

GLADYS H. (SCHOLZ) ADAMSON
Born: January 24, 1917 – Died: June 3, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
June 6, 2007

Gladys H. Adamson

DEVON — Gladys H. (Scholz) Adamson, 90, a longtime educator and Devon homemaker, died of natural causes Sunday at a Shelby care center.



Adamson

Visitation is 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Whitted Funeral Chapel in

Shelby. Her funeral is 10 a.m. Friday at the Devon Lutheran Church, with burial at Valley View Cemetery in Shelby. A lunch will be held at Devon Lutheran Church after the burial.

Survivors include her daughter, Valerie Adamson of Dupuyer; son Arthur (Dianna) Adamson of Devon; sisters Ruth Wymer of Fullerton, Calif., and Susan Virgin of Sequim, Wash.; grandchildren Karyn (Mike) Sacco, Rod (Connie) Adamson, Darlene Drishinski, Peter James (Heather) Drishinski, Darren (Anna) Drishinski, Darcy (Mark) Arndt, Ross Drishinski and Zane (Julia) Drishinski; 24 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin; her parents, a brother, a sister and an infant grandson.

Gladys was born Jan. 24, 1917, in Conrad, to Arthur and Helen (Gieger) Scholz. The family lived south of the Marias River near the "F" Bridge Road. She received her first six years of schooling at Riverside School.

After graduating valedictorian in 1935 from Shelby High School, Gladys then enrolled at Northern Montana College, earning her teaching degree in 1937. During her teaching years, she taught at Olinholt, Galata and Sweet Grass schools.

She married Melvin T. Adamson on Dec. 26, 1940. They lived in the South Devon area, where they raised their two children, Arthur and Valerie.

Gladys was a member of the Devon Lutheran Church and involved herself in all aspects of the church: teaching the children, leading Bible studies and helping wherever she was needed. Gladys was an activist for her country, serving as an observer for the Civil Air Defense during World War II. She also worked in the Montana Farmers Union as an education and camp director.

Gladys loved flowers and was a master gardener. She enjoyed music, children, quilting and her community.

Condolences may be sent online to whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

RHODA R. (REITE) ALBERTSON
Born: Age: 74 – Died: January 3, 2007
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Rhoda R. Albertson

HAVRE — Rhoda R. (Reite) Albertson, 74, who worked for a Havre accounting firm for several years and was active in church and community organizations, died of natural causes Wednesday at a Great Falls nursing home.



Albertson

Her memorial service is 2 p.m. Monday at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church, with burial of ashes in Highland Cemetery. A fellowship lunch will be held at the church after the burial. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include children Kenneth Butch Albertson and Mardy Robinson of Havre and Brett Albertson of Bozeman; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerold "Bud" Albertson, in 2005; and a daughter, Rhonda Nordgulen, in 2004.

ADA O. (COLLAR) ANDERSON
Birth: April 23, 1920 – Death: January 13, 2007
Liberty County Times
January 17, 2007



Ada Anderson

Ada O. (Collar) Anderson was born April 23, 1920 at Fort Benton, Montana. She was one of four children born to Leslie and Floy (Maguren) Collar, homesteaders in the Kenilworth community. At a very early age her family moved to Oregon.

Ada received her formal education in Salem, Oregon where she graduated from high school in 1939. She attended college for a year at Monmouth, Oregon, then moved to Seattle, Wash. It was there that she met her husband-to-be, George W. Anderson, who was working in the shipyards at Bremerton. Ada and George

were married in Seattle on March 27, 1942.

The Andersons returned to Montana in 1944 and began farming south of Joplin. Ada enjoyed her life as a farmwife, homemaker, and mother of three daughters. In 1956 they built a home in Chester where the girls attended school; however, they continued to spend their summer months on the farm. The Andersons were married for 29 years when George passed away in 1971.

Ada was fortunate to maintain an independent life in her Chester home and the Sweetgrass Lodge until 1998, when she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home. She remained there until her death on Saturday evening (January 13, 2007). She was 86 years old.

During those early years on the farm, Ada served as the clerk of the Hay Coulee School board. She & George enjoyed traveling together, especially to Hawaii. After George's death, Ada continued to travel with friends. She went on several cruises and became a "regular" on the bus excursions sponsored by Anderson-Elerding Travel.

These trips took her throughout most of the United States.

Ada's hobbies were many. She enjoyed sewing, painting, dancing, gardening, playing cards, and puzzles. Her favorite treasures were not gold or silver, but rather rocks and driftwood!

Ada was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by her youngest daughter (Susan Snyder in 2004), her brother (Willard Collar), and a sister (Edith Marsh).

She is survived by 2 daughters, Beverly (Gary) Jensen and Barbara (Bob) Nordstrom, both of Chester; 5 grandchildren, including Lesli Zinne, Craig Jensen, Tracey Hansen, Jami Chisholm, and Kristy Bailey; 8 great-grandchildren; and 1 sister, Mary Vohland of Salem, Oregon.

Cremation is planned with burial of ashes in the Chester Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Jan. 20th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. The service will be conducted by Pastor Peter Erickson.

DORALIA 'LIA' ANN (MOON) ANDERSON
Birth: December 2, 1971 – Death: December 30, 2007
Liberty County Times
January 9, 2008



Lia Moon

Doralia "Lia" Ann Moon Anderson, age 36, beautiful daughter, mother, wife and friend passed away unexpectedly December 30, 2007 at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Lia was born December 2, 1971 in Conrad, MT to Roger and Marlene Moon, now of Joplin, MT. She attended elementary school and part of high school in Conrad, but graduated from Joplin-Inverness (J-I) High School in 1990. Lia attended Northern

Montana College for a year and transferred to Montana State University, graduating with a BA Degree in Fine Arts in 1996.

After college, Lia moved to Whitefish, where she made a home for her family. She married David Anderson on August 27, 2005 in Whitefish.

Lia had a large network of friends who provided support to her during her illness. She had a special light inside of her that made her an instant friend to those around her, and

was very giving and thoughtful of others. Lia had a deep passion for self expression, and was a talented artist, beautifying everything around her.

Lia was a co-founder and artist in residence at the Stumptown Art Studio. She participated in several community benefit projects including "Moose On The Loose" and "The Great Bear Affair."

Lia also operated her own business, "Someone Else's Wife," providing cleaning services and other tasks that "you always wished another woman would do."

The most important things to Lia were her family, especially her children and her husband. Her family and friends are in shock and an incredible and vibrant force is now gone too soon from all of our lives. She will be terribly missed, impossible to forget and forever remembered.

She is survived by her parents, her husband David, daughters Tember 16, Parris 9, and son Jarick 7, brother Pat (Rachelle) Moon and niece Maci of Billings, MT, sister Lori (Howard) Lorenz and nieces Keri and Britney of Vacaville, CA, and grandmother Helen McIntyre of Conrad, MT. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by grandparents Manning

McIntyre and Herbert and Alphonsine Moon.

A private family memorial service was scheduled for 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at the Austin

Cremation has taken place. A public reception followed at the Stumptown Art Studio at 145 Central Avenue in Whitefish from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, a fund has been set up at the Whitefish Credit Union, P.O. Box 37, Kalispell, MT 59901, or any Whitefish Credit Union office. The funds will be placed in trust for the children. This future gift of love from their mother will ensure that her memory lives on, and allow Lia to provide for them as she would have liked to.

VERA LORRAINE (BICKEL) ASHMORE
Birth: July 30, 1925 - Death: September 7, 2007
Liberty County Times
September 12, 2007

Vera Lorraine Ashmore



Vera Lorraine Ashmore, 82, of Havre died September 7, 2007 at her home of natural causes. At her request, a private family service will be held later this week at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place.

Vera was born July 30, 1925 to Herbert and Hilda Bickel in Ulen, Minnesota. She grew up and attended school there graduating from Ulen High School in 1943. On July 1, 1944 she married her High School sweetheart, the love of her life, Leslie "Bud" Ashmore. They spent their first years of marriage farming together in the Ulen area. In 1961 they moved their family to Rudyard, Montana where they owned and operated the A & W Drive In. In 1967 they moved their business to Havre and renamed it the Beaver Creek Drive In. Bud and Vera created the now famous "Ugly Burger" and kept the Havre population fed until they sold the business in 1974. Bud

worked for the Railroad until they retired and moved to the Helena area in 1991. After Bud's death in 2000 Vera moved back to Havre, where she resided until her death.

Vera was a quiet, gentle woman with a deep faith in the Lord. Her greatest accomplishment in life was "Mother." She raised five children with constant love and gentle guidance. She was always there for anyone who needed a little comfort, someone to lean on, or just some good advice. She took great pride in her home and enjoyed nothing more than gathering her family for a big meal so they could all be together. She passed on her recipes for "Bean Soup and Dumplings" cinnamon rolls and chocolate cake, but no one has ever been able to make them taste quite like hers. The love she put into them has to be the missing ingredient.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Bud in 2000; and her son Gary Ashmore in 2006; one great grandchild and two sisters.

Vera is survived by her four daughters: Judy Ashmore of Helena, MT; Cheryl (Erv) Hamblock of Havre, MT; Kathy (Rich) Fabiano of Helena, MT; and Vicki (Jeff) Han of Chester, MT. Her daughter in-law Lindsey Ashmore of Stevensville, MT. Her sisters Ellen Lien, Medora Hogtvedt and Avis Ashmore all of Minnesota and

Shirley Davies of Texas. Her brother Harry Bickel of Minnesota also survives her. 13 Grandchildren, 7 Great-Grandchildren, 2 Great-Great-Grandchildren with one on the way, due in January!

PAUL ORREL ASPEVIG
Birth: July 27, 1923 - Death: July 13, 2007
Liberty County Times
September 26, 2007

Paul Aspevig



Paul Orrel Aspevig, 83, passed away July 13, 2007 at Memorial Hospital in Yakima. Paul was born in Rudyard, Montana to Herbert and Cora Aspevig on July 27, 1923. Paul served in the U.S. Navy during WWII having been stationed in Hawaii from 1944 to 1946.

Paul married Wilma Troth, in great Falls, Montana, in June of 1952. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 1st of this year. Paul attended Montana State University graduating with a Masters Degree in 1953.

Paul spent the majority of his time teaching in Rudyard, Wilsall and Townsend, Montana. Paul taught music and math at Moore Public schools in Montana for 10 years along with farming. Prior to that he was the principal of Buffalo Montana School before it closed. He also farmed in central Montana for ten years prior to moving to Yakima in 1966 to begin work for Food Industries.

In 1967 he became Registrar at Yakima Valley Community College and later returned to the classroom to teach mathematics at YVCC. Paul retired in 1987. Other than his family, Paul's greatest joy came from music, computer and sports events.

Paul is survived by his wife, Wilma; daughter, Linda Gardner (Doug) of Yakima; son, Monte (Cindy) of Seattle; and Jerome (Sharon) and two granddaughters (Megan and Marissa) of Murrieta, CA. He is also survived by two brothers, Hugo of Whitefish, MT and Roger of Helena, MT. He is preceded death by his brothers Donald and Leroy (Bud) of Rudyard, MT.

Visitation was held July 18, 2007 at Keith and Keith Funeral Home. A graveside service was held July 19, 2007 at West Hills Memorial Park and was followed by a memorial service at the Central Lutheran Church.

KENNETH THEODORE BACKEN
Birth: April 29, 1912 – Death: March 31, 2007
Liberty County Times
April 4, 2007



Kenneth Backen

Kenneth Theodore Backen, age 94, died peacefully at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on this past Saturday morning (March 31, 2007).

Kenneth was born April 29, 1912 at Epping, North Dakota. He was one of nine children of John and Toro (Chung) Backen. He grew up in North Dakota and received his formal education there. In the 1930's he began "riding the rails" to the northwest in search of employment. He worked various jobs in Washington and Idaho in the timber industry and helped on wheat farms, dairy farms, and ranches.

Kenneth ended up in Chester (MT) in the mid-1930's and took a job on the John Standiford farm. As fate would have it, he fell in love with the farmer's daughter, Barbara Standiford. They were married August 4, 1937. The Backens made their home in the

Lothair community where they farmed and raised a family of four. Kenneth continued farming until his retirement in 1985.

In addition to farming and mechanics, Kenneth enjoyed RVing, traveling, motorcycling, fishing, boating, and shooting. During his quiet time at home he liked to read and do woodworking.

Kenneth and Barbara were fortunate to maintain good health during their 69 years of married life. They continued to live in their Lothair home until 1-1/2 years ago, when they moved to the Wheat County Estates (assisted living facility) in Chester.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Barbara Backen of Chester; 4 children, Loretta Lyders of Chester, Carol Hainline-Schulze (and husband, Bill) of Des Moines, Wash., Susan Bussert (and husband, Leroy) of Grandview, Wash., and Steven Backen (and wife, Linda) of Lothair; 1 brother, Rueben Backen of Williston, North Dakota; 5 grandchildren (inc. Martin, Tierney, Mike, Ross, and Joe); 7 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents and 7 siblings.

Kenneth was cremated. His ashes were buried at the Lothair Cemetery, where private family graveside prayers were conducted by Pastor Grahame Nicolson. Local arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

SHARON RAE (JOHNSON) BARNES
Birth: October 6, 1941 – Death: January 28, 2007
Liberty County Times
February 7, 2007



Sharon Barnes

Sharon Rae Barnes, 65, died Sunday, January 28, 2007, at her home in Crookston, Minnesota, from Graves' disease and cancer, her husband Frank by her side.

Sharon Rae Johnson was born on October 6, 1941, to Agnes (Rolandson) and Melvin (Slim) Johnson. She was raised on the family farm just south of Oklee, Minnesota. Sharon was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church. She graduated as the salutatorian of the Oklee High School Class of 1959.

Sharon's artistic nature and interest in fashion led her to pursue a career in cosmetology. She enjoyed a twenty-year career as a beautician, operating the Rudyard Beauty Shoppe with partner Kathy Aspevig from 1973-1977. Sharon later worked at the Box Elder school as a behavior support specialist, then as an administrative assistant. She was later employed as an optometric assistant with Dr. Doug Safely and Dr. Larry Obie at the Havre Optometric Clinic. She also worked as a Princess House Crystal representative along the Hi-Line. Sharon, however, considered her primary vocation to be that of homemaker.

Sharon Johnson married Ronald Remick, also from the Oklee area, on June 30, 1960. They had two sons, Leigh and Jeff. The Remick family lived in several the Montana communities, including Townsend (1964-69), Conrad (1969-73), Rudyard (1973-77), Big Sandy (1977-82) and Havre (1982-84). Ron worked for Bank of Montana Systems. Leigh and Jeff both attended school in Rudyard and later graduated from Big Sandy. The couple divorced in 1984.

Sharon married Frank Barnes on November 21, 1986. Frank's three children—Katie, Tony and Steve—became her own. She helped Frank raise Katie, who graduated from Havre High School in 1988. The Barnes family made their home on Heritage Drive in Havre until 1993, when Frank retired from his position as the J.C. Penney store manager. They built a home on Maple Lake, Minnesota, near her beloved aunt and uncle, Mabel and Wm. (Bill) Seeger. In 1999, Sharon and Frank moved to Crookston, Minnesota, just down the street from her son Jeff, his wife Ingrid and their three children.

While living in Crookston, Sharon became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and an active participant in the church choir, Joanna-Naomi Circle and WELCA. She served as a board member of the Crookston Civic Music League and Artist

Series. She greatly enjoyed her friends in Agassiz Study Club. Sharon and Frank invested their retirement years together, immersed in Crookston community and school events; they especially loved Pirate athletics.

Throughout her life, Sharon was a committed member of the Lutheran church and active in several congregations: Our Savior Lutheran Church of Rudyard; Christ Lutheran Church of Big Sandy; and First Lutheran Church of Havre. Her strong will, resolve and energy as a volunteer served to benefit each community in which she lived.

Her greatest joy was her family. She was simply a loving wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. Her father died when she was just 14 years old; Sharon was a devoted daughter, caring for her mother for the next thirty years. Grandma Agnes lived with her in Conrad, Rudyard, Big Sandy and Havre.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Frank Barnes of Crookston; son, Leigh (Jamie Armstrong) Remick of Louisville, KY; son, Jeff (Ingrid) Remick of Crookston; daughter, Katie (Kenneth) Hoffman of Tampa, FL; son, Tony (Melissa) of Kent, WA; son, Steve (Teri) of Rupert, ID; grandchildren: Ryan, Kristin and Aaron Remick; Michael, Matthew and Mark Hoffman;

Jessica and Jennifer Barnes; Kolter and Landon Barnes; special uncle, Wm. (Bill) Seeger of Mentor, MN; cousin/"brother," Charles (Jani) Seeger of Fridley, MN; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her: father, Melvin Johnson (1956); mother, Agnes Johnson (1989); and special aunt, Mabel Seeger (1999).

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 5, 2007, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Crookston, with the Rev. William Reck officiating. Burial will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, north of Oklee.

Visitation will be held at 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 4, 2007, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. A 4:00 p.m. prayer service will be held. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the Monday church service.

NORMAN BEAUDRY
Born: June 30, 1917 – Died: April 26, 2007
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April 30, 2007

Norman Beaudry

LIBBY — Norman Beaudry, 89, of Libby, died of natural causes Thursday in Kalispell.



Beaudry

Mass of the Resurrection is 11 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby, with interment following in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Nelson & Vial Funeral Homes is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian Beaudry of Libby; his children Marlene Hill of Seattle, Norm Beaudry of Spokane, Dan Beaudry of Dracut, Mass., Cheryl LaRoque of Kalispell; Larry LaRoque of Williston, N.D., Gary Beaudry of Missoula and Bruce Beaudry of Hingham; sisters Clara LaRoque of Missoula and Veronica Irwin of Seattle; brothers Al Beaudry of Wenatchee, Wash., and Melvin Beaudry of Seattle; 23 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Born near Oswego, Mont., on June 30, 1917, to Daniel and Rose (Malatare) Beaudry. Norman was raised and educated in the

Oswego and Glasgow area. As a teen, he was in the Civil Corps in the St. Regis and Lolo area.

After his service, he worked on Fort Peck earth-filled dam. He was among the few survivors of the huge slide during construction, coming to safety two miles downstream.

He married Lillian LaRoque Feb. 27, 1951. A longtime employee of the Great Northern Railroad, Norm worked for 43 years mainly on lines from Glasgow to Minot, N.D., as a conductor. He retired in 1980.

He and his family resided in Williston, from 1963 until his retirement in 1980 when they came to the Libby area. Norm enjoyed living in the mountains where his passions for hunting and fishing were fulfilled. He also was a longtime member of the Libby Pool League and participated in many area pool tournaments.

He was preceded in death by sisters Lena Jarvis and Irene Hoff; brothers Pete, Tony and Neil Beaudry; an infant son, William; and a daughter, Lynn Bryant Beaudry in 2005.

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ALYCE N. (WARD) BECK
Born: Age: 89 – Died: November 8, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
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Alyce N. Beck

GLASGOW — Alyce N. (Ward) Beck, 89, a former beautician who farmed and ranched with her husband in the Baylor Community, died of natural causes Tuesday at a Glasgow hospital.

Her funeral is 10 a.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Glasgow, with burial in Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include a sister, Laura Etta Mlinar of Chester.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theo Beck, in 1986.

BRUCE JOSEPH BRANNON

Birth: December 8, 1957 – Death: June 25, 2007

Liberty County Times

July 11, 2007



Bruce Brannon

Bruce Joseph Brannon was born December 8, 1957 in Chester, Montana. He was the elder of two sons born to Chester school teachers, Helen (Ogden) Brannon and Joe Brannon. Bruce grew up in Chester and received his education there, graduating from Chester High School in 1976. In the years that followed he worked various jobs before continuing his schooling at Montana State University in Bozeman, where he graduated in 1983 with a degree in construction engineering.

Bruce accepted a position at the City of Great Falls, where he worked on new water lines and roads. A few years later he transferred to Elko, Nevada to work as a field engineer for Castrol Oil.

In 1993 Bruce moved to Pocatello, Idaho to start his own business, "Under Pressure",

which specialized in the installation of lubrication systems. Following the untimely death of his best friend and partner, Bruce sold the business in 2003. Since then he had worked various jobs in the Pocatello community.

Baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester, Bruce maintained a faithful spirit throughout his life.

He loved to travel and made several memorable trips to Alaska, Central America, and the 1988 Calgary Olympics. His prized possession was a 1983 Buick Grand-National sedan and he enjoyed attending old car shows. Bruce loved everything about the great outdoors and could often be found riding his B.M.W. motorcycle. He was also a "movie-buff," loved to cook, and was an avid fan of all professional sports.

His father, Joe Brannon, preceded him in death in 1983.

Bruce is survived by his mother, Helen Brannon of Chester; his brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Cathy Brannon of Antioch, California; 1 niece, Kelli; 2 nephews, Jared and Jacob; 1 uncle, Morton Ogden of Simms; 1 aunt, Lois Coons of Billings; and numerous cousins.

A memorial graveside service was conducted at 1:00 p.m. Friday (July 6th) at the Chester Cemetery by Father Domenico Pizzonia of Fort Benton.

Bruce's sister-in-law, Cathy, read the obituary. Special music by Marcus Jochim included "On Eagle's Wings" and "You Are Mine." Classmate, Dana Lalum, shared a memory and read a poem ("I'm Free"), and local classmates released helium balloons in remembrance of Bruce. A reception for family and friends followed at St. Mary's Church basement. Cremation and arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

ELSIE T. (CONARD) BROWN
Born: Age - 92 – Died: July 8, 2007
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July 11, 2007

Elsie T. Brown

LEWISTOWN — Elsie T. (Conard) Brown, 92, died of natural causes Sunday at her home in Lewistown.

Her funeral is 11 a.m. Saturday at Cloyd Funeral Chapel, with burial in Central Montana Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include her husband of 70 years, Francis "Brownie" Brown of Lewistown; children Thomas Brown of North Dakota, Elsie Jean Shammel of Lewistown, Richard B. Brown of Dillon and Clara Arlene Cripps of Chester; sisters Mary E. Grensten and Peggy Jenni of Lewistown; brothers Raymond Brown and Theodore H. "Ted" Brown of California; 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

JOHN OLIVER BROWN, SR.

Born: November 26, 1947 – Died: September 13, 2007

Great Falls Tribune

September 23, 2007

John Oliver Brown, Sr.

HAVRE — John Oliver Brown Sr., 59, of Havre, died Sept. 13 in an airplane crash in Washington.

Cremation has taken place, and his memorial service is 1 p.m. Friday at Van Orsdel United Methodist

Church in Havre, with burial in Highland Cemetery in Havre. A luncheon will follow at the church. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Brown; a daughter, Dana Anne Brown; sons John Oliver Brown Jr. and Travis Austin Brown, all of Havre; his mother, Wynne Mae Brown of Tyler, Texas; a sister and brother-in-law, Jan and Jack Brady of Houston; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Jayne Brown, of Tyler; and several nieces and nephews.

John was born Nov. 26, 1947, in Jacksonville, Texas, to John Burns and Wynne Mae (Moore) Brown. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1966, and attended Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas in Austin, where he received his bachelor's degree in business.



Brown

John began working in Montana with his father in the late 1960s in the oil and gas business. He met Sandra Lee Curfman and the couple wed Dec. 27, 1975, in Havre. Together, they worked and lived in Havre, raising their three children.

John was a very friendly and caring person who enjoyed working with people. His love for fishing, flying, boating and water or snow skiing was contagious. He enjoyed sharing his passion for these activities with everyone. John liked traveling for work, but most of all loved to be with his family and friends. John's beaming smile, sparkling eyes and vivacious laugh touched the hearts of those around him.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Burns Brown, in 1983.

Memorials in John's honor are suggested to Van Orsdel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be posted online at hollandbonine@mtintouch.net and/or gftribune.com/obituaries.

DONALD EDMOND CHEEK
Born: October 18, 1916 – Died: May 8, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
May 16, 2007

Donald Edmond Cheek

CONRAD — Donald Edmond Cheek, 90, of Conrad, a rancher, died of natural causes May 8 at a Conrad nursing home.

His memorial service is 3 p.m. Saturday at Pondera Valley Lutheran Church. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Pondera Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son, Armond (Joan) Cheek of Ledger; a daughter, Nadean (Ron) Proul of Swan Lake; sisters Exene Russell of Conrad and Violet White of Sun City, Ariz.; grandchildren Wanda (Keith) Wagner of Red Deer, Alberta, Gary Cheek of Cut Bank, Daryl (Lynn) Cheek of Helena, Ron (Leticia) Proul Jr. of Palos Verdes, Calif., Dawn (Curtis) Lembke of Kalispell, and Cathlyn (Peter) Ostrem of Glen Ridge, N.J.; 12 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Donald was born Oct. 18, 1916, the first of four children, at home on the family farm in Fowler.

He grew up on the family homestead in Liberty County, attended schools in Conrad and Ashmoor, and, because of the distance, he boarded out with families. Finally a school was built at North Pondera, closer to home (three miles). That was the year of the big blizzard in December 1928.



Cheek

Don, his brother and two neighbor boys set out from school in that storm, and they were having a hard time deciding which direction to go. The others wanted to go one direction, and Don insisted they head the other, guiding them safely home. In that same storm, two children got lost in the blizzard near Choteau and froze to death.

When it was time for high school, there was work to do on the farm and with the cattle, and a depression to get through, so he was unable to finish high school.

Horses were a big part of Don's life, in farming, running teams and tending the cattle. Everyday work was like a rodeo: breaking horses, herding cows, branding and occasionally riding to neighborhood card parties and dances. When he was 18, he and another neighbor herded a couple hundred head of cattle to the Gallata train to ship to Minneapolis to sell. They rode with the cattle to tend them and complete the sale; you can imagine the wide-eyed farm boys in a big city where they spent a couple of days.

Donald farmed the family farm and raised cattle until retirement, when they moved to Conrad and bought a home. They also enjoyed winters in Arizona, busy with square-dancing, church and camp socials. He and his wife, Ella, were the ever-present volunteers at Golden West Lutheran Church, in the community and at the Conrad Senior Center, doing whatever needed to be done. They'd pitch in and get it done. They took on a three-year project fundraising to help buy a new

Senior Surry. One of Don's highlights was serving on the volunteer guard for President Harry Truman when he came for the dedication of Tiber Dam.

Don also enjoyed his many years as brand inspector, and he said it never paid much, if anything, but he was served many fine meals at the ranches where he was inspecting the cattle. He also taught "55 Alive" safe driver courses. In 1996, Don and Ella were voted "Senior Citizen Volunteers of the Year" for Pondera County. Don loved gardening and enjoyed sharing his bounty. His kind smile and quiet ways will be missed by everyone.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ella, just one month ago; his parents, E.G. Cheek and Bertha Duncan Cheek; a brother, Marvin Cheek; and a grandson, Steven Proul.

Memorials are suggested to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch at Billings, The Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp or the giver's favorite charity.

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ELLA MARGARET (JOHNSON) CHEEK
Born: September 19, 1921 – Died: April 7, 2007
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April 11, 2007

Margaret Cheek

CONRAD — Ella Margaret (Johnson) Cheek, 85, of Conrad, a homemaker, died of natural causes Saturday at a Conrad extended-care facility.



Cheek

Her memorial service is 3 p.m. Saturday at Pondera Valley Lutheran Church. Pondera Funeral Home

is handling arrangements.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Donald Cheek, of Conrad; a son, Armond (Joan) Cheek of Ledger; a daughter, Nadean (Ron) Proul of Swan Lake; sisters Helen Bicsak and Betty (Bud) Quickenden, both of Great Falls, and Dorothy (Marvin) Hallas of Alberton; grandchildren Wanda and Keith Wagner of Red Deer, Alberta, Gary Cheek of Cut Bank, Daryl and Lynn Cheek of Helena, Ron Jr. and Leticia Proul of Palos Verdes, Calif., Daun and Curt Lembke of Kalispell, and Cathlyn and Peter Ostrem of Glen Ridge, N.J.; 12 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Arthur Johnson, during World War II; and a grandson, Steven Proul.

Ella was born Sept. 19, 1921, to Oscar and Matilda Johnson in Portage near Teton River. She grew up on a farm in the Knees community, attended grade school at the Knees school and then Great Falls High School. She was the second of five children from a happy and loving farm family who toughed out the Great Depression. On their homestead, they entertained themselves picnicking, swimming and playing games with family and friends.

Ella married Don Cheek in 1939 and lived and farmed on his family homestead on Pondera Creek. They had a son, Armond, and daughter, Nadean. Ella was an excellent homemaker and an exceptional cook. She was an accomplished seamstress and a loving mother. For a time, she worked at Valentine Style Shop in Conrad during the winters.

She loved gardening and flowers, playing bridge, sewing, square-dancing, camping and her grandchildren. She gave much of her time and talents to her church, community and the senior center and was named Senior Citizen of the Year. She and Don enjoyed winters in Arizona for many years.

Memorials are suggested to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

Condolences may be sent online to greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

JAMES E. 'JIM' CUSHING
Birth: Age: 81 - Death: November 22, 2007
Liberty County Times
December 19, 2007

James E. Cushing

"Jim" Cushing was the second child born to Raymond and Elizabeth Cushing in Chester, MT. He passed away in Seattle on November 22, 2007 at the age of 81. After his early education in rural Liberty County schools and Chester High School he worked at the Boeing Aircraft Factory until beginning military service.

Jim proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1944 - 1946 as a forward artillery observer in the South Pacific. After the Japanese surrender he served with the occupation troops in Japan. He was a Life Member of the VFW Skyway Post 9430, Seattle, WA and enjoyed a friendly conversation with many old friends there. After his military service, Jim became an expert machinist making aircraft instruments.

He worked with the same company until retiring in 1991 as supervisor of the plant. He resumed working there again in 2001 and was still doing so 20 hours per week until his death.

He was an excellent caregiver to his wife and a loving father to his daughters. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and older brother Thomas. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jacqueline of Seattle, WA;

daughters, Penny Cushing of Bullhead City, AZ and Gail Thomas (George) of Gig Harbor, WA; brothers, Robert (Marlene) of Billings, MT and David (Ellen) Billings, MT; sisters, Betty Nickol (John) Ledger, MT; Rose Campbell (Tim), Chester, MT; Pat Seibert, Great Falls, MT; 6 grandchildren and countless friends.

Cremation arrangements were by Greenwood Funeral Home in Renton. Military Funeral Honors were performed at Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, WA by members of Veterans Service Organizations and a Military Honor Guard on Monday, December 3, 2007 at 12:30 pm.

MARLYS ELIZABETH (ROLSTON) DANELL

Born: Age: 88 – Died: September 3, 2007

Great Falls Tribune

September 5, 2007

Marlys Elizabeth Danell

HAVRE — Marlys Elizabeth (Rolston) Danell, 88, a Havre



Danell

native currently residing in Lewistown, died of natural causes Monday at a Great Falls hospital.

Visitation is 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Holland and Bonine

Funeral Home in Havre. Her funeral is 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, with burial in Highland Cemetery. A fellowship lunch will be held at the church after the burial.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Donald A. Danell of Lewistown; children, Jim Danell of Whitefish, Barbara DeLange of Rexford, Jeanne Smeins of Great Falls, Dolores Haglund of Brockway and Linda Spaulding and Donald Danell of Lewistown; a brother, Wilber Rolston of Kremlin; 15 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

JANE ANN DEPUYDT
Birth: October 30, 1963 – Death: December 1, 2007
Liberty County Times
December 5, 2007

Jane Depuydt

Jane Ann Depuydt, age 44, of Chester, MT died Saturday, December 1st as a result of liver failure at Benefis East Hospital in Great Falls. Jane was born October 30, 1963 in Malta, MT to Leo and Shirley Depuydt. She graduated as Valedictorian from Whitewater High School in 1981. She attended MSU Bozeman and NMC Havre. She worked for the Farm Service Agency for many years. She enjoyed her work and traveling with her job writing and testing computer programs. She received several national awards from the Farm Service Agency. She also enjoyed her work at the Liberty County Senior Citizens Center. Her favorite things were spending time on the beach at Ocean Shores, WA, spending time in both

Yellowstone and Glacier Parks, collecting antiques as inspired by her mother and she loved the color purple.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Shirley Depuydt, and grandparents, Dan and Margaret Depuydt and Charles and Arella Crum.

She is survived by her companion, John Downy; her father, Leo Depuydt of the Hi-Line Retirement Center; her brothers, John and Evelyn Depuydt of Saco, Joe and Jeanette Depuydt of Malta; sister, Jean Depuydt of Glasgow; nieces, Ashley Douglas, Tayla (Lance) Murphy, Jena and Jaci Depuydt; nephew, Jerck (Kellie) Depuydt; great niece, Taylor Murphy; aunts, Alice and Jim Motichka of Kalispell, Margaret Westhoff of Lewistown; uncle, Louis and

Helen Depuydt of Saco. Several cousins and very special friends Inez and Rod Keith of Chester.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 am, Saturday, December 8th at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Malta. Memorials may be sent to The Gift of Life Family Housing, c/o Benefis Healthcare Foundation, P.O. Box 7008, Great Falls, MT 59406.



HUGH DeWINTER, JR.
Born: Age: 60 – Died: January 21, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
January 24, 2007

Hugh DeWinter Jr.

HAVRE — Havre native and former Big Sandy, Helena, Shelby, Townsend, Choteau and Conrad resident Hugh DeWinter, 60, a Navy veteran, former newspaper graphics designer, security officer and armored express courier, died of



DeWinter



natural causes Sunday at his home in Havre.

His memorial service is 1 p.m. Friday at Holland & Bonine Funeral Home chapel in Havre, followed by a fellowship luncheon at the V.F.W.

Survivors include his wife, Earlene DeWinter of Havre; daughters Misty Perkins of Kenai, Alaska, and Brandy Thielman of Chester; a stepdaughter, Dawn Erickson of Havre; a stepson, Jeremy Erickson of Great Falls; sisters Bernice Tingley of Huron, S.D., and Carole Tichner of Virginia City; and two stepgrandsons.

ROSE DELORES (DICKMAN) DIEKHANS
Born: October 12 1917 – Died: November 10, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
December 16, 2007

Rose Delores Diekhans



Diekhans, 1970

FORT BENTON — Rose Delores (Dickman) Diekhans, 90, a longtime Shonkin area and Chouteau County resident, died of natural causes

Thursday at a Great Falls hospital. Visitation is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday at Benton Funeral Home in Fort Benton. A vigil service is 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Funeral Liturgy is 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Rose is survived by daughters Anne (Duane) Jaynes of Thayer, Kan., Rosita (Jim) Moe of Hammond, Mont., and Celeste (Harold) Goldhahn of Fort Benton; sons Rev. Joe Diekhans of Chester, Bernard (Wanda) Diekhans of Fort Benton and John A. Diekhans and special friend, Patti Shaw of Fort Benton. Rose was blessed with 21 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Rose was born Oct. 12, 1917, into what Tom Brokaw described so well in his book, "The Greatest Generation," on a farm in Mapleton, Iowa, to William J. and Mary Elizabeth (Schulte) Dickman, the seventh of eight siblings. She received her schooling in Iowa and worked for other farm families until 1935, when her sister Helen married Aloys Diekhans of Fort Benton. Rose hitched a ride with them back to Fort Benton, where she had another sister, Mary, who needed help on her farm. There she met Aloys' brother, Joe, and on April 28, 1936, they married. They raised six children throughout their 65 years of marriage, acquired farm and ranch interests in Shonkin and Fort Benton and Woodbury, Iowa.

Her husband, Joseph Diekhans, passed away June 24, 2001.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; her seven brothers and sisters; and one grandson.

She was the last of her generation and she was great. Rest in peace Mom, Grandma, Aunt and Friend!

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

WALTER ALLEN ELLIOTT
Born: Age: 90 – Died: September 16, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
September 21, 2007

Walter Allen Elliott

MISSOULA — Former Lewistown resident Walter Allen Elliott, 90, a World War II Navy veteran, died of complications from a stroke Sunday at a Missoula hospital.

His memorial service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Lewistown United Methodist Church, with a luncheon to follow. Burial with military honors by Lewistown American Legion Post No. 16 is in the veterans' section of Lewistown City Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is handling arrangements.



Elliott

Survivors include sons Thomas Allen of Polson and Missoula, Douglas Charles (Nancy) of Richland, Wash., and Kenneth Marvin (Sandi MacFadden) of Boise, Idaho; daughters Martha Jane (Richard Thielges) of Helena and Mary Alice (Bart Taylor) of Boise; 10 grandchildren, Geoffrey, Matthew (Jessica) and Christopher Elliott, David, Olivia and Dustin MacFadden-Elliott, John and Kate Thielges, and Luke and Jacob Taylor; a brother, John Elliott (Margaret) of Milwaukee; sisters Alice Treat of Billings and Eva Carstensen of Portland, Ore.; a brother-in-law, Bruce Anderson of West St. Paul, Minn.; and many nieces and nephews.

Walter was born in a sod house on his parent's homestead in the Goosebill area, and then raised in Fort Benton after the family moved into town. He graduated from high school there with the Class of 1934. Following a couple years working for Les Olson's Ford dealership, he attended Montana State University, now the University of Montana, and attained a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1941.

He was attending law school when World War II began, and he enlisted in the Naval Reserve officer training program. He served in the U.S. Navy as a navigator in the South Pacific on the USS Crosby and achieved the rank of lieutenant. While he was training for military service at Ohio State University, he met Phyllis M. Daughters. They were married July 30, 1945, in Columbus, Ohio, when he returned from overseas.

Following the war, they moved to Great Falls, where he was employed by Bison Ford for nine years. In 1954, he established Lewistown Motors Inc., in association with Bob Daniels. He retired in 1979, after being in business for 25 years, and continued living in Lewistown until this past June, when he moved to Missoula to be closer to his children and his favored Griz teams.

Walter was a member of Friendship Masonic Lodge No. 139 in Lewistown; a member of Lewistown United Methodist Church, where he served for many years on the finance committee and chaired the fundraising committee for the present church building; a member of the Lewistown Elks; Lewistown American Legion Post No. 16; past president of the Central Montana Chamber of Commerce; past president of the Lewistown Rotary Club; and past district director of the Montana Auto Dealers Association. He also served on the Fergus County High School Board, the Yogo Inn Board, St. Joseph's Hospital Board, Boy Scout Troop No. 60 Committee and the Fergus County Highway Committee, where he worked on several road improvement projects. To help promote his alma mater, he served for several years as a Lewistown delegate to the University of Montana Alumni Association and University "Council of 50."

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis in 2004; his parents, Allen Leslie Elliott and Angela Theresa (Haakensen) Elliott; a sister, Myrtle Anderson; a brother, Vic Elliott; and two nephews.

Memorials are suggested to Lewistown United Methodist Church, the Central Montana BSA Camp Kendall Development Fund, the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, the University of Montana Foundation or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

HUBERT FREDERICK ELLWEIN
Born: November 11, 1925 – Died: April 11, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
April 15, 2007

Hubert Ellwein

World War II Navy Armed Guard veteran Hubert Ellwein, 81, of 4010 6th Ave. S., a former game range manager for the state of Montana, died of natural causes Wednesday at a local care facility.



Ellwein



Funeral Liturgy is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 200 44th St. S. Burial will take place in Fort Harrison Veterans Cemetery at a later date. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Ellwein of Great Falls; daughters Diana (Bill) Hamilton of Great Falls, Ann (Barry) Van Dessel of Joplin and Janice (Larry) Elings of Dupyer; a brother, Lee Ellwein of Chewelah, Wash.; six grandchildren, Travis (Lisa) and Cody Elings, Ryan Van Dessel, Heather (Jason) Nimnick, B.J. (Becky) Hamilton and Kelly (Tom) McAvoy; and four great-grandchildren.

Hubert Frederick Ellwein was born Nov. 11, 1925, in Zeeland,

N.D., to Sarah (Ochsner) and John Ellwein and raised in Missoula. He served in the Navy Armed Guard during WWII in the South Pacific and was wounded when a Kamakazie bomber struck his ship. He received a Purple Heart.

He worked as a barber in Sunnyside, Wash., after attending Kinmon Barber School in Spokane. In addition to being a barber, he was also a farmer and worked construction before going to work for the parks division of the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, where he was a game range manager on the Beartooth Game Range, retiring in June 1989.

He enjoyed boxing and was a Pacific Northwest Golden Glove champion for three years running (1947, '48, '49) in the light heavy-weight division. He enjoyed taxidermy, fishing, hunting, raising horses, gardening, flowers, painting, photography and his grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Harold and Rolland; and a sister, Elnore.

Memorials are suggested to the VA Liberty House, 1215 11th Ave. S., Helena, MT 59601.

Condolences may be sent online to schniderfuneralhome.com and/or greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

DR. ROBERT EDWARD JOSEPH ELSBURY
Birth: February 10, 1967 – Death: August 26, 2007
Liberty County Times
September 5, 2007



***Dr. Robert Edward
Joseph Elsbury***

Dr. Robert Edward Joseph Elsbury, age 40, of Miles City, Montana, passed away on Sunday, August 26, 2007, as a result of an automobile accident there.

Robert was born in Litchfield, Illinois on February 10, 1967, the son of Robert F. and Sue Ellen (Starcevich) Elsbury. He attended grade school and graduated from Sherrard High School in Sherrard, IL in 1985. During his undergraduate work at Southern Illinois University, he spent semesters in France and in Mexico, becoming fluent in both languages. Robert then graduated from the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri, after which he interned at several hospitals in Chicago. After completing his internship, he moved to Montana, practicing in Scobey, Anaconda, Chester and Wolf Point before moving

to Miles City.

Robert loved to hunt and fish and to spend time with his dogs. But the light and loves of his life were his two daughters.

Also left to mourn are his mother, Sue Ellen (Pierre) Leroy of Scottsdale, AZ; his grandmothers: Gail Elsbury, Rock Island, IL, and Elizabeth Starcevich, Springfield, IL; brothers: Michael (Rhonda) Elsbury and Robert (Rita) Elsbury, both of Sherrard, IL; sisters: Michelle Elsbury, Manama, Bahrain; Kristin (Carlos) Agosti, Sherman Oaks, CA; Faythe (Tonnie) Farwell of Rock Island, IL.

Visitation was held on Thursday, August 30, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 31, at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

Condolences and memories may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com <<http://www.stevensonandsons.com>>. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sherrard High School Booster Club, Sherrard, IL 61281 in Dr. Elsbury's name.

RODNEY PAUL 'ROD' EVELAND
Birth: March 27, 1944 - Death: May 8, 2007
Liberty County Times
May 16, 2007

Rod Eveland

Funeral service for Rodney Paul "Rod" Eveland, age 63, of Gillette, Wyoming were at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 12, 2007 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Gillette with Pastor Scott Firminhac officiating. Burial will follow in the Gillette-Mount Pisgah Cemetery with full military honors provided by the American Legion Post #42. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 11, 2007 at the Trinity Lutheran Church.

With his family at his side Rodney Paul Eveland died Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at the Campbell Count Memorial Hospital from cancer. Rod was born March 27, 1944 the son of Gladys M. (Stipp) Bonneville and Richard P. Eveland in Chester, Montana. Rod was raised and educated in the Chester, Montana area and graduated high school in 1962. In the fall of 1962 Rod enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Oceanographic Unit during the "Cold War." Rod served for six years and earned the rank of (E-5) before his honorable discharge in 1968. While in the U.S. Navy Rod was assigned to the USNS Dutton and served as a Navigation Systems technician establishing one of the first GPS systems, was an excellent computer diagnostician. He received the National Defense Service Medal and a commendation for his service. Rod married La Vonne Kathleen Schmiede on April 17, 1971 in Zimmerman,

Minnesota; they were married for 36 years. Rod and La Vonne had two children Mark and Rachel. Rod joined IBM in February of 1967 with a short jaunt at a subsidiary of IBM, "Technology Services Solutions" until his death; he worked for them for forty plus years. Rod and his family resided in several U.S. states before making Gillette, Wyoming their home in 1985. Rod loved to garden and he especially loved fruit trees. He enjoyed his tropical fish, he liked birds and photography and loved to shop and use computers. Playing Bridge and other card games with his family and friends was his pastime that he took seriously and applied his sense of strategy. He loved to work on the cross word puzzles in the newspaper, spending many Sundays at LuLu Belle's Café engaging the employee's to help. Rod was a people person. He liked to write editorials, practicing his writing and voicing his opinions. Remember the "Samson and Delilah Debate"? He was published in a gardening magazine, Pamona, The News Record, Denver Post, Great Falls Times, Timber Press, Bozeman, Casper Star Tribune and the Billings Gazette. Rod joined Toastmasters in April of 1987 he held the position of President, Secretary, Sergeant at Arms, Vice President of Public Relations and Vice President of Education. He became a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in September, 1985. He served the church as an usher and was on the building committee, was an evangelist chair, did computers maintenance with his friend Swede

Heimgartner they would do many anonymous deed of kindness. Rod had a great sense of humor that has carried him through his lifetime and through his illness. Rod was devoted to his family, church and community, always trying to make things better than they were.

Rod is survived by his wife La Vonne, his children Mark Eveland, of Gillette, Wyoming; Rachel (Eveland)Eldeen, of Billings, Montana; his son-in-law Heath Eldeen of Billings, Montana; his mother Gladys Bonneville of Lafayette, Oregon; his brother Gary Eveland of Lafayette, Oregon; his sister Stephen Bonneville of Astoria, Oregon and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Richard Eveland; step mother Ester Eveland; step father Ivan Bonneville and his mother-in-law Dorcus Bonneville Schmiede.

Memorials and Condolences may be sent in Rod's name in care of Walker Funeral Home, 410 Medical Arts Court, Gillette, Wyoming, 82716 or via the internet at www.walkerfuneral-gillette.com.

SHIRLEY A. (LUNDQUIST) FERRIS
Born: September 21, 1931 – Died: February 2, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
February 6, 2007

Shirley A. Ferris

STEVENSVILLE — Great Falls native Shirley A. Ferris, 75, of Stevensville, who enjoyed spending time with her family, died of natural causes Friday at a Missoula hospital.

Her memorial service will be 4 p.m. Saturday at the Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville. A reception will follow at the United Methodist Church in Stevensville. Whitesitt Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Ferris of Stevensville; daughters Brooke (Chuck) Florence of Missoula, Lael (Todd) Humble of Great Falls; a son, Blake Ferris of Great Falls; a brother, Phillip Lundquist of Fort Shaw; and a granddaughter Parker Raeanne.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Richard Lundquist.

Shirley was born on Sept. 21, 1931, in Great Falls to Rudolph E. and Viola (Miner) Lundquist. The family lived in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Ruyard and Shelby before returning to Great Falls. Shirley graduated from Great Falls High School and the College of Great Falls.

She worked as a bookkeeper for CQ Radio Shack, the Great Falls PCA and Federal Land Bank Association, Wolahan's Distributing and the Bitterroot Star.

Shirley was happiest spending time with her family. Aside from that, she loved working on genealogy, either on her own family or helping someone find their roots.

She served 17 years as historian of the Montana Society of Mayflower Descendants. During that time, she helped many find their lineage back to the Mayflower. She felt that that being a Mayflower descendant was a bonus. Genealogy, even beyond Pilgrim times, was "the thing" to her.

Shirley also had a passion for popular songs from the 1930s and 1940s. She knew the words to almost every tune written during this time, and it was nearly impossible to stump her on song titles or melodies from this period.

Memorials are suggested to the Arthritis Foundation, Rocky Mountain Chapter, 2280 S Albion Street, Denver, CO 80222-4906.

Condolences may be sent online to greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

ROBERT THOR FORSETH
Born: June 6, 1935 – Died: January 16, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
January 17, 2007

Robert Thor Forseth

Robert Thor Forseth, 71, of 105 32 Ave. N.E., a local farmer and construction worker, died of prostate cancer Tuesday at a local nursing home.



Forseth

His memorial service is 2 p.m. Friday at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Schnider Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Janice Forseth of Great Falls; daughters Roberta (Joe) Shupe of Harlem, Mont., Brenda (Mark) Cleven of Pullman, Wash., and Jill Forseth (Brad Borst) of Helena; sons Chris (Janine) Forseth of Priest River, Idaho, Clinton (RaeAnn) Forseth of Helena and Thor Forseth of Cheyenne, Wyo.; a sister, Evelyn Sutton of Kalispell, Mont.; a brother, Clifton (Judy) Forseth of Peoria, Ill.; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Robert was born June 6, 1935, to Sigurd and Edith Forseth, in Shelby, Mont., and was raised in East Butte and Sweet Grass Hills. Robert graduated from Shelby High School and also attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., for one year. He farmed in Harlem and Fairfield, and also operated Forseth Construction and worked around Fairfield and Helena.

He was an active member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Galata and Harlem school boards and Helena Building Industry Association.

Some of his hobbies were stained glass, gardening and golf.

Condolences may be sent online to schniderfuneralhome.com and/or greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

JOSEPH LOUIS 'JOE' GAGNON

Birth: March 19, 1922 – Death: October 18, 2007

Liberty County Times

October 31, 2007



Joe Gagnon

Joseph Louis ("Joe") Gagnon was born March 19, 1922 at Chester, Montana. He was one of nine children born to Louis and Elise (Hamel) Gagnon. Joe was raised on the family homestead 9 miles south of town and received his education in Chester, where he graduated from C.H.S. in 1941.

During the outbreak of World War II, Joe went to Los Angeles, California to work in an aircraft factory. While there he was inducted into the U. S. Army Air Corps. He was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, NV, where he worked in the Provost Marshall's office. Joe attained the rank of Corporal during his 4-year military stint and earned his honorable discharge in 1946.

He returned to the family farm in Montana. Initially, the four Gagnon brothers farmed together and acquired additional farmland in the years that followed. Eventually they divided their interests and began farming on their own. However, Joe and brother Narciss continued their partnership throughout the years. In addition to their Chester farm, they ran a farming operation at Counsel, Sask., Canada for many years.

While visiting relatives in Minnesota in 1947, Joe met his wife-to-be, Rose Brule. They were married on November 3, 1948. They made their home on the Gagnon farm south of Chester where they raised their two sons. They had been married almost 25 years when Rose was killed in a car-accident on May 28, 1973.

Joe remained busy in the community. He had good carpentry skills, so he would buy old homes in need of repair. After the remodeling was complete, he would offer the home for sale or rent, then start a new project. He enjoyed buying and selling real estate and eventually earned his Broker's license and worked as a parttime R.E. agent in Chester and Canada for many years.

Joe's second wife was a neighbor friend and widow, Phyllis Good. They were married on June 9, 1976. Joe enjoyed his new extended family, Phyllis' children and grandchildren. Joe and Phyllis continued to live and work in the Chester community, but also enjoyed many winters as "snowbirds" in southern California.

When Joe's health began to fail in 2005, he moved to the Wheat Country Estates (assisted-living facility). In the spring of 2006 he transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home, where he lived until his death on Thursday evening (October 18, 2007). He was 85 years old.

Joe was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith and was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. He was active in the

Knights of Columbus and had attained the status as a 4th degree knight. He also enjoyed attending church cursillos.

Joe's other memberships included the American Legion, V.F.W., and Eagles Lodge. Of interest was the fact that Joe earned his private pilot's license at the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Oklahoma in 1947 and did some casual flying in Montana in the late 1940's and early 1950's.

Joe loved to go fishing, especially with the grandkids. He enjoyed the music of Lawrence Welk and he loved to dance. To pass the time, Joe attended many garage sales during their winter stays in California. He enjoyed his collection of antiques and old coins. He also liked to play cards, but wasn't much of a gambler (in fact, he comically referred to Las Vegas as "Lost Wages"). Probably Joe's greatest enjoyment was simply visiting with family and friends; he never tired of it. He loved people and was a very caring and giving friend...

Joe was preceded in death not only by his first wife and his parents, but also by his oldest son (Tony in 1992), 4 brothers (Francis, Narciss, and infants Leon & George), and 3 sisters (Jeanne Hull, Rose Boucher, and Erma Riecke).

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Phyllis Gagnon of Chester; his son, Lyle (Rosalie) Gagnon of Seattle, WA.; his grandson, Cody Gagnon of Seattle; 4 step-children, Janet Saxton of Chester, Garth Good of Chester, Gail Good of Kalispell, and Corinne Hill of

Great Falls; 10 step-grandchildren; 1 brother, Ernest Gagnon of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces.

A memorial service was held at the L.C.N.H. on Tuesday

(Oct. 23rd) for residents and staff. This service was conducted by Carol Bangs and Jennifer Rideout.

Rosary Prayers were offered by Father Joseph Diekhans at 7:00 p.m. Friday (Oct. 26th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Joe at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Oct. 27th) at the church. Vocalist, Corinne Hill, performed "Amazing Grace". Mass music by St. Mary's choir included "Valleys of Green", "Parable", "Ave Maria", and "On Eagle's Wings", accompanied by pianist, Marie Woods. Ushers were Don Hull and Andrew Campros. Altar server was Ken Osterman. Lectors were Maurice Brule and Mary Fritz. Communion gifts were presented by Stuart and Carolyn Rudi. The eulogy was shared by Stuart Rudi. Pallbearers were Ken Gagnon, Tom Osterman, Leo Brule, Garth Good, Chuck Saxton, and Richard Maygra.

Honorary bearers were Ernest and Lee Gagnon. Burial followed at the Chester Cemetery, where Tom Osterman made the military flag presentation. A luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

ANGELYN H. (HALVERSON) MILLS GERNAAT

Born: February 5, 1919 – Died: May 23, 2007

Great Falls Tribune

May 30, 2007

Angelyn H. Gernaat

Angelyn H. (Halverson) Mills Gernaat, 88, of 3843 Vigilante Drive, a retired teacher, died of complications from



Gernaat

Alzheimer's disease Monday at a local care facility.

Her memorial service is 2 p.m. Thursday at Bethel Lutheran Church. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, William Gernaat of Great Falls; sons Kenneth Mills of Sun Valley, Nev., and Vernon Mills of Missoula; a stepson, William C. (Mary) Gernaat of Great Falls; a stepdaughter, Ruth (Cliff) Paulsen of Conrad; eight step-grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Angelyn H. Gernaat was born Feb. 5, 1919, in Galata to John and Hilma Halverson. She was raised in Galata and Conrad,

graduating from Conrad High School. She received a bachelor of arts in elementary education from Pacific Lutheran College.

She married Charles Mills in Conrad in 1941, and they later divorced. She married William Gernaat in 1982 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Angelyn taught elementary school for a total of 27 years, beginning at Liberty County School northeast of Conrad, in Helena and finally at Morning-side School in Great Falls.

She was a member of the Great Falls Retired Teachers Association and Bethel Lutheran Church. She enjoyed dancing and playing cards.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Mills; three brothers, Allen Halverson, Herman Halverson and Wallace Halverson; a sister, Louise Halverson Gernaat; a niece, Carol Gernaat; a stepdaughter, Blanche Merrill; and her parents.

Condolences may be sent online to schniderfuneralhome.com and/or greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

GLEN G. 'BUTCH' GIFFORD
Birth: July 18, 1934 – Death: September 21, 2007
Liberty County Times
September 26, 2007



Butch Gifford

Glen G. "Butch" Gifford, 73, of Havre, an agricultural salesman and Army veteran, died of cancer Friday, September 21, 2007, at Peace Hospice in Great Falls.

His memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church, 625 4th Ave. in Havre on Saturday, September 29, 2007, at 11 a.m. Schneider Funeral Home of Great Falls is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Gifford of Havre; sons Thadd (Dar) Gifford of Great Falls; Bryan (Ruth) Gifford and Curtis (Dede) Gifford, both of Billings; a daughter, Glenda (Joel) Clum of Great Falls; his stepfamily, Gayle (Dennis) Keller, Chuck (Jaime) McIntosh and Mike McIntosh, all of Havre; brothers Russell Gifford of Beverly Hills, FL, and George Gifford of Sugarland, TX; sisters Susan Brown of Chester and Carrie Harmon of Bellevue, WA; 14 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and three step-great grandchildren.

Glen G. "Butch" Gifford was

born July 18, 1934, in Minot, ND, to Ione (Hansen) and Olen D. Gifford. He graduated from Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls, MN, in 1953. From 1953 to 1956 Butch worked as a brakeman on freight and passenger trains on Soo Line Railroad.

He married Nancy Berg on June 1, 1956; she died in April 1999. He married Jean McIntosh in September 1999.

He was drafted into the Army in 1956 and served at Fort Riley, KS, for three years as a dental technician before being honorably discharged in 1959.

He moved to Chester, MT, and worked for his brother at O.D.'s Market, then managed Hingham Motors for three years. He became a farm equipment salesman for Marias Equipment for five years, then Foster Manufacturing in Madras, OR, before going to work at Killion-Moore in Great Falls for 21 years. He delivered trucks for ITB in Brady until retiring in 2005.

Butch spent his entire life hunting, fishing and camping with his children and family. He enjoyed woodworking and built many beautiful pieces of furniture and wall decorations for all his family.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Nancy; his parents; three brothers, Wally, Bud and O.D.; and a sister, Myra Sitch.

Memorials are suggested to the Gift of Life Housing, c/o Benefis Healthcare Foundation, PO Box 7008, Great Falls, MT 59406-7008, or Peace Hospice of Montana, 2600 15th Ave. S.,

Great Falls, MT 59405.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.schneiderfuneralhome.com.

HILDA MYRTLE (CRAMER) GUMMER

Birth: April 8, 1918 - Death: December 4, 2007

Liberty County Times

December 12, 2007



Hilda Myrtle Gummer

Hilda Gummer, 89, a longtime Chester resident, passed away on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 after a brief stay at Brendan House Nursing Home in Kalispell, Montana.

Hilda was born April 8, 1918 in Chester, MT, to Jane (Vielleux) and Charles Cramer. She attended elementary school in Lothair and graduated from Chester High School in 1936. She enjoyed several trips with her mother and stepfather, Pete Smith, until 1939, at which time she attended Northern Montana College.

Hilda met her husband, Donovan from Gildford and they married July 19, 1941. Donovan worked on the Great Northern Railroad for 6 years. In 1948 they moved to Chester where Hilda lived until the summer of 2000 when she moved to the Flathead Valley.

She and Don were very active in their children's lives attending all activities they participated in. She was also involved in the PTA while the children were in school.

She and Don enjoyed bowling and golfing together for many years. Hilda loved to garden and she took great pride in her flowers. At the age of 89 she still had flowers in her front yard.

Hilda was active in the Methodist Church in Chester singing in the choir with Sharon and Michelle for many years and working with the Methodist Women's Group.

A few years after Donovan passed away, Hilda moved to the Flathead Valley where she lived in Columbia Falls for a brief time then moved to Lakeside, where she fulfilled her life. She loved quilting, gardening, and spending time with the kids and grandkids.

In her later years she enjoyed boat trips on Flathead Lake with daughter Jackie and son-in-law Randy. She loved to watch the Seattle Mariners baseball games and was always so excited to look at the Christmas lights this time of year.

Survivors include daughters; Sharon Shepard (Dennis) of Phoenix, AZ; daughter, Michelle (B.J.) Oswood of Great Falls, MT; son, Tom (Ilene) Gummer of Billings, MT; daughter, Donise (Jim) Haddock of Dayton, MT; and daughter, Jackie (Randy) Norbenberg of Somers. Also surviving are grandchildren, Jeff and Ricky Shepard, Brett and Brian Oswood, Brock Gummer, Kristie Nelson, Darin Haddock and Angeleka Stovall-Findlay, and Chantell and Clint Norenberg as well as 11 great grandchildren.

Memorial services were at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at the United Methodist Church in Chester with burial of ashes to follow in Chester Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel of Shelby is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at <http://www.whittedfuneralchapel.com/>

DENNIS JAY GUNDERSON
Birth: January 15, 1945 – Death: May 16, 2007
Liberty County Times
June 20, 2007



Dennis Gunderson

Dennis Jay Gunderson, 62, of Chester, MT, passed away May 16, 2007 in Manila, Philippines. Born January 15, 1945, in Great Falls, MT, he was the son of the late Douglas Gunderson and Josephine Plank Gunderson. He attended elementary school at Bear's Den, graduated Valedictorian from Joplin High School (1962) and graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in History from Montana State University (1967).

Raised on the family farm north of Chester, he was a son of the soil.

Following University he taught history, economics, and typing at Monroe Senior High School, Monroe, WA. He returned to the family farm in 1969.

He was called to full time ministry in 1974 which led him throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada, Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Nigeria,

Thailand and finally to the Philippines in 1987. He founded "the little children's home" in Manila in 1991 and continued to serve the children until his death. He was a man of humor, love of music and passion for the children. He was a cool man.

He is survived by his wife Jeri Keye Huffman Gunderson, son Daniel Gunderson and wife, Teresa, grandson Gabriel; daughter Sara Gunderson; daughter Deborah Gunderson Gustafson and husband, Darren, grandsons Aubrey and Auden; son Joel Gray Gunderson and wife, Jena, grandchild to be; daughter Mary Gunderson; son Paul Gunderson. Brother Dale Gunderson and wife, Lanea; sister Judy Gunderson; brother Leonard Gunderson and wife, Katheryn; brother-in-law Kevin O'Neil. He is also survived by nieces Vicki Gunderson Weimer, Whitney Gunderson Wright and Stacie Gunderson Mason, nephews Randy Gunderson, Darryn Gunderson, Chad Gunderson, Ryan Gunderson, Scott Gunderson and Joshua O'Neil, uncle and aunt, Fred and Ruth Plank Barrett; aunt Mary Plank Mattson, and cousins Carolyn Barrett Dolderer, Don Gunderson, Gail McClellan Kaiakamanu, Gloria McClellan Thorson, Carl Mattson, Jodi

Mattson.

He was preceded in death by his sister Robin Gunderson O'Neil, niece Valerie Gunderson, cousin Monte Barrett, aunt and uncle Esther Gunderson McClellan and Ed McClellan, and uncles Eddie Gunderson and George Mattson.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m., Saturday, June 30th, 2007 at the Church On the Rock in Sunburst, MT and 1:30 p.m., Monday, July 2nd, 2007 at the Assembly of God Church in Chester, MT.

ARLENE (RUNNESTRAND) HAGEN

Birth: December 12, 1927 – Death: November 14, 2007

Liberty County Times
November 21, 2007



Arlene Hagen

Arlene Hagen, age 79, a retired Chester area cook, died on Wednesday morning (November 14, 2007) from complications of pneumonia at the Marias Medical Center in Shelby, MT.

Arlene was born December 12, 1927 at Kratka Township, Pennington County, Minnesota. She was one of eleven children born to Clara Troness and Henry Runnestrand. Arlene was baptized at home by Rev. E. O. Sabo and was confirmed at the Telemarken Lutheran Church. She grew up on the family farm and attended the Meadowlark country school through grade 8, then began working as a waitress in Thief River Falls.

She met her husband-to-be, Alfred T. "Al" Hagen, and they were married November 21, 1953 by Reverend Sabo at Kratka Township. Soon after, they moved to Montana where Al worked first as a farm laborer, then assisted in the construction project at Tiber Dam south of Chester. Arlene worked as homemaker and mother to their son, Randy. The Hagens were married 18 years when Al died on March 25, 1971.

In those early years in the Chester community Arlene worked as a cook in several local restaurants. In the 25+ years before her retirement in 1994, she worked as the head cook and dietary supervisor at the Liberty County Hospital/Nursing Home. She remained independent and lived in her Chester home until age 75, then transferred to the Sweetgrass Lodge. Following several hospitalizations this past year, Arlene was sent to the Marias Nursing Center in Shelby on July 11th for extended care. She was recently looking forward to returning to Chester when her health took a sudden turn for the worse this past week.

Arlene was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester where she enjoyed quilting with the church women and making lefse for church holidays. She had also been active in the local Royal Neighbors of America and the Sons of Norway organizations.

In addition to being a good cook and baker, Arlene enjoyed embroidery, word puzzles, hand-held video games, and playing cards (mainly, pinochle and "hand-&-foot"). She also enjoyed her daily TV soap operas, especially "The Young & the Restless!" And just for the fun of it, she collected "knick-knacks".

Generally a private and reserved lady, Arlene did enjoy her special friends and she "loved to visit". She was always a giving person who didn't expect or ask much for herself. Never seeking the spotlight, she was proudly excited this past October 15th when she

was selected "Queen of the Victorian Ball" celebration at the Shelby Care Center.

Arlene is survived by her son, Randall Hagen of Great Falls; 2 grandchildren, Laci and Ryan Hagen, both of Great Falls; 2 sisters, Lorraine and Marilyn Sletten, both of Thief River Falls, MN; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, four sisters (Annie Runnestrand, Hazel and Cora Nabben, and Evelyn Schwartz), and four brothers (Louis, Roy, Henry Jr., and Raymond Runnestrand).

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Monday (Nov. 19th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor Val Metropoulos officiated. Special music was provided by Karen Stack and Wayne Wardell. Vocal tributes were "Amazing Grace" and "Peace Like A River." The congregation sang "In the Sweet Bye & Bye". Ushers were Joyce Aitken and Diane Claxton. Pallbearers were Calvin Keith, Darrel Aitken, Steve Scalse, Stu Scabery, Chuck Jodrey. A luncheon followed at the church. Memorials will be given to the new Chester Swimming Pool.

Arlene was cremated following her traditional funeral. Her ashes will be interred with her husband, Al, at the Chester

Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

MAY ETHEL (WOOD) HALL

Born: September 12, 1905 – Died: July 22, 2007

Great Falls Tribune

July 26, 2007

Ex-Great Falls resident dies at 101

May Ethel Hall

SPOKANE — Former Great Falls resident May Ethel (Wood) Hall, who with her husband farmed south of Sun River from 1932 to 1973, died of natural causes Sunday in Spokane. She was 101.

Graveside services and interment are 4 p.m. Friday at Sun River Cemetery, followed by coffee and dessert at the Sun River Methodist Church. Heritage Funeral Home in Spokane is handling arrangements.

Survivors include her daughters Betty Lou (Floyd) Rada, Marjorie Ann (Paul) Gilmore and Emily May (Don) Bogut; grandchildren Beverly Rada (John) Hollensteiner, Jeanne Rada (Jim) Hinman, John P. (Victoria) Gilmore, Michael D. (Valerie) Gilmore, J. Scott (Karyn) Bogut and Angela D. Bogut; a sister-in-law, Margaret Bunker Deering; seven great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, John L. Hall; a brother, Eugene Bunker; sisters Mary Benjamin and Hazel Zell; a great-grandson, Zachary Paul Gilmore; her parents and her stepfather.

May was born near Galata on Sept. 12, 1905, to Royal S. and Emily Caroline Wood. She moved

to Great Falls with her mother in 1909, and attended McKinley School. Later, she moved to Shepherd with her mother and beloved stepfather, Ben Bunker.

On Dec. 3, 1923, she married John Louis Hall in Billings. May and John had three daughters, Elizabeth Lucille "Betty Lou," Marjorie Ann and Emily May. The couple and Betty Lou lived in the Shepherd area until 1932, when they moved to their farm south of Sun River. May and John farmed there until his death in 1973. She remained at their home until 1978, when she sold the farm and moved to Great Falls.

May was an amazing lady, known to many as "Grammy," who lived her life to the fullest. She was the family historian and a 4-H leader. She loved her flowers, horses, crocheting, sewing, making ceramics, baking special treats and entertaining in their home. After she moved to Great Falls, she participated in a pool league, Granny Scouts and various craft groups. She touched and enriched the lives of all who knew her. She made each grandchild feel he or she was her favorite.

Memorials are suggested to the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind, or to the donor's favorite charity.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.



Hall

DORIS MARJORIE (ODDEN) HALVERSON

Birth: October 7, 1923 – Death: November 28, 2007

Liberty County Times

December 5, 2007



Doris (Odden) Halverson

Doris Marjorie Halverson, age 84, died peacefully Wednesday evening (November 28, 2007) at the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, MT after a brief illness. She was surrounded by her loving children and spouses at the time of her passing.

Doris was born October 7, 1923 in a car on the way from Dutton to Great Falls, Montana. She was the second of four children born to Lilly P. Faust and Ben A. Odden. Doris was raised in Dutton, where she graduated from high school in 1942. She earned a nursing diploma from M.S.U.'s "Cadet Nursing Program" in Bozeman, then trained in Warm Springs, Galen, and the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls during WWII.

Doris met her husband-to-be, Reuben Harvey Halverson (a native of Broadview, Mt.), and they were married in Dutton on March 3, 1946. The Halversons moved to Chester in 1948, where Reuben worked as the local railroad agent. Doris stayed busy as a homemaker and mother of five. In the 1950's & 1960's she worked as a nurse at the Liberty County Hospital. In 1965 Doris took a job at the Liberty County Times as office secretary and editor of the "Around Town" news column. She worked at the newspaper shop until her retirement in 1984.

Reub had retired in 1978 and they both stayed active in the

Halversons lived in their Chester home until 2003, when they moved to the Wheat Country Estates. They had been married 60 years when Reub passed away on November 3, 2006. Doris remained at the assisted-living facility until July of 2007, then transferred to the local nursing home.

Doris was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. She was a lifetime member of Our Savior's Women's Circle (WELCA) and the V.F.W. Auxiliary. She also participated in the Chester PTA, Garden Club, and Lionettes. She saw to it that

her children were educated and confirmed in the Lutheran faith, and they each were properly educated and obtained college degrees. She was immensely proud of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and all of their accomplishments.

Her family was awed by her devotion to them! She could recite from memory each-&-every birthday, anniversary, cities of residence (inc. many addresses and phone numbers), workplaces, and career choices. To her last day Doris sent every child, grandchild, and great-grandchild an annual Christmas gift and birthday card.

Doris had been a lifetime sports fan. She retired in 1984 to become a fulltime Chicago Cubs fan. A special joy for her came in the early 1990's when she attended a baseball game at Wrigley Field in Chicago. She especially enjoyed the singing of "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" led by Cubs' longtime PA announcer, Harry Carey. This fall Doris was overjoyed when the Cubs made the National League play-off's. Following their elimination from the play-off's, she exhibited her true Cubs colors by saying, "Oh well, they will do better next year!"

Doris also enjoyed crocheting and solving search word puzzles.

She was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by her older brother (Norman Odden in 1918).

Survivors include 2 daughters, Karla (Gerry) Kulpas and Janis Chipman, both of Chester; 3 sons, Kenneth (Jan) Halverson of Soldotna, AK, Larry (Martee) Halverson of Springfield, MO, and Greg Halverson of Manhattan, NY; 2 sisters, Betty Lou (Lloyd) Burtness and Marcile Trebesch, both of Dutton; 7 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Dec. 1st) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor Val Metropoulos officiated and Cheryl Muncy assisted. Scripture readings and personal remembrances were shared by Doris' daughters and sons. Karen Stack served as organist and the congregation sang "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee", "Borning Cry", and "He Leadeth Me". The vocal duet of Jayann Chipman & Greg Halverson performed "How Great Thou Art." Ushers were Richard Buker and Jim Carter. Doris' grandchildren served as pallbearers. Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a memorial luncheon was held in the church fellowship hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

Memorials are suggested to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Cystic Fibrosis Fdn., Hi-Line Health Foundation, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, or donor's choice...

DONALD HAMBLOCK
Born: May 25, 1924 – Died: July 19, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
July 21, 2007

Donald Hamblock

HAVRE — Donald Hamblock, 83, a north Havre area farmer, died of natural causes Thursday at a Havre care center.



Hamblock

His prayer vigil is 7 p.m. Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church. Funeral Mass is 9 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jude, with burial in Highland Cemetery. A fellowship lunch will be held in the parish center after the burial. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Donald is survived by his wife, Donna Hamblock of Havre; his son, Ervin (Cheryl) Hamblock of Havre; daughters Lynn (Wayne) Dolphay of Havre and Debra Henriksen of Livingston, Mont.; a brother, Henry Hamblock of Havre; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Donald was born May 25, 1924, on his grandfather Jacob Hamblock's homestead north of Havre, to LeRoy and Tena (Johnson) Hamblock. He was raised on the family farm, attending country schools and graduating from Havre High School in 1942.

On July 19, 1947, Donald married Donna Ervin in Havre. She lived in Kremlin when he courted her, and he would fly his small plane there to pick her up. They both loved to dance, and anytime

one of "their" songs played on the radio, Donald would pull the car over, and they would get out and dance in the moonlight.

After their marriage, they made their home on the family farm and raised three children. Donald farmed with his brother Henry for more than 50 years until he retired in 1989, and moved into Havre. When his health started to fail in 2004, he and Donna moved into the Eagles Manor. He passed away on the day they would have celebrated 60 years of married life together.

Donald was a quiet, gentle man with a deep faith in the Lord, and had a smile for everyone he met. He was a hard worker, and spent many long but happy days working his farm and raising his registered Shorthorns. The last few months of his life, when he was still able to converse easily, he enjoyed sharing many wonderful stories of his youth with family and friends. Those stories will be cherished forever by those who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Marg Kejsar and Doris Whalen; two half-brothers, Charles Hamblock and Birdeen Gullickson; and one granddaughter.

Memorial contributions in Donald's honor may be made to the St. Jude School, 420 7th Ave., Havre, MT 59501; or to Bear Paw Hospice, c/o NMH, P.O. Box 1231 Havre, MT 59501.

Condolences may be posted online at www.hollandbonine@mtintouch.net and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

LAULETTE LOUISE (IRVIN) HANSEN
Born: January 17, 1913 – Died: August 23, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
August 26, 2007

Laulette Irvin Hansen

MISSOULA — Former Great Falls and northcentral Montana resident Laulette Irvin Hansen, 94, died Monday after a brief illness at her home in Missoula.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of the Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies. Her memorial service in Great Falls will be announced at a later date.

Survivors include her daughter, Laulette L. Hansen of Missoula; granddaughters, Laulette Alexandra Edwards, Artonia Louise Dennis and Jesse Catherine Malchik; great-grandchildren, Laulette Elisabeth Edwards and John Henry Dennis; and a great-granddaughter-to-be, Emma Louise Edwards.

Laulette worked for 30 years as director of public assistance in Hill, Liberty and Cascade counties and on the Rocky Boy Reservation. She is remembered by all who knew her as a loyal friend, a just and compassionate administrator and a woman with an outstanding grasp of public law.

Laulette Louise Irvin was born Jan. 17, 1913, to Laulette Parrot and James Montfort Irvin, in Oakwood, Dayton, Ohio, where her father was mayor, in the year of a great flood. She attended Goucher College and Columbia University, where she received a master's degree in public law. After teaching at George School, Pennsylvania, Laulette started graduate work at the University of Chicago, where she met another graduate student, Ermal Hansen of Montana, who was studying political science. Laulette and Ermal were married in 1941 and a year later moved back to the family ranch in the Clear Lake district near Fort Benton, where Ermal ranched until 1992. They had one daughter, Laulette, born in 1942.



Hansen

She began flying in the 1950s and 1960s and together with Ermal was active in the Montana Pilots Association and the Montana Flying Farmers and Ranchers. She served as state chairman of the Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots for two years and enjoyed flying until her retirement.

Laulette was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church. In Great Falls, she served on the vestry of Saint Francis Parish, was president of Soroptimists, received commendations from the Red Cross for outstanding service and found time to work with her daughter's Girl Scout troop. She was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and filled all positions with skill and responsibility.

She made a life of public service appear as the challenging and worthy calling it was and will be remembered for her compassion and wit by friends, colleagues and clients. One of her favorite sayings was, "Those of us entrusted with positions of power must remember never to abuse it by failing to respect those who seek help."

She also played a great hand of bridge and was a staunch defender of small dogs and animals and should be met in the future life by a bevy of small angels and greeters. The family suggests that memorials be made to the Humane Society or the ACLU.

LESTER S. HANSEN
Birth: May 5, 1918 – Death: December 1, 2007
Liberty County Times
January 9, 2008

Lester S. Hansen

Lester S. Hansen passed away at the family residence on December 1, 2007.

Lester was born on May 5, 1918, in Marshall County, MN, the son of Julia and Edward Hansen. He was second youngest of 10 children. The family moved to Inverness, where Lester graduated from high school in 1936. After high school, Lester attended and graduated from the University of Montana. He was in the ROTC in college, and after graduating went into the U.S. Army and served as a corporal. He was wounded in France by a German grenade, and as a result received the Purple Heart. Lester was sent back to the United States and was in Walla Walla, Washington, Medical Hospital for most of the year for rehabilitation. After the service, he moved to Glasgow and later to Helena where he became employed as an assistant administrator for the State of Montana Insurance and Legal

Division where he stayed for nearly 40 years.

On July 8, 1949, he married Inez M. Wilmes, and they spent the next 58 years happily married.

Lester is survived by his loving and dedicated wife, Inez, his younger brother, Carl (Gladys) Hansen of Glasgow; his three children, Gary (Pam) Hansen of Rochester, MN, Cheryl O'Conner of Helena and Daryl (Juanita) Hansen of Livingston; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews.

Lester enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family. He was very helpful in remodeling projects at each of his children's homes, even though he was disabled. Lester will be greatly missed by his wife, family and friends.

A graveside service was held on Friday, December 28, at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery, Fort Harrison. A reception for family and friends followed at the Wingate Inn, Helena. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Lester's name to a favorite charity of choice. Services were under the direction of Retz Funeral Home. Express condolences at www.legacy.com/HelenaIR.

DEAN ALDOR HANSON
Birth: June 23, 1925 – Death: August 4, 2007
Liberty County Times
August 15, 2007



Dean A. Hanson

Dean Aldor Hanson was born June 23, 1925 at Artichoke, Big Stone County, Minnesota. He was the second of four children born to Arnold and Sylvia (Myers) Hanson. When Dean was 4 years old, his family moved to a farm at Gildford, Montana. He grew up and received his formal education at Gildford, graduating from G.H.S. in 1943.

Dean married his high school sweetheart, Jeannette A. Dolezal, on May 25, 1944 in Hingham. He worked as a farmhand before entering the U. S. Army in 1945. Dean served stateside during his military enlistment and attained the rank of Sergeant. He received his honorable discharge in 1946 due to demobilization and the end of World War II. He returned to Gildford where he continued

to farm and ranch throughout his working life.

The Hansons raised four sons, all of whom eventually married and 10 grandchildren followed. After Dean's wife developed kidney failure in the late 1970's, he took special training to give her home-based dialysis and to serve as her loving caretaker during the last 7 years of her life. They were married 43 years when Jeannette passed away on February 19, 1987.

Dean's health remained relatively good over the years. He was recently admitted to the Peace Hospice facility in Great Falls, where he died on Saturday morning (August 4, 2007). He was 82 years old.

Dean was a civic-minded man who enjoyed serving on various boards and committees throughout the years. In 1962 he joined the organizational board of the Hi-line Water District (who developed the Fresno water system, which presently serves the water needs of those small communities from Havre to Joplin); Dean remained active on this board for the past 45 years! In addition he served on the Board of Directors of the First Bank of Havre for 26 years and the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd from 1972 until its closing. He was presently a member of the Hill County Park Board and was a past member of the National American Lutheran Church

Board and the State Soil Conservation Committee. Dean enjoyed serving his community – not for any personal recognition or status, but rather for the simple accomplishments and meaningful relationships that afforded him. During his recent illness Dean received a letter from two friends, Bernie and Donna, that summarizes his humanitarian role. The letter is quoted as follows: "Thank you from our hearts for your friendship and support. We learned from you fairness and consideration of another's point-of-view, and the art of trying to bring people and ideas together for the good of all."

Dean loved his life as a Montana farmer. Even into his 80's he remained active in the farming operations. He had a great sense of humor; for instance, one of his classic sayings was "I'm tired, but not retired!". Dean loved to stay busy. He enjoyed the preservation of antiques to save their valuable history. He was an avid reader – especially of magazines and newspapers – and he clipped and saved interesting articles for posterity. He enjoyed cooking lefse and other good foods for his family. He also canned a "never-ending supply of assorted fruits" for his grandchildren!

A man of faith, Dean was a lifelong and loyal member of

the Hingham Lutheran Church. In quiet solitude he loved reading his Bible. He also enjoyed writing spiritual and philosophical verses and poems. In 2002 he finished a comprehensive writing of family histories and stories, which was essentially the "Legacy of His Life", and presented copies to each of his children.

Dean's survivors are his 4 sons and spouses, Dale & Jackie Hanson of Lolo (and children, Aaron & Adam), Donald & Leslie Hanson of Kremlin (and children, Eric, Marisa, & Whitney), Russell & Terry Hanson of Gildford (and children, Lauren & Shawn), and Brad & Debbie Hanson of Corvallis, Oregon (and children, Trent, Alex, & Bryce); 1 brother, Delmar (Jackie) Hanson of Havre; 1 brother-in-law, Reuben Scheuerman of Hingham; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by his sister (Shirley Scheuerman) and his brother & wife (Willis & Jean Hanson).

Memorial services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday (August 9th) at the First Lutheran Church in Havre by Reverend Gerald Ebelt. Organist was Sharon Spicher and the congregation sang "Song of Farewell". Whitney Hanson sang "In the Garden" and Terry Stevenson

sang "I Am Not Alone". Remembrances were shared by son, Dale. Ushers were Dean's 5 nephews (Paul, Mark, Mike, and Arlen Hanson and Junior Scheuerman) and a special Gildford-friend (Jared Miller). His 10 grandchildren served as honorary bearers. Burial of ashes with military rites followed at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. A luncheon was given by the Hingham WELCA at the church. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

Memorials may be given to the Hingham Lutheran Church, the Peace Hospice in Great Falls, the Northern Montana Health

Care Foundation in Havre, or donor's choice...



ELIZABETH JEAN 'BETTY' (JOHNSTON) HANSON
Born: October 8, 1933 – Died: November 7, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
November 11, 2007

**Elizabeth Jean 'Betty'
Hanson**

SHELBY — Elizabeth (Betty) Jean Hanson, 74, a retired administrative assistant with the FHA, died of cancer Wednesday at the Marias Medical Center in Shelby.



Hanson

Her memorial service is 2 p.m. Monday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, with inurnment in Mountain View Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her mother, Emma Johnston of Shelby; daughters Linda Hanson of Missoula and Debra (Larry) Yarn of Shelby; sons Larry (Theresa) Hanson of Tacoma, Wash., and Darrel (Lisa) Hanson of Shelby; grandchildren Colleen, Kelly (Brian), Tim, Rebecca, Cody, Curtis, Tara (Jacob), Kayla, Jayce, RaeAnn and Rylan; great-grandchildren Shane, Nathaniel, Stephanie and Curtis; brothers Neal Johnston and Daniel Johnston, both of Galata, and Robert Johnston of Florence, Colo., and her beloved dog, Sugar.

She was preceded in death by her father, John "Jack" Johnston, and her husband, Curtis Hanson.

Betty was born Oct. 8, 1933, to John and Emma (Moreau) Johnston at Erskine, Minn., where she grew up and graduated from high school. She married Curtis Hanson on June 9, 1951, at Brooks, Minn. They moved to Shelby in 1955. Betty worked as a waitress and for State Farm Insurance for a time. She then went to work as an administrative assistant with the FHA, along with being the owner of the Shoo-Inn Shoe Store. Betty retired in 1994.

Betty was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Shelby Bowling League, Marias Valley Golf Country Club and Round Robin Card Club. She enjoyed crocheting, dancing, sewing, traveling, camping, going to the theater and symphony and spending time with her family. Betty was a very outgoing and loving person and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

The family suggests memorials to the Gift of Life or St. Luke's Church.

Condolences may be posted online at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

PAULA J. (GEOLTZ) HARJU
Born: Age: 71 – Died: May 18, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
May 20, 2007

Paula J. Harju



Harju

HAVRE — Paula J. (Geoltz) Harju, 71, of Helena, a former teacher, died at a Helena hospital Friday from injuries she received in a two-vehicle crash near Canyon Ferry.

Her memorial service is 11 a.m. Thursday at Helena Valley View Church, with a viewing at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havre Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. Graveside services are 10 a.m. Friday in Kuper Memorial Cemetery of Chinook. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is handling arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, Norman Harju of Helena; a daughter, Michelle McQwen of Helena; sons Robert Hanson of Havre; Paul Hanson of Park City, Tim Hanson of Casper, Wyo., and Keith Hanson of Chinook; a brother, Robert Goeltz of Muskego, Wis.; sisters Margaret Price and Alice Goeltz both of Red Wing, Minn., and Dorothy Hoppman of Goodhue, Minn.; 16 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

RICHARD A. 'DICK' HARWOOD
Born: August 4, 1921 – Died: September 4, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
September 7, 2007

Richard A. Harwood



Harwood

CONRAD — Richard A. "Dick" Harwood, 86, of Conrad, a longtime Pondera and Toole County-area farmer, died of cancer Tuesday at a Conrad hospital.

Visitation is 1 to 8 p.m. today at Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. His funeral is 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral chapel, with burial in Mountain View Cemetery. A lunch will be held at the Shelby Senior Center after the burial.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Genevieve Harwood of Conrad; a daughter, Janis Elaine (Leonard) Lundby of Manchester; sons Richard Thomas (Linda) Harwood of Devon and John Allen (Carol) Harwood of Joliet; sisters Elizabeth Beth Applegate of Oregon, Bernice Chapman of California and Ariel Croxford and April Sliwoski of Great Falls; brothers Robert James Harwood of Seattle and Benjamin Harwood of Renton, Wash.; 10 grandchildren, Christine, Tara, Michael, Curtis and Craig Harwood, Colleen Wohnoutka, Kimberly Wielenga, and Kirk, Kara and Kendra Lundby; and two great-grandchildren, Audry Wielenga and Natasha Wohnoutka.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, David Harwood.

Dick was born Aug. 4, 1921, in Langdon, N.D., to Ernest and Bernice (Gerrie) Harwood. When he was 10, his family moved to Fairfield, where they bought the last available homestead. The family created a group called "the Virginia Reels," which would perform and travel from town to town, entertaining and showing movies.

Dick and his brothers did electrical work in the area for a time before he attended Vo-Tech College in Billings. In 1939, he bought a farm near Conrad and married Genevieve Tenney on Nov. 12, 1943. In 1960, the couple bought a farm near Devon. Although they moved to Conrad in 1983, he still remained active with the farming operation until his recent illness.

Dick was very handy, and in the 1960s devised what is known as the Harwood Hook-up — a means by which you hook two two-wheel drive tractors together to make it into a four-wheel drive unit.

He enjoyed woodworking, photography, playing cards and fixing and rebuilding old radios. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Republican Party.

The family suggests that memorials be given to AWARE Inc., a group home where grandson Craig Harwood resides, at 205 E. Park, Anaconda, MT 59711.

Condolences may be posted online at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

EDWIN J. HAUGEN

Born: October 12, 1917 - Died: February 17, 2007

Great Falls Tribune

February 21, 2007

Edwin J. Haugen

KREMLIN — Edwin J. Haugen, 89, retired Kremlin farmer and active Kremlin community member, died of natural causes Saturday at a Havre hospital.



Haugen

Visitation is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.



Cremation will take place, and his memorial service is 11 a.m. Friday at the Van Orsdel

United Methodist Church, followed by military rites outside the church. A fellowship lunch will be held after the military honors, with burial at 3 p.m. in Highland Cemetery.

Ed is survived by his daughters Pamela Haugen of Great Falls, Mont., Vicki (Mike) Meek of Shelby, Mont., Kristi (Dusty) Kline of Kremlin, Mont., and Julie Haugen of Pleasant Hill, Calif.; a sister, Inga Sears of Long Beach, Calif.; sister-in-law Beverly Haugen of Kremlin; grandchildren Sara (Steve) Scheer of Great Falls, Cole Kline and Cortney Kline of Kremlin and Brennan Meek of Shelby; two great-granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

Ed was born Oct. 12, 1917, on the family farm in Kremlin, Mont., to Kristoffer and Kjersti (Evje) Haugen. He was raised and educated in Kremlin, graduating from Hingham High School in 1936, because of the Kremlin school fire.

After graduation, he farmed with his father in Kremlin. During World War II, he was drafted into the United States Army and then enlisted into the United States Army Air Corps, serving as an airplane mechanic stationed in North Africa and Italy. After being honorably discharged in 1945 as a sergeant, he returned to Kremlin and farmed his family's land with his brother, John Haugen.

He married Donna L. Purdy on Oct. 17, 1948, in Kremlin. The couple made their home on the family farm and raised their four daughters.

Ed was a kind and gentle man, although in spite of his quiet nature, you always knew where he stood on issues. He was a hard worker, preferring to operate at his own pace, working the land and raising cattle. He was a careful steward of his land and ran his operation with great pride.

Ed was a community-minded person, serving the Kremlin community in many areas. He was treasurer of the Kremlin Lutheran Church, president of the Kremlin Commercial Club, served two terms on the Kremlin school board, and served 25 years on the Farmers Union Board. He served on the Hill County Fair Board from 1970 to 1986.

His keen interest in early homesteader history of the area resulted in membership and service with the H. Earl Clack Museum, Montana Historical Society and the Montana Centennial Committee. Ed enjoyed reuniting with his Army buddies through his membership with the 301st Bombardment Wing Veterans' Association.

Ed enjoyed tinkering and fixing things around the farm, along with leather working, oil painting, gardening and growing beautiful roses and flowers. He played baseball and bowled for many years, and practiced golfing in later years when he built and designed the "2-hole Haugen golf course." A Christmas present of a Lionel model train soon blossomed into a reproduction of the booming town of Kremlin, circa 1911, and now resides in the Rudyard Museum.

Ed enjoyed taking his family on yearly camping trips to the Bear Paw Mountains as well as attending the Hill County Fair, even in the midst of harvest! Dad, you will be greatly missed and we love you very much.

He was preceded in death by his wife Donna in 2006; an infant brother, Johan Halvard; his sister, Bertha Hoyer; a brother, John; and his parents.

Memorial contributions in Ed's honor may be made to the H. Earl Clack Museum; Havre-Hill County Library Foundation; or a charity of one's choice.

JAMES HAUGHEY
Birth: Age 93 – Death: September 13, 2007
Liberty County Times
October 24, 2007

James Haughey



James Haughey, a noted lawyer, artist and true Renaissance man, passed away in Billings on September 13, 2007 after 93 amazing years. He served in the Montana State Legislative for 10 years. He wrote the bill that created the Montana Arts' Council and along with his wife, Katie, was a founder of the Yellowstone Art Museum. His memorial service was held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Friday, October 12. Survivors include his daughter, Kathy Haughey Loo, son Bruce Haughey and wife Roxanne, and son John Haughey and wife Karen Wicks Haughey; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

REBECCA JEAN HENRY

Birth: March 16, 1983 – Death: February 3, 2007

Liberty County Times

February 14, 2007



Rebecca Henry

Rebecca Jean Henry, 23, left this world on her journey to be with Jesus on Saturday, February 3, 2007 as a result of a vehicle accident. Viewing will be held from 10a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Home. Her funeral service will be held at 2:00pm Friday February 9, 2007 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Havre with Pastor Michale Dahle officiating. Memorials may be made to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camps, Messiah Lutheran Church or to one's choice. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Becky was born on March 16, 1983 in Havre, Montana to William and Marilyn (Brandt) Henry. She grew up in Havre and attended First Lutheran Preschool, Devlin Grade School and Havre Middle School. She transferred to KG High School as a freshman and graduated from KG in 2001.

All during her life Becky was an outdoor and sports person. She played softball from T-Ball through Middle School. She loved being a KG Lady Cougar and her senior year won the Best Field Goal Percentage Trophy. She pole vaulted, threw shot put and discus in track. She also received many academic and music awards. Folf and flag football were her favorite college activities. Bowling was also a major part of her life. She bowled from Bantam through high school, qualifying for several tournaments and placing in many of them.

The highlight of her life was going hunting and fishing with her Dad. They developed a deep relationship with each other while Mom was confined to the hospital and long-term care because of a muscle disease when Becky was three. She rode on his shoulders during bird hunting. At six years old she caught a 10 pound 7 ounce walleye. At twelve years of age she shot her first whitetail buck. Her first elk permit resulted in a three horned six point bull elk when she was thirteen. She was unsuccessful at filling her mountain goat tag two years ago. Hunting antelope was always a thrill and she was successful every year she had a permit. Gophers were always in danger when she got the chance to go out.

Becky's world revolved around music. She loved all kinds of music. Nothing was more fun than a room full of friends and a karaoke machine. She went to MSU-Northern in hopes of getting a teaching degree in music, but Northern was not approved for that degree and switched her major to business. She was asked to be Coordinator of the newly developed Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northern. She enjoyed helping as a DJ at the college dances. Due to a four-wheeler accident she dropped out of college. She worked at Taco John's while going to college and later went to work for Kentucky Fried Chicken/A&W. She worked her way through the testing to become manager in the fall of 2006.

Becky was baptized in 1983 at Hingham Lutheran Church and confirmed at Messiah Lutheran Church where she remained a member. She was always willing to help with Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, especially with the music. She was very good with little kids and made sure they were having fun. She also volunteered for the church nursery as often as she could. Her summers included a week at Flathead Lutheran Bible camp for many years. It was a great inspiration for her. She had a deep sense of the Lord in her life even through periods of trials and testing.

The gift of friendship knew no bounds for Becky. She would do anything for her friends and give them anything she had to offer. Her sense of living her faith was her way of life. The sparkle in her eyes and her beautiful smile will always be remembered.

Becky was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Robert Brandt.

Survivors include her parents Bill and Marilyn Henry of Havre, grandparents Katherine Brandt of Rudyard and James and Eldora Henry of Dodson; paternal uncles Steve (Judy) Henry of Billings, Art (Sandi) Henry of Havre, Roger (Jackie) Henry of Indiana; paternal aunts Shirley Winn of Butte, Linda (Ray) Volk of East Helena, Karen (Bud) Cribley of Virginia, Cheryl (Cliff) Clawiter of Fort Benton, Teresa Leys of Belgrade; maternal uncles Bob Brandt of Clinton, Clyde (Toni) Brandt of Havre, Gary (Margaret) Brandt of Great Falls, Darryn Brandt of Havre, Jim (Theresa) Brandt of Great Falls; maternal aunt Karen (David) Watson of Rudyard; and numerous cousins and very special friends as well as her Siamese cat, Spunky and

Golden retriever Kayle.

RALPH AUGUST HERDINA
Born: August 23, 1921 - Died: February 6, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
February 11, 2007

Ralph August Herdina



Herdina



BOZEMAN — Hilger native and World War II Army veteran Ralph August Herdina, 85, of Gallatin Gateway, died of natural causes Tuesday at his residence.

His memorial service is 2 p.m. Monday at Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel in Bozeman, followed by a reception at Ralph's home at 3515 Blackwood Road.

He is survived by his three sons, Dave (Donna) Herdina of Inverness, Gregg (Rentia) Herdina of Drapper, Utah, and Stacy (Kari Arens) Herdina of Bozeman; his grandchildren, Ryan of Belgrade and Megan of Missoula; his sister, Gladys (Fred) Tubb of Belgrade; and by many nieces and nephews.

Ralph was born Aug. 23, 1921, to Frank and Molly (Zelenka) Herdina in Hilger, Mont.

From 1942 to 1945, Ralph served in the Army of the United States with an honorable discharge from the 355th Fighter Group. During this service he was located in Philadelphia, England and Germany.

In 1947, Ralph married Margaret Howell. They farmed north of Belgrade for several years and he worked at Thunem's Husky Service. They then moved to Gallatin Gateway and continued to farm, which led them to their retirement place on Blackwood Road.

Farming and ranching were his lifetime work. He enjoyed breaking and working with horses and cattle. His biggest enjoyment was to help people. In his retirement, you could always find him in his shop tinkering, or putting up hay for himself or neighbors.

Ralph was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, and his brothers, Glenn and Elmer.

Memorials may be made to Bozeman Deaconess Hospice, 931 Highland Blvd. Suite 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715.

Condolences may be sent online to greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

PATRICIA ANN (STONER) HEYDON
Born: October 24, 1930 – Died: January 29, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
February 16, 2007

Patricia Ann Heydon

SUN CITY, Ariz. — One-time Havre resident Patricia Ann (Stoner) Heydon, 76, of Sun City, Ariz., a former teacher and business owner, died of heart disease Jan. 29 at her home.

Graveside services are 1 p.m. March 24 at Riverside Cemetery in Fort Benton. Palm Funeral Home of Sun City is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her companion, Hugh Oliver of Sun City; sons Tom Heydon of Fort Benton and David Heydon of Great Falls; daughters Lyla Jensen of Indio, Calif., and Ann West of Gulf Shores, Ala.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her second husband, Lyle Richard Heydon, in 1982.

Patricia Ann (Stoner) Heydon
Written by family member.

Patricia Ann (Stoner) Heydon, age 76, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2007 at her home in Sun City, Arizona under the care of Hospice. Patricia died of heart disease. She was born October 24, 1930 in Polo, Missouri to Clyde W. Stoner and Dorothea Mae Jackson. She spent her early childhood on the Stoner family farm near Cowgill, Missouri. She was baptized October 25, 1942 at the Cowgill Baptist Church.

Patricia moved with her family to Havre, Montana in 1943. Patricia was married to Herman Coffman in Paola, Kansas in 1946. To this union a son, John Thomas was born. After their divorce she met and married Lyle Richard Heydon on November 24, 1947 in Havre, Montana. Three children were born to this union. Lyle adopted Tom in 1955. They lived and farmed in the Joplin area for several years. Patricia was confirmed at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin, Montana, April 14, 1957. In 1966 Lyle and Patricia moved to Havre, Montana. In 1972 they moved to Fort Benton where Patricia was teaching at Fort Benton High School. They owned and operated Benton Home Furnishings until Lyle's death in 1982. After his death, Patricia made her home in Phoenix, Arizona.

Patricia was a 1972 graduate of Northern Montana College, and a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

She was best known by family and friends as a great conversationalist, wonderful hostess and fabulous homemaker and cook. Her favorite pastime was watching NBA Basketball and supporting her favorite team, The Phoenix Suns. Patricia was a four and a half year survivor of lung cancer. She will

be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle; her parents, brothers, Paul W. Stoner and an infant brother. Pat is survived by sons: Tom (Mimi) Heydon of Fort Benton, Montana and David (Nancy) Heydon of Great Falls, Montana, daughters; Lyla (Robert) Jensen of Indio, California and Ann West of Gulf Shores, Alabama, and loving companion, Hugh Oliver; She is also survived by grandchildren; Jeff Heydon, Jaime Roberts; Kristin Plante, Bryan Jensen, Carrie and Matt Heydon, and Tiffany West and great grandchildren Tyler and Alyssea Ramirez, Emily, Caleb and Elizabeth Heydon, and Aimee Plante plus several nieces and nephews.

Palm Funeral Home of Sun City, AZ is in charge of arrangements. Service plans are pending with burial at Riverside Cemetery in Fort Benton, Montana. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, or the Salvation Army.

LAWRENCE E. HOFELDT
Birth: March 29 1926 - Death: May 26, 2007
Liberty County Times
May 30, 2007



Lawrence Hofeldt

Chinook - Lawrence E. Hofeldt, 81; passed away at the Sweet Nursing Home on May 26, 2007 due to natural causes.

Memorial services will be Thursday, May 31, 2007 at 11 a.m. in the Zion Lutheran Church with burial following with military honors in the Kuper Memorial Cemetery.

Lawrence was born in the Bears Paw to Henry and Alvinia (Struve) Hofeldt on March 29, 1926. While he spent most of his life in the Bear Paw

Mountains, he attended schools at Lloyd and Chinook.

He entered the U.S. Army in WW II and fought in Germany and France. When he returned from the war he was not quite 21 and although he had a down payment he couldn't purchase land until his 21st birthday. He took to ranching in ways that retained some of the bygone era. While others were baling, he continued to stack loose hay using the mower, dump rake, farm hand and the pitch fork.

Trailing cattle was a family activity enjoyed from the seat of a saddle, except Lawrence, he had the pickup seat. His cattle were his friends and they knew his pickup and would come running.

Was there terrain he could not navigate? His children believed not; if the tailgate was not up you would be sure to slide out the back and be left beside rattlesnakes or worse yet land on a big rock.

Lawrence is survived by sons Bruce Hofeldt, Dwight (Carol) Hofeldt all of Chinook, daughters Barbara (Don) Gerten of St. Paul, MN, Pamela (Dale) Boespflug of Havre, Carolyn (Steve) Babcock of Cut Bank, Virginia (Jonathan) Sanders of Temple, AZ, Amy Belle Smith was his loving companion and best friend for many years they

shared their families, work, and love. Amy had four children and together they shared 33 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Lawrence is survived by brothers Paul (Doris) Hofeldt, Hans (Mary) Hofeldt, brother-in-law Harold Miller all of Chinook.

He was preceded in death by son Gregory Hofeldt, siblings and in-laws Hilda (William) Drugge, Roy (Helen) Hofeldt, Christine Miller, Ben (Ruth) Hofeldt and Margaretha Hofeldt who died at age 7.

Lawrence was an avid reader and loved to study and read about history, all kinds of history.

ROBERT D. HOLMES

Born: Age: 83 – Died: November 16, 2007

Great Falls Tribune

November 21, 2007

Robert D. Holmes



Holmes



CHINOOK
— Robert D. Holmes, 83, of Chinook, a Navy veteran who owned Bob's Drapery and Floor Covering, died after a short ill-

ness Friday at a Chinook nursing home.

His memorial service is 11 a.m. Saturday in the Lloyd Sweet Auditorium of Chinook High School. Private burial with military honors will take place at Kuper Memorial Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Fern Holmes of Chinook; a son, David Holmes of Chinook; daughters Lynda Vande Sandt of Inverness and Nancy Harrison of Havre; brothers John Holmes of Havre and Richard Holmes of Stevensville; sisters Marie Rindy of Portland, Ore., Arlene Holmes of Sun City, Ariz., Helen Parnell of Chinook and Anna Sattleen of Missoula; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

REV. MARVIN P. HOLT
Birth: June 12, 1927 - Death: May 29, 2007
Liberty County Times
July 11, 2007

Rev. Marvin Holt

Rev. Marvin P. Holt passed away on May 29, 2007. He was born in Clear Lake, SD to Raymond and Emma Holt on June 12, 1927. After high school he worked on the family farm for two years before attending Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. He married Wanda Severson of Gary, SD and attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. He served parishes in Galata, Harlowton, and Laurel, Montana, Moorhead and Cook, Minnesota and Truth or Consequence, NM.

He is survived by his wife Wanda of Laurel; children, spouses and grandchildren: Ron Holt of Pismo Beach, CA;

in Big Sandy. A memorial luncheon will follow. Graveside services will be 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Highland Cemetery in Great Falls. Funeral arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

Lucille is survived by 2 sons, Francis Stack of Chester and Don Stack of Corona, California; 7 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and 1 brother, Gordon Schlack of Helena.

She was preceded in death by her husband (Bertrand Stack in 2001) and a son (Gary Stack in 1958).

A full obituary will follow in next week's paper...

Teresa and Dale Wicks (Amy, Paul) of Billings; Barbara and Mark Harrington (Matt, Anne, Becci) of Billings; Tom Holt and Mary Loven (Anders, Jens) of Northfield, MN; Yvonne Wenz of Minneapolis, MN; and Dan and Sylvia Holt (Micah, Aaron, James, Ryana) of Colorado, CO.

Funeral services were held June 4th at the Congregational Church in Laurel with burial in the Laurel Cemetery.

Marvin served the Galata* parish from 1955-1959.

IDA CATHERINE (McBRIDE) JODLOWSKI HULL
Birth: September 9, 1915 – Death: November 24, 2007

Liberty County Times
December 5, 2007



Ida Hull

Ida Jodlowski Hull, age 92, died Saturday afternoon

(November 24, 2007) at her home in Great Falls, where she was being cared for by her family and visiting hospice nurses.

She was born Ida Catherine McBride on September 9, 1915 at Mountain Fork, Polk County, Arkansas. She was one of three children born to John J. McBride and Freddie L. Smith. Ida received her early education in Arkansas, then finished her formal schooling at Haskell, Oklahoma.

She met and married Frank Jodlowski in 1932 at Oklahoma City, where the Jodlowski family owned a custom mattress factory. Ida and Frank worked in the factory and raised 3 children. After their marriage ended in divorce in 1939, Ida moved to the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. While there she worked in the fruit orchards and learned to fly airplanes.

At the outbreak of WWII, Ida attended welding school. In 1942 she went to work in the California shipyards, where she served as an valued 3-position welder (she did overhead, flat, and vertical welding). It was here that she met her second husband, Ben A. Hull, who had been a welder on the Pennsylvania pipeline. Ida and Ben were married in Arkansas in

In the few years that followed, the Hulls ran cafes and coffee shops in Del Norte, Colorado, Joplin, Missouri, and Plattsmouth, Nebraska. In the late 1940's Ben developed medical problems; during his recuperation period, Ida worked as a receptionist at a health spa in Idaho Springs, Colorado.

From 1949-1951 the Hulls lived at Enders, Nebraska. Ben worked construction on Enders Dam (which purportedly is "the largest earth-filled dam in the world"). Ida managed and supervised the construction cafeteria and dormitory, which fed and housed approx. 1500 workers.

She also found time in Enders to learn how to sew, tat, and crochet.

In 1952, they moved to Kopperl, Texas, where Ben worked as a welder on an expansion bridge. While there, Ida took some first-aid classes, then began teaching first-aid to students at Kopperl High School.

In 1953 they transferred to Chamberlain, South Dakota to work on another construction job: a big bridge being built over the Missouri River.

Ida & Ben lived in Chester, Montana from 1953-55. Ben worked on the construction of Tiber Dam and Ida worked at the local telephone office. She was also employed as a clerk at the Liberty County Treasurer's Office for a short while.

The Hulls lived and worked various jobs in Great Falls and Helena before moving to Bellingham, Washington. While there, Ida took nursing classes, then began working as a visiting nurse to the homebound. She really enjoyed this work, but she injured her back and had to quit.

In 1966 their travels took them to San Diego, California. Ida served as caregiver to her invalid

of her 18-month-old grandson, Paul Seidlitz, so that he could attend a "Speech & Hear" School in San Diego (as no similar school was available in Montana). While there, Ben worked on the construction of Highway 8 near Jacumba.

During those years in San Diego, Ida became very interested and sometimes outspoken about several political and environmental issues.

Ben's health began to fail in the mid-1970's, so they moved back to Montana. They retired to Missoula, where Ben died in 1977. Ida enjoyed her home life with her extended family: her son, Julius and her grandson, Paul, both of whom she loved and cared for throughout the years. In 1995 they all moved to Great Falls, where they have lived since. Ida's health remained good until age 91. She spent recuperative time at the Missouri River Manor, then returned home. This past June she was hospitalized with a setback and transferred to Peace Hospice. Again, she was fortunate to go home and receive the loving care of her family until her death.

Ida claimed that she had moved over 100 times in her life; they simply went where the jobs took them. She worked hard through it all and experienced many trials and tribulations. She enjoyed the work, the new opportunities and friendships, and life's wonderful adventures. She was a "multi-tasker" before multi-tasking was cool. She never complained and always found something positive in each move.

Ida also found time for special hobbies. She enjoyed playing marbles and cards (especially, pinochle, canasta, and Bridge). She loved gardening and flow-

ers. She enjoyed music and singing (and had a beautiful voice!). In her quiet time she enjoyed working crossword puzzles and reading "true detectives". Over the years she had many collections, including cups

and saucers, agates and stones, coins, and others. She and Ben loved to fish and hunt, and they would often donate their meat to the nuns at the orphanage in Helena. Ida loved all animals, especially dogs and birds. She always had puppies around the house and a few parakeets, too (who were learning to "talk"). At the time of her death, Ida's two pet dogs were Tuffy and Angel.

Ida was an independent, strong-willed, and intelligent woman who was considered the "matriarch of the family". She could also be a very generous, tender, and caring lady. It's no wonder that her family loved and respected her.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Patricia (Jack) Seidlitz of Chester; 2 sons, Frank (Janet) Jodlowski of Kirtland, Ohio and Julius Jodlowski of Great Falls; 1 sister, Nellie Banning of Wichita, Kansas; 1 step-son, Don Hull of Bellevue, Washington; 8 grandchildren (including John, Mark, Roger, Kelly, Anne, and Paul Seidlitz; and Jinny Jo and Frankie Jodlowski); 12 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Ida was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband(s), but also by a stillborn son, a grandson (Gary Seidlitz), and her brother (Charles McBride).

Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday (Dec. 7th) at the University of Great Falls TRINITAS CHAPEL. Her ashes will be buried at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Missoula. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

ROBERT A. HUNT
Born: Age: 70 – Died: June 18, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
June 30, 2007

Robert A. Hunt

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Shelby native Robert A. Hunt, 70, of Anchorage, Alaska, a Marine Corps Reserve veteran and appraiser for the Department of Housing and Urban Development



Hunt



who enjoyed fishing, playing country and western music and piloting, died of cancer June 18 in Anchorage.

At his request, no services are planned. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Kehl's Forest Lawn Mortuary and Crematory, and his ashes will be taken to his cabin on Fox Island in Alaska.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Betty (Lee) Hunt of Anchorage; a daughter, Wendy Roselius of Huntington Beach, Calif.; a son, Robert D. Hunt of Seward, Alaska; sisters Dorothy Seifert and Hazel Fransen of Shelby; a brother, Jack Hunt of Missoula; and two grandchildren.

ORIN 'TONY' HUSTON

Birth: September 27, 1924 – Death: January 29, 2007

Liberty County Times

February 14, 2007



Orin "Tony" Huston

Orin Huston (Tony) was born September 27, 1924 at Claybanks, Michigan. He had one younger sister and 4 older brothers. The parents were Orin and Ida (Bartlett) Huston. Tony grew up in the Whitehall community and he received his formal education there. During his high school years he was actively involved in track and football.

Shortly after high school he enlisted in the Army for 3 years.

While out of the Army he met and married Genevieve Vincent in 1947.

He rejoined the Army the following year and spent time in Germany, the Philippines, Korea, Kentucky and Fort Lewis and also time he really enjoyed at Fort Flagler. His proudest achievement was building a bridge in Korea and he spoke of this often.

Tony and Genevieve had 3 children Debbie, Pam and Dale.

Tony was a great dad and would take the kids camping. He would have them help him in his tool shed so they would learn things that could help them as adults.

When Tony got out of the Army in 1965 he started working at Remann Hall for the state of Washington. He was the "Chief Cook and Bottle Washer" as he would say. He loved working there and always had stories to tell. He took the kids to Westport and all the kids respected him. He was supervisor of the Annex they had in Puyallup for 3 years where he met Ken Smith who was a very close friend. Tony was working at the "New" Ramann hall when he had one of his heart attacks and had to leave on medical retirement in 1982.

Genevieve passed away because of cancer in 1992.

Shortly afterwards Tony was attending a funeral for his sister-in-law's mom. There he met Ione. He always loved to tell that story. Later Tony married Ione and moved to Chester, Montana. In the summer they lived there and in the winter they would snowbird Arizona. They took a trip to Australia and New Zealand, which he really enjoyed.

Tony had many health problems, most of them heart related, but he never complained in fact he usually joked about his 9 lives.

Tony's great loss came in 1996 when his daughter Debbie died of cancer. That was really hard for Tony to handle.

Tony and Ione went to Arizona for the winters and for the past couple years he would say, "I want to go down just one more year."

This time down in Arizona he had to go to the hospital. He stayed in ICU for 3-1/2 weeks with multiple issues including 2 surgeries. Because of his length of stay the ICU nurses thought there should be a wing named after him. Tony was the favorite of the nurses because he never complained and always said thānk you (with a smile on his face) whenever anything was done to him.

He passed away January 29, 2007 after a tough struggle.

He is survived by his wife Ione Huston, his children Pam and Dale, 5 grandchildren, Joshua, Joe, Alisa, Jeff and Katie and 6 great grandchildren. One brother Eldon Huston and Sister Nettie Echenberg. And Ione's family Larry Hanson, Cal Hanson and Darlene Abeln and their families.

GERTRUDE EDRIS (GRAHAM) JENSEN
Birth: July 15, 1913 – Death: November 30, 2007
Liberty County Times
December 12, 2007



Edris Jensen

Edris Jensen, age 94, a loving mother and friend, died Friday evening (November 30, 2007) at the Liberty Medical Center in Chester. Her children were gathered at her bedside at the time of her passing.

She was born Gertrude Edris Graham on July 15, 1913 at Dogden, North-Dakota. She was one of two children born to Myrtle Hanson and Wilford Graham. She spent a few of her early years in Tennessee before her family moved to Liberty County, Montana. Edris received her early education at the Bear Den and Roke country schools, then graduated from Chester High School in 1933.

She married Walter F. Jensen on December 15, 1934 at Joplin, MT. They made their home in Chester where they raised a family of four. In addition to being a diligent housewife and mother, Edris enjoyed working outside of the home. Her early employment included bookkeeping positions at Chester Trading Company, Svennungsen Chevrolet, and Triangle Hardware. In 1951 Edris was elected the second Assessor in the history of Liberty County. She served as the County Assessor for 27 years until her retirement in 1978.

The Jensens enjoyed many good times together in their retirement years. They had been married almost 60 years when Walt passed away on May 23, 1994. Soon after, Edris moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge where she became an active member of the "Kitchen Band" (her musical instrument was the "shakers"). In 2002 she moved to Wheat Country Estate, a place she enjoyed very much. In June of 2007 she transferred back to the Lodge, which became "home" until the time of her death.

Edris was a lifelong member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and W.E.L.C.A. In addition she served as the volunteer treasurer of Our Savior's for 35 years. Edris and a local friend and church member, Harold Flogum, would tabulate the week's offerings each Sunday afternoon, then Edris would make the deposits and pay the bills. Harold appreciated all of her efforts, so he would "treat her to a new dress" once a year!

Edris was also active in the Eastern Star, the Business & Professional Women's Club, and the Republican Women's group.

In her retirement years Edris never passed up a chance to travel. She took a memorable RV trip with Arlo and Beth Graham throughout many states (including North Dakota and Tennessee to revisit her early life). She spent her last years doing a lot of reading; she enjoyed reading her Bible, "Guideposts", and Jeanette Oakley books. Edris also loved to

crochet; she made beautiful afghans for every family member and several special friends.

Her other activities included sewing, jigsaw puzzles, cards, and board games. Edris was a good cook and her family always looked forward to her Sunday after church meals. A few of her famous culinary delights were "noodle melody" and "raspioca". In her quiet time at home Edris enjoyed her favorite TV programs: Lawrence Welk, Price Is Right, Wheel of Fortune, and Jeopardy. And just for the fun of it, she collected teacups, spoons, and refrigerator magnets. She also enjoyed her assorted angel and jewelry pins.

A highlight of the Jensen's life was a memorable trip in 1984 when 43 family members and friends traveled to Hawaii to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Edris is survived by 2 daughters, Marilyn (Lyle) Whelchel of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Arletta Nicholson of Havre; 2 sons, Gary (Bev) Jensen and Carmen (Julane) Jensen, both of Chester; an unofficially adopted son, Gordon Nelsen of Conrad; a sister-in-law, Beth Graham of Chester; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband (Walt), her father (Wilford), her mother and stepfather (Myrtle and Harry Hoffner), a grandson (Douglas Walter Jensen), 2 brothers (Arlo Graham and Donald Hoffner), and 2 sisters (Mable Dafoe and Ruth Arletta Hoffner).

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday (Dec. 5th) by Pastor Val Metropoulos at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Lay Pastor Associate, Cheryl Muncy, assisted. Scriptures were read by Janet Dryden and David Whelchel, the eulogist was Gordon Nelsen, and Nicholas Zinne served as candle-lighter. Organist, Karen Stack, accompanied the congregation, who sang "Softly & Tenderly" and "The Old Rugged Cross". Special vocal/guitar music was provided by Pete Woods ("Will the Circle Be Unbroken") and Ken Overcast ("Granny's Mansion"). The service ended with a taped selection entitled "I'm Gonna Live Forever Now" (by Billy Joe Shaver). Ushers were Clifford Hanson and Richard Buker. Grandsons served as pallbearers. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church fellowship hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Memorials will be given to Our Savior's Lutheran Landscape Fund, the Hi-Line Pool & Recreation Foundation, or donor's choice...

GLADYS 'GLADEE' (JEPPESEN) JEWETT
Birth: March 10, 1921 – Death: December 8, 2007
Liberty County Times
December 26, 2007



Gladys Jeppesen Jewett

"Gladee" Jewett was born March 10, 1921 in Great Falls, Montana. She was the eldest of three children born to Karl and Lillian (Houske) Jeppesen. She grew up in the Chester community and graduated from CHS in 1939. Her fondest memories of her school years were of her participation in choral programs, athletics and in speech competitions. She attended Montana University for a year and then went to work for Bank of America in Great Falls. It was in Great Falls that she met her future husband, Alford

Jewett. She would reminisce that after she first met "Al" she didn't have eyes for anyone else. She and Al were married on February 22, 1942.

Gladee and Al lived in Seattle until Al was inducted into the Army. At that time she came back to Chester and stayed with Karl and Lillian until after Al's discharge from the Army. She and Al then moved to

Bozeman where he enrolled in the engineering program at Montana State. After his graduation, they lived in Great Falls, Chester and Morony

Dam. In 1951 Al accepted a job offer which took them to Long Beach, CA. While they were in Long Beach Gladee enjoyed donating her time to her children's schools, and many charitable organizations. Her favorite charity was the Salvation Army, and she made many lifelong friends as a result of her participation in the Salvation Army Auxiliary. While they were in Long Beach, she and Al got started on a life long hobby of collecting antiques. They loved to go to auctions, flea markets and antique stores. They both studied about the things they were interested in collecting, and became very knowledgeable. In 1970, Al received a promotion at Pacific Coast Borax which required that they move to Lancaster, CA. There they continued their interest in collecting antiques, and furnished their new home with beautiful pieces chosen just for that "spot." After Al's retirement in 1984 they spent a few more years in Lancaster, and then

moved to Peoria Arizona in 1992. Al died in Peoria November 3, 2006, of lung cancer and Gladee stayed in Peoria until April of 2007 when she moved to the Agoura Hills Senior Retreat in Agoura Hills, CA to be closer to her daughter and her grandchildren. After a three week stay in the hospital, Gladee moved to Westlake Healthcare so that she could get intensive physical therapy, and regain her strength. After making some improvement she suffered a pulmonary embolism, and passed away on Saturday, December 8, 2007.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Alene (Joey) Solcyk of Newbury Park, CA; 4 grandchildren, including Denise (Rob) Dearborn of Moorpark, CA, Debbie (Bill) Champlain of Agoura Hills, CA, Matt Jewett of Visalia, CA Allison Jewett of Costa Mesa, CA, 9 great-grand-children, 1 sister, Donna (Stan) Goodbar of Cheyenne WY, and nephews, Butch Jeppesen, Bruce Jeppesen, and niece Karlene Jeppesen.

Gladee was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her only brother (Grant Jeppesen), her son, Mike Jewett, a nephew, Rick Goodbar, and two nieces, Karla Goodbar and Mary Jeppesen.

It was the request of both Gladee and Al that no funeral services be held.

AUDREY MARIE (HOFFMAN) JOCHIM
Birth: March 19 1921 – Death: June 21, 2007

Liberty County Times
June 27, 2007



Audrey Jochim

Audrey Marie (Hoffman) Jochim was born at Cogswell, North Dakota on March 19, 1921. She was the youngest of four children born to Horace and Antoinette (Theiss) Hoffman. Audrey received her formal education at Cogswell, graduating from high school there in 1939. During the next two years she attended the Whapeton State Science School, where she earned her associates degree in office and clerical studies.

In the years that followed, Audrey worked for the Veterans Administration in New York City, N.Y., Washington, D.C., and Fargo, N.D. While living in Fargo, she met a Montana farmer, Anton M. Jochim, on a blind date. Audrey and Tony "fell in love" and were married in Fargo on October 30, 1954. Soon after, they moved to the Jochim farm south of Inverness, Montana, where Audrey worked diligently as a homemaker and mother of two daughters.

The Jochims retired in 1982; they leased out the farmland but continued to live in their

farm home. In 1985 they purchased a cabin near the West Glacier Golf Course, where they enjoyed spending their summer months. They remained active in both communities, Inverness and West Glacier, throughout their retirement years.

Audrey's health was good until this past year, when she developed some medical problems. She was recuperating quite well this winter and was looking forward to another exciting summer at West Glacier. On Thursday (June 21st, 2007) Audrey became ill

at home in Inverness. She was rushed to the Chester hospital where resuscitative measures were to no avail. She died at age 86.

Audrey was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness, where she served on the Altar Society and taught CCD for many years. She had also been a member of the Inverness P.T.A.

Audrey was an astute businesswoman throughout her life. Her college education and employment at the V.A. afforded her the practical skills to complete the daily records and bookwork for their farming operations. Education was important to Audrey, so she was very proud that both of her daughters received college degrees. In addition Audrey had a pleasing and progressive personality, so it's understandable that she developed a "lovely circle of true friends". She was known as a "second mom" to many of her daughters' friends. She earned the

admiration of her two sons-in-law, who affectionately called her "Aud the Bod"!

The Jochims took many memorable trips together, namely to Hawaii, Switzerland, and the Caribbean. In 2004 they went on an Alaskan cruise with their family to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. In addition, Audrey made a special "girls only trip" to Paris with her daughter and granddaughter. The traveling was exciting, but most of the best memories were made at the cabin in Glacier Park. Some of their favorite hiking areas were at Appar, Logan Pass, and the "Danny Ohn Trail". Other activities like golfing, snowmobiling, fishing, bird-watching, and spending time with family and friends added excitement to their lives.

Audrey enjoyed many hobbies. She was an avid reader of mysteries and daily newspapers. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and playing Bridge. She was an excellent cook; her homemade potato salads and pie crusts were second to none! She was a good bowler and golfer (and was fortunate to score a "hole-in-one" many years ago). She adored kittens (a couple of her favorite pet kitties were "Poo Poo" and "Speckles"). She loved holidays, especially Christmas, which meant spending time with family. She collected old family photos and enjoyed reminiscing about "old times". She loved her two daughters and looked forward to their daily telephone visits. Happy with life, Audrey was very content

during those 53 years of marriage to her best friend and faithful companion, Tony...

In addition to her husband, Audrey is survived by her loving daughters, Jean Edwards (and husband, Doug) and Peggy Currie (and husband, Keith), all of Spokane, Washington; 5 grand-children, including Steph, Shelly, Bryce, Tony, and Cameron; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers (John and Chuck Hoffman), and 1 sister (Dorothy Kelly).

Vigil Prayers were 7:00 p.m. Monday (June 25th) at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. Audrey's Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Joseph Diekhans at 12 noon Tuesday (June 26th) at the church. Special music was provided by Marcus Jochim (vocalist), Christy Fossen (organist), and members of the Sacred Heart Choir. Scripture readings were by Audrey's sons-in-law and the eulogy was shared by daughter, Jean. Communion gifts were presented by the granddaughters. Eucharistic ministers were Una and Bev Moog. Greeters were Allen and Garrett Fisher and Tom Jochim. Altar server was Dennis Mangold. Pallbearers included Audrey's 3 grandsons and Greg Woods, Richard Fisher, and Larry Jochim. A memorial luncheon followed at the church. Graveside services were 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorial gifts can be given to the Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester or to donor's choice...

JUNE PHYLLIS (KEZAR) JOHNSON
Born: January 30, 1920 – Died: July 16, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
July 20, 2007

June Phyllis Johnson

HAVRE — June Phyllis (Kezar) Johnson, 87, who loved to paint, bake and decorate cakes and was a former Kremlin School head cook, died of natural causes Monday at a Havre care center.



Johnson

Her service is 10 a.m. Monday at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church in Havre, with private family burial at a later date. Edwards Funeral Home in Chinook is handling arrangements.

Survivors include two daughters, Diana (Ted) Burfield of Whitefish and Delonna (Ned) Malone of Havre; three sons, Duane (Lynne Keralis) of Helena and Don (Denise Mapes) and David (LeAnn England) of Havre; sisters Betty (Bill) Hutchinson of Bigfork, Bebe Kezar of Whitefish, Patti Walen of Great Falls and Joanna Mangels of Littleton, Colo.; a brother, Leon Kezar of Great Falls; a daughter-in-law, Carla Peck of Havre; 21 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

June was born Jan. 30, 1920, to Lee and Signa (Granel) Kezar in Havre, Mont. She was raised in

Havre and Kremlin and graduated from Kremlin High School in 1939.

She met Norman Johnson at a dance in Kremlin and they were married June 3, 1939, at a Lutheran Church in Havre. June and Norman raised their six children in Kremlin, Mont.

June was a homemaker who loved to cook, was a wonderful baker and made and decorated cakes for weddings and other occasions. June went to work at the Kremlin Schools as head cook and took great pride in her job. She later discovered painting, which became a great passion of hers. Her specialty was acrylic paint and flowers.

With her husband, Norman, she also loved to golf. June always had a big smile on her face and greeted family friends with much warmth and lots of homemade cooking. June and Norman moved to Whitefish after Norman retired. They lived there for 15 years before moving back to Havre in 1996. Norman passed away in April 2003.

She was preceded in death by a son, Daryl; a grandson, Mitch Burfield; brothers Dalys and Gerald Kezar; a sister, Mary Jean Davey; and her parents.

Memorials can be made to Havre Youth Baseball.

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MARK ANDREW KEELEY
Born: October 15, 1993 – Died: April 22, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
April 24, 2007

Mark Andrew Keeley

HAVRE — Mark Andrew Keeley, 13, of Havre, died Sunday at a Great Falls hospital of injuries received from gunshot wounds.

His funeral is 2 p.m. Wednesday at Fifth Avenue Christian Church in Havre, with burial in Highland Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the church. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his mother, Michelle Keeley (Frank Springer) of Havre; brothers Jacob Vauthier of Havre and Austin Murray of Sacramento, Calif.; maternal grandparents Mark and Sharon Keeley of Gildford; aunts Denice (Doug) Malley of Kalispell, Lori (Steven) Siefert of Hardwick, Mass.; cousins James and Zachary Malley, and Melanie and Joshua Siefert; and numerous friends.

Mark was born Oct. 15, 1993, in Havre, to Michelle Keeley. He attended Havre public schools through third grade, when he moved to Rudyard with his mother. He was currently attending seventh grade at Havre Middle School.

He was involved in football, baseball, basketball and track. He enjoyed spending time with his grandfather, Mark. He was an avid fisherman, and won his first fishing tournament when he was 2½ years old. Mark and his grandpa enjoyed rebuilding and restoring a 1961 Ford Falcon Deluxe that took more than two years to complete.

Mark enjoyed riding his three-wheeler, going to the skate park and riding bikes with his friends. He also enjoyed playing video games and wrestling with his two younger brothers.

He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal great-grandparents.

Memorials are suggested to the Mark Keeley Memorial, c/o Rudyard Wells Fargo Bank, 5 Main St., Rudyard, MT 59540.

Condolences may be sent online to hollandbonine@mtintouch.net and/or greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

SHELBY JOEL 'JOE' KELLEY

Birth: April 27, 1933 – Death: December 8, 2007

Liberty County Times

December 12, 2007



Joe with his grand-niece Tayla Overlie after performing her dedication in 1988.

"Joe" Kelley

Shelby Joel "Joe" Kelley passed away December 8, 2007 in Arizona from complications of a rare form of leukemia; he was 74 years old. Joe was the son of Marion and June Kelley of Chester (both deceased) and the brother of Dorothy (Kelley) Overlie of Chester.

Joe was the second of seven children born to June and Marion Kelley and was born April 27, 1933 in Bozeman, Montana. He graduated from Bozeman High School and immediately joined the Air Force in 1951. During his time in the military Joe met his first wife, Rosa Mae Smith and they were married July 9, 1954 in Hertford, North Carolina. The couple had two children, Peggy Lou Kelley and Addie Louise Kelley. The marriage was troubled and the couple divorced in 1957 in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Joe returned to Montana after the divorce and, August 28, 1960, he married his life-mate, Shirley Louise Steffensmier. The couple had two children, Shellie Kaye and

In 1969 Joe received his AA degree in ministerial studies from Nazarene Bible college in Colorado and served as a pastor in the church for a few years. The family moved around, but Joe and Shirley seemed to find Great Falls, Montana "th' thim best." They lived in Great Falls for more than 20 years, off and on, during their time together. A few years ago they decided to move from Great Falls and settled in Arizona where Joe passed away last week.

Joe will be remembered as a kind a loving man who was very dedicated to his faith. He served as a minister and lay-minister many time throughout his life. He loved children and was very good with them. He was well known by his siblings as a practical joker in his youth and he kept his sense of humor throughout his life.

Joe was a man who was never afraid to discuss his religious beliefs or to let his anyone in his family know when he felt they weren't living on the right path. But even his critics were usually given in a quiet, loving way.

Joe loved carpentry work and was very good at it. He spent many years as a carpet layer in Great Falls and the surrounding area and did a lot of work on his own home. Joe loved to barbecue and he and Shirley loved animals of all kinds and often had several pets.

Among his favorite activities was listening to music of many types and playing around with computers.

His survivors include his wife Shirley, his son Scott, his

daughters Shellie DeBois, Peggy Waggy and Diana Grime; His brothers Marion (Jim) Kelley (Roberta), Lewis Kelley (Romi) and Ray Kelley (Koreen); Sisters Amy Smith, Dorothy Overlie and Bonnie Eppers (Gary); 10 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Marion and June Kelley, and one grandson.

WILLIAM RYERSON 'BILL' KELLY
Born: January 14, 1941 – Died: September 25, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
September 28, 2007

William R. Kelly

ST. IGNATIUS — St. Ignatius resident William Ryerson "Bill" Kelly, 66, died of pancreatic cancer Tuesday at his home.



Kelly

Visitation with the family is 7 to 9 p.m. today at Shriener's Mortuary in Ronan. Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at the Mission Valley United Methodist Church, with burial at Pleasant View Cemetery in St. Ignatius.

He was born at the Holy Family Hospital on Jan. 14, 1941, to William R. Kelly and Muriel Goble Kelly. After graduating high school in 1959, he headed to the University of Montana before transferring to Western Montana College in Dillon, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1963.

After six years of dating, Bill married his high school sweetheart, Kathryn "Kay" Hamel, on June 29, 1963.

After teaching school in Arlee for a couple of years, Bill went to work as a real estate representative for Continental Oil (Conoco) in Helena, Missoula and Billings. He left Conoco to pursue a partnership with RL Stratford and Co., a contractor for Butler Steel Buildings, in Billings. A few years later, the name was changed to Hanson-Kelly Construction. In 1992, Bill retired from H-K Construction and fulfilled his dream to retire in the Valley with a view of the Mission Mountains from "The Homestead."

Bill was a 45-year member of the Masons Flathead Lodge 112. He also enjoyed membership with the Knights of Columbus, Al Bedoo Shrine and the Scottish Rite in Billings.

Bill was a very generous man and he enjoyed contributing to worthy causes, such as the yearly Local Volunteer Fire Department auction and numerous other causes, so he could pledge his support, but mostly by supporting his family, friends and neighbors with his time and talents. Bill enjoyed being a rancher, without the responsibilities of the daily struggles. He endeared himself to local ranchers and neighbors as a helping hand - provided he wasn't going fishing that day. He enjoyed "burning brush" and took great pride in turning his Mission Creek property into a park-like setting and stocking a fish pond for kids to enjoy. His other pleasures included numerous trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness, float trips with his buddies from Seeley, hunting, camping and fishing wherever he could.

Bill was pleased to host a Kelly family reunion in 2006, which was attended by all 36 family and friends who were invited. He loved small children, and following in the footsteps of his father, who was known as the "Tootsie Roll man," Bill was never far from a stash of Tootsie Pops, which were freely distributed to kids of all ages.

Bill is survived by his wife Kay; daughter Barbara Geatches and her husband Jeff of Alexandria, Va.; son William "Robb" Kelly and his wife Shelli of Renton, Wash.; sister Kathryn Brownlee and her husband Stu of Gildford, Mont.; brother-in-law Pat Coady of Sicamous, Canada; and five grandchildren, Kelly, Katie and Andrew Geatches and Wyatt and Madison Kelly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Murn Kelly of St. Ignatius; and his sister, Jude Coady of Kelowna, B.C.

Special thanks to Robin, Margit, and Shannon of Lake County Hospice for easing his pain, and for all the cards, calls, and concern of Bill's many friends and family.

Ever generous, but mindful of how money is spent (and not a big fan of flowers in the first place), he requested that instead of flowers, donations be made to the Lake County Hospice; Mission Valley United Methodist Church; or to an organization of your choice.

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BRONDLE EDWARD KINYON
Born: May 25, 1913 – Died: November 10, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
November 12, 2007

Brondle Edward Kinyon

SHELBY — World War II Army Air Corps veteran Brondle



Kinyon

Edward Kinyon, 93, of Shelby, a longtime Galata-area farmer, died of natural causes Saturday at the Marias Medical Center. His memorial service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at Galata Lutheran Church, with inurnment in Galata Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his daughters, Jane (Curt) Shaffer of Shelby and Jean (Dexter) Aspevig of Bozeman; stepchildren Shirley (Norm) Kruse Nash of Yuma, Ariz., and Don (Mary) Kruse of Kalispell; grandchildren Amy Aspevig (Nathan) Lindquist of St. Paul, Minn., Amber Aspevig of Helena and Annalisa Shaffer of Shelby; and special stepgranddaughter Amy (Bob) Bauer of Cut Bank.

Brondle was born May 25, 1914, to James and May (Pegg) Kinyon in Galata, where he was raised and educated. He served in

WWII as a Tech Sgt. with the Army Air Corp working as a power turret and gun sight mechanic on B17s stationed at Molesworth, England.

He and Leona Lalum were married Sept. 28, 1947, at Shelby; she passed away Jan. 15, 1986. On Feb. 21, 1987, he and Hermie Ray Kruse were married at Columbia Falls; she died Sept. 17, 2005.

Brondle farmed his entire life before retiring in 1977. After which he would spend his winters in Yuma, Ariz., and his summers at his cabin near Essex.

He was a member of the Galata Lutheran Church where he had served on the church council; the Galata Water Board District; the Farmers Union Elevator Board; and the Galata American Legion Post.

Brondle enjoyed hunting, rock hounding and lapidary, fishing, camping, woodworking and fixing things.

In addition to his wives, he was preceded in death by his parents; daughters Carol Ann Kinyon and Kathleen Kinyon; a sister, Maggie Kinyon McSweeney; and brothers Vern, Olen, Homer and Ray.

Condolences may be posted online at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

DOROTHY (WELLENS) MARTIN KLEINJAN

Born: June 5, 1924 – Died: April 20, 2007

Great Falls Tribune

May 1, 2007

Dorothy Martin Kleinjan

HAVRE — Former Great Falls resident Dorothy Martin Kleinjan, 82, of Havre, died of complications from Parkinson's disease April 20 at a Chinook nursing home.



Kleinjan

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home. Her memorial service is 11 a.m. June 22 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Havre.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin; a sister, Ruth (Art) Nelson of Great Falls; children Jack (Sharon) Martin of LaQuinta, Calif., Steve (Mary Jean) Martin of Helena and Julie (Summerfield) Baldrige of Whitefish; a step-daughter Bobbie (Bob) Tadej of Fort Benton; as well as the joy of her life, her five grandchildren, Lauren, Maryl and Shelby Baldrige and Eric and Stephanie Tadej.

She was preceded in death by her son Bob Martin and her sister Betty McMaster.

Dorothy was born June 5, 1924, to Herbert and Albertine (Marxer) Wellens in Great Falls. She grew up there with her two sisters, Ruth and Betty. They were blessed with many Marxer relatives living in the Eden and Millegan communities to spend time with in the country. She graduated early from Great Falls High School in January 1942, and began college immediately, earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1943 from the University of Great Falls at age 19.

She began her teaching career at the Orr School southeast of Ulin. She lived in a teacherage and was responsible for keeping

the coal fires burning, raising the water, teaching grades three through eight and playing host to many of the community social events such as square dances, box socials and card parties—all without any electricity.

She then moved to Hingham, once more enjoying multi-grade teaching and the small town community life, attending activities and sporting events up and down the Hi-Line, and helping her husband run the farm. Later she returned to country school teaching for a time at the North Yantic School after her move to Havre.

Dorothy married Charles "Red" Martin in 1947 and they raised four children, at first spending summers on the farm in Hingham and winters in Havre, then full-time on a farm northeast of Havre. Red preceded her in death in 1974. Dorothy married Marvin Kleinjan in 1975 and they enjoyed three decades of traveling, camping, fishing, square dancing, volunteering and making a beautiful country home.

Dorothy will be remembered for her ready smile, her attention to her grandchildren, her welcoming home and delicious meals, her beautiful and prolific gardens (especially Grandma's strawberry patch), her amazing sewing creations and handmade quilts, her many years of service as a room mother, scout leader, church volunteer, World Day of Prayer coordinator, Heart Fund volunteer, election judge and perpetual Lutheran Home Auxiliary president, as well as for her optimistic attitude and energy for life.

Memorials may be sent to the Messiah Lutheran Quilters c/o Messiah Lutheran Church, 417 20th Street, Havre, MT 59501.

The family wishes to thank the curing staff of the Sweet Memorial Home.

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GERARD THOMAS LaBORTA
Birth: May 30, 1943 – Death: April 14, 2007
Liberty County Times
April 18, 2007



Gerard LaBorta

Gerard Thomas LaBorta was born May 30, 1943 at Havre, Montana. He was one of six children born to Elmer and Esther (Bergstrom) LaBorta, who farmed in the south Rudyard community. Gerard received his early education at the Rathbun school near the farm, then finished his schooling in Rudyard, where he graduated from R.H.S. in 1961. Gerard continued his education at Northern Montana College in Havre, where he studied general courses for two quarters.

He returned to the family farm and took over the farming operations following his father's death in 1965. Gerard raised beef cattle and wheat, and lived with his mother and sister (Ann Marie) on the farm. In those few years following his mother's death in 1986, Gerard developed some personal health issues. In 1999 he sold the farm and moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. He lived there until 2002, then transferred to the Wheat Country Estates in Chester.

Gerard had a history of diabetes and heart disease for several years. On this past Saturday morning (April 14, 2007) he hadn't been "out-&-about" as usual at the assisted-living facility, so staff members went to his apartment. Gerard had died peacefully there, sitting in his livingroom chair. He was just 63 years old.

Gerard was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard and was a past member of the church council. He was also a past member of the Montana Farmer's Union organization.

During his younger years Gerard played tuba in the high school band and was active in 4-H, where his projects included leather-tooling and certified grains. His love for leather-tooling and leather-dyeing continued into this adult life. He made many beautiful leather products, including wallets, purses, belts, and gun scabbards. He also enjoyed hunting (mainly, deer and antelope) and fishing. He liked to play board games and cards (especially, pinochle and rummy). In his quiet time at home, Gerard loved to read westerns by Louis LaMour and Zane Gray, and he had accumulated a large collection of their books. He also enjoyed his gun collection.

Gerard could best be described as a quiet person who pretty much kept to himself. He did enjoy a special friendship with Albert Budeau and the

other residents at Wheat Country Estates. They will remember his constant smile and the many stories he liked to tell – some true and some not!

Gerard never married. He is survived by 1 brother, Dale LaBorta of Breckenridge, Minn.; 3 sisters, Myrl (Marcel) Solum of Rudyard, June (Doug) Stiles of Havre, and Aileen Garrick of

Plentywood; his only aunt, Myrtle Bergstrom of Rudyard; and numerous nephews and nieces. Gerard was preceded in death by his parents and sister (Ann Marie in 2001).

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday (April 18th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Pastor Brian Pederson will officiate. Special music will be provided by organist Sharon Spicher and vocalist Terry Stevenson! Friends serving as pallbearers will be Stu Smith, Fred Elling, Lane Rigg, Wade Rigg, Bob Christenson, Tim Gatzemeier, and Eric Gatzemeier. Burial services will be at the Joplin Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the church in Rudyard. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials will be given to the Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester, the Lutheran Church in Rudyard, or the Rudyard Historical Society...

TYRONE LEE LaBUFF
Born: Age: 31 – Died: January 4, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
January 7, 2007

Tyrone Lee LaBuff

BROWNING — Tyrone Lee LaBuff, 31, who enjoyed riding horses and spending time with his children, died Thursday at his home in Browning. The coroner has not determined the cause of death.

A wake is in progress at Glacier Homes Community Center. Rosary is 7 p.m. Wednesday at the center, with burial at 2 p.m. Thursday in Willow Creek Cemetery. Foster and Spotted Eagle Tribal Wake Center is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors, all of Browning, include his partner, Stephanie Guardipee; a daughter, Akira LaBuff; sons Tyrone LaBuff Jr. and Tyrell LaBuff; his father, Levi LaBuff Sr.; his mother, Marg LaBuff; sisters Autumn and Patience LaBuff; and brothers Levi LaBuff Jr., Gentry LaBuff, TamienLaBuff, Josh LaBuff, Reuben LaBuff and J.J. LaBuff.

NELLIE (ADAMS) LAKEY
Birth: May 18, 1919 – Death: March 27, 2007
Liberty County Times
April 4, 2007



Nellie Lakey

Longtime Kalispell resident, Nellie Lakey, age 87, died peacefully Tues, March 27, 2007 in Kalispell, Montana, surrounded by loved ones. She was born May 18, 1919, in Inverness, Montana to Oscar and Emma (Lambott) Adams.

She was the second of thirteen children. She was no stranger to hard work, helping to raise younger siblings and in her early teens was cooking for thrashing crews. In November of 1938, Nellie married Houston Lakey in Havre, Montana and they lived on the family's ranch north of Chester until 1945. Prior to settling in the Flathead Valley, Nellie and Houston owned and operated a private business in Terry, Montana for many years. On retirement, they traveled together for almost twenty years. Winters were spent in Arizona and California and summers visiting friends and family throughout Montana and even making a few trips to Alaska.

Nellie was a wonderful cook. Her family remembers the homemade bread, juicy pies and especially her famous cinnamon rolls. She was also an accomplished seamstress. Her projects included ruffled baby rompers, prom dresses and even a camping tent. She crocheted elaborate designs on delicate linen hankies and on pillow-cases. Later in life she made afghans for all the grandchildren and then baby quilts for all the great grandchildren and for the babies of friends in her church.

Nellie enjoyed china painting and was also noted for her oil paintings of farm scenes and of beautiful flowers. She loved picking berries, canning and shopping for bargains at the thrift stores. More recently she enjoyed her flowers, reading, and visiting with friends. Nellie was one resilient and very determined individual; winning three courageous and separate battles with cancer.

She was very devoted to her faith, opening up her home to visiting ministers and hosting weekly bible studies. Although illnesses slowed her down in later life, she let the Lord strengthen her to carry on longer than most could have. Her family would like to thank the very special people of Kalispell who loved and cared for Nellie especially all her devoted church family, neighbors, friends and the many health care providers and volunteers.

Nellie was preceded in death by Houston, her loving husband of 57 years, an infant grandson; 2 brothers, Victor and Thomas Adams; 6 sisters, Nora, Stella, Iona, Marie, Helen and Elsie.

She is now survived by her children and their spouses; John (Kathy) Lakey of Twenty Nine Palms, CA; Sheila Coulston of Bainville, MT; Naomi (Pat) Leonard of Eagle River, Alaska; Sharon (Keith) Schwartz of Baker, MT and Jim (Patty) Lakey of Tioga, ND; 2 brothers, Charles Adams of Inverness, MT and Zane Adams and wife Cathy of Rudyard, MT; 2 sisters, Gladys of Rudyard, MT and Joyce of Bremerton, WA; 2 sister-in-laws; Mary Ann of Livingston, MT and Ethel of Chester, MT; 21 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and a multitude of friends.

Funeral services for Nellie Lakey will be held Monday, April 2, 2007 at 2 PM in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Sat March 31, 2007 from 9 am to 1 pm at Johnson Mortuary.

Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for Nellie's family.

FRED 'BUD' A. LAMPING, JR.
Born: December 3, 1913 – Died: November 10, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
November 13, 2007

Fred 'Bud' A. Lamping Jr.

EAST HELENA — Fred "Bud" A. Lamping Jr., 93 of East Helena, a retired foreman for the ASARCO smelter in East Helena, died of congestive heart failure Saturday at a Helena convalescent home.

Vigil is 7 p.m. today at Hagler-Anderson Chapel. His funeral Mass is 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in East Helena, with burial in Resurrection Cemetery. Hagler-Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Loretta; daughters Sharon (Don) Van Dessel of Chester and Reyna (Joseph) Hueth of Great Falls; a son, Rick Lamping of East Helena; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, one sister, five brothers and special sister-in-law, Doloras Holland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Pearl Lamping; one sister, Wyona; and two brothers, Clifford and Leonard.

Bud was born Dec. 3, 1913, in St. Louis to Fred and Pearl Lamping Sr. He came to Montana when he was 1 year old. The fam-

ily made their home in East Helena, where Bud grew up. He met Loretta M. Himmelhaver, and they were married Jan. 7, 1939. They built their home in East Helena and lived there for 63 years. When their health started to fail, they moved into the Eagles Manor in Helena.

Bud worked at the ASARCO plant in East Helena for 42 years. In that time period, he and Loretta bought land in Lincoln and spent their vacations and weekends at their cabin. After Bud retired, they sold the land and started traveling south for the winter months. In his younger years, he fished, hunted and panned for gold. Later in his life he painted a lot of pictures and made clocks, which he enjoyed giving away. He also liked giving away flowers and birds that he made from pine cones.

Memorials may be sent in Fred's name to Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, 120 W. Riggs, East Helena, MT 59635.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

DUAINE C. 'DEWEY' LANGEL
Born: March 23, 1922 – Died: May 6, 2007

Liberty County Times
May 16, 2007



Duaine Langel

Duaine C. Langel (Dewey), 85, of Missoula, passed away Sunday, May 6, 2007 surrounded by his loving wife and family. Duaine died of natural causes after a 2-1/2 year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Duaine was born March 23, 1922 in Goldstone, Montana. He was the oldest of 10 children born to Arnold C. and Helen (McCann) Langel. He graduated from Rudyard High School in 1940 and then joined the U.S. Army during World War II where he served from 1942 through 1946. He served in the Philippines during the war.

Duaine married Ruby E. Peebler in 1945. After his discharge from the Army, Ruby and Dewey made their home south of Rudyard where they farmed until purchasing the Selmyhr place north of Rudyard in 1958. It was here that they raised their five children and participated in all of the activities that farming and ranching bring. They were active in many school and 4-H activities.

Ruby and Dewey also maintained a home in Rudyard until moving to Chester in 1971. At this time, Duaine worked as the service manager and equipment salesman for Chester Implement, the John Deere Dealer. Ruby also worked for Chester Implement as

a bookkeeper, thus allowing them to spend their working days together. Dewey retired in 1988 and they moved to Missoula in 1990 where he resided until his death. His last 2-1/2 years were at Hillside Manor where he was cared for in the Alzheimer's wing. The family is greatly appreciative of the care Dewey received while at Hillside.

Ruby and Dewey moved to Missoula to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Dewey would volunteer for all kinds of jobs and was always running errands and serving as a chauffeur for the grandchildren. He was always busy on many projects on their new home next to Benson Farms where he could also keep his eye on the seasons' crops. Dewey always looked forward to his weekly coffee club meetings where he could debate current "events" with his friends.

Duaine loved farming, working on tractors and farm equipment, and he appreciated and enjoyed the small farm communities of the Hi-Line. One of his favorite things was to "take a drive" and look at the crops. He also had a passion for anything John Deere as exhibited by the extensive collection of model John Deere farm equipment he put together over the years. He loved showing off his new "toys" to the grandkids.

Duaine is survived by Ruby, his devoted wife of over 61 years; two daughters, Kathleen D. Pelc and husband Bill of Dillon and Laurie G. Clark and husband Gary of Missoula; and three sons, Ken L. Langel and wife Chris of Post Falls, Idaho, Roger D. Langel and wife Resa of Post Falls, Idaho and Craig A. Langel and fiancée Ellen of Missoula; together with many grandchil-

dren, great grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Duaine is also survived by two brothers (Stan and Richard) and four sisters (Dorothy Langel, Audrey Kaercher, Katherine Brandt and Lucille Miller). Besides his parents, Duaine was preceded in death by two brothers, Arnold (Bud) and Gerry and one sister, Lillian.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Duaine's memory to Camp Make-A-Dream, P.O. Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806 or Alzheimer's Association Montana Chapter, 3010 11th Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 am, Thursday, May 10th at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Interment followed at Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

DAVID JAMES LaVALLEY:

Birth: September 10, 1917 - Death: October 6, 2007

Liberty County Times

October 17, 2007



David LaValley

David James LaValley was born September 10, 1917 on the family homestead east of Joplin, Montana. He was the second of five sons born to Lawrence and Ida (Aasen) LaValley. David received his formal education in

Joplin and Brady, graduating from Joplin High School in 1938.

He married Garnett May Adams on October 23, 1941 in Havre. In those early years they lived in Cut Bank where Dave worked in a scrap steel yard and in the oilfields during WWII. The LaValleys were blessed with four children. During the kid's school years they lived in Great Falls where Dave was employed at the Anaconda Smelter Company and served as head boiler fireman at Malmstrom Air Force Base. In 1963 they moved to the Adams' homestead 30 miles north of Joplin. They lived and farmed in the Joplin community from that time on.

Garnett died on June 15, 1999 at age 80. They had been married 58 years when she passed away. Dave remained on the farm for a short while, then moved to Havre to live with his son, Gary and family. He enjoyed his time in Havre the past eight years and maintained a positive attitude

about life. David had recovered from colon cancer in 1996, then was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2003. He was recently admitted to the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre, where he died peacefully on Saturday evening (October 6, 2007). He was 90 years old.

David loved to work the soil and reap its rewards. He also loved custom-harvesting. He had been active in the Liberty County S.C.S., where he promoted various farm programs and applied these new methods of soil rehabilitation. He served on the Farmers Union board and drove school bus for many years. During their years in Great Falls, Dave taught Bible school, served on the board at First Methodist Church, and volunteered as a Boy Scout leader. After returning to Joplin, he helped organize and coach the Big Sage Little League

baseball teams. During his recent years in Havre, David enjoyed going to the Senior Center for lunch and watch the guys play pool.

His hobbies were many. Dave loved music and dancing, watching old western movies on television, and reading local histories and Louis L'Amour cowboy books. In his younger days he enjoyed hunting and playing baseball on men's leagues. He was an avid fan of high school sports, especially wrestling. He also enjoyed N.M.C. Skylights basketball, Seattle Mariners baseball, and Dallas Cowboys football. Dave loved to fly in small engine aircraft and enjoy the scenic countryside.

These last years in Havre were special to David. He played an active role in the sporting and academic events of his two granddaughters, Breanna and Brooke. He also kept in contact with his other grandkids to stay current on their many activities and adventures. Dave always gave to all of his children and grandchildren and he taught by example. He & Garnett helped other children, too, with many of life's lessons.

In his final days Dave never suffered with pain, always kept a positive outlook and never complained, and continued to tease and maintain his good sense of humor. He will be sorely missed by all who simply called him "Grandpa"!

He is survived by 1 daughter, Barbara LaValley of Portland, OR; 2 sons, Gary (Yvette) LaValley of Havre and Dave (Brenda) LaValley of Milwaukie, OR; 9 grandchildren, Brett, Bradd, Blake, Jennifer, Lori, Rene, David, Breanna, and Brooke; 6 great-grandchildren, Courtney, Andrew, Eric, Matthew, Ian, and Jeneva; 3 nephews, Jim LaValley, Randy LaValley, and Ken Rimmer; and 2 nieces, Susan Coffman and Janet Bunton.

In addition to his wife and parents, David was preceded in death by a son (Ron in 2001) and his 4 brothers (Mark, Glenn, Raymond, and Paul LaValley).

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday (Oct. 12th) by Pastor Arden K. Barden at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. The obituary and personal

remembrances were shared by Chaplain Ila McClenahan. Della Wolery played the piano and Marcus Jochim sang Dave's favorite song, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". Greeters were Randy LaValley and Susan Coffman. Pallbearers were Blaine Sterner, Larry Olson, Bill Buerkle, Paul Wolery, Monty Kantorowicz, and Barney Bjornstad. Following burial at the Joplin Cemetery, a luncheon was held at Kjos Hall.

Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

HELEN ANITA (WEBBER) LAWS
Born: Age: 77 – Died: May 25, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
May 31, 2007

Helen Anita Laws

HARLEM — Helen Anita (Webber) Laws, 77, a former Hot Springs resident who was active in the Eastern Star chapter and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs, died of natural causes Friday



Laws at a Havre care facility.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook, and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Survivors include her husband of 31 years, Ernest Laws of Harlem; daughters Nancy Stiffarm of Fort Belknap and Wendy Eley-Riener of Chester; a brother, Howard Webber of Camas Prairie; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, John Eley.

RUTHIE ADAILA (LEDIN) LETANG
Born: April 22, 1920 – Died: June 22, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
June 26, 2007

Ruthie Adaila Letang

Ruthie Adaila (Ledin) Letang, 87, of Rudyard and Great Falls, died of natural causes Friday at a local hospital.



Letang

Graveside services will take place at the Rudyard cemetery at a later date. Cremation has taken place under the direction of

Croxford Funeral Home and Crematory.

Survivors include sons Richard (Barbara), Robert (Wanda), Roger (Karen) and Rande; a daughter, Karen (Roger) Giesy; numerous grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Ruthie was born April 22, 1920, to Frieda and Walter Ledin. She was the youngest of five children. Ruthie was raised and educated in Rudyard. She married Joseph Letang in Havre in 1950, and from that union, five children were born.

She enjoyed all arts and crafts projects, baking and crocheting. She was active in PTA and church activities.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, in 1961; her parents and four siblings.

The family would like to thank Janis for all of her loving care for the past year.

Condolences may be sent online to croxfords@qwest.net and/or greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

CHARLIE LINCOLN
Born: March 31, 1922 – Died: March 11, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
March 14, 2007

Charlie Lincoln

SHELBY — Charlie Lincoln, 84, a Shelby rancher, died of natural causes Sunday at a Shelby care center.



Lincoln

Visitation is 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Whitted Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass is 11 a.m. Friday at St. William Catholic Church, with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

He is survived by three sisters, Esther Lincoln Lonergan of Omaha, Neb., Adelle Lincoln Alessandrini of Greenwich, Conn., and Lottie Lincoln Bourdeau of Great Falls; a brother, Raymond Lincoln of Great Falls; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Charlie was born to Fred and Anna (Kubis) Lincoln on March 31, 1922, on a homestead in Black Coulee, 13 miles south of Inverness, Mont. He went to a country school south of Inverness and finished high school in Havre in 1940.

After high school, Charlie lived on the family farm and ranch south of Inverness. In 1946, both he and his mother, Anna Lincoln, bought a ranch on the Marias River, southwest of Shelby.

Charlie lived and ranched on the river for more than 50 years. He experienced the "Flood of 1964," when the water was up to the ceiling in his home and it took most of his buildings.

He had lived in Shelby for the past several years.

Charlie loved nature and animals, especially horses. He was a true conservationist at heart. What he enjoyed most was taking pack trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness on horseback.

Charlie will be missed by all who knew him.

It was always a great adventure to "ride the river with Charlie."

He was preceded in death by a brother, Albert Lincoln, in 2004; and his parents.

Condolences may be sent online to whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

JOAN (DAWSON) LINCOLN
Birth: November 28, 1922 – Death: May 14, 2007
Liberty County Times
May 23, 2007

Joan Lincoln, 84, of Kalispell Montana, passed away Monday May 14, 2007, at her winter residence in Zephyrhills Florida. She is survived by a daughter Valerie Gillies, Havre Montana, a son, Rodney Lincoln of Zephyrhills Florida, a nephew,

David Dawson, of Essex, England, seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Albert, son Jerome and her brother Joseph Dawson. She was born September 28, 1922, in Reading England to William

Henry and Florence Ann (Wilder) Dawson.

Joan was working in London England during WWII, where she met her husband, and moved to Montana in 1946. Joan and her husband, Al, lived and raised their children on the family

farm and ranch south of Joplin Montana and bought a winter home in the Flathead Valley in 1978. She was a loving and dedicated wife and mother. Two of her favorite hobbies were painting and gardening. Joan was an avid reader, a great conversationalist and

will be missed by all who knew her.

A viewing is planned for 9 – 6 p.m.; the family will be there from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, May 29th at the Johnson Mortuary, 525 So. Main St. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May

30th at Glacier Memorial Gardens, 2659 Highway 93 N., followed by a reception at 12 noon at the Red Lion Hotel, 20 North Main Street, Kalispell.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

LEE LAWRENCE LINCOLN
Birth: August 2, 1940 – Death: February 27, 2007
Liberty County Times
March 7, 2007

Lee Lincoln

Lee Lawrence Lincoln, 66, of Potomac, passed away Tuesday, February 27th after an off and on battle with cancer for 26 years.

Lee was born August 2, 1940 in Havre, MT to Edgar and Marie Lincoln. Lee spent childhood and teenage years on the family farm north of Rudyard. He attended Oreana School, a one-room country schoolhouse in Hill County, and his first four years of elementary school. He continued his schooling in Rudyard, graduating high school in 1959. In high school, he competed in football and basketball all four years. He was a member of the school band as well. After high school, Lee attended Montana State College where he played football one year. He also attended Eastern Montana College in Billings.

Lee married Karol Lofstrom in Great Falls on May 25, 1963. They lived and worked in Great Falls, Helena and on the Hi-Line before moving to the Missoula area in 1968. Lee worked in the timber industry for over 30 years as a millwright. He worked for Evans Products and the

Champion/Stimpson plywood plant. Between employment in the mills, he worked as a carpet salesman. He became a full-time retired man in 2002.

Lee was active in the community. He coached and managed Little League baseball for nearly 20 years. He was a volunteer fireman for over 25 years, finally retiring as chief of the East Missoula Fire Department. From the time he moved to Missoula, Lee was involved in the South Hills

Evangelical Church. He served at different times as Sunday school teacher, youth adviser, elder, trustee, and bus driver. He served as a delegate to the annual Western Conference sessions of the Evangelical Church and on the Board of Directors of the Beartooth Mountain Christian Ranch for many years.

Lee loved horses, children, and his family. He was happiest when there were kids around and he always had time to play with them. Lee will be remembered as very loyal and helpful to his family. He had horses most of his life and in recent years started raising colts. He was a member of Back Country Horseman and rode as often as he could.

Survivors include his wife, Karol, Bonner; son, Kelly, Washington; daughter, Kim and family, Missoula; siblings, Joe Lincoln, Rudyard, MT; Art Lincoln, Arizona; Ruth Newton, California.

A memorial service was held at the SHEC Church in Missoula on Sunday, March 4, 2007. Pastors John Erbele and Dale Erbele officiated. Honorary pallbearers were Joe Lincoln, Carl Smart, Randy

Velin, Bob Brunson, Andy Wirth, and Les Zimmerman.

A memorial account to benefit the East Missoula Fire Department and Mt Jumbo Little League has been set up in Lee's name. Contributions can be made at any branch of the Gateway Community Federal Credit Union.

MATHEW A. LIPP
Born: July 17, 1920 – Died: September 25, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
September 28, 2007

Mathew A. Lipp

HAVRE — Mathew A. Lipp, 87, a military veteran and former Havre resident, died of natural causes Tuesday at his home in Helena.



Lipp

A prayer vigil/rosary is 7 this evening at St. Jude Catholic Church in Havre. Funeral

Mass is 9:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Jude, followed by burial with military honors in Highland Cemetery. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the Mediterranean Room after burial. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Matt is survived by his children Barb (Pat) Carr and Sandy Lipp of Kennewick, Wash., Kathy (Byron) Boucher of Rudyard, Mont., Tom (Janet) Lipp of Helena, Mont., Karla (Terry) Gilson of Spokane, Wash., and Terry (Tim) Shaw of Austin, Texas; two sisters, Madge Balow of Seattle, Wash., and Betty O'Donnell of Billings, Mont.; one brother, Phillip Lipp of Kalispell, Mont.; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Matt was born July 17, 1920, on the family homestead in Fairchild, Mont., to Andrew and Katherine (Fisher) Lipp. He was raised and educated in Hingham, and was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II, serving in the 120th Army Air Force Base unit.

He met Lena Meadows in Richmond, Va., when he was stationed there. He was honorably discharged in February 1946, and returned home to the Hingham area. Matt married Lena on Nov. 13, 1946, in Hingham, where they lived and raised their six children.

Matt was a self-taught musician who could hear a tune a few times and then play it beautifully. He played with the Hi-Line Swingsters and the Hingham Trio for many years. He played the saxophone, clarinet and the harmonica. He enjoyed listening to 1940s music, woodworking and was an excellent carpenter. Matt could grow anything and he took pride in his farming, yard work, gardening and flowers.

Matt and Lena were members of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, where he volunteered his services as a carpenter, lawn maintenance man and general handyman. He donated a lot of his time to the Hingham Farmers Elevator, serving as the director, was secretary/treasurer of the Modern Woodmen of America and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lena Lipp, in 1999; two brothers, Bill and Frank Lipp; and his parents.

Memorial contributions in Matt's honor may be made to St. Jude Catholic Church, P.O. Box 407, Havre, MT 59501.

Condolences may be posted online at hollandbonine@mtintouch.net and/or gftribune.com/obituaries.

CHARLOTTE LOUISE (McCABE) LUNDELL
Birth: December 15, 1918 - Death: October 7, 2007

Liberty County Times
October 17, 2007



Charlotte Lundell

Charlotte Louise (McCabe) Lundell was born December 15, 1918 at Ione, Oregon. She was one of nine children born to Lola Eleanor Olden and Alonzo Alvin McCabe. Charlotte grew up and received her formal education at Ione, graduating from high school there in 1937.

The following year she took a job as waitress at the Welcome Hotel in Arlington, Oregon. Charlotte, because of her pleasant personality and good work ethic, was selected to serve a famous baseball player, Ty Cobb and his group, when they visited friends in Arlington.

She married Raymond W. Lundell on October 6, 1938 at Vancouver, Washington. Soon after, they moved to the Nelson place (located 17 miles south of Ione) where they raised wheat and barley for 30 years. While there, Charlotte worked diligently as a farmwife and mother of two daughters. In 1969 the Lundells left the farm and moved to Eugene, Oregon to be closer to their daughter, Karen and family. Charlotte continued to enjoy her life as housewife and grandmother.

After 65 years of married life, Charlotte's beloved husband died on February 3, 2004. She remained in Eugene until 2005, then moved to Chester (Montana) to live at the Liberty County Nursing Home. She resided there until Sunday evening (October 7, 2007), where she died peacefully at the age of 88 years.

Of interest was the fact that Charlotte was born in the same farmhouse where her mother was born. This farm has been in the Olden-McCabe family for over 120 years and was officially designated as a "Century Farm" by the State of Oregon.

Charlotte was a longtime member of Valby Lutheran Church near Ione. She was also a member of the Amica ("Secret Pal") Club and the local P.T.A. She spent countless hours chauffeuring her girls to and from their piano lessons and many school activities.

Charlotte's hobbies included sewing, cooking, gardening, and reading. She enjoyed her home, which was always well-kept and tastefully decorated. She became interested in family history and did some extensive genealogy work in the 1990's. Charlotte had a deep love for the Oregon coast, where she & Raymond enjoyed searching the beaches for collectible agates and shells.

The Lundells made several wonderful trips during their life, namely to the New England states, New York, the West Coast, and Canada. Their 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated on a memorable trip to Hawaii.

Charlotte was always interested in good nutrition. She maintained a positive attitude about her health, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual. And people often commented on her youthful appearance.

A loving mother, caring grandmother, and wonderful friend will be deeply missed...

Survivors are her 2 daughters, Karen (Francis) Stack of Chester MT and Cheryl (Bob) Foskett of Monterey, CA; 6 grandchildren (Michelle, Dana, Sean, Jason,

Christopher, and Janelle); 9 great-grandchildren (Trevor, Kallan, Tyce, Gavin, Layton, Kennedy, Aidan, Ella, and Zaidie); 1 brother,

Ernest (Mary Jean) McCabe of Heppner, Or.; 1 sister-in-law, Helen Crawford of Ione, Or.; and many nieces and nephews.

Charlotte was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by 2 sisters (Jessie Ingalls and Annabelle Eubanks) and 5 brothers (Jim, Lonnie, Bob, Earl, and Cliff McCabe).

A memorial service was held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday (Oct. 9th) at the L.C.N.H. Activities Center in Chester. Cheryl Muncy LPA offered poetic and scripture readings and a message. The obituary was read by Carol Bangs. Pianist, Tammy Duncan, played several congregational hymns. Visitation for Chester friends was Tuesday and Wednesday at the Rockman Funeral Chapel.

Funeral services will be conducted by pastoral trainee, Katy Anderson, at 2:00 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 20th) at Valby Lutheran Church near Ione, Oregon. Pianist, Carley Drake, will accompany the congregation in "Hymn of Promise" and "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past". Vocalist, Sarah Carlson, will perform "Sweet Hour of Prayer". Following burial in the family plot at the High View Cemetery in Ione, a luncheon will be held at the Ione Community Church.

Montana arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester, Oregon arrangements are by Sweeney Mortuary in Heppner.

Memorials may be given to the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, Valby Lutheran Church of Ione, the Ione Community Church, or donor's choice...

ETHEL JEAN (RAFTER) LYNCH
Birth: March 21, 1914 – Death: November 29, 2007
Liberty County Times
December 5, 2007



Jean Lynch

Ethel Jean (Rafter) Lynch, known to her family and friends as "Jean", was born March 21, 1914 in Harlem, Montana. She was the third of four children born to Richard and Ethel (Garrison) Rafter. When Jean was two years old, the family moved to Denton where she was baptized in the Episcopal Church. She attended all 12 grades of school in Denton and graduated from high school in 1932. She continued her education for a year at the Intermountain College in Helena, where she worked for her room-&-board for Professor George Gobel.

Jean met her husband-to-be, Edward T. Lynch, at Geyser in 1934. The couple married on November 23, 1935 in Great Falls. Their first two years were spent in Geyser where Ed worked on his parents' ranch. They moved to Great Falls for the next 18 years. Ed was employed by Great Northern Railroad and Jean worked as a cook in the Great Falls school system. In addition Jean enjoyed her life as a homemaker and mother of five.

In 1955 the Lynches moved to the Rudyard community to a farming operation. They lived there the rest of their married life. They were together 42 years when Ed passed away in 1977. Jean remained in their Rudyard home until 2006, then began dividing her time at the homes of her two daughters, Bev and Lois. In the summer of 2007 she moved to the Wheat Country Estates in Chester. Jean injured her back in September, then transferred to the Liberty Medical Center. She died at the Chester nursing facility early Thursday morning (November 29, 2007). She was 93 years old.

Jean had been an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the Women's Circle. She enjoyed functions at the Rudyard Senior Center, especially playing cards (cribbage and pinochle) and board games. She was an exceptional homemaker and a good cook [her family will remember her wonderful "homemade noodles and chicken"]. She enjoyed her houseplants and liked to read. Jean loved to visit

CATHY ELAINE (HEYDON) McCAUGHEY
Birth: February 29, 1956 – Death: March 16, 2007
Liberty County Times
March 21, 2007



Cathy McCaughey

Missoula - Cathy Elaine Heydon McCaughey, age 51, went home to her Lord and Savior on March 16, 2007 after a long and courageous fight with cancer. Cathy was born to Lloyd L. and Dorothy Tempel Heydon on February 29, 1956 in Chester, Montana. She attended elementary and High School in Joplin, MT where she graduated as Valedictorian of the class of 1974. Cathy attended Northern Montana College in Havre and Montana State University in Bozeman. She married the love of her life and her best friend Ward McCaughey on February 20, 1982 in Bozeman, Montana.

Cathy and Ward spent the first years of their marriage raising their children in the Bozeman area. In her spare

time Cathy achieved a Black Belt in TaeKwon-Do and enjoyed many nights ballroom dancing with Ward and friends. While in Bozeman Cathy worked for Bruce Anderson Construction, as manager for the Montana Ballet School, and for several years provided day care and pre-school for various children in the Belgrade and Bozeman area. She learned sign language, cake decorating, and excelled at various crafts.

Cathy, Ward, and family moved to Missoula in 2002 where she became active in the "Missoula New Comers" group. She and Ward participated in many enjoyable evenings of playing cards and other games with their new Missoula friends. Cathy worked for a short time as a bookkeeper for Garden City Paint and Glass and also became a director for Sunrider International.

Among Cathy's many joys were spending time with family and going to dancing and sporting events as her three children grew up. She always took pleasure in reading books, listening to music, knitting, and flower gardening. Cathy enjoyed entertaining friends and family and caring for her various beloved cats. Cathy loved to travel but always felt the best

part was returning to Montana to enjoy the mountains and trees and it's many other natural wonders. Enjoying her passions during the moment was an important part of Cathy's life.

Cathy was a devoted wife to Ward and loving mother to Alex (Beeby), Mandy, and Travis. Cathy was preceded in death by her father Lloyd L. Heydon. She is survived by her husband Ward of Missoula, children Alex and spouse Susan of Northfield, MN, and Mandy and Travis McCaughey of Missoula. She is also survived by her mother, Dorothy Heydon of Livingston, brothers and sisters; Leonard Heydon of Belgrade, Diane Mueller of Livingston, Carol Heydon of Wooster Ohio, and Michael Heydon of Billings; grandchildren Dmitri, Ariana, and Vivian Beeby, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to all the staff of Partners Hospice Home Care of Missoula for providing excellent care and support and to Dr. Alan Thomas and all the compassionate staff of Montana Cancer Specialists at Saint Patrick's Hospital.

Cremation has taken place at

Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory. Memorial services will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Missoula at 11 a.m. on Saturday March 24th. Memorials in Cathy's name may be sent to Saint Paul's Lutheran Church (Children's education fund), 202 Brooks Street, Missoula, MT 59801 or to Partners Hospice Home Care of Missoula, 2687 Palmer St. #B, Missoula, MT 59808.

JACK McKECHNIE
Born: May 7, 1924 – Died: November 15, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
November 18, 2007

Jack McKechnie

SHELBY — World War II Marine Corps veteran Jack McKechnie, 83, a longtime Toole County resident, died of cancer Thursday at the Marias Care Center in Shelby.



McKechnie



His funeral is 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby, with burial with military honors in Dunkirk Cemetery. Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester is handling arrangements.

Survivors include brothers Harris (Evelyn) of Milton, Wash., and Sam (Karen) of Billings; sisters Inez Key of St. Louis, Mo., Dorothy Bronken of Missoula and Evelyn Cox of Rancho Cordova, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Ruth McKechnie of Dunkirk; five stepchildren, Gertrude Barta of Moore, Hilliard McDonald of Buffalo, Genevieve Herron of Wenatchee, Wash., Sheron Doughty of Shelby and Jim McDonald of Shelby; and many stepgrandchildren, nephews, and nieces.

Jack was born May 7, 1924, in Dunkirk. He was one of 12 children born to John and Emma McKechnie. He received his education at Shelby. Jack served in the Marine Corps in China during WWII. He received his honorable discharge in 1946, and returned to Montana. He worked as a farm laborer and for Aikens Drilling Co. in Shelby and Lincoln for many years.

He married Peggy McDonald in 1965. They lived in Butte, where Jack worked as a miner for Anaconda Co. until his retirement. For a year, they owned the Dupuyer Bar in Dupuyer. They eventually moved to the Crossroads Manor in Shelby. Peggy died in 2002. Jack was diagnosed with cancer in 2003.

He loved cards, the daily newspaper, TV sports, rodeos, cooking, and dancing.

In addition to his wife, Jack was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Jim, Archie and Dick; and three sisters, Isabelle Shonkwiler, Effie Bell and his twin sister, Jean Karpenko.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

COLE KEITH MOOG
Birth: March 1, 1989 – Death: July 17, 2007
Liberty County Times
July 25, 2007



Cole Moog

Cole Keith Moog, age 18, died Tuesday evening (July 17, 2007) in Havre.

Vigil Prayers were 7:00 p.m. Friday (July 20th) at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday (July 21st) at St. Jude's by Father Roberg Grosch. Organist, Carol Ortman, and vocalist, Marcus Jochim, provided musical ministry at the vigil and the mass. Cousins, Cassi and Andi Moog, sang "On Eagle's Wings" during the mass.

Greeters were Larry Evans and Delbert Anderson. Scripture readings were by Una Moog, Shaney Newharth, and Mary Jane Moog.

Cole's cousins presented the communion gifts and Eucharistic ministers were Una Moog and Lois Evans. The eulogist was Linda Fossen. Cole's 12 uncles served as pallbearers. A memorial luncheon followed the Mass in the church social hall.

Graveside services were 2:00 p.m. Saturday (July 21st) at the Joplin Cemetery. A coffee hour for family and friends followed at Kjos Hall in Joplin. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Cole was born March 1st, 1989 in Havre, Montana to Daren and Mary Ann (Pimley) Moog. He was the second of three sons in the family. Cole grew up in Havre and attended St. Jude's Catholic School and Havre High School. He obtained his G.E.D. in the spring of 2007.

During the past two summers, Cole worked for his uncle on a farm at Joplin. He truly enjoyed the farm work and welding. He wasn't afraid of hard work; he was currently employed full-time

at Havre Hospital Food Services and part-time at the K-Mart Store. He was well-liked by his supervisors and his co-workers.

As a young boy, Cole was active in Boy Scouts; he enjoyed working with rope and tying all kinds of specialty knots. He also enjoyed camping and family vacations. Cole was very adept at the computer and liked to spend his quiet time at the keyboard, playing computer games or surfing the internet. In addition, he was a gifted writer who had a wonderful way of putting words and thoughts together.

Cole had a big heart! He loved to hang out with friends and would do anything for them. He could "light up a room with his wide smile and sparkling blue eyes"! He will be missed by all who loved him...

He is survived by his mother, Mary Ann Moog of Havre; his father, Daren Moog of Havre; his brothers, Eric Moog of Bozeman and Trygg Moog of Havre; his paternal grandparents, Bob and Una Moog of Inverness; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Cole was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Orville and Della Pimley.

TIANNE GAYLE (NORRIS) MOORE And ORAN GAGE

Birth: December 28, 1978 – Death: March 25, 2007

Liberty County Times April 4, 2007



**TiAnne (Norris) Moore
and Oran Gage**

TiAnne Gayle Norris was born December 28, 1978 in Chester, Montana. She was the youngest of two children born to Clyde Stephen Norris and Carolyn Joyce Halter. TiAnne grew up in the Joplin community and received her formal education there, graduating from J-I High School in 1997. In the few years that followed, she worked at the Joplin Café for Shannon Hadford and at the Joplin Bar for Ken Snyder.

In 1999 TiAnne completed her training as a nursing assistant and began working at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. She also worked at the Missouri River Medical Center in Fort Benton for a short while, then returned to her job in Chester. TiAnne had been employed as a C.N.A. for the past eight years and enjoyed caring for her elderly friends at our local rest home.

In 2004 TiAnne met Russell Gage. TiAnne and Rusty have been a family for the last 3 years. The couple received exciting news this past August when they learned of TiAnne's pregnancy. In anticipation of the upcoming birth, they were making plans for a nursery and TiAnne began sewing special baby blankets and accessories.

On this past Saturday TiAnne worked the evening shift at the nursing facility. When she arrived home, she complained of feeling weak and nauseous. Her condition worsened by early Sunday morning (March 25, 2007), so Rusty took her to the local hospital. Soon after her arrival, and before she could be thoroughly evaluated, TiAnne suffered a cardio-pulmonary arrest. Valiant resuscitative efforts were made to save TiAnne and her baby. During this highly emotional episode, TiAnne died and her infant son, Oran Blaine Gage, was delivered still-born.

TiAnne was just 28 years old.

In her youth TiAnne attended Bible school at the Alliance Church in Chester and the Bethel Church in Joplin. Her hobbies were many. She enjoyed poetry, oil painting, flower gardening, cards, camping, sewing, and crafts. She collected miniature ceramic figurines and stuffed animals. She also enjoyed cooking, especially oriental dishes. And just for the fun of it, she enjoyed the challenge of auto mechanics!

TiAnne had always been a "free-spirit". She was proud of her 17 body tattoos, each with special significance. Generally a "bubbly" and happy person, TiAnne was a loyal friend who was seldom judgmental and always compassionate.

She is survived by her parents, Steve and Carol Norris of Joplin; her husband, Rusty Gage of Chester; her brother, Jack Norris of Helena; maternal grandfather, Jerry (Karen) Halter of Polson; her mother-in-law, Ellen Russell-Gage of Chester; 2 nephews,

Cody Norris and Cory Guettler of Helena; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. In addition to those listed, Baby Oran is survived by an uncle, Michael (Tiffany) Gage of Conrad; 1 cousin, Keegan Gage of Conrad; paternal great-grandmother, Rita Russell of Canton, New York; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins in New York.

TiAnne was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother (Inez Halter) and her paternal grandparents (Wilber and Alice Norris).

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday (March 29th) at the Chester Alliance Church. Local clergymen, including Pastor Richard Mullinax, Pastor Eric Munson, and Father Joseph Diekhans, conducted the services with special homilies, prayers, scriptures, and readings. One of TiAnne's favorite teachers, Mary Kay Rambo, shared the eulogy. Pianist, Karen Stack, accompanied the congregation, who sang "How Great Thou Art". Vocalist/guitarist, Carole Hanson, performed "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross". Pallbearers were Casey Boley, Mike Gage, Justus Wharton, Jason Jacobson, Dustin Quinell, and Josh VanWechel. Don Kenny served as usher. Following burial at the Joplin Cemetery, a reception was held at the Alliance Church.

Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

At 2:30 p.m. that same afternoon, a memorial service for the nursing home residents and staff was conducted by Pastor Pete Erickson at the L.C.N.H. activities center.

TiAnne's fellow-employees have established a memorial account at the Bear Paw Credit Union in Chester for friends who would like to offer financial support to her family at this difficult

EMILIE LOUISE (MANGELS) MYERS
Born: July 17, 1935 - Died: January 22, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
January 25, 2007

Louise Myers

HAVRE — Louise (Mangels) Myers, 71, co-owner of Myers' Oil Co., died of natural causes Monday at her home in Havre.



Myers

Her funeral is 10 a.m. Monday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with burial in Highland Cemetery.

Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include sons Gregg Myers of Coon Rapids, Minn., Gordon Myers of Havre, and Keith Myers and Kevin Myers of Billings; sisters Nelda Hastings of Friday Harbor, Wash., Marjorie Pullman of Billings and Cheryl Dallum of Puyallup, Wash.; a brother, Rudy Mangels of Danbury, Conn.; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willis Myers, in April 2002.

Louise Myers, 71; former co-owner of Myers Oil Company, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday January 21, 2007 at her residence in Havre due to natural causes. Funeral services will be Monday, January 29, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Saint Paul's Lutheran Church with burial following in Highland Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Arrangements are by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook. Louise was born on July 17, 1935 to Marvin and Edna (Zabel) Mangels in Havre. She was raised in Havre and graduated from Havre High School in 1954. Louise attended Business School in Great Falls and married Willis Myers on March 26, 1955 in Havre. They farmed in the Floweree area and in 1959 farmed in the Fife area. They moved to Havre in 1969 and owned and operated Myers Oil Company for a number of years. Louise loved her grandchildren, family and traveling to visit with relatives. Her hobbies included the cabin at Neihart, camping, knitting, and making quilts for her grandchildren. Louise was an active member of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. She was a great collector of family items. She is survived by her sons Gregg (Sherrie) Myers of Coon Rapids, MN, Gordon (Robin) Myers of Havre; Keith Myers and Kevin (Julie) Myers all of Billings; brother Rudy Mangels of Danbury, CT; sisters Nelda Hastings of Friday Harbor, WA; Marjorie Pullman of Billings; Cheryl Dallum of Puyallup, WA; 13 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, numerous nieces and nephews. Louise was preceded in death by her parents, brother Warren Mangels in 1978 and husband Willis Myers April of 2002.

Arrangements by:
EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME
 Chinook, Montana



In Loving Memory -

Louise Myers

KENNETH JOHN NIELSON
Born: March 26, 1957 – Died: July 6, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
July 9, 2007

Kenneth John Nielson

SHELBY — Navy veteran Kenneth John Nielson, 50, a long-haul truck driver from Shelby, died Friday from injuries he received in a motorcycle accident near Summit.



Nielson

Visitation is 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at



Whitted Funeral Chapel. His funeral is 11 a.m. Wednesday at

the Shelby Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with burial with military honors in Mountain View Cemetery.

Survivors include his mother, Marilyn (Russ) Hunt Sheldon of Shelby; his father John W. Nielson of Eugene, Ore.; daughters Angela (Randon) Smith of Shelby and Brandy (Brandon) Swanson of Whitefish; his twin sister, Mary (John) Clark of Billings; his sister Teresa (Vince) Sheldon of Bothell, Wash; stepsisters Amber (Denny) Bohman, Dorothy Seifert and Hazel (Boots) Fransen, all of Shelby; half brothers Eric, Derek, Hans and Chris

Nielson, all of Oregon; stepbrothers, Aaron Sheldon of Shelby and Jack Hunt of Missoula; his uncle, David (Jane) Pedersen of Shelby; and grandchildren Kendra, Savannah, Sammy, Emma, Nolen and Annie.

He was born March 26, 1957 at Kalispell to John & Marilyn Nielsen. He grew up in Shelby where he graduated from high school in 1975. He served over four years in the U.S. Navy and later with the Montana National Guard. He married Beverley Renee Humphrey in 1984; they later divorced.

Kenneth had been a long haul truck driver for many years. He also worked on ranches where he was handy at breaking horses and working with all livestock.

He enjoyed working with animals, doing leather work, playing the mandolin and music in general.

He is preceded in death by his stepfather, Ray Hunt; stepbrothers, Bob and Vern Hunt; grandmother, Anna Nielson and grandparents, Vera and Kristen Pedersen.

Condolences may be sent online to whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

WILLARD W. OBIE
Born: October 30, 1932 – Died: April 14, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
April 25, 2007

Willard W. Obie

SEATTLE — Former Great Falls, Joplin and Havre resident Willard W. Obie, 74, of Seattle, an Army veteran and former advertising company worker who enjoyed fishing, crabbing and playing the harmonica and violin, died of natu-



Obie

ral causes April 14 in Seattle.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Evergreen-Washelli Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife Marlene; sons Gene (Wendy) Obie of Medford, Ore., and Tim Obie of the Seattle area; a daughter, Lana Obie of the Seattle area; brothers Gordon (Mildred) Obie and Laurence (Carol) Obie, both of Eugene, Ore.; sisters Rose Groven of Corvallis and Gillette (Rolland) Ritter of Bozeman; a granddaughter, Meredith, of the Seattle area; a grandson, Brady, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Willard was born Oct. 30, 1932, on the family homestead north of Joplin to Edwin and Ann Y. Obie. The family moved to Bozeman and bought a farm in the Hyalite Canyon area. After graduating

from Gallatin County High School in 1951, he served in the Army in Korea.

When he returned, he worked for his brother, Gordon, at Obie Sign Company in Bozeman. He also worked in Great Falls as a neon-tube bender and a sheet-metal worker. Later, he worked in sales, leasing and managing for other outdoor advertising companies in California and Oregon. He also owned his own company.

He married Marlene Tomgenovich in 1959. They moved from Great Falls to Havre, and later to Medford, where they raised three children. They lived in San José, Calif., for 12 years before moving to the Seattle area in 1998. Since 2005, Willard lived at Foss Home and Village.

He enjoyed fishing, crabbing, playing the harmonica and violin and fixing things. Willard also liked listening to and telling jokes, hanging out with and making friends at cafés and being with family. He was well-known for being a good dancer at the country dances in his younger years.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Norman Obie.

Memorial contributions may be made to Foss Home & Village Foundation, 13023 Greenwood Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98133.

Condolences may be sent online to greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

MARVEL R. (FOSSEN) OLSEN
Born: May 20, 1918 – Died: June 5, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
June 6, 2007

Marvel R. Olsen

BOZEMAN — Marvel R. (Fossen) Olsen, 89, of Bozeman, a former educator and Deer Lodge resident, died of natural causes Tuesday at a Billings hospital.



Olsen

Her memorial service is 2 p.m. Friday at St. John Lutheran

Church in Deer Lodge, with burial of ashes at a later date in Deer Lodge Cemetery. Dahl Funeral Chapel of Billings is in charge of arrangements.

She is survived by her husband, Martin; her sons David (Anita Braker) of Seattle and his daughter Jamie, George (Ellen Vogelsang) of Helena and his children Brian (Maria) and Kara (fiancé Michael Libster); and daughters Susan Dostal and her children Nathan, Daniel, Mark and Rebecca of Billings, and Jan (Chris) Bowers and children Eric (Kate), Alison and Sara of Bozeman. She also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews and many, many other friends and relatives whose lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Errol in 2004; and her son-in-law John Dostal in 1998.

Marvel was born to Otto and Edith (Holum) Fossen on May 20, 1918, in Chester, Mont. She grew up and received her schooling in Joplin. She attended Normal School of Northern Montana College at Havre, where she received a lifetime teaching certificate.

She taught grades first-eighth at a one-room school in Solid, Mont., near Conrad, and then Hysham and White Sulphur Springs, where she met and later married Martin P. Olsen on June 2, 1945, in Joplin. They lived in White Sulphur Springs, and then in 1948 moved to Deer Lodge, where they resided for many years. Beginning in 1985, they spent winters in Mesa, Ariz., and eventually moved to Bozeman in 2006.

Marvel was very involved with church activities. She was a Sunday School superintendent, sang in the choir and was a member of the Lutheran Women Missionary League. She loved to play bridge and enjoyed golfing, downhill skiing, hiking, camping, reading, writing letters to friends and family and was the consummate cook and baker.

Memorials may be made to Eagle Mount, 6901 Goldenstein Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715; Rialto Theater Restoration Fund, P.O. Box 874, Deer Lodge, MT 59722; or St. John Lutheran Church, 410 Missouri Ave., Deer Lodge, MT 59722.

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LOIS LORRAINE (CRITES) OLSON
Born: October 12, 1927 – Died: June 5, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
June 7, 2007



Olson

HAVRE — Lois L. Olson, 79, a lifelong Montana resident, died after a short illness Tuesday at a Havre hospital.

Her memorial service is 11 a.m. Monday at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church, followed by a fellowship lunch at the church. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lois is survived by her husband of 61 years, Lloyd A. Olson of Havre; children Darlene (Bill Olsen) Tonjum and Rhonda Olson-Terry of Havre, Terry R. Olson of Chinook and Kristy (Hugh McLaughlin) Olson of Great Falls; four sisters, Doreen Rutter, LaRena Stewart, June Youso and Jeanne Johnston; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Lois Lorraine Crites was born Oct. 12, 1927, to Fred and Achsah (Huestis) Crites of Gildford. She graduated from Gildford High School.

On April 27, 1946, she married Lloyd A. Olson.

Lois was employed at Dave's Food, Buttrey Foods and Safeway of Havre. After her retirement, she became active in the Northern Montana Hospital Auxiliary and the Havre Senior Center.

She was a member of the Fifth Avenue Christian Church, and enjoyed reading, playing cards, crocheting and spending time with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by brothers Vern, Don, Harold, Richard, Warren and Fred Crites Jr.; sisters Gracie Crites, Cleona Poore and Dorothy Kidd; a son in-law, Larry Tonjum; and her parents.

Memorial contributions in Lois' honor may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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EILEEN M. (VOSEN) ORDWAY
Born: Age: 91 – Died: October 9, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
October 11, 2007

Eileen M. Ordway

HAVRE — Former Kremlin resident Eileen M. (Vosen) Ordway, 91, who farmed with her husband until retiring in 1978, and who enjoyed sewing, growing flowers, reading and doing crossword puzzles, died of natural causes Tuesday at a Havre care center.



Ordway

Her memorial service is 11 a.m. Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church, followed by a fellowship lunch at the parish center. Burial will take place at 3 p.m. at Highland Cemetery in Havre. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her husband of 69 years, Edwin Ordway of Havre; daughters Sylvia Donner and Janice Roberts of Havre; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Wilford Raymond Ordway, in 1956.

RALPH EUGENE ORR
Birth: March 31, 1930 – Death: November 17, 2007
Liberty County Times
June 25, 2008



Ralph E. Orr

Ralph Eugene Orr passed away November 17, 2007 at age 77, at home in Austin, TX where he and wife Claire had recently moved to be near their son and family.

He was born to Carl and Gertrude Orr on March 31, 1930 at Conrad, MT. He grew up in Valier, MT and after high school he joined the Air Force. He served for four years and flew on two tours to England as a radar technician. He returned home to Montana to attend Montana State (College) University and was graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Commercial Science in 1956. He was a member of the Alpha gamma Rho fraternity and Pi Omega Pi honorary. Following graduation he worked for

Caterpillar Tractor in Peoria, IL for one year. Ralph returned to Valier where he owned an A and W Drive-in (The Panther) and managed Curry's Market. Later he went into public accounting in Rudyard, MT where he met Claire. For a short time, in the mid 60's, he and Claire owned and operated Ralph's Finer Foods in Rudyard. In the fall of 1965 he went to work for the U.S. Forest Service, starting in Coeur d'Alene, ID. His work eventually took him and the family to San Francisco, CA; Glenwood Springs, CO; and Milwaukee, WI. Upon retiring the family returned to CO at Woodland Park. Then in 1996 Ralph and Claire moved to (Sun City), Georgetown, TX.

Ralph is survived by Claire, his wife of 47 years, sons, Bob (Lorie), Doug (Michele), daughter, Susan (Charlie) Hurst, and four grandchildren, Ali and Riley Orr of Austin, TX and Spencer and Gibson Hurst of Haverford, PA. He is also survived by his brother, Don (Alicia) Orr, sisters, Helen Gould and Beverly (Glenn) Hughes plus several nieces and nephew. Ralph's parents and an infant daughter preceded him in death.

A memorial service conducted by Pastor Al Cummins was held November 20, 2007 at the Worship Place in Sun City, Georgetown, TX. A memorial

service will be held July 10th at 10:30 am at the Methodist Church in Valier.

RICHARD RAY PERRY
Birth: March 13, 1923 - Death: December 27, 2007
Liberty County Times
January 2, 2008

Richard R. Perry

Richard Ray Perry, age 84, passed away Thursday morning (December 27, 2007) at the Wheat Country Estate in Chester, Montana of congestive heart failure.

Richard was born March 13, 1923 in Choteau, Montana to Jesse Ray and Florence May (Burch) Perry. He was raised on the ranch homesteaded by his grandparents, Fred and Alma (Gleason) Perry, and he

received his formal education at Choteau Public Schools. Richard lived in Montana his entire life, except for a short time in 1943 when he worked on the Boeing Ranch in Fall City, Washington.

He enjoyed oil painting and creating western and wildlife sculptures. In addition he always looked forward to a good rodeo. He worked various jobs over the years, including ranching,

and had been retired for many years.

Richard married Edith J. van Scherpenzeel in 1941. They had two children, Fredrick R. and Patricia A. Perry. Richard and Edith divorced in 1944.

His second wife was Irene Smith, whom he married in 1946. The product of this union was two sons, James Richard and David Russell. This marriage also ended in divorce.

Richard's third marriage was to Dolores E. Sommers in 1958. Two more children were added to the family, daughters Louise May and Carol Jean. The Perrys lived in Victor, Mt. before moving to Opheim, Mt. in 1976. When Dolores retired from teaching in 1988, they moved to Gildford, Mt. They had been married 46 years when Dolores died in 2004. Richard remained in Gildford until January of

2007, when he transferred to the Wheat Country Estate (assisted-living facility) in Chester. He lived there until his death.

In addition to his wife and parents, Richard was preceded in death by 2 daughters (infant Carol Jean in 1960 and Louise Siefert in 2003), 1 granddaughter (Jennifer Siefert Milam in 2006), and 2 infant sisters.

He is survived by 4 children, Fred Perry of

Kalispell, Patricia (Jerry) Dowd of Falcon, CO., and Rick (Carol) Perry and David (Christine) Perry, both of Sedro Woolley, WA.; 1 son-in-law, Bruce Siefert of Havre; 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

No formal services are planned. Richard will be buried at the Choteau Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

BETTY ROSE (KNOPES) PETERSON
Born: April 15, 1927 – Died: March 1, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
March 3, 2007

Betty Rose Peterson

Betty Rose (Knopes) Peterson, 79, of 2621 9th Ave. S., a retired medical secretary, died of meningitis Thursday at Peace Hospice.



Peterson

Her funeral is 2 p.m. Saturday at Faith Lutheran Church, with burial in Highland Cemetery. Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, Roderick Peterson of Great Falls; daughter Bonita K. Kramer of Bozeman; sons John F. Peterson of Kalispell, Earl V. Peterson of Mission Hills, Calif., and Gary R. Peterson of Gaithersburg, Md.; and three grandchildren.

Betty was born April 15, 1927, in Havre Mont., and was raised in Joplin, Mont. She attended Northern Montana College, receiving a certificate of completion for a medical secretary course in 1947.

She married Roderick Peterson in 1951 in Washington, D.C.

Betty worked as a medical secretary for the former Montana Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls. She also was a secretary at Carter Oil Co. in Billings, Mont., and at Chemical Corp. for the U.S. Army in Alexandria, Va.

Betty was a member of Faith Lutheran Church and participated in the Faith Lutheran Women's Group Martha Circle. She enjoyed playing bridge with a group of local women.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Agnes (Sande) Knopes; and a brother, Floyd Knopes.

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NANCY KAY (KURTZ) PETERSON
Born: May 30, 1955 – Died: June 23, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
June 26, 2007

Nancy Kay Peterson

HAVRE — Nancy Kay (Kurtz) Peterson, 52, the director of agriculture for the state of Montana, died of melanoma cancer Saturday at Peace Hospice in Great Falls.



Peterson

Her memorial service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church. A fellowship luncheon will follow the service. Burial is 4 p.m. Wednesday in Gildford Cemetery. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is handling arrangements.

She is survived by her two boys Kody (Gabrielle) Peterson of Havre and Kyle (Kodi) Peterson of Gildford; three grandchildren, Payton, Paj and Laramie Peterson; her mother, Gertrude Kurtz; brothers Lynn (Pam) Kurtz of Frenchtown and Lee (Karen) Kurtz of Gildford; four nieces and two nephews Casey, Andre, Ben Peterson, Robbie Kurtz, Megan and Niki Kurtz; a brother-in-law, Kim (Nola) Peterson of Havre; her ex-husband, Mark Peterson of Havre; Lesa Evers of Helena; and several aunts, uncles, friends and family.

Nancy Kay (Kurtz) Peterson went to our Lord after a long, hard fight with melanoma cancer. Nancy was born May 30, 1955, to Francis and Gertrude (Sten) Kurtz. She lived on the family farm until 1973, when she married Mark Peterson. They then resided at their farm north of Havre. They had two boys, Kody and Kyle Peterson. Together she and Mark worked the farm and were instructors for First Responder courses, among countless other activities. Along with the farm work, Nancy also maintained a full-time job at Amtrak, working as a ticket agent starting in 1991. She enjoyed her job very much.

Nancy had several passions in life, from her family, friends, life, faith and agriculture. Nancy received numerous awards and achievements over the last 37 years, but her most beloved was delivering a neighbor's baby girl. She played the organ and helped with office duties for the First Baptist Church of Havre up until she was appointed to her position for the state of Montana. She served on several boards for grains, farming, etc. She was always trying anything to help producers.

In 2004, Nancy was appointed her dream job as director of agriculture for the state of Montana

by Gov. Brian Schweitzer. She took her job to heart; she had agriculture in her blood and knew she could help make a difference. She gathered information from a variety of people and sources to make decisions. She was always prepared and spent many nights going over notes and information to make educated decisions that benefited the state of Montana and its most important commodity, the producers. Not only did she have an impact on agriculture in this great state, but she made history by being the first female director of agriculture and was very proud to serve for the communities in Montana. She made trips to Japan, Hawaii, and across the nation. The extensive travel kept her hopping, but she enjoyed every moment of her new experiences. Upon her arrivals home, there were always new stories and interesting facts about agriculture and the diverse ways of life. She served as director right up until her death.

Nancy was known as a woman who loved everyone unconditionally and was always willing to lend a hand, ear or shoulder whenever. She was a "Mom" to a lot of people in the community and never complained. She wanted to see everyone succeed in life and to enjoy it just as much as she did. Nancy was very easy to talk to and listened to the opinions of others. She loved her family and friends and had a hard

time visiting everyone over a weekend back at Havre but did the best she could and made phone calls to the rest. Nancy enjoyed camping, dancing, playing the piano, marathon pinocle games, and especially being with her family and friends. She also had an incredible love for taking pictures. She was a natural for capturing moments in time perfectly.

Nancy preceded in death by her father Francis in 1996; her father-in-law, Russell Peterson in 1976; a sister-in-law, Carol in 2004; her mother-in-law, Nita (Peterson) Tweeten in 2004; and her father-in-law, Raymond Tweeten in 2006.

Count your blessings, life is a pretty short ride!

Memorials can be sent the Sletten Cancer Institute of Great Falls, 1117 29th Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405; Gift of Life Housing (East) of Great Falls, P.O. Box 7008, Great Falls, MT 59405; the Sletten Cancer Institute of Havre, C/O NMH, PO Box 1231, Havre, MT 59501; or to a memorial of one's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to hollandbonine@mtintouch.net and/or greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

SOPHIE C. PETLAK

Birth: January 23, 1924 – Death: August 4, 2007

Liberty County Times

September 26, 2007

Sophie C. Petlak



Sophie C. Petlak was born January 23, 1924 on the family homestead located 17-1/2 miles southeast of Chester. Her parents were Frank and Bernice (Klaczak) Petlak. Sophie attended the Hay Coulee Country School near the farm.

When the hot lunch program was started at the school she was hired as the cook. This program only lasted a short time. Sophie then attended beauty school at Dahl's in Great Falls, Montana. After completing beauty school she moved to Polson, Montana to begin working as a beautician. During the time that she was working at the beauty shop she decided to do something different, so she took a Home Study Course and received her GED. She was employed by the U.S. Navy as a Computer Specialist and spent some time overseas, she returned to California and continued working for the U.S. Navy until her retirement.

Sophie never married, in 1982 she moved to Fresno to be closer to her two sisters.

Sophie enjoyed working in her yard as she loved flowers, feeding the birds in her patio, reading and traveling, she took many trips after she retired.

Sophie's health had been failing for a number of years from Cerebrovascular Disease; death was due to Cardio respiratory Arrest. She died early Saturday morning, August 4, 2007 at her home in Fresno, California. She was 83 years old.

Cremation has taken place by Neptune Society of Central California. Burial of ashes will take place in the Chester Cemetery at a later date.

Survivors include three sisters: Ann Gilbert, Leona Petlak of Fresno, California; and Frances Hochberger of Chester; numerous nieces and nephews and Tigger (pet cat). Sophie was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters: Helen, Mary and Josephine Crowe, and one brother John.

GRAYDON PERRY PITTMAN
Born: February 28, 2007 – Died: March 4, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
March 6, 2007

Graydon Perry Pittman

FAIRFIELD — Graydon Perry Pittman, the 3-day-old son of Howie and Resa Pittman of Fairfield, died of a heart condition Sunday at a local hospital.



Graydon

His funeral is 11 a.m. Thursday at the New Song Assembly of God Church in Choteau, with burial in Sunset Hills Cemetery. Gorder Funeral Home of Choteau is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his parents, Howie and Resa Pittman of Fairfield; brothers Ivan Pittman and Joshua Pittman, both in the U.S. Navy and stationed in Okinawa, Japan, and Kirtus Pittman of Seattle and Johnathan Wagner of Fairfield; sisters Stephanie Wagner of Dillon and Jessica, Arielle and Miranda Wagner, all of Fairfield; his maternal grandparents, Orville and Caroline Forseth of Fairfield; his paternal grandparents, Joan Stone of Atlanta and Howard Pittman of Jacksonville, Fla.; and his maternal great-grandmother, Teresa Ward of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandparents, Oliver and Lucille Forseth and Walter Ward; and his paternal great-grandparents, Perry and Geraldine Pittman and Virgie and Graydon Wainwright.

Graydon was born Feb. 28 in Great Falls.

Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent online to greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

CLARE RAUNIG
Birth: February 23, 1939 – Death: June 12, 2007
Liberty County Times
June 27, 2007

Clare Raunig

Clare Raunig, 68, of Liberty, Missouri, passed away June 12, 2007 at her home after a courageous battle with cancer. Mrs. Raunig was born in Sheffield, North Dakota and graduated from St. Mary's High School in New England, North Dakota. She was member of St. James

Catholic Church. Mrs. Raunig lived in Chester, Montana; Bismarck, North Dakota and Topeka, Kansas were her husband was employed with Ford Motor Company in the parts business.

Clare loved to garden and raise flowers. She especially enjoyed time with and cooking for her grandchildren. Clare was a loving wife and mother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tony and Barbara Selinger; a brother, George Selinger; and a nephew, Brian Winden.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Harold Raunig; son and his wife, Michael and Lisa Raunig of Olathe, Kansas; daughter, Jamie Raunig of Kansas City, Missouri; brother and wife, Richard and Lorraine Selinger of Dickinson, North Dakota; sisters and their husbands, Bernie and Harold Winden of Fort Benton, Montana, Mary and Jim Neville of Leawood, Kansas and Marcie and Ron Tessier of Dickinson, North Dakota; also her three grandchildren, Kyle, Emily and Carly Raunig, all of Olathe, Kansas; plus nine nephews and 10 nieces.

The funeral mass was held Wednesday at 9:30 am at St. James Catholic Church, Liberty, Kansas.

Her husband Harold was the Parts Manager for Berg Motors and Chester Motors in the late 60's and early 70's (the local Ford dealer).

JOHN C. REID
Born: Age: 66 – Died: April 20, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
June 3, 2007

John C. Reid

GERALDINE — Former Geraldine resident John C. Reid, 66, of Palmer, Alaska, an Army veteran, died of complications from lung cancer April 20 at a Palmer hospital.



Reid in 1954



Graveside services are 2 p.m. Thursday in Geraldine Cemetery in Geraldine. Benton Funeral Home of Fort Benton is in charge of arrangements.

He is survived by a brother, Walter Reid of Fort Benton, and sisters Betty Michel of Dutton and Margaret Thune of Chester.

MARK FAY REID
Born: Age: 53 – Died: May 21, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
May 23, 2007

Mark Fay Reid

HAVRE — Air Force and retired National Guard veteran Mark Fay Reid, 53, a Havre mail carrier, died of a heart attack Monday at his home in Havre.



Reid

His funeral is 4 p.m. Friday at the Van



Orsdel United Methodist Church, followed by a fellowship dinner at the VFW. Burial with military honors is 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fort Harrison Veterans Cemetery. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Donna Reid of Havre; children Michelle McMoughlin, December Reid and Duane Reid, all of St. Ignatius, Robert Shepherd of Havre, Terri McCracken of Great Falls, and Lon Shepherd of Helena; his mother, Deerling Reid of Havre; brothers Bill and Todd Reid of Havre; and 12 grandchildren.

VERNON VINCENT RICHTER

Born: January 24, 1919 – Died: February 14, 2007

Great Falls Tribune

February 16, 2007

Vernon Vincent Richter

BIG SANDY — Vernon Vincent Richter, 88, an Army veteran and retired pharmacist who was active in the Big Sandy community, died of natural causes Wednesday at a Big Sandy nursing home.



Richter

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Christ Lutheran Church in Big Sandy. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is in charge of cremation and arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Richter of Big Sandy; a daughter, Jan (Stan) Holmquist of Bozeman; sons Rick (Jane) Richter of Tucson, Ariz., Rhett (Pearl) Richter of Glendive, Mike (Julie) Richter of Glendale, Wis., and Doug (Sarah) Richter of Roseville, Minn.; a sister, Leola Robinson of Fedro Woolley, Wash.; a brother, Worrell (Emma Lou) Richter of Maple Valley, Wash.; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Vern was born Jan. 24, 1919, in Vandalia, Mont., and was raised and educated in Hinsdale, Mont. He graduated from Hinsdale High School in 1936, and from the University of North Dakota School of Pharmacy.

He entered the Army on Dec. 29, 1943, in Camp Barkeley, Texas, and received an honorable discharge on Feb. 8, 1946, at Camp McCoy, Wis., after serving in World War II.

He married Vaughn Kain in 1940 in Canby, Minn., and they were married 35 years until her death. He married Helen Caldwell on Dec. 31, 1975, in Big Sandy.

Vern bought and ran Big Sandy Drug from 1947 until retiring in 1979. He was a member of Big Sandy Rotary and the Havre Masonic Lodge. Vern was known as the "Drugstore Cowboy." His true love was being a part of the community in Big Sandy and taking pride in his small-town roots. He really enjoyed working with horses and llamas on his farm in Big Sandy. He also enjoyed yardwork, planting trees and gardening. He loved basketball and being able to watch his children and grandchildren perform throughout high school and college.

In addition to his first wife, Vaughn, he was preceded in death by a son, Clarke Richter; brothers Byron Richter and Seldon Richter; a sister, Cecelia Hentz; and his parents.

Memorials are suggested to the Big Sandy Medical Center and Big Sandy Ambulance.

Condolences may be sent online to hollandbonine@mtintouch.net and/or greatfallstribune.com/obituaries

GEORGE WALTER ROSS
Born: June 5, 1918 – Died: October 31, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
November 2, 2007

George Walter Ross

HAVRE — George Walter Ross, 89, a retired Burlington Northern electrician's assistant and Royal Canadian Air Force veteran, died of natural causes

Wednesday at a Fort Benton nursing home.

Visitation is Tuesday at Rockman

Funeral Chapel in Chester, and half an hour prior to the Mass. Requiem Mass

is 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate

Heart of Mary Chapel in Black Eagle, with burial at 3

p.m. at Highland Cemetery in Havre.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, of Havre; three daughters, Gail (Paul) Tesarek of Coffee Creek, Bernice of



Ross



Ross in 1943

Helena, and Rena (Dale) Sudbrack of Saco; five sons, Doug (Becky) of Havre, Jeff of Havre, Pierre (Stephanie) of Jefferson, Wis., David of Billings and Tony (Marita) of Rapid City, S.D.; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

George was born June 5, 1918, in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada to Peter and Mabel Ross. He received his education in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan. From 1941 to 1945, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

He married Helen VanBlaricom on Nov. 9, 1944. They came to the U.S. in 1951, and became citizens in 1957.

They lived in Chinook and Havre, where he worked for the railroad for 24 years before retiring in 1980.

He enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, being outdoors and visiting family and friends.

George was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings, LeRoy, Della and Rena.

Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice.



MARY EXENE (CHEEK) RUSSELL
Born: February 13, 1922 – Died: October 18, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
October 21, 2007

Mary Exene Russell

CONRAD — Mary Exene (Cheek) Russell, 85, of Conrad, a former farm wife and homemaker, died of natural causes Thursday at Pondera Medical Extended Care Facility.



Russell

Her funeral is 11 a.m. Monday at Conrad First Presbyterian Church. Pondera Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Survivors include her son, Marvin (Judy) Russell of Conrad; her daughter, Hazel (Larry) Munson of Devon and Linda (Stuart) Gessner of Penn, N.D.; sister Violet White of Sun City, Ariz.; grandchildren Carla McNamara of Shelby, Brad (Debbie) Munson of Devon, Joe (Lourdes) Russell of Conrad, Mark (Lori) Russell of Polson, Jeri Lynn Russell of Reno, Nev., Rusty Gunderson of Helena, Angel (Craig) Ruch of Columbia Falls, Lee (Bonnie) Gessner of Penn, N.D., and Kim (Paul) Lunde of Jamestown, N.D.; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous loving nieces and nephews; and a nephew, Roy Duncan of Kenai, Alaska, who resided with the Russell family for a number of years.

Exene was born Feb. 13, 1922, to Gar and Bertha Cheek at home on the Cheek Ranch in Liberty County. She attended elementary school at the Ashmore, Pondera and Selma schools. Exene and her brother, Marvin, started high school together in Conrad, boarding at the Carl Dyrud home. Joplin built a new high school and was in search of students to live in the dorms, so Gar signed Exene and Marvin up to go there for their sophomore year. Howev-

er, they returned to Conrad to board for the last two years, graduating in 1940. Following graduation, she and Clifford Russell eloped and were married in a double wedding with friends Vic and Winnie (Haynes) Lenoir in Missoula on July 2, 1940.

Cliff and Exene purchased the Halverson place after their marriage and farmed in the Ledger area. They maintained a home in Conrad during the years their children were in high school. They moved to the Horizon Lodge in 1996, and Exene resided at the Pondera Medical Extended Care Facility since September 2003.

Exene was a 4-H leader, member of the Pondera Toole Extension Homemakers and member of the First Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed bowling for many years and she and Cliff were avid square dancers. Exene gave much of her time to her church and did volunteer work at the Pioneer Nursing Home, where she was named Volunteer of the Year. Exene was an excellent cook and was hostess for countless number of large family dinners, with the food usually all being raised on their own farm. She helped with the chores, gardening and other jobs on the farm. Exene was a strong lady who met and overcame many obstacles after suffering a major stroke in 1981.

Exene was preceded in death by Clifford, her husband of 61 years; her parents; a grandson, Tim Russell; a brother, Donald and his wife, Ella; and a brother, Marvin and his wife, Vivian.

Memorials are suggested to Pondera Medical Extended Care Facility, Conrad First Presbyterian Church, or a charity of donor's choice.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

LAVON A. (WILSON) SATHER
Birth: November 17, 1928 – Death: April 30, 2007
Liberty County Times
May 9, 2007

Lavon Sather



Lavon A. (Wilson) Sather was born November 17, 1928 at Havre, Montana. She was the eldest of five daughters born to Charles Thomas Wilson and Alice Lydia Gustafson. Lavon grew up on the family farm north of Inverness and received her early education at the Grassy Butte country school. She finished her secondary education in Rudyard where she graduated from R.H.S. in 1945. She spent the next two years at Northern Montana College in Havre.

Lavon married Orville O. ("Tubby") Sather on March 14, 1948 in Havre. They made their home in Rudyard for 15 years where Tubby worked at Sanvik's and Rudyard Schools. In 1963 the Sather's moved to Havre. In addition to working as a homemaker and mother of five, Lavon took a job as an insurance clerk in the business office at the old Deaconess

Hospital. In later years she was employed by a cable company in Havre.

The Sathers retired in 1984. They moved to Whitefish in 1986 to enjoy their retirement years. In addition they traveled to St. George, Utah in the winter months of 1990-2004. After 56 years of marriage, Lavon's husband (Orville) died of cancer on November 8, 2004. Soon after, Lavon moved from the Flathead Valley to Great Falls, where she resided at the Cambridge Place. Her health remained good until November of 2006, when she was diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer. She transferred to the Peace Hospice Center on March 14th and remained there until her death on this past Monday afternoon (April 30, 2007). She was 78 years old.

Lavon was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. She maintained a strong Christian faith throughout her life. She attended First Lutheran in Havre, Christ Lutheran in Whitefish, Trinity Lutheran in St. George, and Faith Lutheran in Great Falls. Lavon enjoyed good spiritual, emotional, and physical health; always exhibiting a strong faith, a good positive attitude, and exceptional personal care. She was a "classy lady", who always dressed well and looked good!

Lavon enjoyed cooking, bowling, and golfing. In her quiet time at home she loved to read. After her eyesight failed she continued to enjoy "books on tape." She was a past member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary and a loyal member of the Republican party.

She cherished her family and the many friendships she made during her life. She appreciated the special "kinship" that she shared with her four sisters. Lavon was always kind and gentle with a pleasing personality, so she was easy to like. The residents at Cambridge Place were very fond of her and she enjoyed her time there. The caring staff at Peace Hospice also loved her and offered a touching "Bell Memorial Service" following her death.

In addition to her husband and parents, Lavon was preceded in death by a son (Gaylord in 1974) and a son-in-law (Rich Fisher in 1986).

Her survivors are 2 daughters, Sharman Sather of Denver, Co. and Jill (Don) Leo of Havre; 2 sons, Vance Sather of Fairfield, Ca. and Grant (Carol) Sather of Bremerton, Wa.; 6 grandchildren, inc. Amber, Tiffany, Spencer, Sierra, Jeremy, and Jordan; 1 great grandson, Connor; 4 sisters, June Toner of Rudyard, Naomi Jacobson of Great Falls, Darlene Ditmar of Rudyard, and Myrla Dahlke of Inverness; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were 1:00

p.m. Saturday (May 5th) at the First Lutheran Church in Havre. Pastors Michael O'Hearn and Brian Pederson officiated. Pianist, Vickie Jacobsen, accompanied Sara Wolery, who sang "Where the Roses Never Fade", "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less", and "Peace in the Valley". Burial of ashes followed at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Cremation and arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials may be given to Peace Hospital (Great Falls) or donor's choice...

DELORES G. 'LARRY' (THENNIS) SAUBY
Born: March 1, 1917 - Died: February 23, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
February 26, 2007

Delores G. 'Larry' Sauby



Sauby

SHELBY — Delores G. "Larry" (Thennis) Sauby, 89, a long-time resident of the Kevin/Oilmont area, died of natural causes Friday, a few days short of her 90th birthday, at the Maria Care Center in Shelby.

Visitation is Thursday with a Rosary at 7 p.m. at Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. Funeral Mass is 11 a.m. Saturday at St. William Catholic Church in Shelby, with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

She is survived by her children, Anita Tomayer of Smithers, B.C., Wilfred (Kathie) Sauby of Libby, James (Barbara) Sauby of Lewistown, Joanne (Mike) Stetzel of Tualatin, Ore., and Lucille (Harry) Knaup of Kevin; a sister-in-law, Lucille Sauby of Auburn, Calif.; 18 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, eight great-great grandchildren.

Delores, better known to her friends as "Larry," was born March 1, 1917, to Christopher John Thennis and Wilhemina Antonia (Guenther) in Leonard, Minn. She was 3 months old when the family moved to the Kremlin/Gildford area. She graduated from Gildford High School in 1935 and moved to Shelby to work. There she met her future husband, Warren S. Sauby, the son of pioneers, Wilfred Sauby and Winnie Wilbur Wilcox. They were married on Aug. 7, 1937, in Hingham.

She spent most of her life in the Shelby area except for 10 years spent in Great Falls where Warren worked. They went on an adventure and spent two years in Smithers, B.C., with their daughter's family. While Warren learned how to log and sawmill,

Larry learned the intricacies of a wood-burning range. While in Great Falls, Larry took a Nurses Aide Course and worked at the Columbus Hospital. She also added to her skills as a seamstress by taking tailoring courses.

When her family was young, she was involved in 4-H, Home Demonstration Club, the PTA, and the Altar Society in the Catholic Church. She was a member of the Ladies Loyal Order of Moose and served in many capacities including Senior Regent. Camping trips to the lake or the park were the preferred family outings and Larry enjoyed all of it. Family was very important to her. She made many trips to attend weddings, graduations, births, anniversaries and other important family events. Later in life, she enjoyed playing cards (whist), and was a charter member of the Kevin Senior Center. She played an active role in the Senior Center until October 2006, when ill health forced her to step aside.

She took on many challenges over the years and conquered most of them. However, she couldn't beat a failing body and went to meet her Eternal Savior peacefully with her children at her bedside.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren in 1992; two grandsons, Wesley Warren Sauby and Charles Warren Sauby; brothers Edward (Margaret) Thennis and Charles (Dorothy) Thennis; sisters Christina (Rudy) Wanke, Frances (Alvin) Stevens, Irene (Jim) Baker, Josephine (Charles) Hale and Anne (John) Chinadle; a brother-in-law, Weston Sauby; and a sister-in-law, Lola Sauby.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

Condolences may be sent online to whittedfuneraichapel.com and/or greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

ART E. SCHOCK
Born: Age: 88 – Died: May 27, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
June 1, 2007

Art E. Schock

VIDA — Art E. Schock, 88, a Vida farmer and rancher whose



Schock

community activities included serving as a McCone County commissioner, on the board of directors for Trinity Hospital in Wolf Point, on

the McCone Fair Board and as a 4-H leader for many years, died of natural causes Sunday at a hospital in Circle.

A celebration of his life is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Evangelical Church in Circle, with burial in Prairie Lawn Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Lydia Schock of Vida; children Robert Schock of Goldendale, Wash., Lois Greenfield of Centennial, Colo., Ardell Savage of Gretna, Neb., LaDonna Haber of Circle, Joyce Hanlon of Dyersburg, Tenn., Dennis Schock of Sherman, Texas, and Arlene Huff of Rockwall, Texas; sisters Anna Buechler of Galata, Esther Kaiser of Geysler, and Violet Kahm and Laura Wittenberg of Circle; 22 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant grandson.

ANNABELLE ANNITA (SATHRE) SEELEY
Born: December 20, 1914 – Died: May 20, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
May 22, 2007

Annabelle Annita Seeley

BILLINGS — Former Havre resident Annabelle Annita (Sathre) Seeley, 92, of Shelby and Billings, died of natural causes Sunday at a Billings assisted living facility.



Seeley

Her memorial service is 2 p.m. Sunday at Community Methodist Church in Shelby. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary in Billings and Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby are handling arrangements.

Survivors include a daughter, Anita Price of Riverton Wyo.; sons Roger (Judy Lyn) Seeley of Gilbert, Ariz., and David (Audrey) Seeley of Billings; grandchildren Jim (Karen) Price, Julie (Brady) Carroll, Jane (Chuck) Bisbee, Jimmy Fresorgier, Kirk and Bret and Bridgette; great-grandchildren Jacob, Gavin, Brooke, Nathan and Tyler; sisters-in-law Helen Lamey of Glasgow and Florence Seward of Seattle; and five nieces.

Our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend shed her earthly bonds on May 20, 2007. Awaiting her arrival will be her husband Wilbur; her parents, Ole and Amelia Sathre; brothers Rex and Orville; and her many friends and relatives.

Annabelle was born Dec. 20, 1914, on the Sathre homestead west of Havre. She attended country schools near Kremlin and graduated from Havre High School in 1932. Shortly thereafter, she began to work for J.C. Penney in Havre.

Annabelle married Charles Wilbur Seeley on Sept. 19, 1938. Soon after, they moved to Shelby where they started the Shelby Bottling Co. Except for a short move back to Havre during World War II, Annabelle helped Wilbur manage the bottling works right up until Wilbur's death in 1980.

Following the passing of her husband, Annabelle continued to live an active, full life which included enjoying the family cabin near Glacier Park, spending winters in Mesa, Ariz., and traveling to all parts of the world with her traveling partner, her daughter Anita. Annabelle was always ready for a round of golf or a bridge party.

Throughout her life, Annabelle demonstrated a true zest and a humble appreciation for others as well as a deep love for the Lord. True to her nature, Annabelle remained independent to the end. When no longer able to drive, she resided at the Marias Heritage Center before moving to Billings in 2004 to be closer to her family. While in Billings, she resided at the Grand Park Vintage Suites until her passing.

A sincere thanks to the staff at the Marias Heritage Center in Shelby and the Grand Park Vintage Suite in Billings, as well as the Big Sky Hospice for the compassionate care for our mother.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Community Methodist Church in Shelby or the charity of your choice.

Condolences may be sent online to whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

FLOYD ARNOLD SIBLEY

Birth: November 1, 1926 – Death: March 26, 2007

Liberty County Times

April 4, 2007



Floyd Sibley

Floyd Arnold Sibley was born November 1, 1926 at Alberta, Canada. He was one of eight children born to Bertrum and Pauline (Lewis) Sibley. Floyd grew up in Alberta and received his formal education at Cardston.

At a young age Floyd came to the Sweetgrass Hills in north central Montana to work on the Fey Ranch. He later moved to a ranch near Cascade, MT where he met his first wife, Betty Anne Ward. The product of this union was a daughter, Kay. The Sibleys lived in the Choteau community until their marriage ended in divorce.

In the years that followed, Floyd continued to work in the ranching business. He was employed as foreman on the Hamilton Ranch near Augusta when he met his second wife, Betty Lou (Hust) Bagley, who was hired as cook at the ranch. Floyd and Betty "fell madly in love" and were married in Choteau on January 31, 1987. Soon after their marriage, Floyd retired. The Sibley's remained in the Fort Shaw, Fairfield, and Choteau communities for the next ten years.

In 1998 they moved to Rudyard to be near Betty's daughter, Julie Shepherd & family. After developing health issues in 2005, they came to Chester to live next to the Shepherds and to be closer to medical facilities. On this past Monday evening (March 26, 2007), Floyd collapsed without warning at home. He was transported via ambulance to the Chester Hospital where resuscitative measures were to no avail. He was 80 years old.

Floyd loved the great outdoors, camping, and ranching activities, especially working with horses and cattle. He was the stereotype "cowboy", never passing up an opportunity to assist with a cattle drive or stay at a cow camp! Floyd also enjoyed rodeos; he was thrilled to attend the N.R.F. at Las Vegas in his retirement years.

During his quiet time at home, he liked to play cards.

Floyd and Betty had recently celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary and remained "madly in love" throughout their life together.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Sibley of Chester; 2 daughters, Kay Mortenson of Purcell, Oklahoma and Julie (Roger) Shepherd of Chester; 1 son, Wayne (Mary) Bagley of Belfair,

Washington; 8 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Roy Sibley and Lyle (Shirley) Sibley, both of Alberta; 3 sisters, Fay (Doug) Clark, Eva (Cal) Rains, and Irene Davidson, all of Alberta; and many nephews and nieces.

Floyd was preceded in death by his parents and 2 brothers (Cecil and Earl Sibley).

A traditional funeral was conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday (March 30th) at the Chester United Methodist Church by Pastor Dolly Collins. Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, performed "Peace in the Valley" and "Home on the Range", accompanied by pianist, Holly Frederickson. Pallbearers were Floyd's grandsons, including Lon Shepherd, Rob Shepherd, Barry Denton, & Raymond Church. A memorial luncheon followed at the church.

Floyd was cremated on Saturday (March 31st). There will be private disposition of his ashes. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

IRENE JOANNE (LOOMIS) SONJU
Born: April 22, 1932 – Died: June 19, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
June 23, 2007

Irene JoAnne Sonju

SHELBY — Irene JoAnne (Loomis) Sonju, 75, of Shelby, a homemaker



who enjoyed caring for her family, died of complications from vasculitis Tuesday at a Great Falls hospital.

Sonju

Visitation is 1 to 8 p.m.

Sunday at Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. Her funeral is 2 p.m. Monday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, with burial in Mountain View Cemetery. A reception for family and friends will take place in the church parish hall after the burial.

Survivors include her children, Beverly (Jim) Johnson, Bruce Sonju, and Ronald (Diana) Sonju, all of Shelby, Judy DiRado of New Stanton Pa., and Randall (Tina) Sonju of Rudyard; sisters June (Bob) Bogie of Cut Bank and Alene (Greg) Moss of Shelby; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Norman, and an infant son, Rodney.

Irene was born April 22, 1932, in Shelby, the eldest daughter of Elliott and Betsy (Erickson) Loomis, where she grew up and was educated. She and Norman Sonju were married Sept. 10, 1949, in Shelby, where they made their home all of their lives raising their five children at the same address and leaving many cherished memories.

Irene enjoyed being home tending to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her dear friends. She made beautiful afghans and she loved to be in her flower garden. Her caring gentleness will forever be remembered.

Condolences may be sent online to whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

CHARLES WILLIAM 'BILL' SPICHER

Birth: April 30, 1942 – Death: November 12, 2007

Liberty County Times

November 21, 2007



Bill Spicher

Charles William "Bill" Spicher, age 65, died Monday afternoon (November 12, 2007) at the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, MT from complications of cancer.

Bill was born April 30, 1942 in Havre, MT. He was one of five children born to Charles Rodney Spicher and Hildegard Marie Gehlen. Bill grew up on the family farm at Hingham and received his formal education there. After his graduation from Hingham High School in 1960, Bill continued his schooling at Northern Montana College for a short while, then returned to the family farm.

In 1963 Bill was inducted into the U. S. Army. He attained the rank of Private E-2 and trained as a radio operator at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He received an honorable discharge in 1964 and transferred to the Army Reserves, where he remained active until 1969.

Bill married Sharon D. Smith on June 25, 1966 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard, MT. They made their home in the Hingham community, where they farmed and raised their two sons. In their later years they enjoyed traveling to Arizona where they spent their winters at an R.V. park in

Bill was a faithful member of the Hingham Lutheran Church; he served several terms on the church council and always participated in church activities. He also served on the Hingham Farmer's Elevator board and was a longtime member of the Havre Elks Club. He enjoyed other memberships in the Rudyard Trap Club, the El Mirage Horseshoe Club, and the Havre & Fort Benton Golf Leagues.

Bill maintained a private

pilot's license and loved to fly. He owned several airplanes over the past 35 years and gave many local friends and children their "first airplane ride"! Since 1998 he has enjoyed flying his J-3 Piper Cub. Bill was a member of the Montana Pilot's Association, the Chester R.C. Pilot's Club, and served on the Hill County Airport board.

His other hobbies included hunting, attending auction sales, reading (mainly historical and military books), playing cards (especially pinochle), and solving crosswords puzzles. Bill took a metal lathing class as an adult and has since made many pieces of interesting metal artwork. With his creative skills and love of "tinkering in his shop", Bill actually built several homemade farm implements for his own use.

The Spichers enjoyed traveling and took several memorable trips to Hawaii, Alaska, and Mexico. They loved their home and community in Montana, but also enjoyed their new family of friends in Arizona.

Bill's journey with cancer began 17 years ago. He experienced the gamut of treatments

and the frequent frustrations, but he kept a positive attitude and a newfound outlook on life. He appreciated these past 17 years and faced this recent episode with courage and dignity. A devoted family man, Bill had an unconditional love for his wife, his sons and their spouses, and his six "special" grandkids. During his final days, he continued to offer love, guidance, and encouragement to each of them. It is a testament to his character & spirit...

Bill was preceded in death by his parents (Rodney in 1964 and Hildegard in 1999), his brother (Daryl in 2001), and two sisters (Lynne in 1969 and Charlene in 2004).

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Sharon Spicher of Hingham; 2 sons, Rod (Juanita) Spicher of Hingham and Scott (Melissa) Spicher of Spokane, Wa.; 6 grandchildren, Cooper, Graysen, Bailey, Logan, Jaiden, and Cade Spicher; 1 sister, Gail (Darryl) Meyer of Polson; 1 uncle, Richard Spicher of Whitefish; several in-law's, Joyce Spicher of Hingham, Stan (Karen) Smith of Mahtomedi, Mn., and Stu (Leslie) Smith of Rudyard; numerous nephews and nieces; and a host of friends.

Bill was cremated per his wishes. His ashes were buried in the Spicher family plot at the Hingham Cemetery. Family graveside services were 9:30 a.m. Saturday (Nov. 17th). Pastor Barden offered committal prayers. The Havre V.F.W. and American Legion color guard provided military rites. Bill's nephew, Mark Bibler (Lt.Col., USAF, Retired), made

the veterans flag presentation. Bill's six grandchildren finished the ceremony with a balloon release.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Nov. 17th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Pastor Arden K. Barden conducted the service with assistance from Pastors Brian Pederson and Gerald Ebelt. Dan Spicher shared the eulogy and Melissa Spicher read a poem entitled "Dad". A guitar/vocal trio of Scott Spicher, Jeff Wehr, and Kelly Dunne performed "How Great Thou Art" and "I Can Only Imagine". Terry Stevenson sang "The Lord's Prayer". Lauri Chvilicek served as pianist and the congregation

sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Ushers were Bob Wehr, Fred Elling, and Jerry Copenhaver. Friends listed as honorary bearers were Walt Myers, Ron Groseclose, Ken Heydon, Ron Kapperud, Dick Hansen, and Don Miller. Following the service, Dana Ness piloted Bill's J-3 Piper Cub in a simple "fly-over" the church. Then Rob Spicher drove Bill's Harley motorcycle, leading a procession of family and friends to a reception at the Hingham Community Center.

Memorials may be given to the Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester, the Hi-Line E.M.S. Fund in Rudyard, or donor's choice... Arrangements were by the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

CLIFFORD VERNON SPRINGER
Birth: August 4, 1922 - Death: April 16, 2007
Liberty County Times
April 25, 2007



Clifford Vernon Springer
Havre, MT - Clifford
Vernon Springer, 84, died

Monday April 16, 2007 at his home in Havre after a long illness. His memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday April 19, 2007 at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church with Rowlie Hutton officiating. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the church immediately after the service. Memorials in Cliff's honor may be made to Bear Paw Hospice P.O. Box 1231 Havre, MT 59501 or to the Yellowstone Boys Ranch P.O. Box 2549 Billings, MT 59103. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Clifford was born August 4, 1922, in Cottonwood, north of

Havre to Blanche (Bjertness) and Claude Springer. He was the sixth of 14 children. He attended school at Cottonwood and Grainbelt elementary schools where he completed the eighth grade. From ages 16 to 18 he was a member of the Civil Conservation Corp. and worked for area farmers as a hired hand for several years.

He married the love of his life, Katie Margaret Butler, Nov. 10, 1944, in the parsonage of First Baptist Church in Havre. His wife was the center of his world and everything he did for the next 62 years revolved around her. In 1946, the couple and their oldest son moved to the land where they

put down roots and raised their family. Over the next 17 years, the couple had 5 more sons and endured several tough dry years of farming but was always filled with his love of the land.

Clifford loved farming and worked all hours of the day and night to keep the farm running. He would say, "The old boy was pretty good to us today," if the day had been productive with few breakdowns.

He was a humble, modest man who was proud of what he had and maintained it well, but if somebody needed what he had, he was quick to lend it to them. For fear of appearing

to put on airs, he never wanted to drive anything more than a modest car or farm equipment. His leadership skills were used and admired by everyone and he could always be found adding and subtracting numbers in the margins of his Farmer Stockman magazine.

Cliff was an adoring grandfather, with 19 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was always smiling as long as he could have one kid on each knee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Beulah, Delores, Vera & Eva, Brothers: Vurl, Glen, Clyde, Ruel and Lynn.

He is survived by his by his wife of 62 years Katie Springer; children Earl (Susan) Springer of Kalispell, MT; Lowell (Mary) Springer of Bozeman, MT; Dennis (Kitty) Springer of Livingston, MT; David (Kim) Springer of Havre, MT; Phillip (Molly) Springer of Conrad, MT; and Jay (Dayna) Springer of Havre, MT. Sisters: Betty Anderson of Harlem, MT and Ila Knudson of Cranbrook, British Columbia. Brothers: Martin Springer of Havre, MT and Fred (Betty) Springer of Kremlin. 19 Grandchildren and 12 Great Grandchildren

LUCILLE FRANCES (SCHLACK) STACK
Birth: September 25, 1919 – Death: July 7, 2007
Liberty County Times
July 18, 2007



Lucille Stack

Lucille Frances (Schlack) Stack was born September 25, 1919 in Fort Benton, Montana. She was the eldest of three children born to Fred and Jennie (Enochson) Schlack, farmers in the community southwest of Big Sandy. Lucille received her education through grade 8 at the Mount Vernon country school near the farm. Her secondary education was achieved at Fort Benton and Big Sandy High School, where she graduated in 1937 as class salutatorian (of interest, her good friend, Adelle Myers, was the class valedictorian). Lucille continued her schooling for two years at Northern Montana College in Havre, where she earned her degree in Secretarial Sciences and graduated as valedictorian. She spent the following year working for the President at N.M.C.

Lucille married her lifelong friend, Bertrand Paul Stack, on November 21, 1940. They farmed in the Spring Coulee area for most of their married life. After they retired in 1982, they moved into Big Sandy. Shortly before Bert's death on October 25, 2001, Lucille moved to the Big Sandy Medical

Center. She died peacefully at the nursing home this past Saturday morning (July 7, 2007) at the age of 87 years.

In Lucille's history book she wrote many stories about her early life on the Schlack farm (formerly the Bender & Gardner places located 15 miles S.W. of Big Sandy). Her folks lived there until they retired in 1953, when they built a home in Big Sandy. Her sister, Lorraine, was born in 1921 and died from an accident at age three. Her brother, Gordon, was born in 1923 and they grew up together. Lucille spoke of the many good times on the farm, when neighbors came together for birthday parties; softball, horseshoes, and card games; and weekend dances at the Spring Coulee Clubhouse (where her father often played the drums with dance bands). Lucille noted that "her dad was Fred Schlack and there was another family who lived nearby whose dad was Fred Stack." This second Fred eventually became Lucille's father-in-law! The story has it that the Stack's (including Bert, his mother, and his brother) came over in a buggy to visit the Schlack's to welcome home from the hospital their new baby girl (Lucille). From that time on Lucille and Bert grew up together, went to school together, said their vows together, and remained a loving couple together for 61 years. They lived in the Spring Coulee area (located 2 miles east and 1 mile south of the old Inga Store) from 1941-1970. During that time they had their family of 3 sons: Francis Paul was born in 1942 and became a pharmacist; Gary Willis was born in

1945 & died in 1958 at age 12; and Donald Lee was born in 1950 and became a pilot. When Lucille and Bert retired, they moved to the same house that her folks had built in Big Sandy in 1953! The Stack's enjoyed traveling, twice to Europe on a rural farm tour and many memorable trips to Oregon and California to visit their grandchildren.

And speaking of the old Inga Store, Lucille and Bert often remembered, as kids, looking longingly at the candy in the glass display case. This store was a place where the local men sat around an old coal stove, discussed daily life, and picked up their mail. The Stack's were always thankful for those first homesteaders, including their families, and the pioneer spirits that made their lives possible...

Lucille was a lifelong member of Christ Lutheran Church and the Church Women's group. She had also been active in the Spring Coulee Hobby Club. She and Bert enjoyed serving on the 1970 Big Sandy Homecoming committee and other events throughout the years.

Lucille loved all kinds of knitting, sewing, handiwork, and crafts. To this day her family enjoys her personalized Christmas stockings, some sewed with the cute Santa faces and some with exquisite counted cross-stitching. She also enjoyed oil-painting art projects, which she graciously gave away to family and friends.

Lucille loved caring for her annual gardens and sharing her produce. As a fun hobby, she collected angels. Last, but not least,

homemaking was her life and she loved to cook for her family and friends.

Lucille was a devoted wife to her sweetheart, Bert, a loving mother to her 3 boys, and a wonderful grandmother to her 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She will be missed by all.

Survivors are her 2 sons, Francis (Karen) Stack of Chester and Don Stack of Corona, California; her grandchildren, Michelle (Steve) Bahnmiller of Big Sandy, Dara (Kevin) Coates of Great Falls, Sean (Tracy) Stack and Jason (Trisha) Stack of Boise, Idaho, and Montana, Dallas, and Ireland Stack, all of Aliso Viejo, Calif.; her great-grandchildren (inc. Kellan, Tyce, Gavin, Layton, Trevor, Kennedy, and Aidan); her brother, Gordon (Una) Schlack of Helena; and 1 niece, Brenda Wahler of Helena. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, and sister.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Saturday (July 14th) at the Christ Lutheran Church in Big Sandy. Graveside services were 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Highland Cemetery in Great Falls.

Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Memorials will be given to the Big Sandy Medical Center, the Christ Lutheran Church, or to Alzheimer's Research.

KATIE P. (HOFER) STAHL
Born: Age: 95 – Died: July 18, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
July 19, 2007

Katie Stahl

GILDFORD — Katie P. (Hofer) Stahl, 95, a school teacher who enjoyed gardening and knitting, died of natural causes Wednesday at her home on the Gildford Hutterite Colony.

Her funeral is 10 a.m. Friday at the Gildford Colony church, with burial in the colony cemetery. Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her husband of 74 years, Paul Stahl of Gildford; sons Dave, Paul, John, Josh and George Stahl, all of Gildford; daughters Martha Stahl of Gildford Colony, Katie Wipf of Lakeside Colony, Elizabeth Hofer of Surprise Creek Colony and Annie, Susie and Rebecca Hofer, all of Elkwater Colony; sisters Mary Hofer of Wolf Creek Colony and Rebecca Stahl of Deerfield Colony; 48 grandchildren and 88 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mike Stahl.

ANNE (HAWRYLAK) STARK
Birth: March 30, 1923 – Death: July 14, 2007
Liberty County Times
July 25, 2007



Anne Stark

Anne (Hawrylak) Stark, age 84, died of natural causes at her farm home north of Rudyard on Saturday evening (July 14, 2007).

Anne was born on March 30th, 1923 at Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, Canada. She was one of six children born of Polish ancestry to Steve Hawrylak and Maria Sadownik. She grew up and received her education at Maple Creek, graduating from high school there in 1943. Anne continued her schooling in Canada and earned a teaching certificate, then began teaching in rural schools.

She came to Havre, Montana in 1945 to attend Sacred Heart School of Nursing. After receiving her Associates Degree in Nursing in 1948, Anne began working at the Sacred Heart Hospital. While there she met a Montana farmer, Donald Glenn Stark, and they were married on October 28, 1949 at St. Jude's Church in Havre. In 1954 Anne became a U. S. citizen. Don and Anne lived and worked in Havre until 1956, then moved to the Stark family farm 9 miles north of Rudyard. In the years

that followed Anne worked as a homemaker, farm wife, and mother of 3 daughters. In addition she offered her nursing services to the rural home health program.

The Starks enjoyed their life on the farm and were faithful companions. They were married 53 years when Don passed away on December 10, 2002 at the age of 77. Anne continued to live in their farm home until her death this past Saturday.

Anne was baptized and confirmed Catholic and maintained a strong Christian faith throughout her life. She was a member of the Hi-Line Catholic parish, being active in Our Lady of Ransom Altar Society and the Holy Family Altar Society. She was also a member of W.I.F.E.

Her hobbies included flower gardening and flower arranging (both dried and fresh). She prided herself in raising beautiful poinsettia plants, which she shared with her church, family, and friends. Anne made many sequin calendars and enjoyed crafts of all kinds. In her quiet time at home she liked to play cards (mainly, solitaire) and watch soap operas.

A loving mother and grandmother, she will be deeply missed...

Survivors are her 3 daughters, Marjorie (LeWayen) Kroeger of Libby, Donna (Jerry) Hall of Great Falls, and Jean (Robert "Joe") Becker of Helena; 5 grandchildren (including Katie Hansen, Eric Kroeger, and Chris, Adam, and Nikki Becker); 1 brother, Mike Horlick of Regina, Sask.; and many nieces and nephews.

Anne was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by 3 brothers (Bill, John, and Pete) and 1 sister (Nell).

Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Friday (July 20th) by Father Joseph Diekhans at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Dianne Folk served as organist and Marcus Jochim sang "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman", "Amazing Grace", "On Eagle's Wings", and "How Great Thou Art". Lector was Dan Hybner and altar server was Terry Hybner.

Granddaughters, Katie and Nikki, presented the communion gifts and Eucharistic ministers were Tim and Gaynelle Gatzemeier. Usher was Duane Hansen and eulogist was Jerry Hall. Pallbearers were Anne's 3 sons-in-law and her 3 grandsons. Honorary bearers were friends Mel VanWechel, Arnie Woods, Jerry Hybner, Bob Letang, and Bob McKinley. Following burial at the Rudyard Cemetery, a memorial luncheon was held at the Rudyard Youth Center. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

ESTHER VICTORIA 'VIC' (ANDERSON) STAUDACHER
Birth: April 25, 1919 – Death: September 24, 2007

Liberty County Times

October 3, 2007



Vic Staudacher

Esther Victoria (Anderson) Staudacher was born April 25, 1919 at Chester, Montana. She was the second of four children born to Hulda Norling and Gustaf Algot Anderson.

"Vic", which became her loving nickname, grew up on a grain/cattle farm 17 miles north of Lothair. She received her formal education at the Eagle Creek country school and Chester High

School. At age 15 Vic suffered from a severe case of polio, so much of her life from that time on was difficult and painful.

Vic married George Thomas Staudacher on June 29, 1935 at Havre, MT. They made their home in Chester where Vic worked diligently as a homemaker and mother of two sons. Vic became a widow at age 44 when her husband died of cancer on May 23, 1963. They had been married 28 years at the time of George's untimely death.

In 1967 Vic was appointed as Treasurer for the Town of Chester. In 1974 the position was changed to Treasurer & Town Clerk. She worked at the city office for a total of 16 years until her retirement in 1983. Vic remained independent and lived in her Chester home until 1996, when she suffered a debilitating stroke. Following a 5-week hospitalization in Great Fall, she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home. For the past 10 years Vic resided at the Chester rest home, where she died peacefully on Monday evening (September 24, 2007). She was 88 years old.

Vic was baptized and confirmed at the Trinity Church north of Lothair. Following her marriage, she transferred her membership to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, where she was also active in W.E.L.C.A. Other memberships included the V.F.W. Auxiliary, the Sons of Norway, and the Chuck Wagon Band.

Her hobbies were crocheting, reading, playing pinochle and BINGO, and working in her yard. She never missed watching the daily news and keeping up on world affairs. In her early retirement years she enjoyed traveling to see her sons and grandchildren. Vic will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

In addition to her husband and parents, Vic was preceded in death by her youngest son (Lee Ray in 2004), a grandson (Jody), and her 2 brothers (Herb and Vern Anderson).

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, George "Ed" (Harriette) Staudacher of Grass Valley, California; 3 grandchildren, Georgia (Ed) Thompson, John Staudacher, and Helen Dunning; 2 great-grandchildren, Ronald Thompson and Tom Helmts; her sister, Lilly Oraw of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 6th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester by nephew, Reverend Calvin Oraw. Eulogist will be Rodney Keith and scriptures will be

read by Lila Kruckenberg. Karen Stack will serve as organist and Mary Ann Zorn will sing "One Day At A Time" and "Just As I Am". Ushers will be Dan and Bill Harmon.

Pallbearers will be Steve and Rod Oraw; Collin and Terry Anderson; John Staudacher; and Tom Helmts. Honorary bearers will be Vic's "sisters" of the VFW Auxiliary, who will offer graveside prayers. Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon will be

held at the church. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to "Post-Polio Syndrome" research...

BRET ELDER STERNER
Born: Age: 47 – Died: October 20, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
October 24, 2007

Bret Elder Sterner

HAVRE — Bret Elder Sterner, 47, who worked odd jobs in the Havre area and enjoyed bike riding, fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, board games, family get-togethers and especially animals, died Saturday at his home in Havre. The coroner has not determined the cause of death.



Sterner

Graveside memorial services are 11 a.m. today in Highland Cemetery, followed by a fellowship luncheon at the Eagles Club. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include siblings Dale Sterner, Yvette LaValley and Kathy Olson, all of Havre, Blaine Sterner of Gildford and Blake Sterner of Great Falls.

ALAN LEROY STERRY
Birth: August 26, 1944 – Death: May 19, 2007
Liberty County Times
May 30, 2007



Alan Sterry

Alan Sterry, age-62, beloved brother and son, died by his own hand on the family farm north of Hingham this past Saturday (May 19, 2007).

He was born Alan Leroy Sterry on August 26, 1944 at Havre, Montana. He was one of five children born to Alton and Nedra (Hanson) Sterry. He grew up on the family farm and received his formal education at Hingham.

Alan began his farming career with his father when he was 12 years old; this current 2007 farm year marked his 50th year in Montana agriculture. He lived his entire life on the Sterry homestead and was deeply attached to the farm and to the surrounding prairie. Alan was a "doer" – constantly involved in some kind of work – occasionally taking off to go fishing or golfing. He was also an avid collector of art.

Alan was well-known locally and was loved by all who knew him. He was a kind and gentle

soul who was highly regarded by his friends for his honesty & integrity. In addition he was a deeply caring person who quietly engaged in philanthropy his entire adult life, giving generously to a variety of worthwhile causes. A staunch Democrat, he was never afraid to voice his opinion on controversial issues. Alan was a rare and remarkable man who will be remembered dearly by his family and friends.

Alan never married. He is survived by his mother, Nedra Sterry of Eugene, OR; 2 sisters, Sandra (John) Dixon of Eugene, OR and Jill (Jerry) Kordonowy of Livingston, MT; 2 brothers, Rick (Carole) Sterry of Eugene, OR & Craig Sterry of Great Falls, MT; 2 nieces (Sophie & Halsey); 4 nephews (Sky, Quince, Max, & August); and numerous cousins. Alan was preceded in death by his father (Alton) in 1997.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday (May 25th) at the Hingham Lutheran Church by Reverend Gerald Ebel. Special music was provided by Sharon Spicher and Terry Stevenson, who sang "Hymn of Promise" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand". The congregation sang "In the Garden". Alan's brother-in-law, John Dixon, shared

the eulogy. Pallbearers were Jerry Kordonowy, Gary Horinek, Ed Lipp, Doug Effinger, Allen Chinadle, and Bob Toner Jr. Following burial at the Hingham Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

E. DOROTHY (SCOTT) STOLTZ

Born: June 10, 1918 – Died: September 19, 2007

Great Falls Tribune

September 23, 2007

E. Dorothy Stoltz

HILGER — E. Dorothy (Scott) Stoltz, 89, who spent her last few years living with her daughter, Sarah Leonard, near Winifred and was a teacher and educator throughout her lifetime, died of natural causes Wednesday at her residence.

Her memorial service is 10:30 a.m. Friday at Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby, with inurnment at 3 p.m. in Lakeview Cemetery in Valier. Whitted Funeral Chapel of Shelby and Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown are in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include children Michael Stoltz of Albany, Ore., Peter Stoltz of Rathdrum, Idaho, Sarah Leonard of Hilger, Alanna Stone of Stanwood, Wash., and Arleyn Simon of Tempe, Ariz; sisters Delyle Jarvis, Patricia Schneider and Kathleen Bettise, all of Billings; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was born June 10, 1918, in Hingham, Mont., to Allen and Vi Scott, who homesteaded north of Joplin. At age 16, Dorothy Scott entered Montana State College (Bozeman) on a scholastic scholarship. She completed a two-year teaching certificate (second year at Billings) in December, and first taught at a ranch school near Lennep, Mont. Dorothy stepped off the train in high heels and stockings into two feet of snow and 20 degrees below zero. The rancher who met the train wrapped her in a bearskin coat and took her to the ranch in a one-horse cutter-sleigh. Her schoolroom was the sheepherders' bunkhouse and she often taught among red wool long-johns hung up to dry. She then taught at the Grandview School on the Blackfeet Reservation near Valier and later at the Chief All-Over School near Heart Butte. Most of the students came on cold days for the hot meal that Dorothy cooked. On Fridays, she made extra tuna cakes so the students would have something to eat over the weekend.

Dorothy Scott and Clarence Stoltz were married on Dec. 27, 1939, by Associate Justice Leif Erickson in the Supreme Court Chambers in Helena. While farming near Valier, Michael, Peter, and Sarah Lee were born. The family moved to the ranch east of Sunburst in March 1944. Dorothy taught the three children at home before a grade school was available. Twins, Alanna and Arleyn, were born in 1951.

Dorothy was very active in the Farmers Union and was the education director for the annual kids' summer camp, where she wrote plays and taught classes. She was an expert seamstress and the sewing leader for the West Butte 4-H Club. Dorothy was a member of the Prairie Homemakers Club. In the 1950's (before TV), club members put on plays at the Toole School, including "Arsenic and Old Lace."

As the children grew up, Dorothy resumed her interest in teaching and obtained her bachelor's degree by taking correspondence courses and summer school at the College of Great Falls. Dorothy was hired to teach third grade at Sunburst Elementary, where she taught for a total of eight years. She graduated "cum laude" with her B.A. in Education in 1969. Dorothy's teaching philosophy was that all children should be treated as equals and be given high expectations to which they would rise. She was a firm believer in teaching the classroom as a whole, without groups.

Dorothy was appointed to the state Title III Education Committee that reviewed programs in the public schools. She was active in the Democratic Party and served as Toole County Precinct Committeewoman. Dorothy served on a grand jury in Great Falls. She greatly enjoyed these public service opportunities. Dorothy continued her great love of history, literature and culture until the end. She read books voraciously throughout her life and listened to the History of the Supreme Court during her last few weeks.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Clarence D. Stoltz; her parents, Allen and Vi Scott; and a brother, Louis Scott.

Memorials may be sent to the Hospice of Central Montana, 629 N.E. Main, Lewistown, MT 59457.

Condolences may be posted online at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

ROD STUKER

Birth: May 26, 1941 – Death: February 20, 2007

Liberty County Times

March 7, 2007

Rod Stuker

Rod Stuker died Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the age of 65. Rod was in Arizona when he was diagnosed with acute leukemia on February 1st of this year. The disease spread quickly and he was air-flighted to Las Vegas where he passed away.

Rod was born on May 26, 1941 in Havre where he lived and went to school. He is survived by his wife, Glenice, in Beaver, Utah, daughters Cathy, Havre, and Cindy, Kalispell, his sister, Judy (Frank) Spinler of Hingham, a brother Larry Trapp, Havre, and many nieces and nephews. Rod was preceded in death by his mother, Edna Daniel, father, Gerald Stuker, daughter Stacy, brother, Gary, and sister, Barbara.

ARDYCE MONREEN (ROBISON) SWANK
Birth: November 10, 1915 – Death: May 3, 2007

Liberty County Times

May 9, 2007



Ardyce Swank

Ardyce Swank, age 91, died of natural causes Thursday afternoon (May 3, 2007) at the Benefis East Medical Center in Great Falls.

She was born Ardyce Montreen Robison on November 10, 1915 at Lothair, Montana. Her parents were Edward M. "E.M." Robison and Clara Ethel Wilson. Ardyce was the second of four girls born to the Robisons. She received her early education at Lothair, then finished her schooling in Chester where she graduated from C.H.S. in 1933.

She married John H. Swank on June 26, 1935 at Great Falls. They made their home in Chester, where Ardyce enjoyed her life as homemaker and mother of three. The Swanks farmed/ranched in the Chester and Zurich communities during their working life. In addition Ardyce was employed as a clerk for the Town of Chester in the 1950's.

When the Swanks retired in 1972, they began spending their winters in Yuma, Arizona. They also maintained a home in Chester during the summer months. After their health began to fail in 2001, they sold their Chester home and moved to Great Falls to be closer to their two daughters.

The Swanks were married 67 years when John passed away on July 4, 2002. Ardyce continued to live with her daughter, Meredith, until 2004 when she transferred to Park Place Nursing

Home. During the past few years she had resided in various Great Falls assisted-living facilities, most recently at Hosanna Home.

Ardyce was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist faith and was a lifelong member of the Chester United Methodist Church. She had also been a member of the Eastern Star (Joplin Chapter) and the Republican Women.

Her hobbies were many. She loved music; she played the piano "by ear" and she loved to sing (Ardyce sang in the Methodist church choir for many years). She also enjoyed flower gardening. During her quiet time at home, she loved to read (especially, romances). Ardyce and John enjoyed dancing and were active in the square-dancing circuit for many years. They also liked to play cards (mainly whist, pinochle, and bridge). In addition they enjoyed riding their

bikes and swimming together in Yuma and Chester. The Swanks were fortunate to have good health and happiness into their 80's. They loved to travel and made several memorable trips to the Baja Peninsula, Europe, Australia, Panama Canal, and Mexico.

Ardyce was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a granddaughter (Robin Meech) and 2 sisters

(Louise Blake and Elaine Robison).

Survivors are 2 daughters, Meredith (Don) Anderson of Great Falls and Sandy (Russell) Meech of Ridgecrest, California; 1 son, Terry (Monica) Swank of Chinook; 7 grandchildren (inc. Jeff, Scott, Greg, Steffani, Steve, Ronda, and Donnie); 15 great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Nadine Larson of Havre; 1 sister-in-law, Patricia Swank of Chester; and many nieces and nephews.

Ardyce has been cremated. Her ashes will be buried in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery. A memorial service will be planned at a later date. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials can be given to the new swimming pool fund in Chester.

KATHRYN FAY SWANSON
Born: February 24, 1919 – Died: November 3, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
November 4, 2007

Kathryn Fay Swanson

Kathryn Fay Swanson, 88, of Great Falls, a former grocery clerk, died of cancer Saturday at her daughter's home.

At her request, no services are planned. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



Swanson

Survivors include a daughter, LaVonne (Earl) Herseim of Great Falls; a son, Stanley (Lorita) Swanson of Pocatello, Idaho; a sister, Gwen Lee of Kalispell; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Kathryn was born Feb. 24, 1919, in Hingham, and was raised and educated in Hingham and Fort Benton. She married Donald Robert "Bob" Swanson in 1937 in Spokane. He preceded her in death on April 14, 1994.

Kathryn worked as a grocery clerk, at the horse races at the fairgrounds and ran the elevator at Northwestern Bank.

She enjoyed reading, crocheting, spending time with her grandchildren, going for rides in the mountains and playing Yahtzee and cards.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, two sisters, and twin sons Noel and Neal.

Memorials are suggested to Peace Hospice of Montana, 2600 15th Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.

Condolences may be posted online at www.schniderfuneral-home.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

FLORENCE IRENE (ERLANDSON) THIELTGES
Birth: August 19, 1910 - Death: February 26, 2007
Liberty County Times
March 7, 2007



FLORENCE THIELTGES

Florence Irene Erlandson was born August 19, 1910, in Reeder, North Dakota. She was the third daughter of Fritz Edwin and Ida Pauline (Johnson) Erlandson. Her two older sisters were Clara Annette and Edith Viola. Two younger sisters, May Bernice and Wilma Grace died in infancy.

Her paternal grandparents, Vilhelm Erlandson and Clara Marghartsa Persjon, came to America from Sweden, settling in Minnesota. They were married in Barrett, where they raised their family of nine children. Her maternal grandparents, Reinart Johnson and Anna Lea Peterson, were also first generation immigrants, but from Norway. Their daughter, Ida, the third of eight children, was born in Minneapolis.

Fritz Erlandson homesteaded 2 1/2 miles northeast of Reeder in 1906. Ida stayed in Barrett until their first child was born. At two months of age mother and daughter travelled by rail and covered wagon to join him on the North Dakota homestead. The other girls were born there.

Along with his farming, Florence's dad was one of the earliest school bus drivers out of Reeder. He was also a skilled blacksmith and woodworker. In 1908 after the railroad was built through Reeder, her Johnson grandparents came out from Minnesota and built the first hotel and rooming house across the street from the depot. Her Aunt Charlotte was the first school teacher and Aunt Matilda helped her folks with the hotel.

In 1919 Fritz and Ida sold

the farm and the family moved to Spokane, Washington, where they lived until 1923. Florence remembered riding on the street cars to get around in Spokane and picnics in the city parks. Her dad got a job at the Diamond Match factory for the next four years until his health began to fail. In 1923 after discovering he had developed cancer, the family sold their house in Spokane and bought a farm near Ellingson, South Dakota. This was just over that state line from Hettinger, ND. and close to their old home near Reeder. Florence graduated from Hettinger High School and Aberdeen Business College. After finishing school, she worked for five years as Agent for Bell Telephone in Reeder.

During the early years of World War II, Florence lived in Seattle and worked for the Civil Aeronautics Administration. She was trained at the University of Washington in teletype communications and the various weather and navigation instruments used in the airport to

assist airplanes. She later worked as secretary to the Chief of the CAA in Seattle and was responsible for their war bond sales program.

Due to her asthma, Florence relocated to the drier climate of Spokane. Here she took a job as bookkeeper for Alexander's, a large downtown department store. She met Peter Thieltges through mutual friends while attending a Sunday afternoon baseball game. Pete had come to America from Germany in 1925 seeking to build a new life for himself. In 1945 they married and their first son, Richard, was born in Spokane.

In 1947, they moved to a new farm north of Chester, Montana, and broke up land to begin a grain operation. Their second son, Gary, was born in Havre, MT. While the boys were growing up, Florence worked for many years as a leader in the 4-H program. She was also an active member of the Altar Society of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. They continued farming until 1970, when Richard took over managing the business and Pete and Florence retired to live in Chester.

Pete died in 1987 and Florence continued to live at their Chester home until the fall of 1991, when she moved to Helena to be nearer to Richard's family who had relocated there in 1989.

Florence played Duplicate Bridge for many years, traveling to the West Coast, Mexico and Hawaii to attend various national and international tour-

naments. She earned her Silver Life Master certificate for winning more than 1000 points and played regularly with friends from the local duplicate clubs in Chester and Helena.

She was an excellent seamstress, making many of her own clothes over the years, and was also well-known for her bead work and crochet and her beautiful ming trees.

Survivors include two sons and their wives: Richard and Marty of Helena and Gary and Robin of Los Angeles; three grandchildren: John of Bozeman, Kate of Portland, OR, and Isabella of Los Angeles; and several nieces, nephews and cousins in the US, Canada and Germany.

A memorial service was held on Friday, March 2nd at the Waterford retirement center in Helena where Florence had lived for the past ten years. Rev. George Harper conducted the service. Jodi Mattson provided music, singing "To Everything There is a Season" and "Pie Jesu". Burial will take place at the Chester cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester, St. Mary Catholic Community in Helena or another charity or institution of the donor's choosing. Retz Funeral Home in Helena assisted the family with their arrangements.

VERNON 'BUZZ' THISSELLE

Birth: February 6, 1937 – Death: October 4, 2007

Liberty County Times

October 24, 2007



"Buzz" Thisselle

Vernon "Buzz" Thisselle, 70, of Missoula, passed away October 4, 2007, of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) at Village Health Care Center.

Vernon was born February 6, 1937, in Chester, the son of Earl and Stella Thisselle.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1956 and served as a Russian linguist. He was considered to be one of the best supervisor/technicians in his career field. He had lived in Germany, Japan, the Aleutian Islands and England before his honorable discharge in 1976 at the rank of Master Sergeant. Buzz then attended the University of Montana where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Russian in 1978. He later earned his master of business administration from the University of Montana in 1981.

Buzz married Connie Christian and the couple enjoyed 28 years of marriage and raised their three children.

Buzz went to work for Century 21 Real Estate as a broker in 1982 before opening his own business, Montana Investments and Property Management, Inc. which he operated as a sole proprietorship until the time of his death.

Buzz was an honest and hard-working man who could fix just about anything. His days on the farm in Chester came out when he was working in his garden. Buzz loved to watch his kids play sports and was proud of each of their individual achievements. He instilled the value of a good education in his

children and was thrilled to watch them flourish as individuals. Buzz was a loquacious individual with a competitive flare for lively repertoire. We love you, Dad!

Buzz loved to golf, garden and work on cars. He also enjoyed camping, boating, horseshoes, bowling, wood-working, and working out at Gold's Gym. He was a member of the American Legion.

The family would like to thank Village Health Care Center for the exceptional care and personal attention that they showed to Buzz and to all of us.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Stella, in December 1991 and by his father, Earl, in December of 2006.

Buzz is survived by his wife, Connie; two daughters, Shayla Glendenning and Crystal Thisselle; one son, Daniel Thisselle; one granddaughter, Alexis Glendenning; one sister, Beverly Pugsley and one brother, Stanley "Pudge" Thisselle.

Visitation and funeral services were held at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 10th. A reception followed the service in the funeral home's community room.

Pallbearers for the service were Dick Renfro, Bob Pugsley, Fred Speiser, Bill Hanson, Steve Glendenning, Levi Glendenning, Alan Christian, Dan Thisselle, and Dave Cushing was the Honorary Pallbearer.

Memorial contributions can be made to ALS Association, Evergreen Chapter, 19110 66th Avenue South, Suite G-101, Kent, WA 98032.

Arrangements were under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

RUTH REGINA (WEHR) VANWECHEL
Birth: February 26, 1911 – Death: September 3, 2007
Liberty County Times
September 12, 2007



Ruth VanWechel

Ruth VanWechel, age 96, died of natural causes on Monday morning (Sept. 3, 2007) at the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, Montana.

A graveside memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday (Sept. 8th) at the Rudyard Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rlynn Rockman. Special poetic readings were offered by Craig Miller and Carolyn Christenson. A vocal tribute, "Abide With Me", was performed by Terry Stevenson. Honorary bearers were listed as Ruth's great-nephews-and-nieces and all of her loving friends. A coffee hour followed at the Rudyard Senior Center. Cremation and arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials are suggested to the Rudyard Museum, the Liberty County Nursing Home (Activities Fund), or donor's choice...

Ruth Regina Wehr was born February 26, 1911 at Anamoose, North Dakota. She

was the second of four children born to Matthew and Louise (Konietzka) Wehr. When Ruth was just an infant, the Wehr family came to Montana to a homestead 7 miles south of Inverness. She received her formal education in Montana, graduating from Rudyard High School in 1928. Soon after, she visited North Dakota where an aunt taught her to sew. Ruth used these acquired skills as a seamstress throughout her life.

After returning to Montana, Ruth fell in love with a Rudyard farmer/barber, Lester M. VanWechel. They were married in Rudyard on November 11th, 1932. They lived on the farm until 1946, then moved into town. The VanWechels were in their late 40's when they were fortunate to retire in 1956, and they began enjoying "the fruits of their labors." Each winter they traveled abroad to experience new places and new people. During the next 30 years they essentially traveled around the world twice!

Lester became ill in 1986. After a long hospitalization, he died on May 25th of that year at age 79. At the time of Lester's death, the VanWechels had been happily married for 54 years. Ruth remained in their Rudyard home until her health declined in 2002, when she moved to the Wheat Country Estates (Assisted Living Center) in Chester. Three years ago she transferred to the nursing home, where she died peacefully on this past Labor

Day Monday. In those early years on the farm the VanWechels were members of the Grace Church north of Rudyard. After moving to town, Ruth often attended Our Savior's Lutheran Church, where she was baptized. The VanWechels also enjoyed activities at the Rudyard Senior Center.

Ruth and Lester loved music and dancing, and participated in many square-dances around the state. They also liked to go fly-fishing together.

In addition to sewing, Ruth enjoyed bowling, cooking, and gardening. She was proud of her yard and flowers, and did her own mowing into her 90's! After moving to the nursing home, she took up the hobby of punch-quilting.

The VanWechels had no children, but loved their extended families and many friends. Ruth is survived by 1 sister, Elaine Miller of Joplin; 3 nieces, Pattie Sponheim of Great Falls, Janet Slover of Henderson, NV, and Donna Orr of Great Falls; 2 nephews, Bob Wehr of Billings and Rick Miller of Joplin; and numerous great-nieces/nephews. She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a brother (Clarence and Ruth Wehr), a sister (Helen and Sam Chapman), a brother-in-law (Kenneth Miller), and a nephew (Darryl Miller).

CATHERINE 'BESSIE' (KANTOROWICZ) WANKEN
Birth: November 23, 1913 – Death: July 17, 2007

Liberty County Times

July 25, 2007



Catherine Wanken

Catherine "Bessie" Wanken was born November 23, 1913 at the family farm near Hay Coulee (southeast of Chester, MT). She was one of 15 children born to Stanley and Katherine (Lopata) Kantorowicz. She received her formal education at the Hay Coulee country school, then began working for neighboring farm families.

Catherine married John Wanken on April 16, 1934 in Hingham. They lived and farmed in the Chester community, where she worked diligently as a homemaker and mother of three. In 1964 the Wankens moved to a farm southwest of Shelby and remained active in the farming operations until John's death on July 18, 1989. They had been married 55 years when John passed away at age 82.

Catherine returned to their Chester home and remained independent until age 90. She moved to the Wheat Country Estates (assisted-living facility) three years ago and enjoyed her time there. In November of 2006 she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home, where she died peacefully on this past Tuesday morning (July 17, 2007). She was 93 years old.

Baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith, Catherine remained loyal to her strong Christian values. She was a member of St. Mary's Church and Altar Society in Chester. She was also a member of the Republican party and always exercised her privilege to vote.

Catherine enjoyed sewing, embroidery, gardening, and cooking (some of her specialties included wonderful turkey dressings, apple breads, and homemade pies!). In her earlier years she liked to play pinochle and checkers. During her quiet time

at home she enjoyed reading, especially country magazines and "Reader's Digest".

Catherine loved scenic trips to the mountains with her family, who were the mainstay in her life. She was a proud and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by 4 brothers (John, Frank, Carl, and Chester) and 6 sisters (Anna, Julia, Helen "Sister Susanne", Sophie, Josephine, and Agnes).

Survivors are her 3 children, Louise Susan McDonnell (Bob) of Helena, Frank Wanken (Marion) of Chester, and Dr. Helen Wanken (Dr. Ashton Welch) of Omaha, Nebraska; 4 grand-children, Troy Wanken (Lou), Rae Lynn Bloemendaal (Jan), Jason Wanken (Steffani), and Todd Wanken (Denise); 10 great-grandchildren, Robyn, TJ, Brad, Bret, Tristin, Jeff, Tyler, Mitch, Gerrit, and Bryce; 4 siblings, Ruth Corbett of Helena, Mary Ennis of Spokane, Wa., Alfred (Jo) Biggs of Tonasket, Wa., and Bernice McCabe of

Muskogee, Ok.; 1 sister-in-law, Mildred Kantorowicz of Chester; and numerous nieces and nephews. Catherine is also survived by 4 special friends: Doris Fraser, Diane Darlington, June Ternstrom, and Margaret Longcake.

Vigil Prayers will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday (July 24th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Her Funeral Mass will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday (July 25th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Burial will follow at the Chester Cemetery.

Suggested memorials are Liberty County Hospital & Nursing Home, Wheat Country Estates, Chester Swimming Pool Fund, and St. Mary's Catholic Church.

MARGARET (BITTLESON) BAILEY WEESE

Born: Age: 94 – Died: August 30, 2007

Great Falls Tribune

September 28, 2007

Margaret Bailey Weese

GILDFORD — Margaret (Bittleston) Bailey Weese, 94, a homemaker and former Gildford resi-



Weese

dent who spent most of her life in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died of natural causes Aug. 30 at a hospital in Coeur d'Alene.

Graveside services are 2 p.m. Thursday at Highland Cemetery in Havre, followed by a luncheon at the Gildford Baptist Church. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, Harry Weese of Coeur d'Alene; and a sister, Rachel Hanson of Mesa, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard Bailey, who died in a plane accident June 14, 1957, in Havre.

CHESTER JOHN WELSH

Birth: October 2, 1921 - Death: October 8, 2007

Liberty County Times

October 17, 2007



Chet Welsh

Chet Welsh, age 86, a well-known Hi-Line farmer, died of natural causes on Monday evening (October 8, 2007) at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre.

Born Chester John Welsh on October 2, 1921 at Havre, MT he was one of seven children of Steve and Dora (Erdman) Welsh. Chet was raised on the family homestead south of Hingham and received his early education at the Een country school. After he graduated from Hingham High School in 1940, he began working on the family farm.

Chet married a Gildford girl, Marilyn Joyce Burfield, on June 16, 1948. They made their home on the farm until 1955, when they moved into Hingham. Throughout the years Chet traveled to and from the farm on a daily basis. He loved his life as a Montana farmer and rancher. A "true cowboy at heart", he enjoyed the cattle business and was a loyal Hereford breeder for many years. Chet retired in 2001 at age 80.

He was a longtime member of the Hingham Lutheran Church and served on the Hingham school board for 15+ years. He followed politics and was a staunch Democrat! Chet wasn't a television buff, but he did enjoy the local news and an occasional baseball game (he was a New York Yankees fan). He also liked rodeos, especially bull-riding events and the National Finals in Las Vegas. Although Chet preferred to be "home in Hingham", the Welsh's made several memorable trips to Alaska, Hawaii, and other destinations.

Chet's hobbies throughout the years included golfing, bowling, dancing, and playing pool. He was an avid reader who enjoyed Montana histories and Louis L'Amour westerns. He also liked to play cards, especially pinochle and whist. Generally a quiet man, Chet had a good sense of humor and loved "to tell a good joke".

The Welsh's enjoyed attending events at the Hi-Line schools. They never missed any sporting or academic activities of their daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and continued to be avid fans in their retirement years. Chet loved children and the feeling was mutual, as he was affectionately called "Papa Chet" by many of the local kids. He will be missed by those who loved him...

Chet is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marilyn Welsh of Hingham; his daughter, Linda (Aaron) Boehm of Rudyard; 3 grandchildren, Dani Jo (Chris) Kline of Rudyard, Tiffany (Shawn) Rettig of Rudyard, and Brian Boehm of Belgrade; 5 great-grandchildren (including Whitney, Connor, Tylynn, Caden, and Emma); 1 sister, Alyce Woolway of Bakersfield, CA; 1 brother, Orville Welsh of Havre; 2 sisters-in-law, Doris Ludwig of Conrad and Luella Welsh of Great Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, and 4 siblings (Clara Wise, Clarence Welsh, Doris Moss, and Walter Welsh).

Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday (Oct. 14th) at the Hingham Lutheran Church. Pastor Arden K. Barden officiated. Sharon Spicher played the piano and Terry Stevenson provided vocal ministry. Song selections included "He Gave Me Lord Jesus", "I Am Not Alone", and "Amazing Grace". Ushers were Ron Groseclose and Bill Rathbun. Friends serving as honorary bearers were Bob Rathbun, Phil Lipp, Allen Twedt, Waly Myers,

Chris Richter, Bill Spicher, Lowell Strissel, Roger Haas, Dan Horinek, Bob McKinley, and Ed Schweitzer. A reception followed at the church.

Private burial of ashes was 11:00 a.m. Monday (Oct. 15th) at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Rudyard Ambulance.

DAVID E. WELSH
Born: November 23, 1942 – Died: June 16, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
June 19, 2007

David E. Welsh

David E. Welsh, 64, of 3228 Arbor Way, a retired salesman, died of cancer Saturday at Peace Hospice.



Welsh

Graveside services are 11 a.m. July 6 in Highland Cemetery in Havre. Cremation has taken place under the

direction of O'Connor Funeral Home.

Survivors include his mother, Luella Welsh of Great Falls; a daughter, Nicole King of Auburn, Wash.; a son, Kyle Welsh of Federal Way, Wash.; and grandchildren Courtney and Jaxson.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Welsh in 1993.

David was born Nov. 23, 1942, in Havre. He grew up and attended school in Gildford, graduating from Gildford High School in 1961.

David enjoyed riding his bicycle and was an avid college basketball, Yankees, St. Louis Cardinals and Great Falls White Sox fan.

Memorials are suggested to Peace Hospice, 1101 26th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405, or American Cancer Society, Hope Lodge, 411 2nd St. N.W., Rochester, MN 55901.

Condolences may be sent online to greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

VIOLA J. (KLINE) HANSEN WHITE
Birth: September 11, 1936 - Death: August 2, 2007
Liberty County Times
August 22, 2007



**Viola J. Hansen White
1936 - 2007**

Viola Hansen White was born on September 11, 1936 in Havre, Montana to Besse and Ralph Kline. She passed away peacefully August 2, 2007 in Happy Valley, OR.

Born the 4th of 5 children, she had four brothers - Donald, Duncan, Dan and Dick. She graduated from Ruyard High School in 1954. She moved to Portland, Oregon and attended Emmanuel School of Nursing, graduating in 1957. As a Registered Nurse, she worked at Bodine Cantrel Clinic in the Ear, Nose and Throat Department. She married Robert M. Hansen, M.D., in 1963 and was the mother of two daughters, Heidi and Heather.

In 1978, she returned to school, and received her Bachelor's degree from Linfield College in 1980. In 1984, she was widowed and spent the next few years working as an RN at Wilshire Medical Center until she met and married Ed White in 1991.

In her retirement, Viola pursued her God given gifts which

included family, volunteering for AVRN, quilting, various church activities and making everyone around her feel welcomed and loved. Her warmth and graciousness blessed us all. God blessed Viola richly and through this blessing, she blessed others. She was a testament to His love and faithfulness and through her love; her children and grandchildren knew the word of God.

Viola is survived by her husband, Ed White; daughters, Heidi Magorian and Heather

Fleiner; brothers, Duncan and Dick Kline, beloved sister-in-law, Patti Kline; step children, Chris Hansen, DeLayne Seale, DaraLyn White, Jay White; nephew, Tim Kline and niece, Betsy Sittenthaler and 9 grandchildren.

A celebration of Viola's life was held 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 9, 2007 at Neighborhood Church in Tualatin. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Viola's name to Hi-Line Health Foundation at 315 W. Madison Avenue, Chester, Montana 59522 or Stafford Academy at 21065 S.W. Stafford Road, Tualatin, Oregon 97062.

VICTOR WALTER 'WALT' WICKS

Birth: October 17, 1921 – Death: September 27, 2007

Liberty County Times

October 3, 2007



Walt Wicks

Victor Walter "Walt" Wicks was born October 17, 1921 at the family farmhome north of Inverness, Montana near the Canadian border. He was the youngest of five children born to Florence "Flossie" Evans and John Wicks. He attended several elementary schools, then spent his junior high and high school years in Rudyard, where he graduated in 1939. He continued his education at Northern Montana College in Havre, but was called home to help with the farming operations.

Walt met the "love of his life", Pearl Grace Jabes, at a dance, and after a 2-year courtship they were married on December 30, 1950 in Havre. They made their home on the Wicks farm for three years, then purchased the Jabes place near Chester. They built a home in Chester and moved to town in 1958. The Wicks family expanded their business in 1961 when they bought a farm near

Eastend, Saskatchewan. They operated this place until 1996, then eventually sold it. Walt officially retired from farming in 2000, but continued to help his sons farm in the years that followed.

Walt was deeply involved in his community. He was a loyal member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, serving as president of the church council, singing in the church choir, and supporting Lutheran Brotherhood. He served as a director on the Liberty County Development Corporation for many years and was a founding board member of the Liberty County Arts Council. In addition he served on the Farmer's Union board and was a member of Sons of Norway. In the 1970's he was an active participant in a local men's "barbershop" singing group.

Walt loved all sports, especially basketball. He played basketball in high school, college, and adult leagues, then served as a high school referee for many years. His other sporting activities included softball, bowling, ping-pong, fishing, and hunting. He often reminisced about those yearly big-game hunting expeditions with local friends into the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Walt remained an avid sports fan throughout his life and always supported his children and grandchildren in

their sporting, as well as academic and musical endeavors.

During his high school years Walt played the trombone and sang in the choir. He loved music and encouraged his children to sing, in fact, the Wicks family would often sing and harmonize together on road trips in the car. He and Pearl loved to dance, too. They were part of the local square-dancing circuit for 20+ years. Word has it that Walt was an excellent dancer, especially the waltz and two-step! Because of Walt's inspiration, many of his offspring have become talented musicians.

In his retirement years Walt enjoyed wood-working projects.

His family referred to him as "an artist in the rough"; he hand picked each piece of wood for each special project. Friends and family enjoy his handmade shelves, jewelry, coasters, and other wooden items. Walt was also a good "fixer-upper" and was a "recycler" long before "recycling was cool"!

Walt and Pearl made several wonderful trips during their life, namely to Europe, Scandinavia, Australia, and Alaska. Probably the most memorable trip was to Hawaii in 1998 when the entire Wicks family spent a Thanksgiving together. Whether trips were farm tours, sightseeing adventures, or family outings, Walt

always enjoyed them, but he also looked forward to coming back home to Montana.

Just a few additional facts about Walt Wicks need to be shared. He enjoyed reading. He loved ice cream. He made the world's best pancakes! Walt was a story-teller and had a great sense of humor. He was a dedicated farmer who loved the land. He was a loyal husband, father, and friend. He loved children. He was proud of his entire family. He will be deeply missed...

Walt enjoyed good health until 2004, when he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Exceptional medical care and treatments allowed him to remain fairly active, but in recent weeks his health deteriorated. He was fortunate to remain at home and receive personal care from his loving family during his final days. Walt died peacefully on Thursday morning (September 27, 2007). He was 85 years old.

Walt was preceded in death by his parents, his oldest son

(Russel John Wicks, who died on Feb. 9th, 2006), 3 brothers (Norman, Hubert, and Bertram Wicks), and 1 sister (Adeline Seuser).

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Pearl Wicks of Chester; 1 daughter, Karen Haughey (John) of Billings; 2 sons, Dale Wicks (Teresa) of Billings and Dave Wicks (Amy Sangwin) of Chester; 1

daughter-in-law, Maureen Wicks of Ledger; 11 grandchildren (Celeste, Kali, John, Sarah, David, Kathleen, Amy, Paul, Patrick, Matthew, and Kari); and many nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Monday (Oct. 1st) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Paul Hanson of Billings and LPA Cheryl Muncy of Chester officiated. The eulogist was Blaine Thrasher and personal remembrances were shared by Teresa Wicks and Amy Sangwin. Scripture readers were Celeste and Kali Wicks and candle-lighter was Kari Wicks. Ushers were Ben Ish and Wayne Wardell. Walt's grandsons served as pallbearers and his granddaughters were honorary bearers.

Pianists were John Haughey and Karen Stack; cellists were David and Kathleen Haughey; and there was a family vocal quartette of Sarah, David, Kathleen, and John Haughey (who sang "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"). A choir of church, community, and family members performed "Beautiful Savior" and "Peace Like A River".

The congregation sang "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past". Burial was at the Chester Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the church. Memorials may be given to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, the Chester Swimming Pool Fund, the C.J.I. Education Foundation, or donor's choice. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

Victor Walter "Walt" Wicks



Born: October 17, 1921 at the farm home north of Inverness, Montana...

Died: September 27, 2007 at the family home in Chester, Montana...

*Age: 85 years ...
11 months ... 10 days*

FINAL HARVEST

*He was bound to the land from the day of his birth
His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth
Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew
And his life, like his furrows, ran straight and true.*

*In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds
In hope, to reap his family's needs
With patience he waited for the harvest to come
To gather the fruits of his labor home.*

*Ever turning seasons, the years sped past
Until the final harvest came at last
Then claimed anew by the beloved sod
He was gathered home to be with his God.*

...by Barbara W. Weber

Services: 11:00 a.m. Monday (October 1, 2007) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Mt.

Officiants: Reverend Paul Hanson & Cheryl Muncy, LPA

Scripture Readers: Celeste Wicks & Kali Wicks

Eulogist: Blaine Thrasher

Special Remembrances: Amy Sangwin & Teresa Wicks

*Musicians: Pianists, John Haughey & Karen Stack...
Cellists, David & Kathleen Haughey... Family Vocal
Quartette, Sarah, David, Kathleen, & John Haughey...*

*Vocal Tributes: Congregation, "Oh God, Our Help in Ages
Past"... Church/Community Choir, "Peace Like A River"
& "Beautiful Savior"... Family Quartette, "The King of
Love My Shepherd Is"...*

Candle-lighter: Kari Wicks

Ushers: Ben Ish and Wayne Wardell

*Pallbearers: Grandsons, John Wicks, David Haughey,
Paul Wicks, Patrick Wicks, and Matthew Wicks*

*Honorary Bearers: Granddaughters, Celeste Wicks, Kali
Wicks, Sarah Harlan-Haughey, Kathleen Haughey,
Amy Wicks, and Kari Wicks*

Interment: Family plot at the Chester Cemetery

... Luncheon to follow at the church fellowship hall ...

*Walt's Family: Wife, Pearl; children/in-laws, Karen/John,
Dale/Teresa, Dave/Amy, and Maureen; 11 grandchildren,
Celeste, Kali, John, Sarah, David, Kathleen, Amy, Paul,
Patrick, Matthew, & Kari; and many nephews & nieces...*

AYLA (COLEMAN) WILLIAMS
Born: Age - 88 - Died: March 29, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
April 3, 2007

Ayla Williams

CARDSTON, Alberta — Former Browning area resident Ayla (Coleman) Williams, 88, of Cardston, Alberta, a homemaker, died of natural causes Thursday at a Cardston nursing home.

Her funeral is 2 p.m. Thursday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Raymond, Alberta, with burial in the Cardston cemetery. Legacy Funeral Homes Ltd., in Cardston is handling arrangements.

Survivors include sons Gary Williams of Dillon and Ross Williams of the Browning area; and a daughter, Karen Knorr of Chester.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Leroy Williams.

SHELDON RAY WILSON
Born: Age 35 – Died: February 23, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
February 26, 2007

Sheldon Ray Wilson



Wilson

HAVRE — Lifelong Havre resident Sheldon Ray Wilson, 35, of Havre, an oil rig worker who enjoyed playing pool, golf and fishing, died Friday at a Great Falls Hospital from a self-inflicted gun shot

wound.

Cremation has taken place and his memorial service is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Fifth Avenue Christian Church, with burial in Highland Cemetery. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the VFW after the services. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is handling arrangements.

Sheldon is survived by his daughter, DevinJo Ray Disalvo of Havre his mother, Phyllis Wilson of Havre; his father, Larry Azure of Great Falls; his stepfather, Robert Brough of Havre; sisters Tammy Brough of Chester, Kim Keefe of Glenford, Ohio, and Yuula Azure of Lake City, Fla.; brothers Thomas Wilson of Havre, Troy Azure of Bozeman, Travis Azure of Clarksville, Tenn., Larry Azure Jr. of Manhattan and Corey Azure of Bozeman.

LAURETTA MARIE 'SALLY' WODARZ
Birth: November 16, 1919 – Death: April 24, 2007

Liberty County Times

May 2, 2007



Laurretta M. Wodarz

Laurretta Marie ("Sally") Wodarz, age 87, died Tuesday evening (April 24, 2007) of natural causes at the Liberty

County Nursing Home in Chester.

Sally was born November 16, 1919 at Box Elder, Montana. She was the 5th of ten children born to Louis and Laura (Krueger) Brandt. Sally grew up in the Hi-Line community and received her early education at Inverness. She finished her secondary education in Rudyard where she was a fierce competitor in track and field events. Following her graduation from Rudyard High School in 1937, Sally continued her education at the Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Havre. She earned her nursing degree in 1940.

Sally met her husband-to-be, Roy A. Wodarz. They were married July 12, 1941 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre. They made their home

in Havre throughout their married life. In addition to working as a homemaker and mother of two, Sally was active as a registered nurse. She worked at the Sacred Heart Hospital in those early years, then finished her career at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd. She enjoyed obstetrics, medical-surgical nursing, and geriatrics during her 32 years in the nursing field.

Sally's husband died in 1971. She continued to work until her retirement in 1979. During her retirement years she enjoyed the companionship of a good friend, A. J. Bunton, until his death in 1995. Sally remained in her Havre home until her health began to fail in 1999, when she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in

Chester to live with her sister, Cora.

Sally was a life member of St. Jude's Catholic Church. She was also a past member of the Northern Montana Hospital Auxiliary.

Her hobbies were many. She loved gardening, crocheting, and embroidering. She also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and camping.

In her quiet time at home, Sally enjoyed reading (especially books by Zane Grey). In addition, she was a lifelong animal lover who raised many pet cats and dogs over the years.

Sally was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by 4 brothers (Harold, George, Elmer, and Edwin Brandt) and 3 sisters (Ruth Nelson, Cora Brandt,

and Eunice Robertson).

She is survived by her son, Roy Wodarz (and wife, Venise) of Havre; her daughter, Marie "Patty" Storm (and husband, Harold) of White City, Oregon; a daughter-in-law, Bonnie Whalen of Chester; 6 grandchildren (inc. Emily Gorham, Erick Wodarz, Margie Wodarz, Ivan Wodarz, Dennis Storm, and Kenneth Storm); 2 great-grandchildren (Anisha and Joshua Storm); 1 sister, Lydia Hansen of Rudyard; 1 brother, Eugene Brandt of Chester; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Vigil Prayers were recited by Father Joseph Diekhans on Monday evening (April 30th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Sally's funeral mass was celebrated

by Father Robert Grosch at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday (May 1st) at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre. Burial followed at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Undesignated memorials will be given to St. Jude's School in Havre. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

FAY LOUISE (MEYER) WOLFE

Birth: October 7, 1941 – Death: December 17, 2007

Liberty County Times

December 26, 2007



Fay Wolfe

Fay Louise (Meyer) Wolfe was born October 7, 1941 in Havre, Mt. She was the youngest and only daughter of two children born to Florence Inez Soderholm and Donald G. Meyer. Fay grew up in the Inverness and Rudyard communities, where she received her formal education. Following graduation from Rudyard High School in 1959, she continued her schooling at M.S.U. in Bozeman.

Fay married Roger A. Wolfe on May 28, 1960 in Inverness. After they were married they lived in Bozeman where Roger worked on his architecture degree. They eventually moved to the farm south of Chester in 1963. In those early years Fay enjoyed her life as a homemaker and mother of four. In the late 1970's she took a job as postal clerk at the Chester post office. In 1984 Fay and a friend purchased a local retail store and called it "Fashion Focus", which specialized in the sale of women's apparel. Fay enjoyed the challenge of owning and operating a small town business. Her pleasant personality, love of people, and willingness to cater to her growing clientele made this a successful venture. She ran the store until 1992.

Roger and Fay moved to the Flathead Valley and built a home on Whitefish Golf Course. They thoroughly enjoyed their eight years in Whitefish, but they also enjoyed traveling south in the winter months. They eventually fell in love with the community and climate of Mesquite, Nevada, so they purchased a home there in 2003. They wintered in Mesquite and continued to summer and farm in Chester.

Fay was baptized and confirmed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. During her early years in Chester she was active in Lionettes and Jaycees (especially the "Junior Miss" program). She also held mem-

berships at the Marias Valley Golf Course in Shelby and the Whitefish Country Club.

In her younger days Fay played the clarinet and the piano. Her hobbies over the years included golfing, bowling, skiing, dancing, and playing Bridge. During her quiet time at home she enjoyed painting landscapes. Fay was an immaculate homemaker and an excellent cook. Some of her favorite family culinary delights were her French pancakes, caramel rolls, potato salad, and Roquefort dressing.

Fay could best be described as a "classy lady". She always looked good and handled herself well. She was a very social and congenial person who developed many long term friendships wherever she went. Her friends were more than simple acquaintances; they were sincere friends who loved and respected her. She will truly be missed by many...

Fay went to be with the Lord on December 17, 2007 after a strong fight against cancer. She was 66 years old.

Fay was preceded in death by her father in 2000 and her mother in 2001.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Roger Wolfe of Chester; 4 children, Nanci Stocker of Spokane, WA, Don (Barb) Wolfe of Chester, Russ Wolfe of Spokane, WA, and Justin (Tiffany) Wolfe of St. Louis, Mo.; 6 grandchildren, including Hallie Jo, Colton, Nikole, Erin, MacKenzie, and Austin; her brother, Darryl (Gail) Meyer of Polson; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A Memorial Mass was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday (Dec. 21st) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Father Joseph Diekhans celebrated the mass. Special music was provided by St. Mary's Choir, including family members and friends. Christy Fossen served as ~~pianist~~ Selected songs for the mass were "On Eagle's Wings", "You are Near," "One in Body, Heart, & Mind," "You are Mine," and "Irish Blessing." A memorial candle was lit at the beginning of the service by daughter, Nanci. Greeters were sons, Donnie and Russell. Scriptures were read by Leota Alex Hansen. Son, Justin, provided the eulogy. Fay's grandchildren presented the gifts for communion. A fellowship luncheon followed in the church basement.

Fay was cremated. Her ashes were buried privately in the family plot at the Erickson Cemetery south of Chester. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

CARL ORVILLE 'BILL' WOOD

Birth: June 19, 1920 - Death: October 12, 2007

Liberty County Times

October 17, 2007



Carl "Bill" Wood

Carl Orville "Bill" Wood was born June 19, 1920 at Alma, Montana. He was one of nine children born to Jacob Earl Wood and Bertha Claire Wilson. Bill grew up in the community north of Joplin and received his formal education in Joplin. In 1936 he moved to Charlo, where he worked as a farm laborer to help with the family finances.

Bill married Violet Blanche Lyon on July 5, 1941 at Shelby. During the next few years he worked on the Colbry farm north of Chester and the West ranch near Charlo. In 1943 he went to Vancouver, Washington to work in the shipyards for the Kaiser Company. While there, Bill enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He served during World War II in the American Campaign, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign. He was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Kasaan Bay where he attained the rank of Radarman 2nd Class. Following his honorable discharge in November of 1945, he returned to Montana.

Bill worked many jobs during the next 40 years. From 1946-1950 he was employed by various Hi-Line farmers. In 1950 he became the manager of the Farmer's Union Station in Joplin. In addition he hauled machinery for McClellan Implement over the course of 20

years and drove local school buses for many years. From 1963-1967 he worked on the Liberty County road crew. In 1970 the Wood family bought the Husky Gas Station in Joplin. Several years later a Liberty County commissioner convinced Bill to go back to work for the road department. He accepted the job as road foreman, a position he held for eight years beginning in 1975. Bill had been employed by Liberty County for a total of 13 years at the time of his retirement.

During his working years in Joplin, Bill served on the school board at J.H.S. and the board of the Hill County Water District. He was also an active member of the V.F.W. Post in Chester, where he assisted with many veteran's ceremonies & military color guards over the years.

Following his retirement in 1983, Bill & Violet moved to Lakeside. It was there that his dreams came true: he could fish, fish, and fish to his heart's content! He was affectionately known as "Captain of Flathead Lake" by his family and close friends. He loved to share his time and his home with anyone who stopped to visit. He enjoyed a good barbeque or a fun outing on the lake. He was "the master of a special homemade 'Tom-&Jerry' batter", which became his famous New Year's toddy.

Bill also loved to play solitaire and cribbage. His family proclaims that he was undoubtedly "the world's all-time cribbage champion", having won well over a million games of cribbage during his life! Even after he suffered from macular degeneration and became legally blind, he still continued to win at cribbage and always knew if a sneaky opponent was trying to cheat him. In addition to playing cards, Bill also enjoyed those exciting trips to Las Vegas, where he loved to play the slot machines.

He was happy to live his life without that "dang TV"! In his quiet hours at home he enjoyed reading Zane Grey books. After his eyesight failed, he enjoyed books-on-tape by Louis L'Amour.

Family was very important to Bill. He loved his grandkids and often bought their first outfits for the new school year. He enjoyed traveling to California to visit his sons and families. Always a devoted family man, he loved their company and sharing stories with them.

Bill and Violet had been married 48 years when she passed away on June 24, 1989. Bill remained in Lakeside until his health began to fail in 2003, when he moved to Fort Benton to be close to his daughter and family. He was recently diagnosed with cancer and was being cared for at Peace Hospice in Great Falls. He died there on Friday evening (October 12, 2007). He was 87 years old.

Survivors are his 2 sons, Don (Jan) Wood of San Ramon, California and Mike (Hollie Wells) Wood of Kalispell; his daughter, Carla (Dennis) Ghekiere of Great Falls; 2 brothers, Harold "Nick" Wood of Payson, Arizona and Forrest "Pork" Wood of Boise, Idaho; 1 sister, Edna Duncan of Lakeside; 7 grandchildren, Teresa, Mary, Becky, Ashley, Aaron, Cindy, and Tim; 3 great-grandchildren, Samantha, Terry, and Melissa; and many nephews and nieces.

Bill was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by 3 brothers (Tom, Charles, and Lewis Wood) and 2 sisters

(NanOra Eldridge and Hazel Zeiler).

Graveside services with burial of ashes will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 20th) at the Mountainview Cemetery in Ronan, Mt. A reception will follow. Cremation and arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

MARTHA (KROEKER) LAMBOTT BROADHURST WRIGHT

Birth: October 27, 1917 – Death: May 10, 2007

Liberty County Times

May 16, 2007



Martha Wright

Martha Lambott Broadhurst Wright, age 89, died early Thursday morning (May 10, 2007) at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester.

She was born Martha Kroeker on October 27, 1917 on the family farm south of Inverness, Montana. Her parents were Katherina Quiring and Jacob Kroeker, and she was one of seven children. At age one Martha's family moved to North Dakota where she was baptized at the Congregational Church at Leeds. She also received her formal education at Leeds. At age 15 Martha and her brother (Pete) returned to the Montana farm with their mother.

Martha met and married Fred Lambott in 1937. They lived on a farm south of Rudyard and had three children (Larry, Lance, and Lois) before Fred died unexpectedly in 1942.

The Lambott family moved to Chester in 1945 when Martha married her second husband, Claude Broadhurst. The product of this marriage was a daughter (Claudine). Unfortunately, husband Claude died in 1950, just five short years into their marriage.

Martha's third husband was John "Jack" Wright, whom she wed in 1952. Their family of four grew to a family of six with the addition of two more daughters (Sherrie and Terri). The Wright's made their home in the Chester community. In those early years Martha worked various jobs, including cooking and cleaning at local restaurants and hotels, babysitting, and cleaning houses. In 1960 she took a position as assistant cook at the Chester Public Schools, a job she held until her retirement in 1985.

Martha and Jack were married 21 years at the time of his death in 1973. Martha continued to live in their Chester home until 2000, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge. Her health remained relatively good until December of 2006. At that time she suffered a small stroke, so she transferred to the Chester nursing facility for extended care.

Martha was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church in Chester. She belonged to many organizations over the years, including the Chester Garden Club, the Royal Neighbors of America, and the Liberty County Senior Center. In addition she was a 50-year member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary, serving as president for 3 years and secretary for 20 years. She was a loyal participant in the annual Veteran's "Poppy Program" (of interest is that one of her poppy projects is currently on display at the Liberty County Museum). She also served as an election judge for many years.

Martha enjoyed all card games (especially, pinochle), board games, word-search puzzles, Bingo, and reading. She made over 100 quilts in her lifetime; all of her children and grandchildren are fortunate to have at least one of her quilt keepsakes. Her other interests included bowling and attending high school sporting events. Just for the fun of it, she collected Avon products for many years and more recently collected angel items (report has it that she currently had over 200 items of angel memorabilia!).

Martha's greatest love was her family. She looked forward to family dinners and gatherings. She was a good cook (who will be remembered for her delicious homemade dumplings and her special cookie treats for the grandkids). She enjoyed many memorable trips to North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Alaska to visit family members. She will be missed by those who loved her...

Surviving are 2 sons, Larry (Parnela) Lambott of Fort Benton and Lance (Darla June) Lambott of Perry, Okla.; 4 daughters, Lois (Martin) Eiber of Anacortes, Wash., Claudine (William) Flowers of Jamestown, N.D., Sherrie (Dave) Gulick of Fairfield, and Terri Duffin of Great Falls; 17 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; 2 sisters-in-law, Cletus Johnson of Chester and Dorothy Siemens of Billings; and many nieces and nephews.

Martha was preceded in death not only by her husbands and her parents, but also by a step-daugh-

ter (Fran Wright Walborn), 2 grandchildren (Tracy Lambott and Matthew Duffin), 3 brothers (Jake and Pete Siemens and Dietrich Kroeker), and 3 sisters (Marie

Siemens, Tina Johnson, and Helena McCann).

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday (May 14th) at the Chester United Methodist Church by Pastor Dolly Collins. Pianist, Karen Stack, accompanied the congregation, who sang "When the Roll is Called up Yonder". Vocalist, Mary Ann Zorn, performed "This is My Song" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand". The eulogist was Martha's son, Larry. Greeters were great-grandchildren, Madison and Matthew. Pallbearers were the grandsons and honorary bearers were the granddaughters. Burial followed at the Chester Cemetery. A reception was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

KATHERINE G. 'KATY' (BURKHARTSMEYER) YEAGER

Born: Age - 92 - Died: July 4, 2007

Great Falls Tribune

July 6, 2007

Katherine G. Yeager

HAVRE — Katherine G. "Katy" (Burkhartsmeier) Yeager, 92,



Yeager

who was a teacher and substitute teacher for many years and enjoyed gardening, recording family history and quilting, died of natural

causes Wednesday at a Havre hospital.

A prayer vigil is 7 this evening at Holland & Bonine Funeral Home chapel. Her funeral is 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Jude Catholic Church, followed by a fellowship lunch at 11 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Burial will take place at 1 p.m. in Highland Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Joanne McConwell of Fallon, Nev.; sons James L. Yeager of Seal Beach, Calif., and Dennie E. Yeager of Libby; a sister, Christine B. Hanses of Hingham; a brother, A.F. Burkhartsmeier of Chinook; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Yeager; two infant children, Robert and Anna May; and a grandson.

ELAINE R. (FLESCH) ZELL
Born: April 21, 1932 – Died: February 26, 2007
Great Falls Tribune
February 27, 2007

Elaine R. Zell

SHELBY — Elaine R. (Flesch) Zell, 74, of Shelby, an Air Force veteran, homemaker and seamstress, died of lung disease Monday at her home.



Zell



Cremation has taken place, and private family graveside services are at a later date. Whitted Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements.

Survivors include her husband of 31 years, Ray Zell of Shelby; a daughter, Ramona (Jerry) Coburn of Shelby; sons Ronnie and Joe DeWitt, both of Great Falls, and Edward Oedewaldt of Shelby; brothers Leo (Rea) Flesch of Shelby and LeRoy (Bonnie) Flesch of Brady; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Joseph; her only sister, Esther Erickson; and five brothers.

Elaine was born April 21, 1932, in Shelby, to Edward and Hazel (Roark) Flesch. She grew up on the family farm and graduated from Shelby High School. In 1951, she enlisted in the Women's Air Force, taking her training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Her favorite hobby and love of life was sewing. She was an accomplished seamstress, doing alterations for several businesses and personal clientele. In later years, she went into clothes design, quilting, etc. She also did sewing for the nursing home, children's receiving home and numerous other charitable organizations. At one time, she drove a school bus for six years and was the first female driver for the Shelby school system.

Elaine was a member of St. William Catholic Church, the Hospital Auxiliary, the VFW Auxiliary and ABCL Bridge Club.

The family suggests donations be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.