald A. Muir of Great Falls; daughters Brenda Letang of Gildford, LaDaun Muir of Great Falls, and DeLain "Cabbie" Kerney of Kalispell; her father and stepmother, Leonard and Venice Browning of Sugar City, Idaho; grandchildren Heather, Brooke and Forest Letang, Bryan and Britney Muir, Jennifer (Judd) Meng, and Joseph and Raylene Kerney; and great-grandchildren Austin Dearing and Daejah Muir.

Tillie was born Nov. 12, 1941, in Newdale, Idaho, to Leonard and Viola Browning. She was adopted and raised by George "Bud" and Treva Browning.

Bud worked road construction and the family moved around the western United States. The family moved to Bowman's Corners and Tillie attended Augusta High School, where she attended classes with the Muirs.

She and Donald met in Augusta. They married Feb. 14, 1959, and later solemnized their marriage at the Cardston Alberta Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Donald joined a construction crew that was working in Pierre, S.D., and the couple moved there, where their three daughters were born. In 1963, they moved back to Montana.

Tillie was involved with her children by being an active participant in PTA and Girl Scouts. She worked as a school bus driver and a teacher's aid. She enjoyed working with special needs children.

She attended classes whenever time would allow. In 1981, she attended the Great Falls Vo-tech and received her licensed practical nurse license. She worked at the Deaconess Hospital on the orthopedic ward. In 1992, she attended Northern Montana College and received her registered nurse license.

Becoming a registered nurse was her career goal, and she enjoyed working the rehabilitation unit. She was active in the LDS church.

The family is requesting all contributions be sent to Peace Hospice or the Church of Latter Day Saint Mission Fund.

CANDACE LORRAINE (THORSON) NELSON
Birth: May 26, 1950 – Death: March 1, 2005
Liberty County Times
March 9, 2005



Candace L. Nelson

Candace Lorraine (Thorson) Nelson was born May 26, 1950 at Havre, Montana. She was the youngest of three children born to Clifford and Lucille (Poppler) Thorson, who farmed in the north Joplin community. Candace, better known as "Candy," grew up in Joplin and received her education there. Following her graduation from Joplin High School in 1968, she attended the Dahl Beauty School in Great Falls and earned her beautician's certificate.

Candy lived and worked in Port Arthur, Texas for several years before returning to Montana. She married Kenneth "Kenny" Nelson on February 23, 1974 at Joplin, where they made their home. In addition to being a farmwife, homemaker, and mother to four children, Candy also worked parttime as a beautician. In 1989 the Nelson's moved to Chinook, where Candy took a job as a clerk at the Blaine County Extension Office.

Following the Nelson's divorce in 1999, Candy moved to Billings to begin a new phase of her life. She eventually took

a job as office manager for the Tri-Jack Architectural Supply Company. During this time her four children and families had all migrated to the Billings community, so her adjustment had become smoother and life was good!

Unfortunately, this past October 2004 Candy suffered a major heart attack resulting in debilitating injury and surgery. Since then she had been recuperating at home and appeared to be "on the road to recovery." Then, without warning, in the early morning hours of Tuesday March 1, 2005 Candy suffered another attack at home. She was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings where emergency surgery was performed. She died later that morning at the age of 54 years.

Candace was baptized & confirmed at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. She remained active in church activities and sang in the church choir during her life in Joplin. After moving to Chinook, the Nelson's attended the American Lutheran Church.

Friends will remember Candy as a "bubbly, out-going, and free-spirited gal." She was definitely a "go-getter" who liked to stay busy. She enjoyed being outside working in her garden. She enjoyed tearing down a wall and starting a remodeling project. She enjoyed painting the livingroom to give it a fresh new look. Her ideas and projects were always creative and the results were always amazing!

In her quiet time at home she enjoyed embroidery, crossword puzzles, old movies, and old sitcoms. She also enjoyed reading romance novels by Danielle Steele, and inspirational books. At family gatherings she loved to play Pinochle and board games. She thrived on these family get-togethers and loved to be the caterer and the hostess.

Candy was an exceptional cook who never used recipes; some of her reknown family favorites included her wonderful turkey dressing and her homemade spaghetti. Candy was a diehard Montana Grizzly football fan! She loved throwing Grizzly parties, and there again, she was always "the hostess with the mostest!"

Candy served as a 4-H leader for many years. She and her kids experienced many fond memories associated with their 4-H animals, special projects, trips to county fairs, and working in the 4-H food booth. Candy's greatest enjoyment in life was supporting her children in all of their endeavors: she was always there for them in both good times & bad times. A devoted mother and grandmother, she will be deeply missed. Candy was loved by all who knew her and she will be forever remembered...

She is survived by her four children, Allyson Brown (and husband, Larry), Windy Bowman (and husband, Dan), Travis Nelson, and Ryan Nelson (and wife, Krystie), all of Billings; 6 grandchildren, including McKenzie, Madison,

and Mariah Kirsch, Hunter Brown, Avery Bowman, and Baustin Nelson; sister, Nancy Olson (and husband, Larry) of Joplin; brother, Jerry Thorson (and wife, Gloria) of Joplin; special aunt, Blanche Anderson ("Aunt Tilly") of Rudyard; a second aunt, Loraine Brickman of Naples, Florida; her special friend, Kenny Nelson of Helena; and several nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. Candy was preceded in death by her father in 1998 and her mother in 2001.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Friday March 4th at the King of Glory Lutheran Church in Billings by Pastor Tom Schlotterback. Burial followed in Mountview Cemetery in Billings with arrangements by Dahl Funeral Chapel.

Memorial services were held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday March 5th at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Pastor Brian Pederson officiated. Scripture readings were by Doris Nelson and personal readings/remembrances were by Nancy Alley, Bev Groseclose, and Mary Fritz. Pianist was Della Wolery, organist was Eldora Rosling, and vocalist was Tawna (Meldrum) Parisot. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art." Tawna performed "On Eagle's Wings." Ushers were Ron Wolery and Larry Nelson. A luncheon followed at Kjos Hall. Local arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorials will go to the Candace Nelson fund for her grandchildren's educations.

GARY GEORGE NELSON
Born: July 7, 1944 – Died: February 15, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
February 18, 2005

Gary George Nelson

Gary George Nelson, 80, of 1315 7th Street S., a lifelong Montana resident, died of natural causes Tuesday at his residence.

At his request, no services will be held. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Schnider Funeral Home.

Survivors include brothers Carl (Donna) Nelson of Shelby, Mont., Philip (Betty) Nelson of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Richard (Peggy) Nelson of West Hills, Calif.; a sister, Grace (Earl) Harden of Chester, Mont.; nieces and nephews; and his loving companion, Linda Graham of Great Falls.

Gary was born to Alvin and Mary Nelson on July 7, 1944, in Chester, and was raised in Shelby. He enjoyed fishing and going to the mountains. He also enjoyed playing cards. He worked at the Plaza Inn before becoming ill.

He was a good friend to be with and we had good times together.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Alvin Jr.

JIM RICHARD NELSON

Birth: September 26, 1971 – Death: September 15, 2005
Liberty County Times
September 21, 2005



Jim Nelson

Jim Richard Nelson, age 33, of Hungry Horse, died Thursday, September 15, 2005 of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Winnett, MT.

Jim was born September 26, 1971 in Whitefish and has lived all over the state of Montana, most often in the Flathead Valley. As a child he also lived in Alaska and Wyoming. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1989 where he met the love of his life, Susan Melven. From September of 1991, they were inseparable. They had two children, Renae and Kalob, and married in February 2001. Jim worked for Plum Creek for many years, but since 2003 has operated his own excavation company, J & S Excavating. Jim also volunteered with the Hungry Horse Volunteer Fire Department as Assistant Fire Chief and Chairman of the Board.

Jim was an avid hunter and fisherman. He helped coach his daughter's softball and son's baseball teams. He also loved boxing and stock car racing. He loved children and was "Uncle Jimmy" to dozens of kids. Nothing was more important than the children in his life. He donated time and materials to numerous local children's projects.

Survivors include wife Susan and children, Renae and Kalob, of Hungry Horse, parents Cliff

& Nancy Nelson of Joplin, mother Elaine Nelson of Kalispell, brothers Joseph Lesmeister (Patricia) of Browning, Cliff Nelson, Jr. (Jenny) of Hungry Horse, John Nelson (Darci) of Ulm and Jay Nelson of Joplin, sisters Kim Tovey and Jane Sand of Kalispell, Judy Nelson of New York, New York, grandmother Billie Ribich of Great Falls and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by grandparents John and Louise Nelson of Hungry Horse, Edward Ribich of Great Falls, Philip and Lena Lesmeister of Kalispell, and uncle Larry Thompson and cousin Chris Thompson of Kalispell.

Services will be held Saturday, September 24, 2005 at Noon at the Hungry Horse Volunteer Fire Station on Highway 2 in Hungry Horse, MT. A potluck reception will be held after the service at Canyon Elementary School on North Street in Hungry Horse, MT.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Jim R. Nelson Memorial Fund for Renae and Kalob Nelson at Parkside Federal Credit Union, 1015 9th St W., Columbia Falls 59912.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

BILL S. NICHOLSON
Born: April 14, 1931 – Died: August 18, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
August 20, 2005

Bill S. Nicholson



Nicholson

HAVRE — Bill S. Nicholson, 74, an Army veteran and retired car man for Burlington Northern Railroad, died of natural causes Thursday at a Great Falls hospital.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Croxford Funeral Home and Crematory.

A memorial service is 10:30 a.m. Monday at the First Lutheran Church in Havre, followed by a reception at the Eagles Lodge.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Arletta; his three children, Kathy (Greg) Hodgins of Vancouver, Wash., Sherri (Gary) Schlachter of Billings, Mont., and Michael Nicholson of Havre; five stepchildren, Donna (Doug) Fahlgren of Billings, Sharon (Nick) Siebrasse of Havre, John (Alida) Olson of Houston, Joan (John) Reilly of Sheridan and Janet Dryden of Havre; brothers Paul (Darlene) of Billings and John (Myrna) Nicholson of Shelby; sisters Alice (Paul) Green of Cut Bank and Barb (Richard) Letang of Great Falls; brothers-in-law Gary (Beverly) Jensen and Carmen (Julane) Jensen, all of Chester, Mont.; a sister-in-law, Marilyn (Lyte) Wheelchel of Albuquerque, N.M.; mother-in-law Edris Jensen of Chester; two grandchildren and 12 stepgrandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jan Nicholson; his parents, John and Jesse Nicholson; and his brother Chet Nicholson.

Bill was born in Birch Tree, Mo., on April 14, 1931. He graduated from Birch Tree High School in 1947 at the age of 16. He then worked in construction before moving in 1949 to Chinook, Mont., where he married and fathered two children. In 1953, he joined the Army, and served overseas until 1955. He then went to work in Havre, Mont., for the Great Northern Railroad until his retirement in 1992.

Bill was involved in many activities before and after his retirement. He was an active member of the First Lutheran Church and Fraternal Order of the Eagles. Over the years, Bill also enjoyed softball, was an avid hunter and fisherman, and enjoyed reading western novels, watching old-time westerns on TV, and dancing. Bill especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, whom he cherished very much.

Bill was a very caring person, who loved people. He was a true southern gentleman and will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.


PERCY NORDRUM
Born: July 16, 1924 – Died: June 20, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
June 23, 2005

Percy Nordrum

HAVRE — Percy Nordrum, 80, a retired Gildford farmer, died of natural causes Monday at the Northern Montana Care Center in Havre.



Nordrum

 His memorial service is 10 a.m. Friday at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church in Havre, followed by a fellowship luncheon at the VFW. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Grace E. (Kurtz) Nordrum of Havre; daughters Lylas (Neil) McCormick of Kremlin, Mont., Loretta (Keith) Eldridge of Great Falls, Laurie (Glenn) Huestis of Chinook and Lavonne (Dennis) Schroeder of Miles City; sons Percy (Laurie) Nordrum of Gildford and Charles (Patty) Nordrum of Kalispell; a sister, Adeline Nelson of Havre; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Percy was born July 16, 1924, to Emil and Alma (Sandver) Nordrum in Barnesville, Minn. He attended rural schools in Minnesota.

As a young man, Percy traveled through Montana on his way to Alaska. He was hired to work on a farm in Gildford. It was there that he met and married Grace Kurtz on Sept. 28, 1948. They were married 56 years.

Percy served in World War II with the Pacific War Theater. He was in the 1st Army occupation of Japan and was honorably discharged in June, 1947, receiving a World War II Victory Medal and Army of Occupation Medal-Japan.

He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, and visiting with friends. He had an excellent sense of humor and enjoyed playing practical jokes on people. For seven years, Percy and Grace traveled to Phoenix, Ariz., during the winters, which he enjoyed very much.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Dave Nordrum; a grandson, Shane McCormick; and a brother, Arnold Nordrum.

Memorials in Percy's honor may be made to Bear Paw Hospice or to a charitable organization of the donor's choice.

CARROL LOUSIE (DAVIDSON) OEDEWALDT
Birth: June 20, 1930 – Death: February 10, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
February 13, 2005

Carrol Louise Oedewaldt

SHELBY — Carrol Louise (Davidson) Oedewaldt, 74, a bookkeeper and clerk, died of natural causes Thursday at her home in Shelby.



Oedewaldt

Her funeral is 11 a.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Shelby, with visitation an hour before the service. Burial will take place in Mountain View Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her daughters Patti (Rick) Warburton of Shelby, Cindy Frydenlund of Shelby, Tami (Bill) Waite of Osage, Wyo., and Linda (Curt) Henke of Shelby; a son, Wayne Hunt of Helena, presently serving in Iraq with the armed forces; sisters Nadine Starr of Lancaster, Calif., Charla Greensweight of Missoula and Teri Renick of Eagle Creek, Ore.; a brother, Fred Davidson of Absarokee; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband James; and a special aunt, Erma Bradley.

Carrol was born June 20, 1930, in Havre, to Howard and Helen (Swartout) Davidson. She was raised near Kremlin and also lived part-time in California, where her father did seasonal construction work.

Carrol married Vern Hunt on Nov. 7, 1953, in Shelby; they later divorced. She married James Oedewaldt on Dec. 4, 1972, in Las Vegas, and they resided in Shelby. James died Nov. 7, 2003.

Carrol worked as a clerk for Duncan's Ladies Apparel and the Ben Franklin store for several years. She was the bookkeeper for Odie Construction, the family business, until her retirement.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing marbles, visiting with her morning coffee crew and cheering for the Montana Grizzly football team. Most of all, she loved being around her family and grandchildren.



ROBIN ESTELLE (GUNDERSON) O'NEIL
Birth: July 4, 1954 - Death: June 27, 2005
Liberty County Times
July 6, 2005

Robin O'Neil

Robin Estelle (Gunderson) O'Neil was born July 4, 1954 in Great Falls, Montana. She was the youngest of five children born to Douglas and Josephine (Plank) Gunderson. She grew up on the family farm north of Chester and received her early schooling at the Osler Country School. Robin transferred into Joplin where she graduated from Joplin High School in 1972.

She continued her education at Rocky Mountain College in Billings where she majored in Early Childhood Development and minored in Art. Robin earned her Bachelor's Degree and graduated with honors from Rocky in 1976.

She moved to Helena and ran a daycare center for several years.

In 1979 she purchased the "Fish & Chip Shoppe" on 10th Avenue in Great Falls. In the fall of 1982 Robin met Kevin D. O'Neil, an NCO stationed at Malmstrom in Great Falls. They were married at the Malmstrom Air Force Base Chapel on April 23, 1983.

Robin sold her business in 1985 when Kevin was transferred to Oahu, Hawaii. While there, Robin ran a daycare business in their home. In 1987 their only child, Joshua, was born in Hawaii.

The O'Neils returned to Great Falls in 1988. Robin continued to operate daycare from her home. That same year she was diagnosed with breast cancer, so she underwent the gamut of aggressive treatment. After Kevin retired from the military in 1997, they moved to the Gunderson ranch north of Chester.

In addition to being a farmwife, homemaker, and mother, Robin taught music at the Sage Creek Hutterite Colony near the farm. In 2001 they moved into town where Robin worked as a Teacher's Aide in the Chester School system. This past summer she was employed at the Liberty County Museum.

Robin remained cancer-free for 10 years. Unfortunately, her disease metastasized in 1998. She continued to receive appropriate treatments. Robin recently entered the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, where she died on the early morning of Monday June 27, 2005. She was 50 years old.

Robin was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church north of Joplin. During her years in Great Falls she was active at the Victory Christian Center. In Hawaii she attended the Hope Chapel Aiea. During these recent years in Chester she was a loyal member of the Assembly of God Church.

In her youth Robin enjoyed painting pictures, and completing collages and macramé projects. She was active in 4-H and Luther League. During her high school years she was a member of the drill team and graduated 3rd in her class.

While in college she participated in a select chorale group and had the privilege of traveling to Norway to study her family ancestry (she also visited France and Germany on that trip).

Robin enjoyed singing. She also strummed a little on the guitar.

In her quiet time at home she loved to read, especially mysteries and Christian novels. On a related note, she enjoyed studying local Hutterite life and customs. And just for the fun of it, she collected spoons.

Robin was also a good cook; some of her family favorites were her homemade angel food cakes and oatmeal chocolate-chip cookies.

Robin's passion in life was children. She loved teaching, communicating, and associating with kids of all ages; her goal was their happiness! Over the years she made so many batches of fresh cookies for Josh's friends and fellow-students at Chester High School that she became affectionately known as "Cookie Mom."

She was also respected by her nephews and nieces, who lovingly referred to her as "Auntie Bobbie." She adored animals, too, and her all-time favorite was a pet-cat named "Maggie."

Robin continued to give life, even after death, as she registered as an organ donor. Her cornea donation will surely "brighten someone's life!"

Robin is survived by her husband of 22 years, Kevin O'Neil of Chester; her son, who just graduated from CHS. This spring, Joshua O'Neil of Chester; four siblings and spouses: Dale (Lanea)

Leonard (Katheryn "Kit") Gunderson of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Dennis (Jeri) Gunderson of the Philippines; one brother-in-law, Philip (Liz) Perlman of Las Vegas, Nevada; one sister-in-law, Robin (Jack) Markham of Los Alamos, New Mexico; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Robin was preceded in death by her parents and a niece, Valerie Gunderson.

A memorial service in Chester was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday July 1, 2005 at the Assembly of God Church. This service was conducted by Pastor Eric Munson. Pianist, Holly Frederickson, accompanied the congregation, who sang "Amazing Grace" and "Shout to the Lord." Vocalist, Shyann Norick, performed "Power of Your Love." The Sage Creek Colony Choir also sang a special tribute. Friends serving as ushers were Todd Wanken, Bob Lawson, Lance McDowell, and Dan

Frederickson. Honorary bearers were members of the CHS Class of 2005 (Josh's fellow-classmates). The obituary was read by Pastor Munson, personal remembrances were shared by husband Kevin, and a poem entitled "Life Left to Live" was read by son Josh. A luncheon followed at the Fellowship Hall at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Robin had requested that all family and friends who attended her funeral celebration should dress in bright, colorful, spring attire! Those attending were greeted by members of the Hi-Line WABC, who offered lapel ribbons in memory of Robin's valiant "fight against breast cancer." Undesignated memorials will be given to the Hi-Line WABC or to a scholarship fund to be established in the Music Dept at Chester High School. Cremation and arrangements were by Rockman Funera Chapel, Chester.

EDITH (SMITH) OSBORNE
Born: Age 86 - Died: February 11, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
February 18, 2005

Edith Osborne

BILLINGS — Edith (Smith) Osborne, 86, a World War II Army veteran who taught at schools in Hingham for several years, died of natural causes Feb. 11 at her home in Billings.

A celebration of her life is 2 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Billings, followed by burial with military honors in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include a daughter, Ethel Mae Rome of Tooele, Utah; a brother, Robert Smith of Mesa, Ariz.; a sister, Marian Bourn of Tacoma, Wash.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

BLANCHE ALTA (GRIGGS) OTTERSTETTER
Born: Age 83 – Died: March, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
March 10, 2005

Blanche Otterstetter

FAIRVIEW — Blanche Alta (Griggs) Otterstetter, 83, who enjoyed embroidering, quilting, gardening and baking, died of natural causes at a Sidney extended care facility.

A private family service is 10 a.m. Friday at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, John Otterstetter of Fairview; a son, Michael Otterstetter of Fairview, N.D.; daughters Frances Lagerquist of Billings, Linda Morrison of Plentywood, Rae Jean Koch of Billings, Bonnie Moore of Joplin, and Wanda Hansen of Williston, N.D.; a sister, Helena Olson of Fairview; 21 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by sons Jacky, David and Kelly; and three grandsons.

DARRELL S. OVERCAST
Born: August 25, 1931 – Died: May 6, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
May 21, 2005

Darrell S. Overcast



Overcast



KALISPELL.— Darrell S. Overcast, 73, died of natural causes May 6 at a Kalispell hospital.

A memorial service is 2 p.m. Sunday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Joann, of Conrad; children Dennis Overcast of Havre, Darren Overcast of Columbia Falls, Daria Overcast and husband Jon Glessner of Marion and Dana Baldwin and husband Doug of Conrad; brothers and sisters Dora and husband Al Signore of New Port Richey, Fla., Doris Loy of Mount Sterling, Ky., Irene Stuart and husband Reid of Conrad and Diana Shipton and husband Steve of Panama City, Fla.; and grandchildren Mandi, Darrell, Minda and Maggie Baldwin.

Darrell was born Aug. 25, 1931, in Havre, Mont., the son of J. Boyd and Helen M. (Forbes) Overcast. He attended Havre public schools and then went to Spokane Barber College.

In 1960, Darrell married Joann Braaten in Havre.

Darrell worked for his father in the barber shop, had logged the Flathead Forest and retired from the BNSF Railroad. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean Conflict.

He loved taking his two youngest granddaughters to the café in the mornings to drink coffee with "the fellas" in Conrad. He coached the Trapline Boxing Club in the mid-1970s in Martin City, and loved fishing, hunting, golf, boxing (Golden Glove light heavyweight and heavyweight champion in 1954-55).

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Joe and Gene Wilson.

LILLIAN MAE (CLINK) OWENS

Birth: October 8, 1916 – Death: December 6, 2005

Liberty County Times
December 21, 2005



Lillian Owens

Lillian Mae (Clink) Owens was born October 8th, 1916

at Hingham, Montana. She was one of four children born to Elwin and Cassie (Geesy) Clink. Lillian grew up on the family farm in the Minneota community north of Rudyard. She received her early education at country schools, then graduated from Rudyard High School.

Lillian married Clive D. Owens on September 21st, 1940 at Havre. They made their home on the Owens homestead 25 miles north of Inverness throughout their married life. Lillian enjoyed her role as homemaker, farm wife, and mother of three. The Owens' had been married 52 years when Clive passed away on September 23rd, 1992. The following year Lillian moved to the nearby Clink farm. She lived there until this past summer, when her health began to fail. In June of 2005 she transferred to the Sweet Memorial Nursing Home in Chinook, where she died on Tuesday (December 6th, 2005). Lillian was 89 years old.

She received her religious upbringing at the Goldstone Lutheran Church, where she maintained her membership and had been active in the W.E.L.C.A. She was also a past member of the Minneota Friendly Club and had participated in local 4-H programs.

Lillian's hobbies were many. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, crocheting, and reading. She liked to attend rummage sales and she also enjoyed playing cards (especially "Kings-in-the-Corners" and "Crazy 8's"). She loved caring for her many house plants. And just for the fun of it, she collected salt-and-pepper shakers and cups-and-saucers.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Sherrie Harrold of Chinook and Patsy Owens of Inverness; 1 son, Kyle (Bobbi) Owens of Inverness; 5 grandchildren, including Ione (Tom) Gruss, Janice

(Tim) Roth, John (Kara) Owens, Kylean Owens, and Caitlyn Owens; 7 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and several new-

phews and nieces.

Lillian was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by 1 brother (George Clink) and 2 sisters (Lucille Lathrop and Minnie Uhrhammer).

Memorial services were held 11:00 a.m. Thursday (Dec. 15th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

Pastors Brian Pederson and Mike Bradley officiated. Great-granddaughter, Jessica Roth, served as pianist/vocalist and performed "Sweet Bye & Bye", "On Eagle's Wings", and "The Wings of a Snow White Dove". The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Silent Night". Great-granddaughter, Kimberly Gruss, read one of Lillian's favorite poems entitled "Come Now". Ushers were Tom Bangs and Merlin Wolery. Ray Ramberg videotaped the service at family's request. A memorial luncheon followed in the church basement.

Lillian's ashes will be buried later this summer at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Memorials will be given to the Goldstone Lutheran Church, the American Heart Association, or donor's choice... Funeral arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

MARY LOIS (SUCKOW) WOLERY PACKARD

Birth: January 26, 1922 – Death: September 4, 2005

Liberty County Times
September 14, 2005



Mary Packard

Mary Lois (Suckow) Wolery Packard was born January 26th, 1922 on the family homestead in the Sage community north of Inverness, Montana. She was one of four daughters born to Alfred & Louie (Phifer) Suckow. In her childhood years she received the nickname, "Mo", which stuck with her throughout the years.

Mary received her early education at the Packer and Oreana country schools near the farm, then transferred into Rudyard where she graduated from high school in 1940. She received her teacher's training for a year at LeMars, Iowa, then returned to Montana.

While teaching at a small country school north of Joplin, Mary met her husband-to-be, Royal Wolery. They were married June 30th, 1943 at Grace Church near the Suckow homestead. They made their home on the Wolery farm and began raising a family of three. Unfortunately, Royal was diagnosed with leukemia; he died on May 9th, 1952.

Mary and the children began traveling to-and-from Arizona in the winter months. She finally settled in Mesa where she met & married an Arizona man in 1960. This marriage ended in 1988.

Mary remained in Arizona until a year ago, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge Retirement Center in Chester to be near family and friends. Although she had heart surgery 15 years ago, her recent health had been relatively good. This past Sunday morning (Sept. 4th, 2005) Mary did not arrive at church as planned. Her son went to her apartment to discover that she had died peacefully in her sleep during the night. She was 83 years old.

Mary enjoyed many hobbies throughout her life. She was an excellent seamstress, in fact, she did alterations on a contractual basis for a dress shop in Arizona for several years. She also enjoyed knitting and crocheting; she personally made an afghan for all of her children and grandchildren. She was an avid reader who enjoyed a diversity of books. In her quiet time at home Mary wrote her personal thoughts and poetry. She loved to bake and her specialties were pies and cookies! Mary enjoyed her role as mother and homemaker; she always took pride in her home and her personal appearance. She loved to travel and one of her most memorable trips was to the "Holy Land" in

the 1990's. She also enjoyed those quick trips to her favorite shopping place: Wal-Mart. She appreciated nature and the simple things in life, like a golden wheat field or a beautiful sunset.

Mary's Christian faith was generally strong throughout her life. In her youth she attended the Grace Evangelical Church near the farm. During her years in Arizona she was active in various church congregations. Since

moving to Chester, she has been a loyal and enthusiastic member of the Alliance Church where she has been generous with every fund-raiser, provided food for families in need, and volunteered to serve as a mission host-family. On a related vein, she was always anxious to help her son, Dale, with his publications and mailings in the Clergy Recovery Network.

Like all of us, Mary's life had times of trials & tribulations. Throughout these times she always tried to remain positive and progressive. She felt "God's grace in her life", especially these past 18 months, so she worked hard to rejuvenate herself and renew those relationships that were so important to her. She will be missed greatly by those who loved her...

Mary is survived by 3 children and spouses, Mark & Ruth Wolery of Nashville, Tennessee, Dale & Sara Wolery of Joplin, and Marlene & Ray Pritchard of Oak Park, Illinois; 1 sister, Caroline Hall of Inverness; 9 grandchildren (including Steve & Tim Wolery; Lori Albright & Deborah Wolery; Joshua, Mark, & Nicholas Pritchard; and Brian & Heather Pearson); 2 great-grandchildren (Zachary & Jacob Wolery); and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by one daughter (Joy Pearson in 2003) and two sisters (Catherine Suckow and Alfreda Weidenaar).

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday (Sept. 10th) at the Chester Alliance Church by Pastor Richard Mullinax, who shared the eulogy

and personal remarks. Mary's son-in-law, Pastor Ray Pritchard, assisted by offering a special memorial message. Holly Frederickson served as pianist and Sara Wolery (daughter-in-law) sang two vocal tributes: "Zion's Hill" and "He Giveth More Grace". Granddaughter, Deborah Wolery, shared a favorite scripture reading. A taped musical selection, "I Can Only Imagine" (by Mercy Me) was also played. Pallbearers were Mary's grandsons (Brian Albright, Brian Pearson, & Steve Wolery) and nephews (Jim Hall, Merlin Wolery, & Paul Wolery). A beloved nephew, Sterling Wolery, was recognized as an honorary bearer. A luncheon was held at the church.

A sunset graveside service with burial followed at the Grace Cemetery (located 20 miles north of Rudyard). Sara Wolery sang "Beyond the Sunset" and the

committal prayers were offered by Mary's son, Dale Wolery.

Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel Chester. Memorials will be given to the Alliance Church.

RAYMOND E. PETERSON

Born: March 23, 1914 – Died: October 31, 2005

Great Falls Tribune
November 8, 2005

Raymond E. Peterson

CORVALLIS — Longtime Great Falls resident Raymond E. Peterson, 91, a retired independent truck driver, died of complications from surgery Oct. 31 at Autumn House Assisted Living Center in Corvallis.



Peterson

At his request, no services are planned. Cremation has taken place, with burial of ashes in Hamilton Cemetery.

Survivors include sons Paul Peterson of Great Falls and Gene Peterson of Lolo; sisters Alice Hill of Libby, Tody Mossey of Troy and Doris Spalinger of Castro Valley, California; a brother, Bob Peterson of Missoula; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Raymond was born March 23, 1914, in Hingham, and raised in Hingham, North Dakota and Troy, Mont. He married Gladys Lyon on June 1, 1941, in Glasgow. She died in 1996. He was an independent trucker who owned and operated his own dump truck. He helped build the roads in and around Great Falls before retiring in 1979.

Raymond was a member of Westside Methodist Church, Good Sam Club and the Eagles and Moose lodges. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, traveling around the country in his RV and camping.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Peterson and his oldest brother, George Peterson.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

BARBARA (CARTER) POGUE

Born: November 25, 1938 – Died: August 27, 2005

Great Falls Tribune

August 30, 2005

Barbara Pogue

Barbara (Carter) Pogue, 66, of Great Falls, died at a local hospital Saturday of pulmonary hypertension and COPD, a lung disease that restricts breathing.



Pogue

Her memorial service is 11 a.m. Thursday at Hillcrest Lawn

Chapel, with cremation to follow the service. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, Cornelius A. "Neil" Pogue of Great Falls; sons and daughters-in-law Kenneth and Andréa W. Pogue of Washington, D.C. and Cedric and Gina Pogue of Billings; daughter and son-in-law Sandy and Robert Flickner of Great Falls; sisters Vera Taylor of Washington, D.C. and Mildred Robinson and Doris Greenfield of Trenton, N.J.; brothers, James B. Carter of Pemberton, N.J., and Ameal Carter of Trenton, N.J., as well as her very special friend, Mary Standeford of Chester, who she considered as a daughter.

Barbara was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy L. Mazique; a sister, Bertha Parham and her parents; Ameal and Lucretia Carter.

Barbara Pogue was born Nov. 25, 1938, the daughter of Ameal and Lucretia (Colvin) Carter, in Trenton, N.J.

She was a great wife, mother and grandmother. Barbara loved to cook and play bingo. She was really proud of her eight grandchildren; Andre, Brittany, Courtney, Destiny, Alexis, Cedric II (who has the same birthday as his dad Cedric I), Anthony and Jordyn. She was particularly proud of her grandson, Andre, who loves to work on cars. They spent many hours talking about his future. Barbara loved all of her grandchildren, as well as her beloved husband "Neil," whom she married over 40 years ago.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

ROBERT LIVINGSTON PUGSLEY, SR.
Birth: February 15, 1912 – Death: November 3, 2005
Liberty County Times
November 9, 2005



Robert Pugsley Sr.

Robert Livingston Pugsley Sr. was born February 15, 1912 at Great Falls, Montana. He was the youngest of 3 children born to Leonard and Anna (Clink) Pugsley. Robert grew up on the Pugsley Ranch near the Marias River south of Chester. He received his early education at the Pugsley and Erickson country schools, then finished his schooling in Billings and Chester, graduating from Chester High School in 1931. For the next two years Robert attended Billings Polytech and Northern Montana College, where he was active on the boxing team and studied wood-working, bee-keeping, and other interesting courses.

He then returned to the family ranch.

Robert married Henrietta Roark on April 2, 1937 in Conrad. They made their home on the ranch and began raising their family of five. Henrietta died of cancer in 1970.

Robert married his second wife, Lyla (Nygaard) Matkin, on July 21, 1971 in Reno, Nevada. They lived on the ranch until 1981, when they moved into Chester. In the

years that followed, Robert made his daily trips to the ranch to oversee the busy activities there. Although his physical health began to fail these past few years, he still played an integral part in the ranching operations. Robert was recently admitted to the Chester Hospital with pneumonia. On this past Thursday afternoon (November 3, 2005) he died at the young age of 93.

Robert loved his life as a Montana rancher. He and his brother, Leonard, worked successfully together throughout the years. They purchased a second ranch near Heart Butte in 1948 and raised Hereford and Angus cattle, buffalo, and some thoroughbred horses. They were both horsemen at heart and were actively involved in the horse-racing circuit for

many years. Reportedly, Robert "rode a good horse", was skilled in roping and cutting cattle, and enjoyed riding into his late-80's. He never officially retired from ranching until this past Thursday when he took his last breath...

Robert loved Montana, but did enjoy traveling, and always looked forward to their winter trips to Las Vegas, Reno, and other destinations. He was a longtime member of the Shelby Elks Club. This past summer he was privileged to be selected as the Grand Marshall of the Chester High All-School Reunion parade. At that time he was one of the oldest living alumni of C.H.S.

Robert's hobbies were many. Over the years he enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, and horse-racing, to name a few.

An avid card player, he loved poker, pan, pinochle, pitch, hearts, whist, cribbage, kings-in-the-corners, and just about every other card game ever invented! He also liked to play checkers with his grandchildren. No matter what the game, he was always extremely competitive!

During his quiet time at home, Robert enjoyed watching professional boxing, wrestling, and football on television. But

his favorite pastime, by far, was reading. He had a large collection of books, ranging from westerns to fictionals to historicals. His love of reading not only kept his mind sharp, but it also afforded him knowledge and facts that helped develop his unique personality and his strong convictions.

Robert is survived by his wife of 34 years, Lyla Pugsley of Chester; 6 children, Robert Pugsley Jr. (and wife, Beverly) of Chester, Ellen Kemper of Forest Grove, Ore., Elizabeth Pugsley of Hillsboro, Ore., Edie Hernandez (and husband, Tibo) of Cornelius, Ore., Kent Matkin (and wife, Gail) of Chester, and Paula Childers of Chester; 13 grandchildren, including Les (Mary), Robyn (Steve), David, Catherine (Casey), Nancy (Mark), Bernard, Daniel (Katie), Sarah, Matthew, Elena, Kendra, Kayla, & Kurt; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Robert was preceded in death not only by his first wife and his parents, but also by an infant son (Thomas in 1947) and his only two siblings (Leonard Pugsley Jr. and Nancy Torrey).

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday (Nov. 7th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester by

Reverend Peter Erickson, Organist, Karen Stack, accompanied the congregation, who sang "Amazing Grace". Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, performed "There Will Be Peace In The Valley". Selected scripture readings were read by granddaughters, Sarah, Catherine, Nancy, and Robyn. Ushers were Bud Broadhurst and Allen Brown.

The eulogy shared by Rlynn Rockman included special remembrances sent by friend, Allen Kolstad. Pallbearers were Robert's grandchildren and honorary bearers were "his old card buddies and friends". A closing musical tribute was a recording of "Home on the Range".

Burial followed at the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon was provided at the church fellowship hall. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

LOLA LORRAINE (PATTON) RICHIE
Birth: July 19, 1920 - Death: July 18, 2005

Liberty County Times
July 27, 2005



Lola Richie

Lola Lorraine (Patton) Richie was born July 19th, 1920 at a farm home near Nodaway, Montgomery County, Iowa. She was the second of six children born to Emory and Gladys (Clawson) Patton. Lola received her formal education at Nodaway and graduated from high school at age 16; she was salutatorian of the Class of 1936. She had aspirations to attend business college, but times were tough, so she stayed in the community to work and help with family obligations.

Lola married F. Dale Richie at Nodaway on February 5, 1939. They worked for area farmers until 1945, when Dale was called into the military. In addition to raising their children, Lola did contract housework and ironing. She also raised a large garden each year and canned her produce. As a sideline business she dressed and sold chickens (her best year totaled 600 chickens!).

The Richie family moved to Hogeland, MT in 1951. Two years later they came to Rudyard, where they made their home the rest of their married life. Together, they worked as custodians for the Rudyard School system. Dale developed

heart problems and passed away on December 24, 1978 at age 58. Lola continued to work at the school until 1984, then retired after 31 years of public service. She remained in their Rudyard home until the spring of 2002, when she moved to the Wheat Country Estates (assisted living facility) in Chester. That same Fall her health failed, so she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home for extended care. Lola died at the Chester rest home on Monday evening July 18, 2005, just a

few hours shy of her 85th birthday.

In her retirement years Lola enjoyed her road trips to visit family at Jordan and Billings. She also made several memorable trips to California, Hawaii, and Alaska. She had always dreamed of visiting Australia, but her health failed before this could happen.

Lola and Dale never had any regrets about coming to Montana. They considered themselves "natives" and were happy to raise their children here. They loved Rudyard, where they held membership at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and were active in other community events.

Lola's hobbies were many. She enjoyed quilting, ceramics, reading, and Country-Western music. She collected bells and decorative plates from her travels. She was an excellent cook; her family will remember her delicious cinnamon rolls and her sour cream raisin pies. Always a quiet woman of dignity and beauty, Lola appreciated her life and counted her many blessings.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy Sudan of Chester, Grace (Buster) Ness of Rudyard, and Jeanette (Ed) White of Billings; one son, Keith (Kay) Richie of Virginia Beach, Virginia; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Eva Kernen of Sacramento, California, and Fern Matya of Corning, Iowa; two sisters-in-law, Loretta Heaton of Anita, Iowa and Joan Patton of Billings; and many nieces and nephews.

Lola was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a daughter (Betty Hart in 1985), one brother (Forrest Patton), two sisters (Jean Haley and Luella Bailey), and a great-granddaughter (Isabella Leone).

Graveside services were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Thursday (July 21st) at the Rudyard Cemetery by Pastor Brian Pederson. The obituary was read by great-grandson, Michael VanVoast. Two vocal tributes, "Sweet Bye & Bye" and "Children of the Heavenly Father" were performed by great-granddaughter, Ashley VanVoast. A favorite family

scripture, Psalm 23, was read by son, Keith. Honorary pallbearers were Lola's grandchildren and great grandchildren. A coffee hour followed at O.S.L.C. in Rudyard. A public visitation was held from 4:00 -10:00 p.m. Wednesday (July 20th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

BEATRICE EVELYN ROBERTSON
Born: Age: 99 - Died: April 13, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
April 15, 2005

Beatrice Evelyn Robertson

SHELBY — Beatrice Evelyn "Bea" (Eide) Robertson, 99, a longtime Devon area farmer and Shelby resident, died of natural causes Wednesday at a Shelby care center.



Robertson

Visitation is noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at Whitted Funeral Chapel. Her funeral is 11 a.m. Monday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, with burial in Valley View Cemetery.

Survivors include her eight children, Lucille Frydenlund, Jim (Marlys) Robertson and Vern (Sharen) Robertson, all of Shelby; Betty Stevens of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Clare (Thelma) Robertson of Phoenix, Ariz.; Shirley Sheridan of Polson, Darilyn Keller of Castro Valley, Calif., and Duane (Barbara) Robertson of Helena; 27 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clarence; her sister, Signora Valstead; and her brother, Lester Eide.

Bea was born Aug. 10, 1905, in Scanlan, Minn., to Lars and Martha (Hauen) Eide. In 1911, her family moved to Galata, Mont., where they homesteaded at the base of Middle Butte in the Sweet Grass Hills. She attended the Eide country school through 8th grade, her freshman year at Shelby High School and graduated from Galata High School. She then went to Western Montana College in Dillon, receiving a teaching certificate, and later taught school in the Green Hill and Eide Schools.

On July 7, 1927, she married Clarence Marion Robertson, and they moved to Libby, where he worked in the timber industry. After two years, they returned to South Devon, where they lived and farmed. In 1954, they moved to Shelby but continued to farm in South Devon.

Bea was a devout Christian and a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, where she was active in many activities such as Ladies Aid, Circle, quilting and Bible study groups. Her greatest joys were activities with family and friends involving dinners, picnics, reunions and travel. Bea was known for her witty sense of humor and warm "country hospitality," always having a supply of her delicious baked goods for anyone who stopped in. She also enjoyed her flowers and working in her yard. Bea was the matriarch of her family, having a strong influence on the lives of her children and grandchildren.

You will be missed, Mom and Grandma, knowing you will continue to watch over us.

Condolences can be sent to the family at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com <http://www.whittedfuneralchapel.com>. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 222 2nd Ave. S., Shelby, MT 59474 of the Tree of Life Gift Shop, P.O. Box 915, Shelby, MT 59474.

BARBARA MAE (PARRISH) ROCKMAN
Birth: August 5, 1933 – Death: March 9, 2005
Liberty County Times
March 16, 2005

Barbara Rockman

Barbara Mae Rockman, age 71, wife of Chester native, George W. Rockman, died Wednesday March 9, 2005 at the Manor Care Center in Gig Harbor, Washington. She died from complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Her family had gathered at her bedside at the time of her death.

Barbara was born August 5, 1933 at Bend, Oregon to Monroe and Donesy Isabel (Hatfield) Parrish. She received her education at Longview. She married George Walter Rockman on September 5, 1969.

They initially made their home at Bremerton, Washington, then retired to Port Orchard. During their 35 years together, they were best friends and enjoyed traveling, taking at least one lengthy trip each year to Montana to visit George's family.

Barbara's life centered on two things: her love of God and her love of family. Her home was a favorite gathering place for her children. Her sense of humor, conversation, excellent baking and cooking skills, and hot coffee provided a place of great comfort for them.

She also delighted in knitting, crocheting, and tating. In addition she was known for her musical abilities and love of song. Throughout her life she entertained with guitar playing, singing, and yodeling: talents she brought to those she met at the Manor Care Center after moving there 4 years ago.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, a sister (Helen Moore), and her first husband (Ambler "Skip" Lopez). Surviving are her husband, George; three daughters, Vickie Bennett, Deborah Nyland-Chaplin, and Michelle Jack; one son, Richard Lopez; six grandchildren, Ryan, Ritchie, Michael, Douglas, MaLinda, and Amanda; five great-grandchildren, Joseph, Kylie, Kylin, Jesus, and Brooke; one brother, Harold Parrish, one sister, Vi Morgan; and several nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be sent to George Rockman, 2403 S.E. Converse Place, Port Orchard, Washington 98367-9550.

A burial service was held at 1:00 p.m. Monday March 14, 2005 at the Sunset Lane Memorial Park in Port Orchard. Memorials will be given to the Alzheimer's Association, 225

N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60601-7633 (or by calling 800-272-3900). Funeral announcement by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

CARMEN (GOLBERG) ROIK

Birth: March 5, 1920 – Death: October 24, 2005

Liberty County Times

December 7, 2005

Carmen Golberg Roik

Carmen (Golberg) Roik, 85, who spent her childhood in Rudyard, passed away peacefully at her home in Richardson, Texas, October 24, 2005.

Carmen was born March 5, 1920, in Rudyard, MT, to Adolph and Carrie Golberg. When her mother passed away in 1923, Carmen went to Wisconsin to live with her grandmother for a few years before returning to Rudyard and graduating from Rudyard High School in 1939. Carmen always

spoke highly of Mrs. Cora Aspevig as a mentor and mother figure for her in those years.

Carmen and Walter Roik were married in Washington in 1942, and moved to Fulton, New York, where they raised their three children and she worked for the Nestle Company 21 years. After retirement, they moved to Richardson, Texas. Carmen enjoyed crossword puzzles, solitaire, and spending time with her dogs Shana and Sheila.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Walter Roik; two sons, Ronald and wife Nelda and Michael Roik of Texas; daughter Carol (William) Beach of Fulton, NY; sister Ruth Patrick of Swan Lake and Helena; six grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Palmer and Arnold Golberg, and sister Esther Smith.

A mass of Christian burial for Carmen was at Holy Family Church in Fulton, NY with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

RAYMOND CLETUS "RAY" ROMAIN
Birth: January 8, 1920 - Death: May 2, 2005
Liberty County Times
May 11, 2005



Raymond "Ray" Romain

Raymond Cletus ("Ray") Romain was born January 8th, 1920 at Fort Benton, Montana. He was one of eight children born to Montana homesteaders, Fredrick & Josepha (Kauffman) Romain. Ray grew up on the family farm 25 miles south of Chester and received his early education at the Marias country school. He finished his education in Chester where he graduated from C.H.S. in 1939 as class valedictorian.

Ray continued to farm & ranch with his family. He eventually purchased his own place east of the family homestead. In addition he worked in those early years as a rural mail carrier on the south Chester mail route.

Ray married Dorraine "Dibi" Mattson February 10, 1945 in Missoula. As their family grew to six children, Ray acquired additional farming interests, namely at Vaughn & Browning, and later at Judith Gap & Ryegate. He and Dorraine divorced in 1965, but remained good friends.

Ray continued to live & farm in the south Chester community until his retirement. He later moved to Billings where he lived with his son, Monte & family. Ray suffered from diabetes and had been on kidney dialysis for the past 5 years. Following a recent setback & hospitalization, he requested to return home for personal care by his family, who all traveled to Billings to be with him this past weekend. Ray died peacefully at his residence on Monday evening (May 2nd, 2005). He was 85 years old.

Ray was baptized & confirmed in the Catholic faith and served as an altar boy in his youth. During his school years at Chester he participated in basketball and was active in the music program, playing both drums & piano. Ray & his brothers were all amateur musicians and they enjoyed playing together at local events during their early days. Ray eventually joined a group called "The Racketeers", a band who played at weekend dances & celebrations for several years throughout northcentral Montana.

After "The Racketeers" disbanded, Ray filled in occasionally for another local well-known band, "The Lamplighters". His love of music continued into his later years as he often played the piano or beat on his drums during his private time at home.

Ray was a "man of the prairie" who loved to ride horses and work cows. When his children were growing up they all enjoyed competing in the horse events at "O-Mok-Sees". In his later years Ray made an

annual trip to Las Vegas, where "this tall guy in the Stetson hat & cowboy boots" was affectionately called "Montana" by the casino personnel. In the Chester community Ray always looked forward to a good card game (especially, poker) or a challenging pool game with friends. He loved to attend local dances and always came "dressed to the hilt" in his unusual outfits & his unique collection of hats! During the past few years Ray enjoyed watching television, especially college basketball, Fox news, & weather reports.

Generally a quiet & reserved man, Ray enjoyed life and knew how to have fun. He was a friendly guy who had no enemies. His handshake was as good as a signed contract. His friends appreciated his kindness, integrity, free spirit, and gentle nature.

In his golden years he developed a great love for his grandkids.

His survivors include 4 sons, Arveen (Diana) Romain of Fort Meyers, Florida, Britt (Emma) Romain of Judith Gap, Clayton (Linda) Romain of Pasco, Washington, and Monte (Rayla) Romain of Billings; 2 daughters, Debhora (William) Sargent of Kalispell and Rachel (Aaron) Khafi of Los Angeles, California; 3 brothers, Alfred Romain of Lompoc, California, Bernard "Bud" Romain of Grangeville, Idaho, and John Romain of Great Falls; 2 sisters, Lena Hoene of Cottonwood, Idaho and Delores

Hutchison of Chester; 17 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and many nephews & nieces. Ray was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers (Clarence & Lawrence Romain), 3 infant siblings, and his ex-wife (Dorraine in 2001).

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday (May 9th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester by Pastor Pete Erickson. Special remembrances were shared by Allen Kolstad, Kenny Romain, & Bill Sargent. Mary Stevens served as pianist and the congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross". Pallbearers were Kenny Romain, Brian Romain, Dallas Romain, Dennis

Romain, Steven Romain, & Jim Johnston. A luncheon followed at the church fellowship hall.

Graveside services were 3:30 p.m. Monday at the family plot in the Manchester Cemetery northwest of Great Falls, Mt.

Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

VERA LOUISE (CROW) ROMAIN
Born: Age 86 – Died: June 22, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
June 24, 2005

Vera Louise Romain

LINCOLN — Vera Louise (Crow) Romain, 86, of Lincoln, a retired bar operator, died of natural causes Wednesday at Peace Hospice.

Her funeral is 2 p.m. Friday at O'Connor Memorial Chapel, with burial in Highland Cemetery.

O'Connor Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Survivors include a son, George McGuire of Fort Shaw; a daughter, Audrey McCourt of Shelby; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Romain

JOHN ROBERT ROMINGER
Born: January 23, 1924 - Died: August 22, 2005
Havre Daily News
August 23, 2005

JOHN ROMINGER obituary

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. - John Robert Rominger, longtime Havre teacher, died Monday, Aug. 22, 2005, at RTA Hospice & Palliative Care in Casa Grande, Ariz., after a long struggle with health problems.

A memorial service will be held at the Casa Grande United Methodist church at 11 a.m. Friday. Private burial will be held at a later date at Highland Cemetery in Havre.

John was born Jan. 23, 1924, in Floweree to William Preston and Adelene Pearl (Rankin) Rominger.

He attended schools in Montana and New Hampshire and completed his education in Great Falls. John had a BA degree in science and taught for 30 years, most of which was at Havre Junior High School. John loved to teach and earned the respect of his many students. He made learning fun and taught those who knew him how to live life to the fullest.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Lanette; brothers, Rankin, Richard and Gordon; and sister, Marjorie.

John and Charlotte (Williams) were married Nov. 7, 1943, in Great Falls. They have been inseparable for more than 61 years.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte; sons, Lynn (Judy) of Havre and Lon (Jan) of Hereford, Ariz.; and three grandchildren, Krista (James) of Anchorage, Alaska, Sommer Lee of Billings and Beau of Hamilton.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked to send memorial contributions to RTA Hospice & Palliative Care or the United Methodist Church.

Services were entrusted to Simes Mortuaries Casa Grande Chapel.

CHARLENE 'SHOTY' (CRIST) RUSSO
Birth: September 17, 1918 - Death: March 27, 2005
Liberty County Times
April 27, 2005

Charlene 'Shoty' Russo

Charlene Russo, age 86 of Lynnwood died March 27, 2005. She was born September 17, 1918 to M.R. and Annie Crist in Chester, Montana. "Shoty" was active in the Lake City Emblem Club and with the 41st Infantry division WW11 Veterans Group.

She died peacefully with her son and daughter-in-law by her bedside.

She is survived by her son Steve and his wife Helen Russo and grandson Jonathan. She was preceded in death by her husband Nick Russo.

A funeral Service will be Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at Beck's Funeral Home, 405 5th Ave. S. Edmonds, Washington (425) 771-134. Burial to follow at Holyroad Cemetery in Shoreline.

In lieu of flowers and cards, memorials may be given to the Lake City Emblem Club.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Charlene M. Russo

"Shoty"

September 17, 1918

March 27, 2005

ROBERT OLE SANVIK
Birth: June 10, 1923 - Death: July 17, 2005
Liberty County Times
August 17, 2005



**Robert and
Nora Sanvik**

A graveside memorial service for a longtime Hi-Line couple, Robert and Nora Sanvik, will be 2:30 p.m. Saturday August 20, 2005 at the Gildford Cemetery, where their ashes will be buried together in the family plot. The service will be conducted by Pastor Brian Pederson, and a coffee hour will follow at approximately 3:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

Local arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

Robert Ole Sanvik was born June 10, 1923 in Gildford, Montana. He was one of seven children born to Ole and Lena (Berge) Sanvik. Bob grew up on the Hi-Line and received his

formal education at Rudyard. He graduated from Rudyard High School in 1941.

Nora Ann (Hanson) Sanvik was born June 18, 1924 in Gildford. She was one of five children born to Levi and Nellie (Hansen) Hanson.

Nora grew up in the Gildford community and graduated from Gildford High School in 1942.

Bob and Nora were married June 27, 1943 at Rudyard. They were partners in "Sanvik Brothers," a well-known hardware and grocery business that operated in Rudyard for many years. Following their retirement in 1983, the Sanviks moved to Mesa, Arizona, where they lived from that time on. Their retirement years were filled with fun and adventures. They loved people, and consequently, enjoyed an active social life (in fact, their family referred to them as "social butterflies"!).

They became avid fans of the Phoenix Suns basketball team. Nora loved to shop, so the many malls of Phoenix and Mesa provided unlimited opportunities for this hobby. In addition, Nora was an excellent cook and homemaker, so she enjoyed whipping up her delicious Norwegian dishes and entertaining family and friends.

As their health began to decline, the Sanviks both moved to the Good Shepherd Villa in Mesa (Bob in 1998 and Nora in 2002).

They were married 61 years when Nora passed away on

November 4, 2004. She was 80 years old. Bob remained at the Villa until his death at age 82 on this past July 17, 2005.

Nora was preceded in death by her parents and her four siblings: Murvin Hanson, Orville Hanson, Lillian Jensen, and Neida Hanson. Bob was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings: Obert Sanvik, Selmer Sanvik, Orris Sanvik, Agnes Wood, and Norma LaFrance. In addition, they were preceded in death by a son, Danny Lee Sanvik in 1946.

The Sanviks are survived by their three children and spouses: Charlotte Ann and Ed Proulx of Billings, Roberta Kay and Larry Bowman of Troy, and Greg Robert and Mary Sanvik of Peoria, Arizona; six grandchildren including: Erik, Kris, Heidi, Jeremy, Tawny, and Trevor; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Bob is also survived by a sister, Lillian DeMartin of Chester.

HELEN F. (ENGELN) SCHRECK
Born: Age 89 – Died: February 4, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
February 9, 2005

Helen F. Schreck

KALISPELL — Helen F. (Engeln) Schreck, 89, who farmed in Galata for many years, died of natural causes Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



Her funeral is 11 a.m. today at Trinity Lutheran Church in

Kalispell. A second service is 1 p.m. Thursday at Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby, preceded by visitation from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Burial will take place at Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby. Johnson Mortuary of Kalispell and Whitted Funeral Chapel of Shelby are in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Schreck of Lakeside; sons Gary and Doug of Shelby and Lyle of Bigfork; a daughter, Elaine Keister of Sumner, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Carl Aklestad, in 1962; and a grandson.

JAMES M. SCHULTZ

Born: May 13, 1922 – Died: November 27, 2005

Great Falls Tribune
December 1, 2005

LEWISTOWN — James M. Schultz, 83, a former longtime Lewistown educator, died following a short illness Sunday, at Evergreen Care Center in Livingston.



Schultz

His memorial service is 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church in Lewistown. Masonic services will be



under the auspices of Friendship Masonic Lodge #37 AF & AM.

Cremation has taken place. Interment with military honors will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Jessie; children August L. (Andrea Wolcott) Schultz, of Salt Lake City, Gail F. (Wayne) Fuller, of Raleigh, N.C., and James R. (Marlene Kennedy) Schultz, of Bozeman, Mont.; grandchildren Melanie Klein, Michelle Wolcott, April (Adam) Duncan, Jill McNally, and Hallie Schultz; and great grandchildren Adriene and Cooper Klein.

In addition, he is survived by sisters-in-law, Mabel Schultz, of Hamilton, Mont., and Helen V. (Archie) Milam, of Walla Walla, Wash.; a brother-in-law, Robert L. (Louise) Ritchey, of Tulsa, Okla.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, William.

James was born in Great Falls, Mont. on May 13, 1922, the son of August Schultz and Maude Ferguson, and brother of William. He attended grade school in Chester and entered Montana State College in the fall of 1940. After attending MSC for seven quarters, he enlisted in the U.S. Army on Nov. 25, 1942. While in the Army, he attended the Colorado School of Mines and the University of Nebraska, studying engineering.

After he was honorably discharged on Feb. 19, 1946, he joined his brother in the family grocery business in Chester, Mont. He returned to MSC in 1947, and completed his studies for a BS degree in agricultural education. While at school, he was elected to the Alpha Zeta Agricultural Honorary, and also became a member of the Intercollegiate Knights.

After college, he was hired by Fergus County High School as a vocational agriculture instructor. He spent the next 30 years there teaching, and retired in 1977.

During his time in Lewistown, he was appointed secretary of the Central Montana Fair in 1953, holding that position until 1970, was awarded the Honorary State Farm Degree in the Future Farm-

ers of America in 1954, acted as the assistant principal at the high school from 1956 to 1958, and was elected President of the Montana Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. He returned to MSC in 1961, and received his Masters Degree in Ag Education and Vocational Guidance.

He became a Master of the Friendship Lodge AF & AM #139 in 1961. In addition to his teaching, he also served as a vocational guidance counselor from 1962 to 1964. In 1966, he was awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree of the FFA, and in 1967, was selected the Outstanding Vocational Ag Instructor for the State of Montana.

He served as president of the Lewistown Federal Credit Union from 1968 to 1972, and as president of the Lion's Club in 1971. He also received the Gold Award for Teacher of Teachers in 1975.

In 1978, he was elected State Representative of House District #48, and went on to serve four terms until 1986. While in office, he was appointed as chairman of the House Agricultural Committee. He served as a member of the Montana Vocational Education

Advisory Council from 1979 to 1996, and was a student teacher supervisor for the Department of Ag and Industrial Education, and supervised over 40 Ag Ed student teachers during his career. In 2003, he received the "Fifty Year Award" from the Grand Lodge of Masons.

Jim was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Lewistown, Algeria and Al Bedou Shrine Temples, Scottish Rite Bodies, the Elks, the Eagles, the American Legion, Friendship Lodge #139, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Jim married his college sweetheart, Jessie L. Ritchey, in 1945. They went on to have three children and many, many happy times. He never forgot his roots and continued to run the family farm in Chester, traveling back and forth from Lewistown on many weekends. His love of the land was never far from his heart.

After his retirement, he and Jessie embarked on many adventures and travels, finally ending up with a winter home in Arizona, and a summer home on Holter Lake. The building of the family cabin at Holter Lake was Jim at his best. He loved being able to work with his hands, taking a bare plot of ground and turning it into a home to be enjoyed by his family and friends.

He and Jessie moved to Bozeman on July 1, 2005, to be closer to family.

Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, 215 5th Ave. S., Lewistown, MT 59457; Central Montana Shrine Transportation Fund, P.O. Box 15, Lewistown, MT 59457; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

FRANK SCHWAN

Birth: June 5, 1922 – Death: December 29, 2005

Liberty County Times
January 11, 2006



Frank Schwan

Frank Schwan was born June 5th, 1922 on the family homestead in the Goldstone community north of Rudyard, Montana. He was one of 16 children born to Anton and Juliana Schwan. Frank received his formal education at the Central country school near the farm. In his late teens he worked at the CCC Camp in northwestern Montana, where he cleared timber and built roads.

Frank enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1945 and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign during World War II. He attained the rank of Fireman First Class

and was awarded the WWII Victory Medal. Following his honorable discharge in 1946, he returned to Montana.

Frank married Ona Mae Snuffer on June 29th, 1946 at Shelby, MT. They began farming the Snuffer land near Lothair, where they made their home throughout their 59 years of married life together. Frank retired from farming in 2004 when his health began to fail. He developed congestive heart failure and moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home for extended care about a month ago. Frank died peacefully at the Chester rest home on Thursday evening (December 29th, 2005). He was 83 years old.

Frank was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith and was a longtime member of the V.F.W. Post #3997 in Chester.

His hobbies in his younger days included fishing, hunting, and camping. In addition he enjoyed playing cards, especially whist and rummy. During his quiet time at home Frank loved to read, mainly historicals and sports publications. He and Ona Mae enjoyed traveling; they made

several memorable trips together, namely to Mexico and Alaska.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, 6 brothers (Antone, Andrew, Jack, Joseph, Bernard, and infant Peter Schwan), and 6 sisters (Eva Falla, Julia Schwan, Theresa Houim, Mary Hall, Sister Antonita, and Tillie Miller).

He is survived by his wife, Ona Mae Schwan of Lothair; 1 brother, Paul Schwan of Havre; 2 sisters, Agatha Sherman of Ronan and Pauline Laeupple of Havre; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Frank was cremated per his request. Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday (Jan. 6th) at the Assembly of God Church in Chester. Pastor Eric Munson officiated. Pianist, Holly Frederickson, accompanied the congregation, who sang "How Great Thou Art". The vocal hymn leader was Toni Burnham. Military "taps" were played and the veteran's flag was presented by longtime friend/neighbor, Gerry Kulpas. A fellowship luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel,

Chester.

VINCENT THOMAS SEDIVY, JR.

Birth: March 22, 1933 – Death: October 18, 2005

Liberty County Times
October 26, 2005



Vincent Sedivy

Vincent Thomas Sedivy, Jr. was born March 22nd, 1933 at Havre, Montana. He was the eldest of two sons born to Vincent T. Sedivy, Sr. and Mildred Fern Alex. Vincent was raised and educated at Hingham, where he graduated from Hingham High School in 1951.

That same year he married his high school sweetheart, Audrey Marilyn Michaelson. Together, they farmed north of Hingham and raised a family of five daughters. Vincent eventually sold his farming interests and moved to Lincoln, where he owned & operated a logging business. In the years that followed Vincent moved his family several times; he worked on various construction projects at Libby Dam & Highway 2. After they settled at Columbia Falls, he drove logging trucks in the area for several years. Vincent & Audrey were divorced in 1966. Vincent moved to Seattle, Wash. where he joined the Operating Engineers Union Local #302 and continued to work as a

heavy equipment operator. While there he married his second wife, Francis Knott. This marriage also ended in divorce.

Vincent traveled to Alaska

and continued to work in the construction business. He met another lady friend, May Scott, who came to be his partner & companion from that time on. In 1989 they left Alaska and returned to Montana, where they settled at Trego. His friend, May, died on August 28th, 1991.

Vincent remained in Trego during his retirement years. He had been a heavy smoker during his life, so he suffered from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. His health deteriorated rapidly this past year. Two months ago he transferred to the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish for extended care. Vincent died at this nursing facility on Tuesday evening (October 18th, 2005). He was 72 years old.

In his youth Vincent was interested in music, in fact, he learned to play the piano, guitar, & saxophone for his personal enjoyment. In addition he liked to cook; reportedly, he acquired some exceptional talents in baking cakes!

Vincent had been a hard worker his entire life. He loved the wilderness of Montana & Alaska, where he experienced many hunting, camping, & fishing adventures throughout the years.

In his quiet time at home he enjoyed the "good old western movies" on television and he also liked to listen to country western music.

He is survived by 5 daughters, Peggy Nielsen (and husband, Brian) of Trego, Marie Lewis of Kalispell, Jean Miller (and husband, Robert) of Libby, Gwen Newman (and husband, Larry) of Everett, Wash., and Jill Joy (and husband, Colin) of Whitefish; 14 grandchildren; 1 brother, James Sedivy (and wife, Joyce) of Swan Lake; and many nieces, nephews, &

cousins. Vincent was preceded in death by his father, Vincent, in 1957

and his mother, Mildred, in 2004.

Public visitation for Hi-Line family & friends was held Friday afternoon (Oct. 21st) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

In accordance with Vincent's wishes, simple burial services were requested. These graveside rites were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Oct. 22nd) at the Hingham Cemetery by Father Joseph Diekhans. Son-in-law, Brian Nielsen, read the obituary.

A tape recording of "Empty Saddles" (by the Sons of the Pioneers) was played in tribute. A luncheon followed at the Kocar residence in Hingham. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

THELMA (WARRINGTON) SHAW
Born: January 26, 1916 – Died: November 8, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
November 12, 2005

Thelma Shaw

DEER LODGE — Thelma (Warrington) Shaw, 89, a former educator who was active in numerous civic and county organizations, died of natural causes Tuesday at a Deer Lodge hospital.

At her request, no services are planned. Jewell Funeral Home of Deer Lodge is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include four children and two daughters-in-law, P.J. Wright of Missoula, Frank W. and Denise Shaw of Great Falls, Scott and Kimbie Shaw of Olympia, Wash., and Deirdre Shaw of West Glacier; her sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Dick Welch of Lake Oswego, Ore.; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and a nephew.

Thelma was born Jan. 26, 1916, south of Chester, Mont., to homesteaders Simon and Mabel Warrington. The doctor attending her delivery arrived in a horse-drawn sleight in -20 degree weather.

Upon graduation from Chester High School at age 16, she attended Northern Montana College, and graduated with honors in 1937 from the University of Montana. It was at the U of M where she met Frank A. Shaw, and they married July 3, 1938. Thelma continued her studies at various institutions, including Queen's College of the University of London and Trinity College in Dublin. She taught school in Liberty County, Missoula, and then for many years at Powell County High School in Deer Lodge.

During her lifetime, she was a founding member of the Montana Institute of the Arts, an early member of the Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation, a life member of the National Council of Teachers of English, the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of the Powell County Genealogy Society. Interested in history and creative writing, Thelma encouraged drama at Powell County High School and helped students found a literary magazine, the LLEWOP.

In the days when the Deer Lodge community was presenting pageants, she assisted in the writing of many of the scripts. She served as the Powell County Bicentennial Celebration chairman, served as a member and chairperson of the William K. Kohrs Memorial Library Board and led local history tours around Powell County. In 2002, Thelma received the Historical Award of Merit from the Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers for her dedication and service to the preservation of the history of the Deer Lodge Valley and Powell County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank A. Shaw; her parents, and a sister, Wilda.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the local history collection at the William K. Kohrs Memorial Library in Deer Lodge, MT; or to an organization of the donor's choice.

EVA L. (BAILEY) SIEFERT
Born: Age 90 – Died: September 17, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
September 19, 2005

Eva L. Siefert

GLASGOW — Eva L. (Bailey) Siefert, 90, of Glasgow, a farm wife who enjoyed playing cards, Bible studies, going to church, crafts, gardening and cooking, died of natural causes Saturday at a Glasgow hospital.

Her funeral is 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow, with burial in Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary is handling arrangements.

Survivors include a daughter, Shirley Hinton of Scobey; sons LeRoy Siefert of Glasgow, Ronald Siefert of Moorcroft, Wyo., and Bruce Siefert of Havre; a sister, Eleanor Palmer of Missoula; brothers Quannah Bailey of Chester and Jim Bailey of Opheim; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward "Bub" in 1989, and a grandson.

DUAINE RAYMOND SLOAN

Birth: March 17, 1939 – Death: August 1, 2005

Liberty County Times

August 10, 2005



Duaine Sloan

Duaine Raymond Sloan was born March 17, 1939 in Minot, North Dakota to Lyndon and Lulu (Schwede) Sloan. He grew up on the farm near Coulee, North Dakota, where he was baptized and confirmed at St. Luke's Church.

He graduated from Palermo High School where he played basketball, beginning a life-long love of sports. Starting at age 15, he worked for his uncle, Forest Schwede in Chester during the summers, and did custom cutting.

He attended Minot State College before enlisting in the Air Force in 1961. He was in the service for four years and spent much of that time in France. In 1967, he was recruited by Keith Clawson to computerize the payroll, grades and other administrative tasks at Northern Montana College. He spent many days writing computer programs and long nights running them on Vita Rich Dairy's computer before NMC had their own.

Many of his friends said they wished they could be as happy in their professions as Duaine was. He was very proud he never missed a payroll in 32 years. He was a strong supporter of Northern Athletics and computerized the sports statistics many years ago.

He was the first one in his family to graduate from college and received a Bachelor's degree in History and Secondary Education from Northern Montana College in 1976.

He married Karen Colleen Scalse on June 30, 1968 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Galata, MT. They began a relationship of caring for each other and others and were very actively involved in their community.

Dewey played and coached softball and was involved in building the first softball complex south of Havre, drilling the first well and building the fence. Karen used to pray he would get too old to play ball and then he started to umpire. He also coached youth bowling and was the secretary of his bowling league for many years.

He was an active member of First Lutheran Church, serving as Deacon for many years and was currently serving as the Recording Financial Secretary. He made lifelong friends when he was a Havre Jaycee and involved in Optimists. He was a cheerleader for his son's football, choir and theater involvement, and his daughter's music, speech and Key Club involvement. He was his

wife's strongest supporter and always encouraged her and made it possible for her to continue her education.

After his retirement he began his "second career" as a checker at IGA. He spoke frequently about how important and supportive his co-workers became and how much their encouragement meant through

his last year of illness. He enjoyed playing cards, and his friends at the "office" who played Pan, have also given him much encouragement in the last year.

He passed away in Arlington, Virginia on Monday, August 1st of natural causes. He was with his family enjoying a vacation at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife Karen Sloan of Havre; a son, Michael Sloan of Havre, daughter K'Lynn Sloan of Arlington, Virginia; brother Curt (Mary) Sloan of Fort Benton; sister Linda (Tom) Ward of Clayton, North Carolina; nephews Harlan and Duaine Sloan of Missoula; loving in-laws Hales and Ambjorg Scalse of Galata; brothers-in-law Sonny (Karen) Scalse of Sunburst, and Steve (Diane) Scalse of Chester; nephew Larry (Belinda) Scalse of Sunburst, and niece Linda (Rod) Keller of Shelby; great nephews Jordan and Cody Keller of Shelby, Tyler Scalse of Shelby, great niece Allison Scalse of Shelby; great aunt Valda Schwede of Minot, North Dakota; and

cousins Judy Deaver of Berthold, North Dakota, Gerald Schwede of Berthold, Marge Schwede of West Glacier, Jeanne (Albert) Larson of Chester, Terry (Carol) Schwede of Monticello, Mississippi, and Joy (Jim) Mariska of Billings.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

KEN D. SOLUM

Birth: October 1, 1954 – Death: April 14, 2005

Liberty County Times

April 27, 2005



Ken Solum

Ken D. Solum, 50, passed away Thursday, April 14, 2005, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell, strong in his faith that he was going home to be with his Lord and Savior.

Ken was born Oct. 1, 1954, in Sumter, S.C., the oldest of four sons born to Orville and Mary Ellen (Patrick) Solum. When he was about a year old, his father's Air Force duty was completed in Sumter and the family returned to live in Rudyard.

Ken and his brothers grew up in Rudyard. Today, Ed Solum lives with his family in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and Phil Solum lives with his family in Aberdeen, S.D. His brother, Russ Solum, died in May 2003 in Arizona.

Ken first attended a one-room country school north of Rudyard, then transferred to Rudyard's elementary school and graduated from Rudyard High School in 1972.

In high school and throughout Ken's life, music remained a strong focus. He played piano, participated in All State Choir and in State Music Festival, and played baritone in the school band and bass guitar in pep band. In football, he was named the most valuable player and made the most tackles in 1968 and 1971. He competed in track, was the student body president and was named to Montana Boys State.

After graduation, he enrolled as a psychology major at Seattle Pacific College. While home in the spring of his first year, he agreed to provide guitar accompaniment for Renae Rude of Chester as she sang for a wedding. They have been together ever since.

The couple married on Dec. 28, 1974, in Chester, and lived in Bozeman until 1977 when Ken earned his Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in business management and finance.

He took a job in computer work for the Burroughs Corporation in Spokane, where Renae enrolled

full-time in nursing school. In 1979, after she finished her nurse's training, Burroughs transferred him to Kalispell. He eventually became the office manager for Northwest Business in Kalispell. In 1989 he partnered with Stacey Gutierrez to form Professional Business Systems, a Kalispell computer services firm which he helped lead until his death.

Ken and Renae are the parents of two children, Ryan David, born April 3, 1985, and Sonya Renae, born Dec. 22, 1987. Ryan attended Seattle Pacific University until this quarter, when he came home to be with his family; he is working at Glacier Bank until he returns to Seattle Pacific in the fall. Sonya is a junior at Stillwater Christian School.

Ken was very involved with his children's lives, regularly taking them with him to worship music practices. He coached both of them in Rotary basketball and attended all their games as they went through Trinity Lutheran School and Flathead Valley Christian School, now named Stillwater Christian.

His love of music led him to write many pieces, including an Easter cantata and several worship songs.

The family has been active since 1979 with New Covenant Fellowship, where Ken served as worship leader, elder and home group leader. He was a key player in the church's decision to relocate from Columbia Falls and build its new facility on Birch Grove Road nearly three years ago.

He was diagnosed with colon cancer in June 2003, but continued to deflect attention from himself as he ministered to others. With a spirit of grace, he told friends and family that he wanted God to be glorified through it all.

Before his death, he was able to attend Seattle Pacific's Parents Weekend in February, watch his daughter play in the state basketball tournament the same month, and take a trip to Hawaii with family and friends in March.

Ken was preceded in death by his father, Orville Solum, and his brother, Russ Solum.

He is survived by his wife, Renae, and their children, Ryan and Sonya, all of Kalispell; his mother, Mary Ellen Solum of Rudyard; his brothers and their wives, Ed and Sue Solum, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and Phil and Lynda Solum, of Aberdeen, S.D.; his mother-in-law, Coral Fyall, of Kalispell; his sister-in-law and husband, Neoma and Phil Anderson, of Kalispell; his brother-in-law and wife, Craig and Wanda Rude, of Cut Bank; and several nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind many friends who loved and respected him.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 19, at New Covenant Fellowship, 436 Birch Grove Road, Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to the Solum Children Education Fund at Glacier Bank, 202 Main St., Kalispell MT 59901; or to Wings, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

OLIVE C. (WIGEN) SPARKS
Born: August 27, 1917 - Died: February 5, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
February 9, 2005

Olive C. Sparks

SHELBY — Olive C. (Wigen) Sparks, 87, of Shelby, a World War II veteran and retired registered nurse, died of natural causes Saturday at a Shelby care center.



Sparks



Visitation is 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. Her funeral is 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Luke's Lutheran

Church in Shelby, with cremation following the service.

Olive is survived by sons Tom (Donna) Sparks of Shelby, Jack (Debbie) Sparks of Albany, Ore., and John (Nancy) Sparks of Butte, Mont.; a stepson, James (Myrna) Sparks of Tacoma, Wash.; a sister, Sylvia Carty of Montesano, Wash.; a brother, Byron Wigen of Devon; 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Chuck in 1990; brothers Jurgen, Alton and Arthur Wigen; and a sister, Cora Johannsen.

Olive was born Aug. 27, 1917, to Olai and Keri (Kvello) Wigen, in Devon, Mont. She was raised on the family farm west of Devon and kept strong ties with that area. After graduating from Shelby High School, she went to nursing school and graduated from Sacred Heart in Spokane as a registered nurse in 1940. During World War II, she joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1942, serving for 2½ years. After leaving the Army, she worked at the Glacier County Hospital and the original Toole County Hospital.

She married Charles "Chuck" Sparks on May 5, 1948.

Olive was a devoted member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. She was very active in the church women's organizations such as W.E.L.C.A., and spent many hours with the church ladies' quilting group, Love and Care. She also enjoyed the fellowship and friendship of the Shelby Senior Center. In 2003, she was chosen as the Shelby Senior Center's "Senior Citizen of the Year." Olive will be remembered for her willingness to volunteer and her interest and love for her family.

Memorials are suggested to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

DOROTHY MAY (MARSHALL) STORES
Birth: May 2, 1919 – Death: December 6, 2005

Liberty County Times
December 14, 2005



Dorothy Stores

Dorothy May (Marshall) Stores was born May 2nd, 1919 at Great Falls, Montana. Her parents were William and Sadie (Taplin) Marshall and she was one of nine children in the Marshall family.

Dorothy was raised on the family farm north of Chester and attended the Fairview and Laird country schools. In 1932 her family moved into Chester where her father took a job with the city.

Dorothy married Donald D. Stores on March 12th, 1937 at Havre, MT. They made their home on the Stores farm one mile south of Chester. In addition to farming, they owned and operated the Tip Top Tavern and Cafe in Chester from 1938-42. Dorothy worked diligently as a mother of six in those years of 1944-52 when Don worked for the Liberty County Road Dept. In 1952 the Stores family moved to Tiber Dam where Don accepted a job as Reservoir Superintendent for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. When Don retired in 1975, they moved back to Chester. Don died in 1977. Dorothy had begun working as a housekeeper at the

Liberty County Hospital & Nursing Home, a job she held for 16 years until her retirement in 1991. She continued to live in their Chester home until her health failed in 2003, when she transferred to the local nursing facility. Dorothy died at the Chester rest home on Tuesday evening (December 6th, 2005). She was 86 years old.

Dorothy was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith; she remained a life member at St. Mary's and had been active in the Altar Society. She also held membership in the Royal Neighbors of America and the V.F.W. Auxiliary.

Dorothy had been a hard worker her entire life. During their 23 years at Tiber Dam, she raised a huge garden each year and either sold or traded the produce. In addition she was a very organized and detailed person; for example, she kept a daily journal of weather changes and other significant events of the area. As a hobby she clipped and saved local newspaper articles that had some personal or historical value. In their younger years, Dorothy and Don enjoyed square dancing. They were also avid high school sports fans, especially when their kids and grandkids were active.

During her quiet time at home, Dorothy enjoyed crocheting, completing jigsaw puzzles and word games, playing solitaire, or simply reading the newspaper. Her children will remember her delicious swiss steaks, meatloafs, and pineapple-upside-down-cakes.

But most of all, they will remember her kind and gentle spirit...

Dorothy is survived by 2 sons, Robert (Burma) Stores and

Pat Stores, both of Eugene, Oregon; 4 daughters, Helen Harmon of Kalispell, Donna (Rich) McCalib of Camano Island, Wash., Margie (Ben) Holmes of Chester, and Sharon Stores of Chester; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 4 sisters. Maude Bassett of Chester, Mabel Jacobson of Chester, Janet Nesson of Great Falls, and Edith Cherry of Houston, Texas; and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by 1 sister (Ethel Beistad) and 3 brothers (William, Darrell, and James Marshall).

Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Dec. 10th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester by Father Joseph Diekhans. Pianist, Richie Hamel, accompanied St. Mary's Choir, who sang traditional hymns. Guest pianist, Philip Aaberg, performed "Shenandoah". Scripture readings were by Jennifer Rideout and the eulogy was shared by grandson, Chris Stores. The communion gifts were presented by Rachel, Jennifer, and Kimberli Ghekiere. Eucharistic ministers were Sharon and Mary Jo Harmon.

Dorothy's grandsons were pallbearers and her granddaughters were honorary bearers. Ushers were Gordon Hurley and Jim Carter. Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Hospital & Nursing Home in Chester.

ALVIN F. SWANSON
Born: April 10, 1917 – Died: December 14, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
December 16, 2005

Alvin F. Swanson

BIG SANDY — Alvin F. Swanson, 88, of Big Sandy, a longtime farmer and rancher in the Big Sandy area, died of natural causes Wednesday at his home.

Visitation is noon to 7 p.m. Sunday at Benton Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church Monday. His funeral is 11 a.m. Monday at Christ Lutheran Church in Big Sandy, with burial in Big Sandy Cemetery.

He is survived by his stepchildren, James Winters and his wife, Tanya, of Great Falls, Kathy Getten and her husband, Jack, of Harlem, Richard Winters and his wife, Diana, of Forks, Wash., Lana Woolsey and her husband, Darrel, of Lewistown; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friends, Cheryl and Mark Ostrom, of Big Sandy.

He was born April 10, 1917, on the family farm west of Big Sandy to Ferdinand and Alma (Blixt) Swanson. His mother died the following November from the flu epidemic of 1918.

Alvin married Lucille Blessing in 1950; they later divorced. He married Dorothy Shlupe on Dec. 20, 1975, and from this union he became a father of four children.

He was a longtime farmer and rancher in the Big Sandy area. He enjoyed farming, his cattle, fishing and hunting, bowling, cribbage and bingo. He had a great love of basketball. He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Havre. He enjoyed going to many activities that family members were in to give them his support.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Swanson; brothers Leonard Swanson and Stanley Swanson; and sisters Evelyn Albright and Dorothy Norden.

MARVEL L. SWANSON
Born: Age 70 – Died: April 30, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
May 3, 2005

Marvel L. Swanson

HAVRE — Whitefish native Marvel L. Swanson, 70, of Havre, who worked at the Hi-Line Home,



Swanson

Northern Montana Hospital and as a ward clerk at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, and who enjoyed quilting, crocheting, cooking and baking, died of

complications from surgery Saturday at a Great Falls hospital.

Cremation has taken place. Her memorial service is 1 p.m. Friday at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre, with burial of ashes in Highland Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Swanson in 2001, and one grandson.

Survivors include daughters Shelly Erhard of Havre, Shannon Sohm of Kremlin and Sandy Martian of Helena; sons Steven Swanson of Westminister, Colo., and Scott Swanson and Stuart Swanson, both of Havre; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

VINCENT J. TACKE
Born: Age 88 – Died: May 25, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
May 28, 2005

Vincent J. Tacke

LIVINGSTON — Vincent J. Tacke, 88, a retired rancher and former Chouteau County resident, died of natural causes Wednesday at an assisted living facility in Livingston.

A vigil service is 7:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Livingston. Funeral Mass is 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's, with burial at 3 p.m. at Wilsall Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include daughters Edith Dirk of Moses Lake, Wash., and Elaine Erath of Yakima, Wash.; sons Joe Tacke and Jerry Tacke of Livingston and Bill Tacke of Great Falls; sisters Gertrude Baune of Great Falls and Helen Jakobsen of Fort Benton; brothers Leonard Tacke and Victor Tacke of Great Falls; 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Leola (Laubach) Tacke.

ALFRED M. THIELMANN
Born: April 29, 1915 – Died: June 17, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
June 23, 2005

Alfred M. Thielmann

LEWISTOWN — Alfred M. Thielmann, 90, of Lewistown died Friday at Central Montana Medical Center in Lewistown, following a short illness.

Visitation is 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. His funeral is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with burial in Lewistown City Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Leona, of Lewistown; a sister, Helen Goodan of Lewistown; brothers-in-law, Vik Kolar of Hobson, Karel Kolar of Lewistown and James Kolar of Moses Lake, Wash.; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Alfred was born April 29, 1915, in Chester, Mont., the ninth child of Ferdinand and Clara (Braun) Thielmann. He attended school at King Colony School and Rossfork School.

On June 25, 1940, he was united in marriage to Leona Kolar in Lewistown. They farmed at Moore until 1967, when they had a farm auction, sold their land and moved into Lewistown. Alfred worked construction for Bob Tindall Construction for several years.

He was a member of the Eagles and enjoyed hunting big game, fishing, traveling, and bird watching. They enjoyed wintering in Arizona for several years. His hobbies included sapphire hunting at the Yogo mine and agate hunting. He was known for cutting and polishing many agates and making beautiful jewelry that was hand silversmithed, as well as unique agate churches.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Clara Baxter, Alice Keller, Esther Thielmann; and brothers, Otto, Bill, George and Art Thielmann.

Memorials are suggested to the Fergus County Council on Aging, 307 W. Watson, Lewistown, MT 59457.

ANNA (SHIPMAN) TRACHT
Born: Age 89 – Died: May 1, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
May 3, 2005

Anna Tracht

KALISPELL — Goldstone native Anna (Shipman) Tracht, 89, of Kalispell, a former teacher who taught at country schools in north central Montana, died of natural causes Sunday at her home in Kalispell.

Visitation is 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Her funeral is 11 a.m. Friday at United Methodist Church Epworth in Kalispell.

Survivors include her husband of 70 years, Howard Tracht of Kalispell; a daughter, Maryle Rolls; a brother, Ercell Shipman; sisters Louise Richter, Marion Gilson and Donna Nealy; two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

ELLEN K. (ULMEN) TSCHACHE
Born: May 28, 1917 – Died: January 11, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
January 15, 2005

Ellen K. Tschache

BOZEMAN — Ellen K. Tschache, 87, of Bozeman, died of natural causes Tuesday at a Bozeman assisted living center.



Her memorial service is 11 a.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church. Dokken-Nelson Funeral Home of Bozeman is handling arrangements.

Ellen is survived by her son, Gary Tschache and his wife, Candy of Bozeman; her daughter, Char Latta and her husband, Jim of Centennial, Colo.; grandchildren, Chad Latta and his wife, Wendy of Corvallis, Ore., Buck Latta and his wife, Cammie of Denver, Tawnya Mullins and her husband, Bill of Millington, Tenn., Jaimee Pacheco and her husband, Brandon of Aurora, Colo., Keri Heiss of Parker, Colo., Amber Wilkinson and her husband, Mike of Kingston, Wash., Ellyse Dehn and her husband, Mark of Bozeman and Rhett Tschache of Bozeman; brothers Cliff, Vic and Dennis Ulmen; a sister, Clara Cooke; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ellen was one of fourteen children born to Ben and Martina (Ludwig) Ulmen on May 28, 1917, in Hingham, Mont. Ellen was a caregiver and a friend to everyone she touched, she loved meeting people and she shared her happiness everywhere she went and with everyone she met.

"What you do for yourself will soon be forgotten, what you do for others will live forever." — Anonymous.

For all who knew her, Ellen will live forever.

Ellen was an active member of the community, serving at First Presbyterian Church, the Republican Party, Eastern Star, and as an affiliate member of the Gallatin Empire Lions Club, to name a few of the organizations she was affiliated with. She was an avid sports fan attending games from grade school through university.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Bozeman Deaconess Hospice, 915 Highland Blvd. Suite 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715, Gallatin Empire Lions Foundation, P.O. Box 511, Bozeman, MT 59715 and Porter Hospice, Porter Care Foundation, 333 W. Hanpden Ave, Suite 620, Englewood, Co 80110.

EDMUND ADOLPH VOGEL

Born: December 21, 1917 – Died: April 28, 2005

Chilkat Valley News, Haines, Alaska

May 5, 2005

Vogel's service saluted

By Suzie Scollon

From northern Montana to the Aleutians, Ed Vogel enjoyed looking at wildlife. Last Wednesday was no exception. The longtime millwright and mechanic rose before dawn as usual, spotted three moose in the yard and dragged his wife, Lola, out of bed to share the sighting.

The next evening, April 28, he passed quietly on at home of advancing leukemia. He was 87.

Edmund Adolph Vogel was born Dec. 21, 1917 in Hingham, Mont. After graveside services Monday, he was buried at Jones Point Cemetery.

Terry Pardee officiated at the short ceremony that, like Vogel, wasted no unnecessary words.

"He wanted it brief," Pardee said, reading from a biography prepared by the family and adding notes about Vogel's service in World War II. A hundred friends and neighbors were in attendance.

"Ed didn't think much of the Army, taking orders from people who knew less than he did," Pardee said. Nevertheless, he excelled at his duties and was promoted to master sergeant at the age of 25.

During his military career, Vogel helped build runways at Annette, Yakutat, Kiska, Attu, Dutch Harbor and Adak. He was awarded a Legion of Merit, Pardee said.

Monday's service ended with a military salute as Vogel's daughter Susan, recently retired from 28 years in the Army, fired three shots to send off her dad.

Afterward, friends reflected on the loss.

Jim Stanford said he was surprised to hear Vogel was gone. "Have you ever been into his shop? It's amazing, it's like walking into Leonardo da Vinci's workshop. The guy could do anything and make anything. He was a tool and dye maker and then a millwright."



Ed Vogel

His neighbor of some 30 years, Dwight Nash, said many people came to Ed's shop for advice over the years. "Well, come in here. What have you got there?" Vogel would say, Nash recounted. "And then he would proceed to fix whatever needed to be fixed or create a solution."

Jeni Peters, another neighbor, said her boys brought Ed a steady stream of emergencies over the years, from flat bike tires to chains needing adjustment. Vogel, although gruff at times, always offered a helpful hand.

Ed and Lola Kidd were married nearly 58 years ago in Havre, Mont. They moved to Juneau, where Ed took a job with Northern Commercial, traveling across Southeast Alaska. He also worked in automotive repair and helped build one of the first catamarans in Alaska.

The couple's children, Judy, Susan and David, were born in Juneau where the family lived until moving to Haines in 1959.

Connor's Motors, Alaska Forest Products, Haines schools and Vogel's Repair Shop were all venues for Ed's handiwork.

Vogel also served on the Haines City Council and as commander of the local American Legion Lynn Canal Post, in which he was active for over 40 years.

Vogel is survived by his wife, Lola, children David Vogel, Skagway; Judy Bryan, Irving, Texas, and Susan Cudnik, Houston; grandchildren Aviera Vogel, Charlie Shiderly, Jim Shiderly and Thomas Bryan; brothers Raymond and Samuel Vogel, Havre, Mont.

Friends can contact the family at Box 176, Haines, AK 99827.

Edmund Adolph Vogel was born in Hingham, Montana, on December 21, 1917 and passed away at home, in Haines, Alaska, on April 28, 2005.

He grew up on a wheat farm in northern Montana. He joined the United States Army, in 1939, and was stationed in Alaska, building runways at Annette and Yakutat, enroute to the Aleutian Islands. Following World War II, he returned to Southeast Alaska, logging in Ketchikan.

He married Lola Kidd, in June 1947, in Havre, Montana. They honeymooned to Juneau, where he worked for Northern Commercial Company. This job took him to many communities and logging camps in Southeast Alaska. While in Juneau, he also worked in automotive repair and helped build the motor vessel, Blue Star, one of the first catamarans in Alaska.

In 1959, he and his family moved to Haines. He had a variety of jobs, which included running Connor's Motor garage. He also worked as millwright for Alaska Forest Products, worked as custodian for Haines Public School. He worked as a machinist for the White Pass Railroad, in Skagway. He opened Vogel's Repair Shop, in Haines.

He served on the Haines City Council. He was a member of American Legion, Lynn Canal Post #12, in Haines, for over 40 years. He served as Post commander.

He is survived by his wife, Lola, of 58 years, son David and his wife, Jeanie Vogel, of Skagway, daughters Judy and husband Rich Bryan, of Irving, Texas, Susan and husband, Brian Cudnik, of Houston, Texas. Four grandchildren survive him: Aviera Vogel, Charlie Shiderly, Jim Shiderly and wife, Julie, and Thomas Bryan. Brothers, Raymond and Samuel Vogel and their respective families, in the Havre, Montana area, also survive him.

His brother, Phillip Vogel and his son, Rex Vogel, preceded him in death.

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LEON C. VOSEN
Born: Age 92 – Died: February 18, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
February 22, 2005

Leon C. Vosen

KREMLIN — Leon C. Vosen, 92, who farmed south of Kremlin for many years died of natural causes Friday at a Northern Montana Care Center in Havre.

Visitation is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. His funeral is 11 a.m. Wednesday at Assembly of God Church, with burial in Highland Cemetery. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the church immediately following the graveside services.

Survivors include a sister, Adeline of Washington.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anne (Klinko) Vosen on Sept. 25, 1998.

PATRICIA ANN (SWETLAND) WAITE

Birth: November 23, 1932 – Death: October 18, 2005

Liberty County Times
October 26, 2005



Patricia Waite

Patricia Ann (Swetland) Waite, 72 of Shelby, a long time Sweet Grass Hills house wife, was swept into the arms of her Heavenly Father by angels on Tuesday, October 18th, 2005. Waiting there to greet her were daughter Patricia Ann (Patty), Father and Mother George & Alice, brothers Bill &

Ted, and granddaughter Mandy Maria Waite. Visitation is Friday beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitted Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday at St. William Catholic Church followed by a lunch at the church parish hall. Graveside services are set for 1:30 p.m. at the Whitlash Cemetery followed by a reception at the Whitlash Community Hall.

Patricia was born Nov. 23, 1932 at Spooner, Wisconsin to George and Alice (Okonek) Swetland, where she grew up and played violin in the high school orchestra. She married Norman Waite Sept. 25, 1948 at Webster, WI. After two years of marriage they moved to Shelby, Montana with their two daughters Alice and Patty. In 1952 they moved to Whitlash where Norman worked for Montana Power. It was a beautiful and great place to live and raise a family. They retired in 1988 and moved to Shelby. They kept a home in Wisconsin for many years after retirement where they spent time with family and friends. They also have a cabin at Essex where she enjoyed many family, AA and Al-Anon gatherings. Patricia was a member of St. William's Catholic Church, Al-Anon Family Groups (recently celebrated her 39th birthday) and a 4-H leader. She enjoyed flowers, quilting, reading, sewing, visiting with family or friends and her extended network of children in the community.

Patricia is now patiently awaiting her most Precious Heavenly Treasures, her husband of 57 years, Norman of Shelby, daughters, Alice (Fred) Kanning of Shelby, Katherine (Tom) Lakey of Great Falls, Mary Waite of Butte, sons, Francis (Frank) Waite of

Shelby, Paul Waite of Shelby, Michael (Tammie) Waite of Great Falls, William (Tami) Waite of Osage, WY and N. Patrick (Brenda) Waite of Dubois, WY. Sisters, Alice Elizabeth Stubfors and Ruth Ellen both of Spooner, WI, brother, John (Angela) Swetland of Duluth, MN, Sister-in-law and husband, Eve and Cecil Melton of Shell Lake, WI. Eighteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

She taught me also, and she said to me, "Let thine heart retain my words, keep his Commandments, and live."

NORMAN WALKER
Born: Age: 88 - Died: April 15, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
April 17, 2005

Norman Walker

LEWISTOWN — Army veteran Norman Walker, 88, of Lewistown, a central Montana farmer and grain elevator operator, died of emphysema and related respiratory problems Friday at the Central Montana Medical Center.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Friday in Utica Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Jean (Hill) Walker of Lewistown; daughters Laurel Walker of Rudyard, Becky Christensen of Billings and Janet Mann of Lewistown; a sister, Blanche McGill of Libby; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Leslie, in 1976.

WALTER W. WARD
Born: Age: 92 - Died: April 19, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
April 22, 2005

Walter W. Ward

CHOTEAU — Walter W. Ward, 92, of Choteau, died of natural causes Tuesday at a Great Falls hospital.



Ward

A vigil is 7 p.m. Sunday, with services 11 a.m. Monday, both at St. John Catholic Church in Fairfield. Cremation will take place under the direction of O'Connor Funeral Home, and burial of ashes will take place at a later date.

He is survived by his wife Teresa of Choteau; children Sally Evans of Browning, Dorothy Renick and Kathy Hammer, of Hamilton, Lenora Smith, of Peru, N.Y., John Ward of Fort Shaw, Margaret Hendrix of Winnemucca, Nev., Joe Ward of Louisville, Ky., Caroline and Karen Forseth of Fairfield, Lawrence Ward of Pleasant Hill, Calif., and Rita Ward of Missoula; two brothers, Aden Ward of Chester and Lawrence Ward of Kalispell; 28 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Walter was one of a dwindling number of Montanans who were children of homesteaders. He was a farmer and a trucker, a mechanic, a logger and a cat skinner. As a young man, he taught Civilian Conservation Corps cadets how to use axes and other woods tools. As a teenager, he hauled wheat from the Marias River north to Chester with a horse and wagon, in days when it was an overnight trip. He cut ice on the river with a circular saw harnessed to an old Model T motor, tonged the ice cakes out and hauled them to ice houses.

He built his first car, a Model T, out of parts given him by neighbors, and he made his first truck out of an old Great Falls transit bus. He hauled grain in that first truck. He hauled gravel, lumber, machinery and other payloads in later times, and once owned several trucks and employed several drivers. At another period, he saw the entire U.S.A. from behind the wheel of a Mayflower Moving van.

Like many of his generation, he had to be enterprising.

He was born in Chester in 1913, the first son of Les and Laura Ward. They were 1910 homesteaders who grew grain along the Marias and alternately worked in the woods around Rexford in the northwestern part of the state.

As soon as he was big enough, Walter Ward worked for his father and for neighbors around. He courted Teresa Scalse, a school teacher from the Sweet Grass Hills, who also was a child of homesteaders. They married in 1932 and ultimately reared 11 children.

They lived near Rexford and at Chester, had a sojourn in the Bitterroot Valley, lived north of Galata, at Fairfield, at Choteau — a couple of different times — and at Browning. In retirement years, they split their time between Yuma, Ariz., and Montana, before moving to Skyline Lodge in Choteau two years ago.

Ward was a boy when homesteaders were leaving the dried-up prairies of Eastern Montana by the thousands in lean years. The exodus included his own father, who gave up his homestead and went logging. Walter Ward's grandfather, a French Canadian named Emmett Martel, bought Les Ward's homestead for taxes, and gave it back to him when times got better.

Walter Ward remembered Martel cutting a crop of wheat with a scythe in his 70s, and he farmed his own last crop years later with a fancy four-wheel drive tractor he'd bought at an auction.

He sought out experience with tractors as quickly as he could when they first came into the country. They were more reliable than horses, he said, and easier to understand, and a lot less trouble. He liked to go to the mountains to get out of the "infernal wind" of the prairie. But he spoke often through the years of an idyllic summer he spent as a boy along the Marias with his grandfather, while his siblings were in the mountains with their parents.

And sometimes in the middle years, he showed his contentment with the prairie by singing in a deep voice as he drove Teresa and a passel of his own kids to a Sunday dinner in the Hills. They bounced along the gravel roads generating a big cloud of dust, and there was no sign that he thought anything about the abandoned and lonely gray shacks that dotted the prairie, testament to the rigors of the life he'd been born into.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Burial of ashes will be at Teresa Ward's homestead in the Sweet-grass Hills later this summer, when far-flung offspring will converge on Montana for a family reunion.

LETA M. (HANSEN) WELSH
Born: August 13, 1927 – Died: September 21, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
September 23, 2005

Leta M. Welsh



Welsh

HAVRE — Leta M. Welsh, 78, a Havre area farmer and homemaker, died of natural causes Wednesday at the Northern Montana Hospital. Viewing is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home. Her funeral is 2 p.m. Monday at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church in Havre, with burial in Highland Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the church.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Orville Welsh of Havre; a daughter, Kristy Lou (Donald) Naber of Havre; a sister, Audrey Flynn of Kremlin; grandchildren Chad Naber and Bobbie Jo Gobin; three great-granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

Leta was born Aug. 13, 1927, in Havre to Chris and Hazel (Poore) Hansen. She was raised on her family's farm in Gildford where she attended schools and graduated from high school.

She met Orville Welsh and on June 3, 1946, they were married in the Havre Lutheran Church. The couple lived and worked on the Hansen farm in Gildford, which they still operate today.

Leta was a very hard worker and enjoyed helping her husband on the farm, cooking wonderful meals and tending to her garden. She loved to spend time with her family, but most of all her grandchildren.

Leta and Orville enjoyed traveling together; their most memorable trip was to Denmark. They also traveled around the state of Montana, and wintered in Hamilton, Montana, for about ten years.

She was a member of the Lutheran Church in Hingham, a member of the Lutheran Ladies Aide and also participated in a bowling league in Rudyard.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Robert Allen Welsh, in 1967.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Fifth Avenue Christian Church; or to the Gift Of Life Housing.

WALLACE H. "WALLY" WESTERMARK
Born: January 24, 1922 – Died: November 20, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
November 22, 2005

**Wallace H. 'Wally'
Westermark**

SHELBY — Wallace H. "Wally" Westermark, 83, a long time farmer and grain elevator operator as well as WWII veteran from Shelby, died of natural causes Sunday at a local hospital.



Westermark



Memorial services are 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby followed by burial with military honors in the Valley View Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

Survivors include his daughter, Mary Jane (Bill Yunck) Westermark of Whitefish; a son, Jay (Marge) Westermark of Billings; a brother, Carl O. Westermark of Shelby; grandchildren Dawn Westermark of Portland and Jenny Nava of Billings and five great-grandchildren.

Wally is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jane; a sister, Agnes Lane; a brother, Robert V. Westermark; a granddaughter, Marianne Westermark; and long time friend Eleanor Adamson.

Wally was born Jan. 24, 1922, at Parshall, N.D. to Karl and Wilma (Lindgren) Westermark. He grew up in Chinook where he graduated from high school in 1940.

Wally and Jane Badger were married Dec. 25, 1942, in Cut Bank. He worked for AA Aaris in the Oilfields for a time before serving with the Army Air Corps from Feb. 13, 1944, to Nov. 1, 1945.

In 1947, the family bought a farm south of Devon. Along with the farming operation, he owned and operated grain elevators in Dunkirk, Devon, Galata and Lothair which were later sold. It was only recently that he fully retired.

Wally was very active in the community and was a life member of the Galata American Legion Post No. 69, life member, past trustee and past Exalted Ruler of the Shelby BPOE Lodge No. 1696, a member of the Shelby Masonic Lodge #143, the Scottish Rite, the Albedoo Shrine in Billings, and the Tri-County Shrine Club. He also served on the Marias Fair Board for many years.

The family suggests memorials to the Shriners Children's Hospital, 911 W. 5th Ave., Spokane, WA 99204-2901

PEGGY (KEITH) WILEY

Born: March 24, 1931 – Died: December 5, 2005

Great Falls Tribune
December 8, 2005

Peggy Wiley

Peggy (Keith) Wiley, 74, of 2413 Central Ave., an educator for many years, died of cancer Monday at a local hospital.



Wiley

At her request, no funeral is planned, but a celebration of her life is 10 a.m. Saturday at Schnider Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at

www.schniderfuneralhome.com.

Survivors are her son and daughter-in-law, Dodds and Heidi Wiley of Great Falls; and her grandson, Alex Wiley, who was "the light of her life."

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, Dodds and Pearl Keith; and her brother, Dean Keith.

Peggy was born March 24, 1931, in Butte, Mont., to Dodds and Pearl (Sullivan) Keith. She was raised and educated in Chester, graduating as valedictorian of her class from Chester High School in 1948. She then attended Colorado Women's College, University of Minnesota, College of Great Falls, and Western Montana College in Dillon, receiving her bachelor's degree in music and her master's degree in education.

She married Robert Wiley in 1955, they later divorced.

Peggy taught music in Inverness and Simms, and later taught elementary school in Great Falls for many years, retiring from Lewis and Clark Elementary in 1996. She also taught driver's education for many years.

A gifted musician, Peggy played piano and organ at many church activities throughout her life. She loved to travel, taking trips to Europe, the British Isles and Russia. She enjoyed bird watching, yard work, Bible study, music, and spending time with her family, especially her grandson Alex.

The family suggests memorials to Peace Hospice of Great Falls, 1101 26th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.

SARAH LOUISA (GILBERT) WOEPPEL

Born: Age 88 – Died: May 5, 2005

Great Falls Tribune

May 8, 2005

Sarah Louisa Woepfel

HAVRE — Sarah Louisa (Gilbert) Woepfel, 88, homemaker and farmer, died of natural causes Thursday at her son's home in Havre.



Woepfel

A memorial service is 11 a.m. Saturday May 21, at the Havre Assembly of God Church, followed by a luncheon at the church fellowship hall. Graveside services have taken place at Highland Cemetery in Havre. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include a son, Allan (Kathleen) of Havre; sisters Elsie K. Nelson and Lily (Dwayne) Kretchmer of Havre and Iris Hay of Hood River, Ore.; brothers Lewis (Irene) Gilbert of Harlem, Quentin Gilbert of Acworth, Ga., Kenneth (Betty) Gilbert of Chester and Gaylord (Lola) Gilbert of Butte; sisters-in-law Rose Gilbert of Harlem and Virginia Gilbert of Bremerton, Wash.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Louisa was preceded in death by her parents, Millard and Emma (Albro) Gilbert; her husband, Alfred Woepfel; a daughter, Sharon Ellis; sisters Flossie Bubnash and Lucy Bailey; and brothers John, Calvin, Andrew and Charlie Gilbert.

Memorials may be made to the Havre Assembly Youth Group; Havre Network of Praise Radio Station; Anchor Academy for Boys, North of Havre; or to the donor's choice.

DEAN RODNEY WOLFE

Birth: December 24, 1933 - Death: July 10, 2005

Liberty County Times

July 20, 2005



Dean Wolfe

Dean Rodney Wolfe was born December 24th, 1933 at Havre, Montana. He was one of six children born to Daniel & Josephine (Steen) Wolfe. He grew up on the family farm south of Chester and attended the Erickson country school nearby. He finished his schooling in Chester, graduating from C.H.S. in 1951. The following year he continued his formal education at Northern Montana College in Havre, where he studied industrial arts.

On December 11th, 1953 Dean married his high school sweet-heart, Fay M. Heimbigner, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. They initially farmed with his folks, then acquired some neighboring farmland, including the old Gunder Strand place. Dean & Fay raised a family of four children.

In the late 1970's the Wolfe's & several friends purchased an old popular Chester business, "Laas Bar". They helped operate this lounge, restaurant, & dancehall for about ten years before selling it. In the early 1980's a group of Hi-Line investors, including Dean & Fay, were instrumental in the development of the Meadowlake Golf Course in Columbia Falls. After a few years, the Wolfe's sold their

interests in the project.

Dean & Fay moved into Chester in 1982. They retired from farming in 1998 and continued to make Chester their home.

Dean's health remained good until three years ago, when he suffered life-threatening injuries from an accidental fall at home.

He recuperated relatively well and remained as active as possible, but he still required personal care from his wife & family at home. His condition deteriorated this past month and he was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Dean died

peacefully in his sleep at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the early morning of Sunday (July 10th, 2005). He was 71 years old.

"Deano", as he was affectionately called by his good friends, was an active community person. He was a longtime member of the Joplin Masonic Lodge, a charter member of the Chester Lions Club, and a loyal member of the Chester JayCeers. In addition, Dean was a confirmed member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. He also held membership in the N.R.A.

During his high school days Dean participated in basketball, played the saxophone in the school band, and served as one of several male cheerleaders. His love for sports continued and he enjoyed pitching in adult baseball & softball leagues. He also enjoyed archery, hunting, fishing, dancing, boating, camping, & snowmobiling. Dean always looked forward to those annual trips with the local guys to Augusta & Benchmark in the 1970's & 80's.

In 1973 the Wolfe's bought a diesel bus which was converted to a camper. This bus made many memorable trips with family & friends around Montana & various states. Whether it was a planned vacation... or trips to softball tournaments & other sporting events... or simple weekend jaunts to Lake Elwell... there was always a goodtime on that old bus, which a friend appropriately named "Deano's Casino"!

Dean had always enjoyed vegetable gardening, even these past few years with limited mobility. He was also a good cook who was always looking for new/interesting recipes; homemade soups & stews were his specialties. Recently, he tried his hand at amateur wine-making. Privately, he liked to play his accordion.

And just for the fun of it, he collected old coins. During his quiet time at home he enjoyed reading sports & "outdoors" magazines, and he liked to watch "Fox News" on television. Dean loved to sit outside under his carport; it didn't matter to him if it was a quiet evening of peaceful solitude or a busy social event with friends & family, he just loved being there. Throughout his recent ailments, Dean kept his wonderful sense of humor and

appreciated the love & devotion of his family & friends.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Fay Wolfe of Chester; 4 children, Deanna Hull (and husband, Don) of Chester, Rod Wolfe of Chester, Tracie Romanchuk (and husband, Rob) of Homer, Alaska, and Jan Wolfe (and special friend,

Dave Winegar) of Great Falls; 6 grandchildren (inc. Daved, Deena, Dolan, Matthew, Korey, & Christine); 3 great-grandchildren (inc. Tyson, Molly, & Tatum); 2 brothers & spouses, Kenneth (Betty Jean) Wolfe of Chester and Roger (Fay) Wolfe of Chester; 1 sister-in-law, Gerry Wolfe of Chester; 1 brother-in-law, Albert Hanson of Chester; and numerous nephews & nieces.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents; 1 brother, Delmar Wolfe; 2 sisters, Anna Mae Hanson and Maxine (Leo) Wigen; and 1 grandson, Bradley Lancaster.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Thursday (July 14th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor Peter Erickson conducted the ceremony. Scripture readings were by Paula Hull. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross" & "In the Garden", accompanied by organist, Karen Stack. A selected tape (a favorite of Dean & Fay's), "Daisy A Day" (recorded by Jud Strunk) was played at the end of the funeral. Ushers were Boyd Nealy & Lee Wigen. Pallbearers were Don, Daved, & Dolan Hull and Mike Nelson. Burial was in the family plot at the Erickson Cemetery south of Chester. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

GERALD ROBERT WUNDERLICH
Born: Age 71 – Died: April 21, 2005
Great Falls Tribune
April 27, 2005

Gerald Robert Wunderlich

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Former Shelby resident and junior high school principal Gerald Robert Wunderlich, 71, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died of natural causes Thursday at a Coeur d'Alene hospital.



Wunderlich

A family memorial service was held. Yates Funeral Home of Coeur d'Alene was in charge of arrangements.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Wunderlich of Coeur d'Alene; children Craig Graham of Phoenix, Carla Persling of Coeur d'Alene, Cayme Jodrey of Chester, Kevin Wunderlich of Castle Rock, Colo., Kim Wunderlich of Kalispell and Daren Wunderlich of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter in 2002.