

FLORENCE (CREAMER) ALLEN
Born: October 31, 1934 – Died: October 8, 2014
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Florence Allen



BIG SANDY —Florence Creamer Allen, age 79, died October 8, 2014 in Big Sandy surrounded by her family. Florence Ruth Creamer was born on October, 31st, 1934 to Leonard and Irma Deene Creamer in Havre. Florence attended Havre High School and later went to work for a short time as a switchboard operator for the Great Northern Railroad. During a dance out at Fresno Dam she met Burke Allen, with whom she would spend the next 59 years. Burke and Florence married in 1955. They spent time in Great Falls while Burke was with the Air Force and then moved to Box Elder, Montana to take up farming. Times were tough and eventually Burke took a job with Uhaul Co. where they spent time in Great Falls and Missoula before eventually coming back to Box Elder to help with the family farm. Florence loved her family and especially camping and traveling with them. Together Burke and Florence traveled extensively throughout their lives with the highlight being a recent

trip to England to visit their granddaughter Cara and family. Camping was the centerpiece of every summer and attending her grandchildren's sporting events took up most of the winters even when they were in Arizona.

Florence is survived by her husband and best friend Burke, three children, Denny (Betsy) Allen of Helena, Tom (Maranna) Allen of Havre and Karen (Dan) Hammond of Boise. She was blessed with six grand children who were the loves of her life; Aubrey, Jacob and Grace Allen and Casey and Cody Hammond and Cara Montgomery. She also has 5 great-grandchildren; Hunter and Ethan Montgomery and Avery, Marlie and Lindy Jo Hammond. Florence is also survived by her sister Mary Lou (Lowell) Miller, brother Bill (Jo) Creamer and brother Ric (Jan) Creamer. Florence was preceded in death by her sister Peggy Ann Kunz and parents Leonard and Irma Deene Creamer.

Funeral services will be held at the Big Sandy Methodist Church on October 14th at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be at the Big Sandy Cemetery. Donations in Florence's name can be made to the Big Sandy Senior Center or Big Sandy Medical Center.

Condolences can be made to www.misermortuaries.com.

KENNETH SELMYHER BOUCHER

Born: July 10, 1918 – Died: January 31, 2014

Liberty County Times
February 12, 2014



Ken Boucher

Kenneth Selmyher Boucher, age 95, a Rudyard area farmer, died peacefully from natural causes on Friday (January 31st, 2014) at the Columbus Hospital in Columbus, Mt.

Ken was born July 10th, 1918 in Great Falls, Mt. to Thomas and Constance (Olson) Boucher of Inverness. He grew up in Inverness with his only brother (Thomas Jr.) and received his formal education there. Ken graduated from Inverness High School in 1936 – the same class with his future wife of 72 years, Reba Elizabeth Han.

Ken & Reba were married February 4th, 1939 in Shelby, Mt. They lived briefly in Inverness, then later in Shelby where Ken ran a Pepsi sales & delivery business in the area.

Following the onset of World War II, the Bouchers moved to Bremerton, WA where Ken worked as a pipe fitter first-class in the naval shipyards. Two years later he was drafted into the U. S. Army. He served in the Pacific Theatre and was stationed in the South Philip-

pinas as part of the Luzon Borneo Campaign as a member of Company "A", 672nd Amphibian Tractor Battalion. He attained the rank of Sergeant before being honorably discharged in 1946. Ken returned to Montana.

The Bouchers made their home in Rudyard where Ken initially worked for Sanvik Brothers. In 1949 they acquired a farm east of town – where they spent their lives farming and raising a family of four. Ken was active in the Rudyard Lutheran Church, the Hill County Republican Party, and the Montana Farm Bureau. In the 1950's he served on the Rudyard School Board. One of Ken's civic contributions was a trip to Washington D.C. in the early 1960's, when he testified about the farm program at a congressional hearing.

When his kids were young, Ken built a fishing boat, which resulted in many memorable trips to Tiber Dam and Glacier Park to enjoy camping & fishing expeditions. After he retired from farming, Ken & Reba travelled extensively in the continental United States, making friends wherever they went. Driving their motorhome on the Al-Can Highway to Alaska was one of their great adventures. They spent many hours together, fishing for salmon on the Kenai & Russian Rivers. They made four trips to Alaska in all, each time returning with an abundance of fish to share with family & friends.

Especially in his last years, Ken unfailingly embraced his children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren with abundant love and generosity. Always a person of deep faith in God, Ken would often express his gratitude for a long life, a good farm, and a wonderful family. He will truly be missed...

He is survived by his 4 children & spouses, Carol Anderson & John Schwechten of Bend, OR., Nyda & Ken Wolery of Columbus, Byron & Kathy Boucher of Rudyard, and Jayme Schlepp & Keven Van Dyken of Bozeman; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; and a large extended family.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, his wife (Reba on Dec. 23rd, 2011), his brother (Thomas), and a son-in-law (Dennis Schlepp).

Ken was cremated per his wishes. His ashes were buried with military rites with his wife at the Rudyard Cemetery.

A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday (Feb. 7th) at the New Beginnings Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Pastor Will Anderson officiated. Sharon Spicher served as pianist and the congregation sang "Rock of Ages" & "On Our Way Rejoicing". A vocal duet performed by Matt & Katie Blakeslee was "This is My Father's World". Personal remembrances were shared by Carin Cramer and the obituary was read by Matt Blakeslee.

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Scriptures were read by Logan Anderson & David Bratsky. Honorary bearers were Ken's loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ushers were Brad & Todd Anderson. A reception followed in the church basement.

Local arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials may be given to the New Beginnings Lutheran Church in Rudyard or the Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester (315 West Madison Ave., Chester 59522).

MICHAEL EUGENE BROUGH
Born: June 30, 1962 – Died: January 27, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
February 1, 2014

Michael Brough



HAVRE —Michael Eugene Brough, 51 years, 6 months, and 28 days, passed away on Monday, January 27, 2014. His memorial service will be at 11:00 a.m. at Fifth Avenue Christian Church with Chad Leatherman officiating. The family has suggested memorials in Mike's name be made to Taylor and Mackenzie Brough for their college fund at 1665 S. Clayton Street, Denver CO 80210. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements and you may express your condolences and memories online at www.hollandbonine.com.

Mike was born on June 30, 1962 to Richard and RoseAnn (Anderson) Brough, the third of five children. He grew up in Havre, graduating in 1980 from Havre High School. He later graduated from the Community College of Denver. Mike was active in the Havre boxing program. He went to Lake Charles, Louisiana, and won a Golden Gloves award. He went to work for the Burlington Railroad, and was a gandy dancer for several years. He joined the National Guard in 1981, and served for several years. Mike married Kelly Jean Broere in Havre in 1985. Together they had two

daughters, Taylor Jade and Mackenzie Hunter Brough. They moved to Denver. The couple later divorced. Mike worked as an x-ray tech for several years and then started his own business-Renovate, Rehab, and Restore. He was very successful in his business, and built beautiful projects! Mike moved back to Montana in 2011.

Mike had a wonderful sense of humor, and always came up with a nickname for everyone! He was a very kind and gentle soul. He could speak with anyone, from politicians to children, and was always on their level. He loved to read, and had an extensive library. He loved to explore his native history as well. Mike traveled with his family all over Europe, Central America, Alaska, Hawaii, and the Caribbean. He loved to hunt, fish, and especially help out at branding time.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Richard Brough; his brother, Arlen Brough; and his mother, RoseAnn Brough.

He is survived by his children, Taylor and Mackenzie Brough; and his ex-wife Kelly Brough, all of Denver, CO; his girlfriend, Kim Lucke of Havre; his sisters, Brenda (Ron)Doyra, and Lori (Tim) Casey, both of Helena, MT; his brother Roger Brough of Havre; nieces, Jillian, Lindsey, and Gabriell; nephews, Jordon, Garrette, Keegan, Brennan, Kaelan, Trenton, Dillon, Garrett, and Zane.

JAMES THOMAS 'JIM' BROWN
Born: April 9, 1928 - Died: March 22, 2014

Liberty County Times

April 2, 2014



(Above) James in 1948



James Thomas Brown (Jim) died late Saturday night March 22, 2014 at Peace Hospice, from natural causes. The entire family was able to rally around him in his last days. His granddaughter Erin was holding his hand the moment he passed.

The whole family had just celebrated his birthday with him slightly before the April 9 date he was born in 1928. His biggest love was his family.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Irene; children James Walter Brown (Teresa), Allison Brown Florence (Mike), and Edith

Helen Nielsen Ellsworth. Grandchildren, Jon Nielsen (Drew), Erin Nielsen, Robert Florence, Kathryn Florence, Mackenzie Brown, JD Brown, Greatgrandson Louis Nielsen and former son-in-law Eric Nielsen.

First Lieutenant Jim Brown served in Korea and Japan during the Korean conflict and was stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base at the end of his service. He then served on the Military Affairs Committee of the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Additional community activities include: Great Falls Symphony Board, Founding Member of Community Beautification Association, Junior Chamber of Commerce, lifetime member of the First Presbyterian Church and past President of the Great Falls Lions Club. Jim grew up on the family ranches in North-Central Montana and graduated from Chester High School in 1946.

From an early age he was in partnership with his brother Allen in the farm and ranch business finally retiring in 1999. He also began selling hail insurance in the mid 1950's to ranchers and farmers forming his own agency, Jim Brown Insurance, which served the state of Montana for many decades. He achieved the status of CIC (Certified Insurance Coun-

selor) in 1981 and was named boss of the year in 1977 by the Professional Insurance Agents of Montana.

In 1950 he graduated cum laud from MSC (Montana State College) in Bozeman majoring in accounting. Jim was a Life Loyal Sig in the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He was very proud of his Scots heritage and although he didn't play the bagpipes, he participated in it traditions.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Allen Brown and Margaret Alice Kinread Brown, aunt Helen Jeanette Brown, brother Allen David Brown, and sister Alice Edith Tourigny.

Our gratitude and thanks to Peace Hospice and Benefis Doctors, Nurses and caretakers. Interment will be at the Hillcrest Lawn Mausoleum. A Celebration of Life will take place Friday 11:00 AM at the Meadowlark Country Club.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Great Falls Symphony or Community Beautification Association.

JAMES R. BRUNN
Born: May 21, 1923 – Died: July 13, 2014
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July 13, 2014

James R. Brunn



SHELBY —James R. Brunn passed away Sunday, July 13, 2014 at Park Place Care Center in Great Falls, Montana.

Viewing will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Sunday, July 20th at Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. Funeral Mass will be 10:30 am on Monday, July 21st at St. William's Catholic Church followed by military graveside honors at Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby.

Jim was born May 21, 1923 in Maywood, Minnesota to Alex and Mary Brunn. He served in the United States Navy during WWII. He came to Shelby from Minnesota with his brother Leo. Jim married Fern Frank Sisk in Great Falls in 1962. Jim and Fern lived in Somers, MT from the mid 1960's until 1977. He worked most of his life as a mechanic. He also worked

as a bus driver and a janitor in the Shelby school system. He enjoyed woodworking, working on vintage cars, and later in life, dancing.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Sue Fritz; his son-in-law Jim Nelson; his grandchildren Harvey Nelson (Beth), Nancy Reedy (George), Frank Nelson, Wade Nelson (Kayleen), Carrie Reynolds (Jim), Joe Fritz (Heidi), Jim Fritz (Dena), Connie Becker (Powell); 18 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, and 48 nieces and nephews; and his good friend and dancing partner Lee Boumans. He was preceded in death by his parents, 12 brothers and sisters, and his wife Fern.

Memorial donations can be made in Jim's name to the Montana Veterans Memorial Flag, P.O. Box 865, Shelby, MT 59474.

Services have been entrusted to Whitted Funeral Chapel. Please visit Jim's online memorial and leave a message of condolence for the family at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com

FRED CAMPBELL
Born: March 19, 1949 - Died: March 16, 2014
Great Falls "Tribune"
March 20, 2014

Fred Campbell



Campbell

RUDYARD —Fred Campbell, 64, of Rudyard, passed away on Sunday, March 16, 2014.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2014 in Miles City, Montana. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Fred was born on March 19, 1949 in Miles City, Montana to Fred and Bessie (Willis) Campbell. He was raised in an agricultural community outside of Miles City, called Kinsey. He attended college in Riverton, WY. Fred married Lori Schott in Miles City in February 1973, and they later divorced. They raised their family on a farm in Kinsey while he worked at Fort Keough in Miles City.

In Miles City and Kinsey, Fred coached many activities from youth baseball and basketball to womens softball. The family moved to Dickinson, ND in 1991. He continued his education at Dickinson State University. While there he helped start up youth baseball, football, and girls soft-

ball programs. He moved to Rudyard, MT in 2010 to be close to family and resided there until his passing.

Fred loved playing cards and being around his grandchildren and family. He also enjoyed all sorts of animals and being around them. His greatest passion was impacting young people through athletics. He was a staunch LA Dodgers' fan. He never found an argument he couldn't win.

Fred is survived by his children, Brian (Elizabeth) Campbell of Rudyard, Andy (Leah) Campbell of Dickinson, ND, Jill (Dan) Feser, and Freddie Campbell both of Bismarck, ND; brother Jack Campbell of Helena; sisters Sharon Cleland of Miles City, Frankie Christiansen of Great Falls, Kathy Randall of Cheyenne, WY, Glenda Jackson of Miles City and Tammy Foley of Butte; grandchildren Abbie, Alexis, Ryan, Reese, Carter, Joshua, Kinzie, Trey, Brady and one on the way; along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Bessie Campbell; brother Bob Campbell; sister Nancy Campbell; and granddaughter Peyton.

Condolences for the family may be posted online at www.schniderfuneralhome.com.



JAMES DAVID CARTER
Born: April 1, 1928 – Died: May 29, 2014
Liberty County Times
June 4, 2014

James David Carter (affectionately known as 'Jim') was born April 1st, 1928 at Coalwood, Montana. He was the only son of four children born to Magdaline M. Weipert and James M. Carter. Jim grew up in a farming community and attended a country school near Carlwood. He finished his formal education at the Sacred Heart School in Miles City. During his school years Jim worked on his grandparents' farm.

He was recruited by the U.S. Army in 1950. Jim was trained in Japan and served in Korea during the Korean Conflict and attained the rank of Corporal. When he received his honorable discharge in 1952, Jim returned to the Miles City. He remained in the Army Reserves for five additional years.

Jim married his sweetheart, Margaret A. 'Peggy' Hanson, on September 20th, 1952.

They lived & worked on Jim's cousin's farm near Olive, MT. until 1955. The Carters moved to Sidney where Jim took a job as mechanic for Tractor & Equipment Company (the local Caterpillar dealership.) In 1960 Jim followed his manager, Dick Robertson, to Chester, MT. to work at R-&M Equipment (which would later become Marias Equipment Company). He continued to work as mechanic and eventually became part owner of the business until it closed in the late-1980's. To stay busy Jim operated an independent repair business called "Marias

Repair' until his retirement in 1993. In the few years that followed, he overhauled small engines and repaired lawn mowers.

Jim's health remained good over the years. He was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Following a four-day hospital stay at the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, Jim died on the early morning of Thursday (May 29th, 2014) He was 86 years old. Jim' was a member of the Chester Jaycees & Lions Clubs, VFW Post #88, the Sons of Norway, and Our Savior's Lutheran Church. In his younger days he enjoyed playing Cards, fishing, dancing, playing the Harmonica, and bowling. Jim was essentially a "homebody", but he always looked forward to their annual trip to Glacier Park and he did

enjoy a memorable vacation to Seattle where he went deep sea fishing. During his retirement years he loved to help on his two daughter' family farms - he did it all" calving, branding, shipping calves, hauling manure, harvesting, & mechanics. Jim loved to stay busy; when he wasn't fixing things, he could be found working in his vegetable garden or tending to his yard.

During his quiet time at home, Jim liked to watch television (he was especially fond of "old westerns", local news & weather, professional baseball & boxing and NASCAR Races). He also enjoyed birdwatching and attending the school activities & sporting events of his grand-children. Jim liked to cook; he especially loved to make big breakfasts (including

eggs, pancakes, & all the trimmings) when his family visited.

He will truly be missed by those who loved him.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his 3 sisters (Lavawn Guerechit, Lucile Warford, and Laurain Powell).

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Peggy Carter of Chester; 2 daughters, Lori (Glenn) Wolfe of Chester and Joy (Tom) DePuydt of Saco; 6 grandchildren, Jeff /Deana, Doug/Julie, Matt, Brianne, Haley/Patrick, and Kurt; 3 great-grandchildren, Gwen, Josie, & Annabelle; and numerous nephews & nieces.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday (June 2nd) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester by Pastor John Fauerbach. Selected scriptures were read by sons-in-laws, Tom DePuydt & Glenn Wolfe. Pianist was Holly Frederickson and the congregation sang "Beautiful Savior", "How Great Thou Art", & "What A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS". Special musical tributes, His Eye Is The Sparrow" and "Amazing Grace - My Chains Are Gone". Were performed by the vocal duet of Daniel Violett :& Jeffrey Mattson. Ushers were .Shari Dolan & Cyndy LaSorte. Jim's loving grandchildren served as pallbearers. At the conclusion of the church service , a military team from the Helena Army National Guard provided veteran's rites for Jim in the church courtyard.

A memorial luncheon followed in the church hall.

Jim was cremated after the funeral. His ashes will be interred at the Chester Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Memorials may be given to Our Savior's Carpet Fund, the Hi-Line Health Foundation, or donor's choice.

CHARLES EDWARD CONN

Born: January 28, 1920 – Died: February 17, 2014

Great Falls Tribune

February 19, 2014

Charles E. Conn



Conn



rial service with military honors will be held Friday, February 21 at 2 pm at First Christian Church in Fort Benton.

Charles was born January 28, 1920 to Samuel and Edna (Smith) Conn in Sutton, Nebraska. He spent his early childhood in Nebraska on a farm. He later came to Montana with his parents and two older brothers, Ervin and Lester. Their homestead was located in the Goose Bill area of Chouteau County. They returned to Nebraska but couldn't stay away from Montana, and returned to repurchase the homestead.



Charles entered the service on April 16, 1942. He was assigned to the Headquarters Company, 5th Tank Destroyer Group. During this time he was with the Special Forces, who had the guts to go into battle with very little protection and "seek out, strike and destroy" enemy tanks before they could do harm to other U.S. Forces. The fatality rate was very high among tank destroyer soldiers. Their courage is saluted by a special exhibit at the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C. Charles served in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the Good Conduct Medal, the Bronze Star, and the American Service Medal. He landed in the U.S. on October 18, 1945

and left the service ten days later.

Charles met his bride, Mary Ann Maki, in Neihart, Montana and they married May 8, 1943. They had three daughters, Betty (1944), Billie (1947) and Lynda (1948). The joy for these girls was their horses and the enduring love of their parents.

Charles and Mary Ann purchased the farm from his dad. After purchasing the homestead from his dad, he and his helpmate, Mary Ann, began their life of farming, rais-

ing wheat, barley, a few head of cow, and three little girls and their horses. Charles and Mary Ann remained on the farm until they retired in 1989. Not mentally retired, Charles took up woodworking, with a shop the envy of all who saw it, and later did auto restoration of a '49 Ford, '67 VW Bug, '54 Chevy and several others.

Once he was asked to play the drums at a birthday party, and after that gig, he was requested drummer for the next 30 years. He drummed for the "Lamp Lighters" of Chester and the "Aces" of Great Falls, playing the Elks, Moose Lodge, Eagles, and in several states and Canada. A gifted musician, he was able to play all instruments. Being left handed, he played his accordion upside down, which was a marvel to many.

Charles is survived by his loving wife and soul mate of 70+ years, Mary Ann, and daughter Betty Joanne McIntosh. He was preceded in death by daughters Lynda (age 59 in April of 2007) and Billie (age 60 in December of 2007); his brothers Ervin and Lester; and his parents, Samuel and Edna (Smith) Conn.

Charlie, as many called him, passed on his love of Country, his flag, and music, plus his total honesty to his girls. He will be missed.

MARY ANN CONN
Born: October 31, 1924 – Died: May 27, 2014
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May 30, 2014

Mary Ann Conn

FORT BENTON —Mary Ann Conn, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother and good friend, left us peacefully May 27, 2014. In those



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early hours, she joined her beloved "Charlie" and two daughters, Billie and Lynda.

Mary Ann was born on October 31, 1924 in Neihart, Montana to Charles and Mary Mattson Maki. She and her soul mate met while she was in high school at Neihart. They married on May 8, 1943 and shared their life for 70 plus years. Their union produced three girls, Betty - 1944, Billie - 1947, and Lynda - 1948.

They bought the Homestead from Charles' dad, Sam Conn and remained there, farming together, raising wheat, oats, barley, and their three girls and their horses. Mary Ann loved her life on the farm; cooking, baking and caring for her family.

When a farm accident happened hooking up some machinery, and she lost 1/3 of her left hand ring finger, at the emergency room, people didn't know who they felt sorriest for, Momma, whose finger was cut off, or Daddy, who did the deed to his Honey. She was also feeling sorry for him.

Mary Ann was one special lady, always caring for someone who didn't have a lot. Making dinners for them or baking something for her friends. She always wore a smile on her face. She was a good woman with a huge

heart, caring for her family and friends.

She was very much a part of her children's lives. She was a Girl Scout leader, involved in 4-H. Many times filling the car with classmates of her girls, taking them to football games or basketball games, or to Loma to roller skate, a part of which she also enjoyed. UPS never minded delivering to the family farm, there was always a treat for them; cinnamon rolls, fudge, chocolate cake, etc.

The first Christian Church played a huge role in her life. Living the Word of God, her favorite verse was "In My Father's House Are Many Mansions" in addition to, "The Lord's Prayer", a source of comfort with the loss of her two precious girls.

She is survived by her daughter, Betty McIntosh (BJ), a special brother Dudley (97), his love, Edna; two grandchildren, Lauri and Jennifer, and two very special great-grandchildren, Kayla and Hayden.

Mary Ann is preceded in death by her husband, her beloved Charlie; daughters, Billie Burke (60), Lynda Habel (59), and her loving parents, Charles and Mary Maki, four brothers; Ben, Ray, Byrd, Eddie, and one sister; Bernice McPherson.

Services will be June 4, 2014 at The First Christian Church in Fort Benton, at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in a duplex urn, special for her and Daddy.

Donations may be made to Donor's Choice. Then do a random act of kindness in her memory.

Condolences to the family may be shared at www.crox-fordfuneralhome.com

LOIS KATHLEEN (OGDEN) COONS
Born: May 12, 1918 – Died: July 22, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
August 8, 2014

Lois Kathleen Coons



BILLINGS — Lois Kathleen Coons died July 22, 2014 at St. John's Nursing Home in Billings. She was born May 12, 1918, the first child of

Jake and Florence Ogden, on the family ranch at Simms, Montana. She grew up in Simms and graduated from Simms High School at the age of 17.

Attending Montana State College in Bozeman, she graduated with a B.S. degree in Home Economics in 1940. She was a proud alumna, avidly watching the televised Bobcat games and attending many class reunions, including her 70th in 2010.

She met Wesley Coons while working for the Farm Security Administration in Malta and they were married October 10, 1943. Making their home in Great Falls they had four children. Wes died in 1960, leaving her with the four teenagers and the challenge of seeing them through their educations and on to their career paths.

She worked for the Great Falls Public Schools, planning menus for the school lunch program until 1964. Determined to make sure all of her kids were able to attend college, she moved to Bozeman and became the Assistant Food Service Manager at the new Hedges Hall Dormitory and later was the Manager of Food Service for the Lewis and Clark Dormitory. Following her Bozeman career, she moved to Helena, again planning meals for the public schools. When she

retired from Helena, she returned to the ranch at Simms, and she cooked the meals for Senior Citizens for a number of years. In 1995 she moved to her home in Lockwood and devoted her time to being a grandmother, sharing her time with granddaughters, Lexi and Shea.

She loved to spend time outdoors and always planted, at least, a flower garden. She was an intuitive gardener and grew wonderful vegetables and beautiful flowers, especially sweet peas at the house in Great Falls. She also liked to make things with her hands, embroidering beautiful Christmas stockings for her grandchildren, sewing perfect pillows and learning how to paint with water colors in her late eighties. Her standards were always high, always doing things the right way to make them as perfect as possible. She taught the same to her children, guiding her boys to achieve the Eagle Scout award from the BSA and her daughters to win sewing and cooking awards in 4-H.

Survivors include her sister, Helen Brannon, of Chester; sons, Jim (Mary Lou), and Jerry (Pat); daughters, Sandy Taylor, and Tricia Ritter (Jim); granddaughters, Kyla Coons-Hale, Lexi Landers and Shea Coons; great grandson, Wesley Coons-Hale, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Her husband, parents and brother, Morton, preceded her in death. A private family burial will be at the Manchester Cemetery at Vaughn.

The family is especially appreciative of the wonderful staff of caregivers at St. John's whose kindness and professionalism is unsurpassed. Memorials can be made to one's choice.

LOIS KATHLEEN (OGDEN) COONS
 Born: May 12, 1918 - Died: July 23, 2014
 Great Falls Tribune
 August 8, 2014

Lois Kathleen Coons

Lois Kathleen Coons, 96, of Great Falls, died Sunday, July 23, 2014, at the Great Falls Veterans Home. She was born May 12, 1918, in



Lois was a member of the Great Falls Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the Great Falls Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the Great Falls Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, James Coons, who died in 1985. She is survived by her son, James Coons, and her daughter, Lois Coons. She is also survived by her grandchildren, James Coons and Lois Coons.

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RICK DeMARTIN
Born: May 13, 1947 - Died: November 23, 2014
Liberty County Times
December 3, 2014



Rick DeMartin

Sadly, Rick DeMartin passed away on Nov. 23, 2014 at his home in Toston, MT. Rick was diagnosed with pancreatitis in May and suffered the consequences of that disease while lovingly cared for by his family. A cure was not to be, and Hospice Care helped him and his family through his final days.

Rick was born in Ruddyard, MT to Howdy and Lilly DeMartin on May 13, 1947. He attended school in Ruddyard, graduating in 1967. Rick attended Helena Vo-Tech, where he studied air-frame and power plant construction. He joined the Army in 1968. He was stationed first at Fort Lewis, WA, then Fort Ruck-

er, AL. Rick then served 13 months in Phu Bai, Vietnam; he was honorably discharged.

Rick married Barbara Berberet on Dec. 31, 1977. Shortly thereafter, Rick and Barb bought a chunk of land in Toston, where they raised dryland wheat, managed her father's ranch and raised fine cattle.

Rick was a volunteer who responded to the needs of Broadwater County in his role as a Rural Firefighter. He served on the Toston Fire Department for 30 years; he was Captain for 20 years. He was honored to be selected as "Firefighter of the Year" in 2000, 2003 and 2009. Rick was quick to help his neighbors, friends and strangers when the need arose.

Rick crammed a lot of life into his 67 years. He got his pilot license when he was 19; he enjoyed backpacking and skiing; he was a scuba diver, he loved fishing and tying flies. Rick broke horses and was able to ride them all, but they would be considered "green broke" by other's standards. Rick was a truck driver who hauled hay and cattle many miles. He took pride in selling strong, healthy calves. He was a top-notch farmer, rais-

ing fine crops of which he and Barb were quite proud. He did all of these things in the company of his wife, partner and co-worker, Barb. He was a loyal, supportive husband and a fine father and grandfather who taught his family how to enjoy life.

And Rick did enjoy life! Anyone who spent any time with Rick socially appreciated his enthusiastic laugh, his dry sense of humor and his ability to save a joke for just the right moment. He loved to eat - he loved fresh seafood, sushi, good chili, hot peppers and sauces, rich brownies and buffets. But his appetite expanded beyond his love for good food. He also sought adventure and new projects. He rebuilt airplanes. He manufactured metal figurines welding together nuts and bolts. He built model airplanes out of aluminum cans. He was a mechanic, He mastered computers and enjoyed emailing jokes to friends. He liked music and he liked to dance, but was known to show up at a dance leaning on a cane in order to discourage ladies who were looking for a available dance partner. He liked to go to movies and always got the free re-

fill on the big tub of popcorn. He loved Dairy Queen blizzards. Rick loved to ride his motorcycle, be it a quick trip to town for

machinery parts or a scenic road trip. Because he craved Barb's company on his trips, he reconditioned his two-wheeler, building a tricycle on which she was more comfortable. He liked riding, he liked the trike, he liked Barb's company and he loved the good gas mileage.

He liked Montana PBS; he was a fan of the late David Williams' music - and that of David's son, Andy. He admired the ladies, especially those who were blessed with "ample bosoms". He never forgot a punch line. He was a proud Montanan.

Rick is survived by his wife, Barb, and his children, Levi and Jessica (Heath) Gradwhol and Shannon Brinkman (Pat). Also surviving him are his granddaughters, Samantha DeMartin and Erin Brinkman, Grandsons, Austin and Dylan Gradwhol and Bryce Brinkman. Rick leaves behind a brother, Joe (Betty) and their two children, Brian and Barry, and special friends, Tracie and Justyne Prescott. Rick

was preceded in death by a son, Luke, a brother, Jerry, a sister, Janice and his parents, Howard and Lillian.

Honorary Pallbearers include Rick's many friends and family as well as Heath Gradwhol, Patrick Brinkman, Paul Budeau, Mike Castleberry, Brian DeMartin, Barry DeMartin, Joe DeMartin, Shawn Eppe, Arnie Kolberg, Drew Lorenz, John Rains, Gary Uptmor, Tom Williams, Gary Sturm, Franklin Slifka, Bill Lane, Rodger Vetter, Bryce Brinkman, Austin Gradwhol and Dylan Gradwhol.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, Nov. 28, 2014 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Townsend, MT at 7 p.m.

Rite of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Townsend, MT on November 29, 2014 at 11 a.m. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.helenafunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to:

Make A Wish Foundation,

175 N 27th Street, #1214, Billings, MT, 59601

Broadwater Rural Fire Department, 515 N. Broadway, Toston, MT 59644

Rocky Mountain Hospice, 1075 N Rodney Street, #102, Helena, MT 59601

SHIRLEY MAE (HAN) DICK
Born: April 19, 1942 – Died: August 15, 2014
Liberty County Times
August 27, 2014



Shirley Mae Dick

Shirley Mae Dick passed away on Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, at Billings Clinic, surrounded by family and friends, after a short, courageous battle with lung cancer.

Shirley was born on April 19, 1942, in Havre, to Charles and Aileen Han. She was raised on the family farm south of Inverness, where she learned the value of hard work.

On July 11, 1964, Shirley married James E. Dick in Inverness. They worked on the farm until moving to Billings in 1971. Together, they raised three children. They later divorced, but remained very good friends.

Shirley worked hard at various jobs, often holding down two or three at a time. She worked for the Holiday Inn Hotel for 29 years. Shirley was a terrific mom and grandma. Christmas was her favorite holiday. She baked a variety of cookies and candies. She enjoyed decorating

her house and having family over. Shirley loved spoiling her grandkids. She also liked cross-stitch and word search puzzles and going to lunch with her "ladies." Shirley was very kind, not only to friends and family, but to everyone she met. She had a very caring heart and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

The family would like to thank the staff at Billings Clinic for their outstanding care of Shirley in her final days. A special thanks to the nurses and CNAs in the ICU unit.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and brother Chuck (Vietnam). She is survived by her sister, Dotty Dick (Chuck) of Hardin; her brother, Don Han (Jaydee) of Rudyard; her daughters, Gail Flemming (Pat) and Darlene Dick; her son, Bruce Dick (Lori) of Billings; 10 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 24, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, 1001 Alderson Ave.

Remembrances may be shared with the family by visiting www.michelottisawyers.com.

NELLIE MARIE (WICKUM) DIEMERT
Born: July 31, 1925 - Died: August 30, 2014
Liberty County Times
September 10, 2014



Nellie Diemert

Nellie Marie (Wickum) Diemert was born July 31, 1925 in Chester, MT. She was the third of four children born to Beulah Marie Standiford and Richard Wickum. She grew up on the family farm located south of Haystack Butte near the Sweetgrass Hills. Nellie received her early education at the Wickum Country School and finished her high school years in Chester, where she graduated at age 16 in 1942. In the few years that followed she worked as a nurse's aide at the old Mary Buck Hospital, then as a clerk at the county courthouse.

Nellie married Clark E. Diemert on June 28, 1944 in Chester. They made their home on the Diemert farm at Lothair, where they raised dryland grains & registered Hereford cattle. Nellie worked as a farm wife, homemaker, and

mother of seven. In 1983 they retired and moved to Great Falls. Clark died on July 5th, 1984. Nellie remained in Great Falls until 1989, then returned to Chester, where she lived independently from that time on. She was recently admitted to the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, where she died peacefully on Saturday evening (August 30, 2014) at the age of 89 years.

Nellie was baptized & confirmed at the Trinity Lutheran Church north of Lothair. Throughout her life she maintained a quiet and personal Christian faith.

When her kids were young, Nellie was active in the 4-H youth programs. She & Clark were members of the Good Sam's RV Club and they spent several winters traveling the southern states in their motor home with area friends. They had just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at the time of Clark's passing. During her 30 years as a widow, Nellie made many memorable trips with family and friends to Ireland, China, Alaska, England, Scotland, Austria, Switzerland, and other interesting destinations.

She also enjoyed her annual RV trek to the "Hostfest" in North Dakota.

Nellie & Clark loved to bowl in the local leagues and travelled to many state & national tournaments. Nellie was an excellent

bowler, maintaining a 175+ average in her prime years.

She enjoyed many hobbies. Her flower & vegetable gardens were always well kept. She loved feeding & watching area birds. She was always ready for a game of marbles or cards (especially, "Oh Hell", "Hand-&Foot", poker, & spoons). In her younger days she was an amateur pianist & violinist. She also enjoyed china painting, ceramics, and embroidery. In her later years she loved to read (mainly, local newspapers & biographies) and do crossword puzzles. She enjoyed the comfort of her home and her favorite television shows ("Lawrence Welk", "Carol Burnett", "Larry's Country Diner", & "Judge Judy", to name a few). Last, but not least, she loved to be with people.

Nellie was preceded in death not only by her husband & parents, but also by her sister (Marjorie Sutton & husband, Robert), her older brother (Roy Wickum), her younger brother (Richard Wickum & wife, Betty), and 3 grandchildren (Willie Hunter, Annie Diemert, & Rickie Rockman).

She is survived by 4 sons, Dennis & Sonja Diemert of Galata, Ed & Marcia Diemert of Lothair, Don & Cheri Diemert of Renton, WA, and Kelly & Carlene Diemert of Lothair; 3 daughters, Linda & Tom Satterthwaite of Butte, Karen & Lynn Rockman of Chester, and Kay & Bill Hunter of Livingston; 18 grandchildren/spouses, Dan & Mike Satterthwaite,

Darron/Marsha Diemert, Kelsey/Nancy Diemert, & Holly/ Kevin Shellenberger, Heidi/ Jason Bischoff, Hildee/Darren

Fike, & Hubbel/Jenn Rockman, Lynnelle/Steve Parks, Ace/Tara Diemert, Dillon Diemert, Clay/Nicole Diemert, & Colt/Heather Diemert, Dustin/ Jisun Diemert & Josh/Kristina Diemert, and Kacey, Chase, & Charlie Diemert; 32 great-grandchildren; 1 sister-in-law, Maxine Wickum; and numerous nephews & nieces.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m. Thursday (Sept. 4th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church by Pastor John Fauerbach. Prelude music included Gospel hymns by Elvis Presley. Selected CD's per Nellie's request were "In the Garden", "Take My Hand, Precious Lord", and "An Evening Prayer". Granddaughter, Holly Shellenberger, read scriptures and grandson, Dustin Diemert, read the obituary. Holly Frederickson served as pianist and the congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross". Vocalist, Marcus Jochim, performed "How Great Thou Art" & "Peace Like A River". Ushers were Todd & Jason Wanken. Pallbearers were grandsons and honorary bearers were granddaughters. Interment followed at the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon was held at the church. Memorials may be given to the Hi-Line Health Foundation or donor's choice. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

LYLE DONOVEN
Born: July 15, 1937 – Died: July 7, 2014
Havre Daily News
July 14, 2014

Lyle Donovan

Lyle Donovan, of Lander, Wyoming, died Monday, July 7, 2014, at his home after being diagnosed with cancer in

September.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 14, at Hudson's Funeral Home in Lander.

Lyle was born July 15, 1937, in Havre, Montana, the son of Jack Loyd Donovan and Beatrice Irene (Knutson). He was raised in the Kremlin area and graduated from Kremlin High School in 1956.

Lyle married Arlene Pursley in 1956, and together they raised two sons and two daughters. They later divorced.

Lyle worked as a farmer and rancher along the Hi-Line, living in the rural communities of Kremlin, Shelby, Turner, Malta and Whitewater.

In 1979 Lyle and Jane Anich moved to Lander, Wyoming, where Lyle began work in the oil fields. For several years he owned and operated his own water supply delivery business. Instead of retiring, Lyle returned to farm and ranch life by working for farmers in the Lander area. His family said he had many friends who met often at the Palimino Garage, and they enjoyed playing practical jokes on one another.



Lyle Donovan

Survivors include Martha Jane Anich of Lander, older brother, Keith (Marlene) Donovan of Bozeman, Montana, and Jan (Doug) McElvany of Arlington, Texas; sons, Dennis (Joyce) Donovan of Kremlin, Montana, and Dale (Cheryl) Donovan of Trenton, North Dakota; grandchildren include Tanisha

Cavanaugh, Deven Donovan, Darby Donovan, Desirae Stanford, Lyle Donovan (Kelcey), Nic (Lori) Donovan, Julia Donovan, and Rian (Kayla) Owens. He is also survived by eight great-grandchildren. Lyle's survivors also include Jane's children, Mary Lou, George (Mary) Anich and Philp (Debbie) Anich and their families.

Lyle was preceded in death by an infant son, Dallas; his father and mother; and his brother, Earl.

BONNIE JEANNE (HOREL) EEN

Born: January 19, 1921 – Died: March 2, 2014

Liberty County Times

March 12, 2014



Bonnie Een

Boise, Idaho, Bonnie Een, 93, passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 2, 2014.

Bonnie Jeanne Horel was born January 19, 1921 in Augusta, Wisconsin, where she graduated from high school in 1938. Through a mutual friend she met Arthur (Smokey) Een, a cowboy from Rudyard, Montana, who happened to be on a cattle selling trip to Minneapolis at the time. Sufficiently smitten, Smokey began a correspondence with Bonnie, and like a tale from "Ranch Romances" he convinced Bonnie by mail to run away from her mother's home and come out to Montana. Smokey met her train in Hingham, Montana where

they were immediately married on July 20, 1938.

The couple started farming a homestead south of Rudyard, surviving some lean years but giving birth in 1939 to Larry, in 1941 to Karen, who died in infancy, and in 1948 to Linda.

After Linda's birth, the couple moved into the town of Rudyard and then into Havre in 1951, where Smokey went to work in the Hill County sheriff's department. In 1971 they built and managed the El Toro motel in Havre and then started acquiring more rental properties throughout the West.

The motel and apartment business appealed to them, and they continued to operate facilities in Montana and Arizona until Smokey's death in 1986. One motel proprietorship in particular is worth noting: they owned a Best Western motel in Tombstone, Arizona, where they lived from 1975 until Smokey's death and where Bonnie remained until moving to Boise in 1995. While in Tombstone, the couple found joy in participating in the historical reenactments based on the colorful history of the town.

Bonnie moved to Boise to be closer to her family, and

this move resulted in the addition of many new friends for her. She was usually the life of the party, and everyone that knew her was impressed by her feistiness, wit, and sense of humor. She was a lifelong voracious reader and a black-belt crossword solver.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Smokey, an infant daughter, Karen, a grandson Eric Een, her Horel brothers, Schuyler, Stanley, Marvin and Robert, as well as a sister, Dorothy Kohnke. She is survived by son Larry (Myra) Een and daughter Linda McCracken (Jesse Caudillo), both of Boise, Idaho; grandchildren Kim (David) Hostetter, Logan (Mark) Sanders, Jenny (Dan) Wittenberg, Damon (Bobbi) Preite, and Sarah

Een; great grandchildren Ashlee Ecker, Jaryd Neibaueer, Peyton Watkins, and Giana Rose Preite, and a great-great grandson, Aiden Reagan.

No services are being held at this time.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Arthur and Bonnie Een Memorial @ North Star School, P. O. Box 129 Rudyard, Montana 59540

CECELIA 'MARIE' (STORES) ENGLUND
Born: October 15, 1943 - Died: November 2, 2014
Liberty County Times
November 12, 2014



Cecelia Englund

Cecelia "Marie" (Stores) Englund, 71, passed away Sunday, November 2, 2014, in

Dallas, Georgia from cardiac arrest. Cremation has taken place, and a Memorial Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester, Montana, on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, at 1:00 P.M.

Marie was born October, 15, 1943 in Shelby, Montana, to the late Ward and Lorraine (Stratman) Stores. She graduated from Shelby High School in 1961. In 1964 she married John Englund and they raised two children in Chester, Montana. They later divorced in 1990. Besides being an amazing homemaker she enjoyed teaching ceramics during this time. She started "Marie's Ceramics" and taught for many years. She still loved painting till the end. She spent several years working in the medical field and living in Phoenix, Arizona and Centerville, Tennessee. In 2010 Marie retired

and moved to Dallas, Georgia to become a fulltime Grandmother and cherished every moment of it.

Family was of the utmost importance to her throughout her life. Marie loved being a Mom and a Grandma. She was never too busy to play board games, color pictures, play dolls, or beat her grandkids in wii bowling. She loved Elvis, Diet Pepsi, watching football and baseball, baking, creating stained glass, and laughing. She was "famous" among her family and friends for her handmade gifts, monster cookies and jokes.

She is survived by her daughter Kathleen (Chad) Beck of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, and four grandchildren Drew, Bryan, Tyler and Kennedy; her sisters Jackie (Les) Eide of Galata, MT and Elaine (John) Leshner of Auburndale, FL;

numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins. Marie loved them all. The emptiness that is felt in her friend's and family's heart will not be filled until we join her in Heaven. She was preceded in death by her son Jim Englund; parents Ward and Lorraine Stores; and brother Cal Stores.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5.4.

KAREN LEE MIDGE FENGER

Born: July 14, 1947 - Died: November 29, 2014

Liberty County Times

December 10, 2014



Karen Fenger

Karen Lee Midge Fenger was born in Conrad, Montana, on July 14, 1947, she was the fourth of 9 children born to Ronald Justin Midge and Sylvia Lucille Offerdahl Midge. She grew up on her parents' farm on the Bootlegger Trail, Toole County, about 70 miles north of Great Falls and 40 miles east of Conrad. She attended and graduated elementary school at Pondera, a small one-room country school less than two miles from the farm. She finished her first year of high school in Conrad. She then transferred to Shelby, where she completed High School.

She married Joel Herbert Fenger in the St. Olaf Lutheran Church in

1965 and lived on Joel's family farm 7 miles North of Lothair, Mt. Soon after, they purchased the small motel, gas station, grocery store in Lothair, all the while Karen was caring for their first child, Renee. In the

late 60's, the family moved to Chester and welcomed their second child, Rachele. Karen was a homemaker as well as working at Paul Bun's Law Office. She was an active member in Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Choir. Other activities included snowmobile racing, flying airplanes, reading, as well as volunteering as an Election Judge. During her time in Chester Joel and Karen expanded upon successful busi-

nesses they had begun. In 1986, she and her husband divorced and she moved to California for four years, coming back to Montana in 1992. For the next decade she lived in Helena with her sister Bonnie, then moved to Red Lodge and finally to Billings, where she passed away unexpectedly from cardiac arrest in the Billings Clinic at 1pm Saturday Nov 29, 2014. Her sister, Bonnie Ambuehl was with her when it occurred.

Karen loved to spend time with her family. She was an optimist, outgoing and service oriented. If someone needed anything, she was there to help. She loved to travel and made trips to Germany, Italy, (Austria, England, Monaco), France and three times to Norway. While in Norway she did genealogical research on her family, the Offerdals and the Midges. She was able to visit the two farms, of which she was thrilled to see where her grandfathers lived before they emigrated to the United States. She

stayed with family who still lived in Norway and they were always delighted to have her there; constantly encouraging her to stay longer as well as insisting a visit every year. She returned from Norway and created an impressive Power Point presentation of the Midge family. The Offerdahl portion was in progress at the time of her death. Although traveling was her favorite pastime, she was also very creatively talented! She loved learning new software on computers. She was always commended on her organizational skills within office environments (mostly where she had worked), she often said "I wish they would quit changing design software because I can make Microsoft Publisher sing to me." Karen also loved to paint; mostly nature scenes of all kinds. She intended to continue painting after retirement concentrating more on wildlife, bobcats being her favorite.

Karen had a long association with the Sons of Norway. She served two terms as president of the Hovedstad Lodge in Helena and then was elected an officer of District 4. In the 90's Karen organized and managed with other members of Hovedstad Lodge the Sons of Norway state convention.

Karen is survived by two (2) daughters: Renee Elizabeth Fenger Kralic with her husband Jim (Cheyenne, WY) and Rachele Lucille Fenger Gage with her husband Mike (Chester, MT); five (5) sisters

and brothers: Bonnie Ambuehl (Billings MT), Randy Norley with her husband Wally (Butte MT), Steve Midge (Green Bay, WI), Robin Midge (Seven Points, TX), Dennis Midge with his wife Diana Hedlund Midge (Denver CO), three (3) grandchildren: Kimberly Nicole Cicon (Santa Clara, CA), Kelli Jo Cicon (Kalispell, MT), and Joy Marie Midge Blystone with her husband Josh (Maui HI). She's also survived by many nieces and nephews and their children.

Karen was preceded in death by her father, Ronald Midge and mother, Lucille Midge, as well as two sisters, Paulette Ronnie Midge, Sherry Lou Midge and a brother, Larry Ronald Midge.

Karen's wishes were to be cremated and her ashes thrown into a brisk Montana breeze at St. Olaf cemetery. "Remember me as you pass by, as you are now - so once was I; As I am now, so you will be - who is there to remember thee?"

There will be a "Celebration Of Life" held in early Spring of 2015 at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, east of Conrad. The date will be announced prior the event.

Condolences may be sent to Rachele Fenger, P.O. Box 484, Chester, Montana 59522.

GARY PATRICK FITZSIMMONS
Born: February 13, 1954 – Died: February 23, 2014
Great Fall Tribune
February 26, 2014

Gary FitzSimmons



IDAHO FALLS —Gary Patrick FitzSimmons, 60, of Idaho Falls, Idaho passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 23, 2014, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center.

Gary was born February 13, 1954, in Wolf Point, Montana, to Gene FitzSimmons and Patricia Neutgens. He grew up and attended schools in Wolf Point, and graduated from Wolf Point High School.

On November 8, 1975, he married the love of his life, JoLynn Sokoloski in Circle, Montana. Gary began his career with John Deere at the early age of 16 as a service tech in Wolf Point, Montana. He went on to be Parts Manager for the store. In 1989 he took a position at Benchmark Equipment in Chester, Montana as Parts Manager and then General Manager. In 2001, Gary and JoLynn moved to Idaho Falls where he became the Store Manager at Madison County Implement in Rexburg, Idaho, until the time of his death.

He was a member of the Catholic Church. Gary loved his job at John Deere, and his employees were a very special group to him. In his younger days he loved to take the boat out to Tiber Dam to fish and pull his three kids Jamie, Casey, and Heidi around the lake. Gary and JoLynn spent four years following the Carroll College Saints football team, where they made many great and special

friends. Gary spent his Sundays watching NFL games, and enjoyed trips to Detroit to watch his son, Casey, play for the Detroit Lions. He especially loved spending time with JoLynn, his wife of 38 years, as well as with his children and grandchildren.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, JoLynn FitzSimmons of Idaho Falls, ID; mother, Patricia Neutgens of The Dalles, OR; son, Jamie (Bonita Latimer) FitzSimmons of Idaho Falls, ID; son, Casey (Alison) FitzSimmons of Canyon Creek, MT; daughter, Heidi (Jarod) Sampson of Helena, MT; brother, Ray (Joyce) FitzSimmons of White Salmon, WA; parents-in-law, Joe and Vonne Sokoloski of Circle, MT; brother-in-law, Mike (Vera) Sokoloski of Circle, MT; aunts, Gracie (Doug) Ruggles and Beverly Schillinger, both of Billings, MT; grandchildren Addison and Bode FitzSimmons, Jarakk and Genavieeve FitzSimmons, and Weston Sampson; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, and many special friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gene FitzSimmons, step-mother, Mona FitzSimmons, and brother, Doug FitzSimmons.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 noon on Monday, March 3, 2014 at Saint Helena Cathedral, 530 N. Ewing Street in Helena, Montana, with Father Marc Lenneman officiating. A vigil will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 2 at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 3750 N. Montana Avenue in Helena.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.woodfuneralhome.com

ALLEN J. FOWLER SR.
Born: June 15, 1928 – Died: November 1, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
November 9, 2014

Allen J. Fowler Sr.



Fowler

GREAT FALLS —Allen J. Fowler Sr., 86, of Great Falls, passed away on Saturday, November 1, 2014.

Allen was born on June 15, 1928 in Conrad, Montana to Theodore and Anna (Ruby) Fowler. He farmed north of Shelby and enjoyed working on his backhoe, lathe, and welder.

Allen married Joan Smith in 1948 and together they had five children.

Allen is survived by his children, Linda (Stephen) Hartford of Caribou, ME, Jane (Keith) Robinson of Sacramento, CA, Allen "Skip Jr." Fowler of Shelby, MT, Lillian Fowler of Great Falls, and Paul (Diana) Fowler of Tulsa, OK; grandsons Cody Fowler, Robbie Engelhardt, and Russell Hartford; granddaughters Christina Marchetti and Brenda Michalies; great-grandchild Serafina Marchetti; sisters Maxine Wickum of Chester, MT and Katie Sherad of AZ; and brothers Ted Fowler of Conrad, MT and Roger Fowler of Shelby, MT.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan in March 2014; parents Theodore and Anna Fowler; and sister Ruby Robertson.

A private memorial service for family will be held in Conrad in the spring. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Schnider Funeral Home.

We would like to send blessings to everyone who cared for him.

Condolences for the family may be posted online at www.schniderfuneralhome.com.

MARGARET L. (CROSS) GORDER
Born: July 14, 1927 – Died: May 22, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
May 25, 2014

Margaret L. Gorder



HAVRE—Margaret Gorder, 86, of Havre, passed away on Thursday, May 22, 2014, at Benefis Medical Center in Great Falls of natural causes. A visitation will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at Holland & Bonine Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at First Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael O'Hearn officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Cemetery. The family has requested that memorials be made in Margaret's name to First Lutheran Church, the Montana State University - Northern Scholarship Fund, or the charity of the donor's choice. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements, and you can leave your memories and condolences for the family at www.hollandbonine.com.

Margaret was born on July 14, 1927, in Havre to Walter and Velma (Austin) Cross. She was raised in Rudyard, graduating from Rudyard

High School in 1945. After high school, Margaret worked for United Buckingham in Havre, and while there, she met Norman Gorder, whom she married in June of 1947. The couple made their home in Havre, raising their six children there. Margie worked for United Buckingham, Clyde's In & Out, and The Shanty Motel, before working for JC Penney for over 20 years. She retired in 1989, but didn't stop working. Her volunteering kept her busy. Margie was a very social woman who volunteered at the hospital, kept busy with church work, was a Welcome Wagon lady, and was a mem-

ber of the Red Hat Club, the Bridge Club and TOPS. She was an active member of First Lutheran Church, especially in the Lois Circle and Bible Study. But her first priority was always her family.

All who knew Margie witnessed her zest for life, ready to drop everything when Norm said, "Let's go," and head off to visit relatives and friends across the country, to participate in whatever her daughters or son were planning, her love of travel, her sense of style, her canned goods (ready dessert for those winter meals along with all the jams and jellies, especially her chokecherry syrup and creative rhubarb spe-

cial). Her pie crusts won the hearts of all her daughters' husbands. Margie's faith and devotion to First Lutheran Church gave her strength to face whatever life handed to her. She sang in the church choir for years, was involved with WELCA (Women's Ministry), and made lefse for the annual lutefisk dinner.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Velma Cross; her grandson, Bart Nolan; her sisters, Virginia Brandt and Florence Johnson; and her brothers, Charles and Donnie Cross.

She is survived by Norm, her beloved husband of 66 years, of Havre; her daughters, Wanda (Robert) Brock of Marathon, FL, Julee (John) Christian of Havre, Norma (Jim) MacKenzie of Whitefish, Shelley (Dr. Mike) Nolan of Havre, son Chris (Kathy) Gorder of Billings, and daughter Cindy (Randy) Bebee of Whitefish; her 16 grandchildren; her 19 great-grandchildren; her sisters Velma Johnson of Great Falls, and Norma Jewett of Seattle, WA; and her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Margie left behind a legacy of love through her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

EVELYN ALTA (SORENSEN) GRAHAM
Born: June 18, 1919 - Died: August 24, 2014
Liberty County Times
August 27, 2014



Evelyn Graham

Evelyn Alta (Sorenson) Graham was born June 18th, 1919 in Helena, Montana, the only child of Anna Christ and Forrest "Frosty" Sorenson. Evelyn grew up in the Helena community, where she was baptized & confirmed in the Methodist faith. She received her elementary education at the Central Grade School and finished her secondary education at Helena High School, graduating in 1938.

From 1940-1948 she lived in Deer Lodge, where she met & married William Lightfoot. Her husband passed away in 1950.

Evelyn left Montana in 1955 to work at the office of Dr. Lindsay in Ritzville, Washington. While there she met Ivan Graham, whom she married in 1956. The Graham's were married 21 years when Ivan passed away in 1977.

Evelyn never had any children and her only family members were several first, second, and third cousins. She was fortunate to have good health and continued to live independently in Ritzville into her 90's. In the February of 2014 Evelyn moved to Chester (MT.) to be near one of her close cousins, Sharon & Don VanDessel. She initially moved to the Sweetgrass Retirement Lodge, then transferred to the local nursing home. She died peacefully at the Liberty Medical Center in Chester on the early morning of Sunday (August 24th, 2014) at the age of 95 years.

Evelyn was active in the Eastern Star and was a life member of the Josephine Hepner Chapter #89 in Helena. During her years in Ritzville she was a 25-year member of the Ralston Grange, past president of the Gritman Senior Center, and longtime member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 51 (where she served as President several times).

She enjoyed yard work and flowers. In addition she liked to play cards with her friends.

Evelyn was cremated per her wishes. No formal services are planned. Her ashes will be buried with her folks at the Forestvale Cemetery in Helena. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

ELDA E. (RICHARD) GREENO
Born: July 10, 1935 – Died: January 31, 2014
Liberty County Times
February 12, 2014



Elda Greeno

Elda E. (Richard) Greeno was born July 10th, 1935 in Bisbee, North Dakota. She was one of six children born to Elnora "Elly" McLean and Fred Richard. Elda was baptized & confirmed in the Lutheran faith and received her formal education at Egeland, North Dakota.

In the early 1950's she came to Great Falls to be near a sister. While living in Montana, Elda met her husband-to-be, Dale W. Greeno, a Rudyard area farmer & mechanic. They were married at the E.U.B. Church in Rudyard on January 24th, 1959 and made their home at Rudyard. In 1964 they moved to Havre and began raising their family of two. Their life was shattered in 1966 when their firstborn son, Glenn, died from injuries

after being struck by a car.

In the 1980's the Greeno family sold their north Rudyard farm and bought a place near Whitney, Nebraska. In 1993 they sold this Nebraska farm and moved to Woods Bay near Bigfork to enjoy their retirement years. They lived at Bigfork until 2005, then moved to Hot Springs (Mt.) to be closer to their son, Terry. The Greeno's were married 50 years when Dale died on August 14th, 2009. Elda remained in their Hot Springs home until her health began to fail. She was recently admitted to the Hot Springs Health & Rehab Center, where she died on the early morning of Friday (January 31st, 2014). She was 78 years old.

The Greeno's were charter members of the Hi-Line Antique Car Club. Over the years they enjoyed various trips to Las Vegas, Reno, and Spokane.

In her quiet time at home Elda enjoyed watching old movies on television. She was a lifelong animal lover, especially of cats & dogs, and always had several pets as part of her family life. At the time of Elda's death, she had a lov-

ing pet dog named "Maxie" (which was adopted by one of the nurses at the Rehab center).

Elda was preceded in death not only by her husband & son, but also by her parents, 2 brothers (Fred & Rodney Richard) and 1 sister (Ione Michaels).

She is survived by her son, Terry Greeno of Plains; brother, Gordon Richard of Seattle, WA; sister, Faye Dettman of Ellendale, MN; sister-in-law, Brenda Richard of Midlothian, ILL; and numerous nephews & nieces.

Elda was cremated per her wishes. Her ashes will be buried in the Greeno family plot with her husband at the Rudyard Cemetery. The arrangements are being handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

A Memorial Service will be 3:00 p.m. Monday (Feb. 17th, 2014) at the Calvary Evangelical Church in Rudyard. Pastor John Maatta will officiate. Ruth Maatta will serve as pianist and the congregation will sing "In the Garden" & "Amazing Grace". A coffee hour will follow in the church fellowship hall.

ILENE LAVONNE (MORROW) GUMMER
Born: May 30, 1949 – Died: December 24, 2014
Liberty County Times
January 7, 2015

Ilene Gummer

Ilene LaVonne (Morrow) Gummer was born May 30th, 1949 in Fort Benton, Montana. She was one of four children born to Ken & Dee (Roges) Morrow. Ilene grew up and received her formal education in Fort Benton. Following her high school graduation in 1967, she attended



Eastern Montana College in Billings where she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree (with a major in Education) in 1971.

Ilene accepted a teaching position at Chester High School. While there she met an area farmer, Thomas Jay Gummer. Tom & Ilene were married on July 15th, 1972 in Fort Benton. They made their home on the Gummer farm northwest of Chester. Ilene continued to teach 8th grade math and serve as the high school librarian for 15 years, at which time she resigned to be a full-time homemaker, mother, and chauffeur to their two children, Brock & Krystie. As the kids grew up and became more independent, Ilene returned to the work force. She served as the assistant activities director at the Liberty County Nursing

Home, then as a pharmacy clerk (initially, for Ric Richter at the Chester Clinic Pharmacy, then for Francis Stack at Westhill Pharmacy). After the drug store consolidated & sold, Ilene became a consulting librarian for the three rural Hutterite schools in Liberty County.

The Gummer's operated their farm for 26 years, then sold it in 1998. They lived in Chester until 2006, when they purchased a home in Billings to spend their retirement years close to their daughter & family. After moving to Billings, Ilene took a job as clerk at the Ben Franklin Store. This job was a perfect fit because of her love of arts & crafts, but unfortunately the business closed in 2008. Ilene's next job was at the "Snack Shack" at a Billings golf course. In 2010 she began experiencing serious memory loss & confusion, so she sought medical advise. Ilene was diagnosed with semantic dementia, a progressive neurological disorder, which forced her out of the working pool. During the next four years she remained at home under the loving care of her husband & family. Ilene's health continued to deteriorate and she was admitted to a Billings nursing facility three months ago to receive extended care. After developing pneumonia & complications, she died peacefully at the Edgewood Vista on the early morning of Christmas Eve' Day (December 24th, 2014). She was just 65 years old.

During her years in the Chester community, Ilene

was very active at the United Methodist Church. It was here that she volunteered as a dedicated Sunday School teacher and served on the Church Administrative Council. It was here that she offered her great organizational skills at church functions and helped with the annual Election Day Dinner. It was here that she

served as a faithful member who always went out of her way to welcome newcomers into the church family. It was here that she provided religious education and encouraged the meaning of "spiritual love" to her children. And it was here that the Gummer's celebrated their 25th Anniversary by renewing their wedding vows in the presence of family & close friends.

Other Chester memberships included the Lionettes, a local home demonstration club called "That Club", and a special 5-member group called "The Photo Moms". In addition Ilene served on the Board of the Sweetgrass Retirement Lodge.

The Gummer's enjoyed excursions with their kids – everything from a camping weekend at Lake Elwell – a time-share at "Double Arrow Ranch" at Seeley Lake – a trip to Disneyland – or an adventure to Benchmark. They enjoyed attending their kids' school & sporting events and supporting them in all of their endeavors. Ilene loved to host "gatherings" for her kids & their friends.

Ilene's hobbies were many. She loved plants & gardening. She loved cooking & baking, especially during the Holi-

days. She loved sewing and all artsy, crafty, & decorating projects. She also loved music and "jamming" with her father on the piano & drums. But probably Ilene's favorite hobby was her photography; she never attended a function without her camera! All important memories were captured in photographs accompanied by her written words as she meticulously framed & scrapbooked all of these wonderful keepsakes. Many people in the Chester community received "Ilene envelopes", which contained interactive photos of their children at various events (i.e., prom, homecoming, etc.). Even in her final illness, Ilene worked diligently to finish all her albums for family posterity.

Following are just a few incidental notes about Ilene that were expressed by her friends: She was known to be kind & considerate (as she was to the elderly patients at the LCNH). She was known to be patient & understanding (as she was to the students at the H.S. Library). She was a lady who could be passionate about certain things and she stuck to her convictions. She was a wonderful homemaker who took care of her family's needs. Her home was welcoming & immaculate. She was also prideful in her personal appearance. She had the unique ability to select "the right gift for the right person for the right occasion." Lastly, she had a beautiful smile with a gleam in her eye!

Ilene was a very loving &

caring wife, mother, grandmother, & friend. Her love for her family was unwavering & unconditional. She especially loved her little grandson, Tanner, and they shared a special bond. Ilene's family will always remember her as a very vibrant and loving woman – she will be missed, but never forgotten...

Ilene is survived by her husband of 43 years, Tom Gummer of Billings; her son & daughter-in-law, Thomas Brock Gummer & Beth Famiiglietti Gummer of Boise, Idaho; her daughter & son-in-law, Krystie Gummer Nelson & Ryan Nelson of Billings; her grandson, Tanner Thomas Nelson of Billings; 2 sisters, Bonnie Jo Cook of Fort Benton and Janice Pedersen of Bainbridge Island, WA; 1 brother, Mike Morrow of Belgrade; and numerous nieces & nephews. Ilene was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (Dec. 30th) at the Cremation/Funeral Gallery Chapel in Billings. Friends, Rlynn Rockman & Doug Shepherd, provided readings, eulogy, prayers, and reflections. Scriptures were read by Allyson Brown. A letter of "love & farewell" written by daughter, Krystie, was shared by a friend, Robyn. Son, Brock, produced a power-point presentation set to selected music: "I Can Only Imagine" & "When I Get Where I'm Going". Pallbearers were Doug Shepherd, Gordon Nelsen, Ken Nelson, Jim Briden, Larry Brown, & Bryan Oswood. Following burial at the Mountview Cemetery in Billings, a reception was held at the funeral home.

LLOYD WILLIAM HADFORD

Born: November 18, 1919 – Died: January 8, 2014

Liberty County Times

January 22, 2014



Lloyd Hadford

Lloyd William Hadford was born November 18th, 1919 on the family farm at Buelow, Montana (northeast of Chester). He was the eldest of four children born to Alfred C. Hadford and Clara Belle Shettel. Lloyd received his formal education in Joplin and was confirmed at the Bethel Lutheran Church in 1935. In the years that followed he worked on the family farm.

Lloyd was inducted into the U. S. Army in 1942 during WWII. He served as a Private First Class at Bradley Field, Connecticut before being honorably discharged the following year (due to the fact that his father was seriously injured in a farm-

ing accident). Lloyd returned to Montana in September of 1943 to help with the farming operations.

In 1951 Lloyd and his brother, Lyle, began farming together on two places, both south of Rudyard & Joplin. This partnership would last for many years.

On December 16th, 1968 Lloyd married a Joplin widow, Alma (Skonord) Heydon. They lived in Joplin throughout their married life and were loyal companions & best friends. They made memorable trips to Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Iowa, and Canada to visit family & friends. They also enjoyed many fun junkets to Nevada. After Alma entered the Liberty County Nursing Home in 2007, Lloyd travelled to Chester every single day to spend precious time with her. They were married 41 years when Alma died on April 19th, 2010. Lloyd remained in his Joplin home, where he enjoyed sitting at the window – watching birds, neighbors, and other activities around town. He also liked to watch “The Price is Right”, “The Lawrence Welk Show”, and rodeos on television, and he

loved seeing his kittens romp through the house. He appreciated updates on local swim meet results and CJI football scores. When his health declined this past year, Lloyd was fortunate to receive personal home care by his niece, Karen, and great-great-niece, Zea, whom he affectionately called his “little nurse”. They had a special bond and enjoyed many bowls of ice cream together! She certainly brought sunshine into his life.

When Lloyd could no longer drive, he took weekly trips to Chester on the Senior bus to have lunch at the Senior Center before spending afternoons with his old friend, Elvyn Wolery. He sure enjoyed those visits.

On this past December 13th Lloyd was admitted to the Liberty Medical Center. He died peacefully at the Chester hospital on Wednesday afternoon (January 8th, 2014) at the age of 94, but not before having one last visit from his niece, Lyla, who was home for the holidays from Oregon.

Lloyd loved his life as a Montana farmer. Although he officially retired in 1982,

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he could never seem to break away from the farming activities. He picked rock on a tractor into his 80's. In 2011 Lloyd purchased a new combine so that he could help his two nephews, Gary & David, with the annual harvest. He was very proud of this combine, just as he was of his diesel power-plant, which he claimed "could light up the whole town of Joplin, if need be". Lloyd loved all of the machinery that he acquired over the years. He also enjoyed wood-working and made several nice China cabinets for his home. He loved auction sales and being around people. One of Lloyd's prized possessions was a silver dollar that his grandmother gave him for his 8th birthday. Last, but not least, he was proud to be one of Liberty County's oldest residents!

Lloyd was preceded in death not only by his wife & parents, but also by his 3 siblings (brothers, Elmer & Lyle, and sister, Marie Greene).

He is survived by a sister-in-law, Elaine Hadford of Rudyard; 2 nephews, Gary Hadford (Patty Donnes) of

Rudyard and David Hadford (Shannon) of Chester; 4 nieces, Lyla Swafford of Portland, OR., Karen Hadford of Inverness, Cheryl Rhodes (Gordon) of Carmangay, Alberta, and Koral Lamont (Tim) of Calgary, Alberta; and many great & great-great nephews & nieces. Lloyd is also survived by Alma's 3 children, Darlys Heydon (Janet) of Tucson, AZ., Della Wolery (Ron) of Stevensville, and Ken Heydon (Lila) of Post Falls, ID.; and 5 grand-children (inc. Cory, Kelly, Jana, Joni, and Joel).

The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff at the Liberty Medical Center and the Liberty County Senior Center for all you did for Lloyd - especially Dr. Earl for the excellent medical care and the volunteer drivers who delivered meals & checked in on Lloyd.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday (Jan. 17, 2014) at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Family friend, Marilyn (Brandt) Henry, officiated. The obitu-

ary was read by Kevin Keenan. Pianist was Tammy Duncan and the congregation sang "How Great Thou Art". A special instrumental rendition of "Amazing Grace" was performed by Rachael & Vince Gies (flutist & guitarist). Ushers were Tom & Adam Wood. Honorary bearers were Elvyn & Lloyd Wolery. Pallbearers were Chase Hadford, Jeremy Myers, Mark Evans, Dusty Evans, Sam Hansard, & Leonard Wendland. Burial with military honors followed in the Joplin Cemetery. A reception was held at Kjos Hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials may be offered to the Liberty Medical Center or donor's choice.

WILLIAM LOUIS 'BILL' HAMEL

Born: August 6, 1925 - Died: June 17, 2014

Liberty County Time

June 25, 2014



Bill Hamel

William Louis "Bill" Hamel was born August 6, 1925 at Gentilly, Minnesota. He was one of five children born to Aldina Benoit and William "Willie" Hamel. Bill was raised on the family dairy farm near Gentilly by his mother and step-father, Fred Normandin. He grew up with seven siblings from the Hamel and Normandin families. Bill received his formal education at a nearby country school, then began working on the family farm.

In 1943 he was inducted into the U. S. Army Air Corps, where he was a member of the 710th Bombardment Squadron. He served during WWII in Rhineland, Central Europe, and Northern France as an aerial gunner and attained the rank of Sergeant. His active military career ended in 1945 when he received his honorable discharge.

Bill spent the next few years working in Minnesota and California. While living in California, he met

several of his Gagnon cousins who hailed from Montana. In 1947 Bill came to Chester, MT to work on the Gagnon farm. He eventually bought his own little farm in southern Liberty County. In those early years, Bill and his cousin (Joe Gagnon) took flying lessons so they could aerial spray their crops.

Bill met and married a Chester girl, Lenora "Billie" Laas, on October 30th, 1950. They lived on Bill's farm and raised a family of four sons. Bill enjoyed his life as a Montana farmer until the mid-1980's, when he enrolled in the CRP farm program. The Hamel's continued to live

in northcentral Montana in the years that followed. They moved to the Sweetgrass Retirement Lodge at Chester in 2008. Although Bill suffered from a heart ailment and prostate/bladder cancer, he still remained very active. In fact, he played golf on a regular basis up until last fall and continued to enjoy his daily trips downtown this spring. Bill was recently admitted to the Liberty Medical Center for comfort care. He died at the Chester nursing facility on Tuesday afternoon (June 17, 2014) at the age of 88 years.

Bill was a loyal Catholic and a longtime member of St. Mary's Church and the "Knights of Columbus".

He had also served on the Ledger School board and was a charter member of the Chester Lions Club.

In his younger days Bill played the violin and loved music and dancing. He also enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, trap-shooting, bowling, and snowmobiling. In his 40's Bill took up the game of golf, which became a passion. He was

a longtime member of the Marias Valley Golf Club in Shelby, where he was fortunate to make a "hole-in-one" several years ago. In addition Bill loved to play cards (especially Bridge, pan, pitch, cribbage, whist, and pinochle) and he never passed up a game of pool. He was also an avid reader - the story has it that he read almost every book in the local library! Last, but not least, he was a fan of the Minnesota Twins and the Minnesota Vikings.

Bill was a dedicated family man and friend. He enjoyed the simple things in life, especially with people he loved - like family reunions in Minnesota, or weekends of "male bonding" at Benchmark, or fun-filled days on the golf links, to name a few - all good times with special memories. Some of his closest friends affectionately referred to him as "WLBH". His positive personality, great sense of humor, and love of life will be missed,

but never forgotten...

He was preceded in death by his parents, his eldest son

(Allen Hamel), a daughter-in-law (Richie Hamel), an infant grandson, 2 brothers (Raymond & Bernard Normandin), and 3 sisters (Cecilia Proulx, Cecilia Rien-deau, & Stella Nelson).

Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, "Billie" Hamel of Chester; 3 sons, Steve Hamel (and fiancée, Joane Bayer) of Canyon Creek, Darren Hamel of Chester, and Brian Hamel (and wife, Ricki) of Browning; 7 grandchildren; 1 brother, Loyd Hamel of Long Beach, CA; 1 sister, Carol Perreault of Gentilly, MN; and many nephews and nieces.

Vigil Prayers were led by Father Joseph Diekhans at 7:00 p.m. Sunday (June 22nd) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester.

Bill's Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Monday (June 23rd) by Father Joe at the church. Natalie Ghekiere served as pianist and St. Mary's Choir provided mass music, inc. "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow", "Gloria", "Loving and Forgiving", "Alleluia", "Amazing

Grace"; "Lamb of God", "O Sacrament Most Holy", and "Sent Forth by God's Blessing". Greeters were Rob Laas and Robert Pugsley

Jr. Scriptures were read by Will Hamel & Lin Duffin, and the Altar Server was Ken Gagnon. The communion gifts were presented by Brittany, Paige, and Michael Hamel. The obituary/eulogy was read by Valerie Boyles. Pallbearers were Will, Michael, Brittany, and Paige Hamel. At the conclusion of the Mass, a military detail provided veterans rites (inc. "taps" and flag presentation) in the church courtyard. A luncheon followed in the church basement.

Bill was cremated after the funeral. His ashes will be buried at a later date in the Chester Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials may be offered to St. Judes' Children's Research Hospital.

JOHANNA EDITH HANSON
Born: December 26, 2006 - Died: April 28, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
May 7, 2014

Johanna Edith Hanson

HAVRE— Johanna Edith Hanson, 7, passed away suddenly on April 28th, 2014 at Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego, CA where



her mother is stationed in the United States Navy. A celebration of life vigil will be held Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre. Funeral services will be Friday, May 9, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the St. Jude's Catholic Church. Arrangements have been made with Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

Johanna is the daughter of Josh Hanson, of Havre and his wife Darci (Stewart) of Kremlin.

Johanna was born on December 26th, 2006 at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. Although she was a California girl with beautiful blonde hair and piercing blue eyes, she was a country girl at heart and knew Montana was home. Johanna was active in her local Girl Scout troop, where she had been the top nut seller and top cookie seller for two years running. She loved to sing and dance, and would

perform for anybody at any time. She loved art, to paint and color and create, with an imagination that could be rivaled by no other. Johanna had the greenest of thumbs and could usually be found covered in mud, watering plants and digging holes in her parent's garden. Johanna loved life unconditionally, the love, care and compassion she showed for all her friends and family was much more than expected of a typical seven year old.

Johanna is survived by her parents Josh and Darci (Stewart) Hanson. Her brother William Hanson. Her Grandparents, Jerry and Linda Hanson, Willy and Colleen Stewart, Judy and Clint Nelson. Her Great-Grandparents Donald Ramage, Delores Gregory and Kathleen Stewart. Her Aunts Amanda (Seth) Hamilton and Emily Stewart, her Uncles Chad Hanson, Andrew Stewart and Virgil Stewart, one cousin Zane Hamilton and numerous great-aunts and uncles. Johanna was preceded in death by her great-grandparents Jack Gregory, Bill Stewart, Darlene Ramage, and Walter and Johanna Hanson.

A memorial fund, to establish an art program in her name at her elementary school, has been set up through Wells Fargo Bank.

LLOYD HAYMAKER
Born: May 12, 1930 – Died: September 19, 2014
Liberty County Times
October 1, 2014



Lloyd Haymaker

Lloyd Haymaker passed away September 19, 2014 in Kalispell, Montana. He was born May 12, 1930 in Rudyard, Montana to Emery and Edna Haymaker.

Lloyd grew up on a farm north of Rudyard. Later on he worked on farms in the area and drove truck for different firms.

He was an honored Veteran serving in the Korean Conflict and was deployed on an Army ship. It was an honor for him to serve his country.

He was a loving brother and always enjoyed visits

with his siblings, nieces and nephews. He was a true friend to many people. Lloyd never married but has a long-time companion, Darlene Church. He always took good care of himself,

never smoked, drank or took drugs. For his age he looked and felt many years younger so his death was a complete shock to all of us. What he enjoyed most was getting in his car and driving around visiting places and people.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his sisters Marion Behunin, Harriet Moore, Lorraine Laursen, Darlene Meyers, Virginia Wilmes

and brother Clinton Haymaker.

Surviving sister are Betty Layton of Kalispell, Montana and Edna Jones of Covington, Washington. Two half sisters are Berl Thomasson of Boonville, California and Coral (Penny) Taylor of Corbin, Kentucky.

His remains will be placed in the Rudyard, Montana Cemetery. Details of service will be posted later.

CLIFFORD RAYMOND HEGGEN

Born: September 1, 1930 – Died: December 10, 2014

Great Falls Tribune

December 14, 2014

Clifford Raymond Heggen



HAVRE —Clifford Raymond Heggen, 84, a long-time farmer from Kremlin, passed away December 10, 2014 at the Big Sandy Medical Center due to natural causes. His funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014 at the First Lutheran Church in Havre with Pastor Joel Skindlov officiating. The family has suggested that memorials in Cliff's honor be made to Parkinson's Research, the Big Sandy Medical Center, or to the donor's choice. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements. Please visit Cliff's online memorial page at www.hollandbonine.com to leave a message of comfort for the family.

Cliff was born on September 1, 1930 to Christopher and Olivia (Reum) Heggen in Havre, MT. He was raised on the family farm 12 miles south of Kremlin and attended the country school at Halfway Coulee. After his school years, he began work for the Great Northern Railroad on the section crew and worked there until he was drafted in March of 1951 into the Army. He served until February of 1953. While in the service, he was relocated all over the country and then overseas to

Japan and Korea. He married Carol Cady in December of 1951 and they had three daughters, Lorene, Lana, and Sheila. Cliff and Carol returned to Kremlin in 1953 after his discharge. They worked for Harry and Rose Cady for a couple of years before they purchased their own farm, which he farmed until 2007, when his health forced him to retire.

Cliff loved to play his guitar, and kept everyone's feet tapping. He also collected toys, stamps and coins. Cliff was a very friendly man and always had a smile on his face and was willing to help anyone. You could always see Cliff and Carol at all the community events and functions, supporting their kids and all the other kids in the community. He was a member of the Kremlin Volunteer Fire Department, Havre Eagles Club, the American Legion, and the VFW.

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters: Othella Kincaid, Josephine Engelking, Clara Johnson, Florence Johns, Borghil Thomas and Mabel Cooper; and his brothers: Chris Heggen, Jr. Lawrence Heggen, and Lloyd Heggen.

Cliff is survived by his wife, Carol Heggen of Kremlin; his daughters, Lorene (Gary) Horning of Hanover, MN, Lana (Pat) Werbelow of Bismarck, ND and Sheila (Chan) Hanson of Havre, MT; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

JAY WILLIAM HEILBRUN
Born: November 14, 1945 – Died: March 18, 2014
Liberty County Times
March 26, 2014



Jay Heilbrun

Jay William Heilbrun was born November 14th, 1945 at Hallton, Pennsylvania. He was one of eleven children born to Birgie Miller & James Heilbrun. Jay grew up in Munderf and attended elementary school. He finished his formal education in Brookville, PA where he graduated from high school in 1963.

Jay served in the U. S. Army from 1965-67, stationed mainly in Germany. Following his honorable discharge, he remained in the Army Reserves for 4 more years.

At age 20 Jay married a Pennsylvania woman; they had 3 children before their divorce in 1973. During those

years Jay worked as a laborer in a manufacturing plant near Munderf.

Jay married Phyllis (Mortimer) Snyder in 1977. They lived at Munderf where Jay was employed on the road crew for Polk Township. They enjoyed their membership in the Warsaw Township Sportsman's Club at Hazen. In 2002 the Heilbrun's moved to Montana to be closer to Phyllis' sons. Jay worked as a farm laborer and they made their home on the Ed Norenberg place north of Rudyard. They were married 29 years when Phyllis died on May 12th, 2006. Jay eventually moved to his modest home in Joplin, where he lived with his loving pets from that time on.

Jay received his medical care from the Vets Administration, where he was treated for congestive heart failure. Because he hadn't been around town this past weekend and didn't answer his telephone, family members went to his home to check on him Tuesday morning (March 18th, 2014). Jay had died peacefully while sitting in his living room chair. He was 68 years old.

Jay loved all animals, especially horses & dogs. During his quiet time at home he

enjoyed watching "old westerns" on television or simply listening to the radio. Favorite outdoor activities included gardening and gopher hunting. Jay was basically a quiet & reserved man. He appreciated his family, who affectionately called him "Paw".

Jay was preceded in death not only by his wife & parents, but also by 2 sisters (June & Judy), 2 brothers (John & Jack), and a granddaughter (Desiree Smith).

He is survived by 3 children, Carl (Cheryl) Heilbrun of Grampian, PA, Ricky Heilbrun of DuBois, PA, and Vicki Heilbrun of DuBois, Pa; 3 step-children, Ken Snyder of Joplin, Randy (Barb) Snyder of Rudyard, and Becky Snyder of Altoona, PA; 14 grandchildren & 17 great-grandchildren; 5 brothers, Jim & Joseph of Brookville, PA, Gerald & Jake of Brockway, PA, and Jesse of Falls Creek, PA; 1 sister, Jane Repine of Sykesville, PA; and many nephews & nieces.

Jay requested no funeral services. His body was cremated. His ashes will be interred next to his wife, Phyllis, at the Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

LEELAND 'LEE' DALE HODGES

BORN: September 6, 1930 – Died: April 5, 2014

Liberty County Times

April 16, 2014



Lee Hodges

Early morning of April 5, 2014, Leland "Lee" Dale Hodges, 83, left us to join his dad and other fishing partners out on the lake dipping their lines to catch all those illusive fish they missed in their earlier lives. We miss you, Lee, but know you are at peace and are now doing what you have missed so very much these past few years.

Lee was born in Havre, MT, on September 6, 1930, to Frank & Leora (Hill) Hodges. At the young age of 9, when he was barely able to reach the controls of the tractor, he decided his life's ambition was to till the earth and continue farming in Joplin, MT., as his family had always done. Lee graduated from Joplin High School in 1948 and married Lorraine Rochs in 1951. For the next 25 years, he farmed & raised their two adopted children, Starla and Dan. Not too many years after their divorce, Lee's dad & mother convinced him to retire and move to Bigfork, which he did in 1980. Days were spent on the lake with his dad fishing to their hearts content.

It wasn't long before he started bowling in Bigfork; and then he spent evenings knocking down pins and days out in a boat hooking fish. In due time, he was elected to the Bigfork MBA Board of Directors and while attending to bowling business, met Lorraine Hall who became his bowling partner in tournament and league bowling. Their great friendship and shared interests lead to marriage in 1990 and the rest of their lives together included traveling all over Montana and many places throughout the United States bowling, being involved with other administrative aspects of bowling, and lots of sight-seeing; and, naturally, Lee getting in plenty of fishing while not on the road.

Because of his many years of bowling and the many hours of working for bowling in Bigfork and Montana, he was inducted in the Montana State Men's Bowling Hall of Fame in 2000 ~ a proud moment with his wife, close friends, daughter and grandchildren present. Grandson, Andrew, had the opportunity to video the annual state tournament opening with ceremonial first balls rolled by Hall of Fame Inductees. His "Papa's" thumb insert hit the head pin but the ball went down the channel; after which, all his bowling friends clapped him on the back and congratulated him for such a great shot!

Lee is preceded in death by his brother, Wesley

Hodges; parents, Frank & Leora Hodges; niece Bonnie Sebastian; nephew Terry Hodges; and grandnephew, Kevin Sebastian. Surviving, is his loving wife & partner, Lorraine Hall Hodges, Bigfork; daughter Starla & significant other Jim Augspurger, Bigfork; son Dan, Bigfork; grandson, Andrew Atcheson, Butte; granddaughter, Alissa Pesante (Cody) & their two sons Jack & Will, Butte; granddaughter, Adriana Atcheson & her 2 children Canyon & McKynlee, Butte. The 3 great grandsons and great granddaughter were his greatest pride.

Lee is also survived by nephew, Dale Hodges & wife Faith, Kalispell; Chris Hodges & wife Debbie, Riverside, CA; Niece, Noella Brooks & Husband Bruce, Kalispell; Niece, Desiree Alkire; and numerous grandnephews & nieces most of whom were with him during his last day.

As per his wishes, he was cremated and his remains interred at home in Joplin where grave side services will be held Sat, April 19, at 1:00. A celebration of life will be held in early June.

In lieu of flowers, please make tax-deductible donations to the Bigfork QRU, 810 Grand Dr, Bigfork, MT 59911. Enough cannot be said for the tremendous support they've provided us over the past few years.

A graveside urn burial is tentatively planned for the 19th of April in Joplin, Montana.

YVONNE SERIGHT (JOHNSON) HUNNEWELL
Born: February 10, 1949 - Died: March 26, 2014

Liberty County Times

April 2, 2014



Yvonne Hunnewell

Yvonne Seright (Johnson) Hunnewell was born February 10, 1949 at Shelby, Montana. Her parents were Jacqueline Yvonne Newton and Paul Glen Johnson, and she was one of four children. The Johnson family lived in Shelby until 1954, when they moved to a farm north of Lothair. Yvonne attended a nearby country school. In 1960 the family moved to north Cut Bank, where Yvonne completed 6th grade at the Winkler country school. She finished her secondary education in Cut Bank and graduated from high school in 1967.

Yvonne continued her schooling at Eastern Montana College in Billings, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in English Education in 1970. She completed her student teaching requirement in Cody, Wyoming. In 1971 she accepted a teaching position at Chester, where she taught high school English and assisted with the girl's basketball program.

While living in Chester, Yvonne met her husband-to-be, David E. Hunnewell, and they were married on

August 4, 1973. Yvonne continued to teach at C.H.S. until 1975, then began her life as a farm wife, homemaker, and mother of three sons: Aaron, Branden, & Camon. She loved following her boys' many activities, including church programs, little league baseball, swim meets, football games, wrestling meets, camping trips to Hungry Horse, and other events. Yvonne became a very busy volunteer in the community. Never afraid of hard work with a "get it done" mentality,

Yvonne always assumed a leadership role in her many activities. She served on the C.H.S. school board, filled-in as a substitute teacher, and directed several adult plays at the school. She was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday School and served as Sunday School superintendent. She was also active in the church W.E.L.C.A., enjoying Bible studies and serving as the church coordinator for organizing & supervising special events (like wedding receptions and funeral luncheons). She was a loyal Lionette and assisted with many civic projects associated with the club. In addition Yvonne served as the local coordinator for Red Cross blood drawings in Chester for 25+ years.

In 1984 Yvonne became a "first responder" and committed herself to community service. She & Dave were later certified as EMT's and instructors in pre-hospital care. They became dedicated ambulance attendants

and served "above & beyond the call of duty" when it came to responding to local emergencies. In addition they served as co-directors of the Liberty County EMS and taught many classes to ambulance volunteers throughout north central Montana. Yvonne also served as deputy coordinator of our local DES, where she did a lot of research in pre-disaster mitigation & planning. After 30 years of dedicated service, Yvonne retired as the EMS director in 2013. She continued to be active in DES and attended many LEPC meetings.

The Hunnewells were married 36 years when Dave passed away on December 17, 2009. Yvonne remained as active as best she could, but her health began to deteriorate due to emphysema & COPD. She was recently admitted to the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, then transferred to Helena for extended care. Yvonne died at St. Peter's Hospital on Wednesday evening (March 26, 2014). She was 65 years old.

Yvonne enjoyed many hobbies, like crossword puzzles, SUDOKU, and cards (mainly, pan, cribbage, & solitaire). She was a "trivia whiz", so "Jeopardy" was one of her favorite TV shows. She collected assorted decorations (especially, angel figurines) and loved her miniature Christmas villages. In her quiet time at home she enjoyed gardening and reading (especially, Agatha Christie novels). Her sons

loved her cooking and will long remember her awesome holiday meals, including turkey, curry, spaghetti, gravy, layered salad, & pecan pie.

Although Yvonne's passing came much too soon, her family is comforted to know that she was very spiritual and had a healthy relationship with her Lord.

She is survived by her 3 sons, Aaron, Branden, & Camon Hunnewell, all of Chester; 1 step-daughter, Rachel Holly of Great Falls; 5 grand-children, Clarissa, Lincoln, McCall, Conner, & Zea; 1 sister, Paula Smith (and husband, Bob) of Spokane, WA; 2 brothers, Craig Johnson of Spokane, WA and Leif Johnson of Roseburg, OR; and 1 niece, Jacqueline Paige Lualalo. Yvonne was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (April 1st) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor John Fauerbach officiated. Karen Graham served as pianist and the congregation sang Yvonne's favorite hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross". The vocal quartette of Kevin, Jeff, & Chris Mattson and Daniel Violet performed "How Great Thou Art". Carol Mattson read selected scriptures, Joette Woods wrote/read an EMT poem entitled "The Call", and Adam Standiford read Yvonne's obituary. Ushers were Quannah Bailey, Steve Backen, & Adam Standiford. Pallbearers were Ron Lineweaver, Jim Ghekiere, Jason Wanken, James Dahlen,

Darrell Stafford, & Larry
Hendrickson. Honorary
bearers were all of Yvonne's
colleagues & fellow EMT/
DES friends, who provided
an honor guard, "final call"
tribute, and escort to the
cemetery. Following burial
at the Chester Cemetery, a
reception was held at the
church. Arrangements were
by Rockman Funeral Chapel
in Chester. Memorials may
be given to the Liberty Coun-
ty EMS, the Chester Swim
Team, or donor's choice...

NAOMI (WILSON) JACOBSON
Born: September 7, 1932 – Died: December 3, 2014
Liberty County Times
December 10, 2014



Naomi Jacobson

Naomi Jacobson, 82, of Great Falls, passed away on Wednesday, December 3, 2014.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014, at Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Chapel. Burial of ashes will follow at Highland Cemetery. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Naomi was born in Havre, Montana on September 7, 1932 to Tommy and Alice Wilson. She graduated from Rudyard High School. She met John "Jake" Jacobson in Havre and they were married on June 27, 1954 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. They lived in various places while Jake was in the military, including Colorado Springs, CO, Lakeside, MT, Great Falls, and Okinawa, Japan, and then returned to Great Falls.

Naomi started working as an accountant for the majority of her time at Western Maintenance Company. She later retired in 1997. Following retirement, they moved to Conrad for several years and returned to Great Falls when her health declined. Jake passed away three years ago.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and ESA Alpha Omega. Naomi was an avid bowler, enjoyed reading, and was a faithful lottery ticket buyer. She also enjoyed "playing the machines." Her fondest memories were the family reunions at Columbia Falls and the Bear Paw Mountains.

Naomi is survived by her son Jon Jacobson, of Great Falls; daughters Jerene (Rick) Moore of Great Falls, Jaonna (Clay) Morgan of Tualatin, OR, Bonnie (Duane) Culver of Sand Coulee, MT and Bobbi (Todd) Langel of Rudyard, MT; sisters Myrla Dahlke of Inverness, MT and Darlene

Ditmar of Rudyard, MT; grandchildren Jamie, Cory, Sarah, Donita, Tucker, Stephen, Nathan, Kali, Dallas, Leah, and Tracey; 20 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jake; sisters Lavon Sather and June Toner.

Memorials in Naomi's name may be made to Rudyard Historical Society, Rudyard, MT.

RALPH ALBERT 'SWEDE' JACOBSON
BORN: June 4, 1926 – Died: August 28, 2014
Liberty County Times
September 10, 2014



Swede Jacobson

Ralph Albert "Swede" Jacobson was born June 4, 1926 on the family farm near Underwood, Minnesota. He was the youngest of five sons born to Julia Schei and Rudolph Jacobson. Swede received his early education at the District #94 School in Otter Tail County, then finished his secondary schooling in Underwood, where he graduated from high school in 1944. His older siblings were in the military, so Swede would leave school early each day to help his dad with the farming operations.

In 1945 Swede enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He served stateside as a Seaman First Class and received his honorable discharge the following year. He returned to Minnesota where he hauled pulp wood and worked in construction.

Swede and a few buddies came to Montana in 1948. He initially worked for Les Draper on a farm near Wolf Point, then took a job with Lewis Construction, who put up pole lines in the Wolf Point, Opheim, and Casper (WY)

communities. This company also installed an electrical system to the Chester City Park, put up street lights in Rudyard and along the Hi-Line, and installed power poles at the Air Force Base near Cut Bank. Swede also worked for the Helena Line Company on a project in the Sweetgrass Hills, where he erected the very first power pole to supply electricity to that area. Other intermittent jobs included carpenter work for Cliff Zorn, well-digging for Carl Iverson, and farm labor for the Fritz Brothers.

Swede met a Chester area girl, Mabel Ellen Marshall, and they were married June 19th, 1954 in Shelby (just for the record, Ross Rennick and Dorothy Ward stood up for them at their wedding ceremony). They made their home in Chester, where Swede continued to do line-work for Sam Brown. He also worked on the construction of Tiber Dam. In 1960 the Jacobson's moved to Winnett, where Swede worked for his two brothers-in-law, Lloyd Berg and Harold Belstad, at their Ford garage business. They eventually returned to Chester to a similar job for Bert Nordstrom at the Roosevelt Service Station.

Swede began working in the grain elevator business for Hugo Johnson. For the next 20 years he worked in most every elevator up-&-down the Hi-Line, including International, Anderson-Brown, and

Cargill. Swede was employed by Ole Warren at Cargill in Hingham when he retired in 1988.

The Jacobsons built a home in Chester in 1983. After he retired, Swede continued to stay busy. He ran a magnetic sign business called "Swebel Sign Company". In addition he worked for Cliff Hanson at the Coast-to-Coast, did seasonal farm work for Bill Earl, and sold and moved old buildings around town. The couple moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in 2007, then to the Wheat Country Estates in early 2014. Due to failing health, Swede transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home for extended care in April of 2014. He died peacefully at the Chester rest home on Thursday evening (August 28, 2014). He was 88 years old.

Swede was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and attended Sunday School into his teen's. Memberships over the years included the Chester Lion's Club, the Chester Volunteer Fire Department, the Hi-Line Motor Antique Club, and the local Pinochle club.

His hobbies were many. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, camping, yard work, and "tinkering in his shop". Story has it he owned most every tool ever made. He was an avid fan of Chester Coyotes sporting events and loved to attend horse races. Just for the fun of it, Swede collected decorative cologne bottles, old liquor bottles, and coins. In addition, he loved to play cards (especially, pinochle, pan, and cribbage). In his quiet time at home he enjoyed reading local historicals. Probably Swede's

most enjoyable hobby was his love of old, classic automobiles. Over the years he owned numerous cars – his favorites were a 1912 Model-T auto, a 1914 Model-A pickup, a 1932 Buick, and a 1941 Buick – and he enjoyed attending area car shows & parades. Swede had a "sweet tooth" and was partial to chocolate, cookies, rosettes, & peanut brittle. And he also loved ludefisk! But his greatest love of all was his family, who will miss him dearly...

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Mabel Jacobson of Chester; 3 daughters, Valerie Moench (Allen Harper) of Shelby, Janice Myers (Jerry) of Chester, and Rhonda Jacobson (Jeff Jackson) of Shelby; 3 grandchildren, Jason/Tia Jacobson, Justice Moench, & Abbey Aitken; 2 great-grandchildren, Mason & Mykel Swede Jacobson; 4 sisters-in-law, Betty Marshall, DeLoris Jacobson, Lillian Jacobson, and Edith/Jack Cherry; and

numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and 4 brothers (John, Richard, Kenneth, and Earl Jacobson).

Swede was cremated per his wishes. A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday (Sept. 6th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. The service was conducted by Pastor John Faerberbach. Karen Graham accompanied the congregation, who sang "The Old Rugged Cross", and Marcus Jochim, who performed "The Wind Beneath My Wings". Addi-

tional service music included two special CD's, "Daddy's Hands" & "Grandpa". Selected scriptures were read by Greg Kugler and the obituary was shared by Jason Jacobson. Ushers were Rick Miller and John Kleinsasser. Pallbearers were Jason Jacobson, Justice Moench, Mykel Swede Jacobson, Mason Jacobson, Bill Earl, & Brett Earl. Several friends from the Antique Car Club lead the procession to the Chester Cemetery for the committal service & burial of Swede's ashes. After a "wheat blessing" was offered by Pastor John, military 'taps' were played by Jason Jacobson and the veteran's flag was presented to Swede's family by nephew, Jim Jacobson. A memorial luncheon was held at the church fellowship hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

DUANE B. JOHNSON
Born: September 11, 1951 – Died: November 30, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
December 3, 2014

Duane B. Johnson

HELENA —Duane B. Johnson, 63, of Helena passed away unexpectedly on November 30, 2014.

No services are planned and cremation has taken place under the direction of O'Connor Funeral Home.

Duane was born in Havre on September 11, 1951 to Berger and Olive Johnson. As a teenager, Duane taught himself to play guitar and always accompanied Dad on the accordion. He loved music and played with numerous bands in Helena.

Duane is survived by his siblings, Char (Greg) Hill of Billings, Wayne (Sandy) Johnson of Polson, Lenora Walter of Lincoln City, OR, Terrie (Steve) Shure of Great Falls; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, band members, and friends.

Condolences may be left online at www.oconnorfuneralhome.com.

GLADYS IRENE (ADAMS) JOHNSTON
Born: August 19, 1930 – October 16, 2014
Liberty County Times
October 22, 2014



Gladys I. Johnston

Gladys Irene (Adams) Johnston, age 84, died unexpectedly at her Rudyard home on the early morning of Thursday (October 16, 2014).

Gladys was born on the family farm south of Rudyard, Montana on August 19, 1930. She was one of thirteen children born to Emma Lambott and Oscar Adams. Gladys was

raised in the Rudyard community and spent most of her life on the Hi-Line. She received her early schooling in Rudyard and finished her formal education in California.

She was a past member of the Royal Neighbor's of America in Chester and the Hillview Saddle Club in Rudyard.

Gladys was a hard-working farm wife who drove combine and truck during harvest and still managed to put dinner on the table when she got home after a long day's work. She was an excellent cook who will be remembered for her wonderful homemade breads/rolls.

Gladys enjoyed many hobbies. She was an avid reader of novels and poetry, and a talented artist in oil painting. She enjoyed many personal collections, especially antique memorabilia. She was also a lifelong

lover of horses who participated in many Omoxies and barrel-racing events in her younger days. In addition she enjoyed working in her gardens and she loved watching old western movies.

Most importantly, Gladys was a beloved mother and an adored grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt. She was a good friend to all and will be sorely missed by anyone lucky enough to have had her touch their lives.

She was preceded in death by her parents (Oscar & Emma Adams), her husbands (Darrell Marshall, Roy Heimbigner, & Rikk Johnston), two sons (Roy Lon Heimbigner & Shawn Allen Heimbigner), seven sisters (Stella Joyce, Ione Joyce, Nora Adams, Nellie Lakey, Elsie Taylor, Marie Dunbar, & Helen Sterner), and two brothers (Vic & Tom Adams).

Family members left to cherish her memory are her 3 children, Dan (Dorie) Heimbigner of Bozeman, Robin (John) DeCamillo of Myrtle Beach, So. Carolina, and Ronda Heimbigner of Rudyard; 4 grandchildren, Travis (Kim) Elliston of Crocker, Missouri, Amy

(Casey) Bruce of Oak Harbor, WA., Roy (Athena) Elliston of Gilbert, AZ., and Luke Heimbigner of Oakland, CA.; 3 great-grandchildren, Ryleigh, Daisy, & Logan; 1 sister, Joyce Knauss of Bremerton, WA.; 2 brothers, Charles Adams of Inverness and Zane (Cathy) Adams of Hingham; 1 sister-in-law, Mary Ann Adams of Livingston; and numerous nieces & nephews.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (Oct. 21st) at the Inverness Cemetery. Pastor Will Anderson of Rudyard officiated. The obituary/eulogy

was shared by daughter, Robin. A scripture reading was done by daughter-in-law, Dorie. Two favorite hymns, "In the Garden" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand", were sung by Marcus Jochim. A selected CD, "Angel" (by Sarah McLachlan), was played. Pallbearers were John DeCamillo, Travis Elliston, Roy Elliston, Kelly Adams, Del Knauss, & Luke Heimbigner. Honorary bearers were Zane Knauss & Davy Adams. A reception followed at the Inverness Supper Club.

Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester, where visitation was held on Monday, Oct. 20th. Memorials in memory of Gladys may be given to any charity of donor's choice...

SYLVIA SARA (SCHAFFER) KAFKA
Born: January 1, 1923 – Died: October 9, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
October 15, 2014

Sylvia Kafka



HAVRE—Sylvia Sara Schaffer Kafka, 91, passed away October 9, 2014 at the Sweet Nursing Home in Chinook. As per her final wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been made with Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook. Condolences may be left for the family at www.edwardsfuneralhome.com.

Sylvia was born on New Year's Day, 1923, to Jacob and Matilda Schaffer in Chester. She was the last surviving member of her four siblings, Charles, Vivian and William Schaffer and Inez Burgess. She attended Northern Montana College while earning her two-year certification in teaching in 1941-1943 and her B.A. Degree in 1962. Sylvia's rookie year was in the Hinsdale School system in 1943-44. Her marriage to Lada J. Kafka of Havre in 1944 was the start of their farming partnership that lasted fifty-six years until his death in September of 2000. During the years of farming, she taught in the Havre School System

for twenty and a half years, retiring in May, 1973.

Mrs. Kafka's teaching tenure was intermingled with raising her family of four children; Ladene (Ron) Mangold of Big Sandy, Deitra (Don) Kraske and Kim (Cindy) Kafka, all of Havre, and Dorcie (Mark) Dvarishkis of Missoula.

Forever an educator, she took great pride in the educational accomplishments of her eleven grandchildren, many of whom have achieved their Master degrees and beyond in their chosen fields. The grandchildren include Mike (Stacy) Mangold of Lewistown, Dustin Kraske and Dane (Sarah) Kraske of Havre, Jaida (Chris) Nagengast of Eagle Point, Oregon, Mace (Carlie) Mangold of Bozeman, Holly (Cory) Matkin, Karlie Kafka, and Andrew Kafka of Havre, Kayla Kafka of Los Angeles, California, Katie Dvarishkis of Missoula, and Alisa Dvarishkis of Ann Arbor, Michigan. She also is survived by ten great-grandchildren and the children of her siblings and Lada's sister, May Drga Clawiter.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff and residents at the Sweet Home for providing the wonderful care and friendship that Sylvia received while residing in Chinook.

ALICE MARIE (WAITE) KANNING
Born: May 5, 1949 - September 24, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
October 1, 2014

Alice Kanning



SHELBY —Heaven's Gate opened wide in the early morning hours of September 24th to receive another loving Mother, Daughter, Sister, Aunt and Grandmother - Alice Marie (Waite) Kanning.

Alice was born on May 5, 1949 to Norman & Patricia Waite in Shell Lake, Wisconsin. In Alice's early years, she traveled with her parents and younger sister, Patty, to the Shelby area and later was raised in the Whitlash Community at the Montana Power Camp. Alice always had fond memories of riding horses in the Sweetgrass Hills.

Alice attended the rural one-room school house at Whitlash through 8th grade. She then graduated from Chester High School with the class of 1967. While she was growing up, Alice was active in the Whistling Whittlaser's 4-H club and better known to the family as her mother's right hand, always keeping her brothers and sisters in order. Upon graduation, Alice attended and graduated from Great Falls Commerce Col-

lege. She then went to work in Denver, Colorado.

In the early 1970's, Alice returned to the Shelby area and started working for Buttrey Foods with her Aunt Dolly. Alice married Fred Kanning in March 1974 and to this marriage they had three children, Shawn, Becky and Erik. They made their home at the Kanning family farm in the Devon area.

In the early 1980's, Alice and Fred moved their family to Shelby, where she could continue to work at Buttrey's/Albertsons and raise her family. Alice loved working at the store, where she could wait on her customers and keep

track of how they and their families were doing. This also gave her the opportunity to update the whole community on how Shawn, Becky, Erik and the grandkids were doing. Although the family would tease Alice about her memory, she was the go-to person if we wanted to know how someone in the area was doing or where their kids had moved off to. If we wanted to go back 30-40 years and ask who someone was related to, Alice always knew.

Alice's passions lie in her family (especially the grandkids), reading, keeping up with people online, gardening, flowers and quilting -

although she never seemed to have enough time for the latter three. As Alice enters Heaven, she will be greeted by her sister Patty and mother Patricia (Pat), maternal and paternal Grandparents - George & Alice Swetland; Homer & Mildred Waite. Alice is survived by her husband Fred, children Shawn (Lindsay) Kanning, Becky (Martin) Cunningham and Erik (with a K) Kanning. Sisters, Kathy (Tom) Lakey, Mary Waite; brothers, Paul, Mike (Tammie), Bill (Tami), Frank and Patrick (Brenda) and numerous nephews and nieces. Most precious to Alice, she leaves behind grandchildren - Shane Mann, Alex, Nicholas and Ben Cunningham; Logan and Emrey Kanning.

Always Keep Smiling, It Looks Good on All of Us!

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Monday, September 29, followed by a vigil service at 7:00 pm, both at Whitted Funeral Chapel, Shelby. Funeral service for Alice will be on Tuesday, September 30th at 10:30 a.m. at St. William's Catholic Church in Shelby, MT. She will be interred at Whitlash Cemetery. Please visit Alice's online memorial and leave a message of condolence for the family at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

DONNA RUTH (QUALEY) KAPPERUD
Born: December 4, 1927 – Died: November 2, 2014
Liberty County Times
November 12, 2014



Donna Kapperud

Donna Ruth (Qualey) Kapperud was born December 4, 1927, in Havre, Montana. She was one of two children born to Austin and Josie (Olson) Qualey. Donna grew up on the Hi-Line and received her formal education at Hingham and Gildford. After graduating from Gildford High School in 1945, she enrolled at Northern Montana College in Havre. During Donna's first quarter, an apartment fire destroyed her worldly goods and her dream of attending college. Consequently, she took a job at Buttrey's Store in Havre. In mid-1946 she returned to Hingham to work at the old Chicago Store.

Donna married Norman O. Kapperud on July 13, 1947, at the Hingham Lutheran Church. They made their home on the Kapperud homestead 21 miles north of Gildford, where Donna worked diligently as a farm wife, helpmate, homemaker, and mother of four. Norman and Donna retired in 1994 and sold the farm to their son. They continued to live on the farmstead until 2010 when declining health took them to Northern Montana Care Cen-

ter in Havre. Norman died on April 26, 2011, at age 84. Donna remained at the Havre nursing facility, where she died peacefully Sunday morning (November 2, 2014). She was 86 years old.

Donna was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was a dedicated member of Goldstone Lutheran Church dating back to 1948. She was active in WELCA and was a pillar of their quilting program. Music was always in her blood. She was church organist for over 50 years, directed the music component of Vacation Bible School and the Christmas program, and taught music at Mariner School, a country school that closed in the 1970s. Donna was a prolific letter writer, staying in contact with family and friends across the U.S. Never one to have idle hands, she sewed and crocheted many items, from potholders to afghans to table cloths for family, friends, and the church.

The Kapperuds were happily married for 63 years at the time of Norman's passing. They were constant companions who loved short road trips throughout "the backroads of Montana". During their quiet time at home, they enjoyed playing cribbage and Scrabble on a daily basis.

Donna was always a kind and positive woman who appreciated her "wonderful life." Her role as wife, mother of four, and grandmother of seven gave her contentment and purpose. She left a legacy of love to her family and will

be sorely missed.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and brother (Lester Qualey).

She is survived by four children, Linda (Ken) Boggs of Great Falls, LaNay (Cathy) Kapperud of Gildford, Marla Kapperud of Minneapolis, MN, and Lorrie Hansen of Forest Lake, MN; seven grandchildren (Bret, Tim, Drew, Britt, Jenna, Neil, and Zach); and eight great-grandchildren (Zach, Reyllynn, Jessica, Jack, Teagan, Keenan, Titus, and Chloe). Donna is also survived by several nieces & nephews, and her first great-great-grand-child is due in December.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday (Nov. 6th) at the New Beginnings Lutheran Church (formerly Our Savior's) in Rudyard. Pastors Larry Thompson and Michael O'Hearn officiated. The obituary was read by Roger Lincoln and special remembrances were shared by family members (Linda, Marla, Lorrie, & Tim). Ushers were Hap & Bud VandeSandt. Organist, Sharon Spicher, accompanied the congregation, who sang "Beautiful Savior" & "Blessed Assurance". Vocalist, Terry Stevenson, performed "Does Jesus Care" & "Precious Lord". Pallbearers were Neil Lundgren, Tim & Bret Boggs, Clarke Smith, and Drew, Ron, Gary, & Bruce Kapperud. Honorary bearers were "all of Donna's wonderful friends". A reception followed in the church basement.

Graveside services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. that

afternoon at the Hingham Cemetery. Arrangements are handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Northern Montana Hospital Foundation (Donna Kapperud Music Fund) or donor's choice...

ROBERTA JEAN (BOBBIE) KELLEY

Born: May 12, 1935 – Died: September 2, 2014

Liberty County Times
September 10, 2014



Bobbie Kelley

Roberta Jean Kelley, lovingly known as "Bobbie", Mom, Grandma and Great Grandma, died at the age of 79 on the morning of September 2, 2014, surrounded by her loved ones in her home. She was tenderly cared for by her three sons, her daughter and her husband during her brief battle with cancer.

She is already missed.

Bobbie was born on May 12, 1935 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota to Roland and Ruth Christie. Her father died one month before her birth. When Bobbie was two years old she

had polio and she struggled bravely with the effects of that disease for all of her life. In 1941, when Bobbie was 6, her mom married Lester Engen and the family moved to Seattle for the duration of World War II. At the end of the war they moved back to Thief River Falls for a few years before moving to Bozeman, Montana and Montana became their home. Bobbie graduated from Gallatin County High School in 1953 and was married to M. James Kelley, a veteran of the Korean War, on May 23, 1953. They lived in Bozeman, finally settling in Butte, where their children were raised, then in Helena until the time of her death.

Bobbie was a homemaker, a loving wife a great mom and a cheerful hostess for anyone who came to visit. She enjoyed crafting, rosemaling (Norwegian folk art painting), watercolor painting, fishing, scrapbooking, playing games and laughing.

Her seven wonderful grandchildren made her smile with pride... she always had a picture and a cute story!

She and Jim have been devoted to their many pets too. Despite Bobbie's health issues, she maintained a positive attitude and was a model of strength and courage.

Bobbie is survived by her husband Jim; her children - Andi (Craig) Moore of Helena, Michael (Deb) Kelley of Dillon, Patrick (Lynn) Kelley of Chesterfield, MI, and David (Susan) Kelley of Conroe, TX; six grandchildren - Nathaniel, Amity, Erik, Shawn, Lisa and Adam; one great-grandchild - Brandon Joe; two sisters - Joy (Tony) Grainger of East Grand Forks, MN and Anita (Jerry) Clayton of Billings; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Bobbie was Preceded in death by her parents, Rollie and Ruth, and one grandson, Brandon Michael Kelley.

Bobbie's Memorial service was held in Helena on September 5th. Arrangements were by Anderson, Stevenson, Wilke Funeral Home and Crematory in Helena.

DANIEL JACOB KLEINSASSER

Born: June 14, 1962 – Died: January 2, 2014

Liberty County Times

January 8, 2014

Daniel Kleinsasser

Daniel Jacob Kleinsasser was born June 14th, 1962 at the Sage Creek Colony north of Chester. His parents were Rebecca P. Wipf and Jacob J. Kleinsasser and he was one of fourteen children. He received his formal education at Sage Creek before the family moved to Riverview Colony south of Chester in 1980.

Daniel met his wife-to-be, Mary Hofer, and it was "love at first sight". They were married on October 16th, 1988 and made their home at Riverview Colony, where they raised a family of four. Daniel enjoyed his job as the colony cobbler and often helped out in the chicken barns. He had an enduring passion for farming.

In 2004 Daniel was diagnosed with myeloma. He bravely battled this cancer for the past nine years – never giving up – and living with the horrendous side effects of chemotherapy. Daniel was recently admitted to the Benefis Medical Center in Great Falls, where his medical condition was complicated with a stroke. He fought the good fight and passed away peacefully on the early morning of Thursday (January 2nd, 2014). He was only 51 years old, but his family is content that he is now in a "new life free of pain & sorrow".

Daniel left behind a great legacy – he was always honest, gentle, loving, kind, & wise. A loving husband and outstanding father, he leaves

behind his wife of 25 years, Mary, and their four children, Jason, Becky, Danny, & Jerry, all of Riverview Colony. Daniel is also survived by his father, Jacob of Riverview; 3 brothers, Jonathan (Susie) of Sage Creek, Joe of Riverview, and John (Susanna) of Riverview; 6 sisters, Esther (Peter) Hofer of Sage Creek, Sarah (John) Hofer of Sage Creek, Elizabeth (Tex) Hofer of Riverview, Lydia (Peter) Hofer of Riverview, Rebecca Wipf of Moose Jaw, Sask., and Judy (Jerry) Hofer of Raymond, Alberta; 2 sisters-in-law, Susie Kleinsasser of Riverview and Mary Kleinsasser of Sage Creek; and numerous nephews & nieces. Daniel was preceded in death by his mother (Rebecca on 4-10-2013), 2 brothers (Jacob "Clyde" and Paul Kleinsasser), 2 sisters (Susie & Mary Kleinsasser), and a brother-in-law (Joseph Wipf).

Daniel created many happy memories during his lifetime, so he will be greatly missed by all who loved him, especially his wife, who stuck by him through thick-

& thin and his daughter, Becky, who will always be "Daddy's little girl".

Daniel loved the sunshine and the warm feeling of God's love & comfort in his precious journey through life. Because of his strong will-power and enduring faith, he loved singing God's praises and working when he could. He also loved nature

and taking long walks – always feeling God's presence surrounding him during these times. When he was too weak to walk, he enjoyed driving his golf cart around the colony. He was a good friend to everyone.

Daniel's funeral was held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday (Jan. 4th) at the Riverview Colony Church. Burial followed at the colony cemetery. Local arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

The family would like to share this poem entitled "I'm Not Gone" by Sheila Pearce: "Don't cry for me, now that I am free – Just look around

anywhere, and that is where I'll be – For I am the daylight, when the sun starts to rise – I'm the bright rainbow, you see with your eyes – I'm the tiny raindrops, that sprinkle in the wind – I'll always be here with you, for there really is no end – I'm the dew that's on the ground, and the quietness all around – Yes, I am so very happy, with this new life I have found – I'm the peaceful summer breeze, that flows softly through the trees – I'm the bluebird in the sky, that sings with such ease – Yes, I am so very happy, so happy to be free – Understand my family and friends, and don't you cry for me."

ALVIN LEROY KREJCI
Born: February 7, 1925 – Died: November 13, 2014
Liberty County Times
November 19, 2014

War II was still in progress, so Alvin was inducted into the U. S. Army in February of 1946. He received his basic training and became a member of Company "C", 68th E.T. Battalion. Due to demobilization and the end of the war, Private Krejci received a "Victory Medal" and an honorable discharge in August of 1946.

Alvin & Helen moved to the Gatzemeier farm south of Rudyard. In 1953 they built a home just west of the Gatzemeier farmstead, where they raised their family of five. They sold the farm in 1968 and moved to town. Helen served as director of the Rudyard Senior Center for 25 years, so Alvin became an active participant at the center. The Krejci's continued to live in Rudyard throughout their retirement years. In 2010 they moved to the Sweetgrass Retirement Lodge in Chester. Helen, his faithful wife of 67 years, died on October 23rd, 2012 at the age of 86. Alvin continued to live in Chester until 2013, when he moved to the Flathead Valley to be near several daughters. He was recently admitted to a local hospital, then to a Whitefish Care Center, where he died peacefully on the evening of Thursday (November 13th, 2014). Alvin was 89 years old.

The Krejci's were active members of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in

Inverness. After moving to Chester, they attended church at St. Mary's. Alvin's passion was gardening. He also enjoyed bowling, hiking, & fishing. The Krejci's loved picnicking at Bitners Grove on the Marias River and always looked forward to the many family trips to Two Medicine & the Flathead Valley. In their later years they enjoyed their annual trips to Las Vegas.

Alvin was preceded in death not only by his wife & parents, but also by his 3 siblings (Ervin Krejci, Geraldine Een, & Clifford Krejci).

Survivors include 4 daughters, Carol Martin of Elmo, Jane (Dave) Allen of Nashua, Peggy Sweat of Lakeside, and Rose (Mike) Hall of Kalispell; 1 son, Dale Krejci of Rawlins, WY.; 10 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren & great-great-grandchildren; and many nephews & nieces.

Per Alvin's wishes, he was cremated. A memorial service will be planned in the spring, when his ashes will

be buried with his wife at the Rudyard Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials may be offered to St. Jude's Children Hospital or donor's choice...



Alvin Krejci

Alvin LeRoy Krejci was born February 7th, 1925 in Rudyard, MT. He was one of four children born to Joseph & Emily (Tichey) Krejci. Alvin grew up in Rudyard and received his formal education there, graduating from R.H.S. in 1943. In his teens he worked at the family service station & bulk plant.

Alvin married a local girl, Helen May Gatzemeier, on September 29th, 1945 in Hingham. They made their home in Rudyard. World

PATRICIA JOAN (COX) LAIRD

Born: August 24, 1931 – Died: July 11, 2014

Liberty County Times

July 16, 2014



Pat Laird

Patricia Joan (Cox) Laird was born August 24th, 1931 in Great Falls, Montana. Her parents were Harry and Catherine (McCaig) Cox and she was the youngest of two children. Pat grew up in Great Falls and received her formal education at the Ursuline Academy, where she met her husband-to-be, James K. Laird. They were married on June 4th, 1948 at St. Gerard's Parish in Great Falls.

In 1952 the couple moved to the Laird farm north of Chester. In the years that followed Pat worked diligently as a farm wife, homemaker, & mother of six. When the kids became active in school, the Lairds purchased a home in Chester in 1963 to accommodate their many activities. Jim & Pat became avid fans of local high school sporting events, especially

those involving their children & grandchildren. In addition Pat worked part time as a CNA at the Liberty County Hospital, a job she thoroughly enjoyed for 20+ years (from the 1970's into the 1990's).

The Lairds retired from farming in 1986. They spent their winter months traveling in their RV throughout the continental United States. They also made memorable trips to Hawaii, Mexico, & Scotland. In fact, the Laird children joined their parents on a "once in a lifetime" trip to Scotland in 2005, where many wonderful memories were made!

The Lairds purchased a summer home in the Flathead Valley in 1992, but as they grew older and were spending less time at their Lakeside cabin, they chose to sell it in 2005. They continued to enjoy their life, home, & friends in the Chester community. They were married 61 years when Jim died on September 17th, 2009. Pat's health remained good until the past few years, when she suffered from C.O.P.D. Still, she was fortunate to live independently in her own home and stay active in the community. Pat was recently admitted to the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, then transferred to Billings for specialized treatment. She died at the Billings Clinic on Friday morning (July 11th, 2014) at the age of

82 years.

Pat was raised in the Catholic faith and was a loyal member of St. Mary's Catholic Church & choir in Chester. She served on several boards, including the Chester City Council, the Liberty Medical Center board, and the Liberty County Cemetery Board. She was also a past member of the Bears Den Home Demonstration Club and took "First Responder" training in the 1980's. Most recently, she enjoyed many events at the local Senior Citizen's Center, attending meetings of the "Library Book Club", or volunteering at the hospital "U Shoppe".

Pat's hobbies were many. In her quiet time at home she loved reading or watching movies on television. She also enjoyed needlework & cross-stitching projects, and was always up for a good game of cards (mainly, pinochle & "Hand-&-Foot"). She enjoyed several personal collections over the years, especially her "Bing-Gron-dahl" collectible Christmas plates. In her younger days Pat loved to sing and play the piano. Reportedly, she had a wonderful soprano voice and actually 'cut a record' when she & a friend recorded "Ave Maria". One of her other favorite pastimes was playing the electronic poker machines. But probably her greatest enjoyment was spending time with

people – especially those who brought joy to her life – so Pat looked forward to the daily telephone calls/visits from family & friends. She sincerely appreciated the many acts of kindness and love that sustained her these past few years. Pat came into this world as an adopted child, and left it as the Mother, Grandmother, & Great-Grandmother of 32. Hers was a life well-lived and greatly loved...

In addition to her husband and parents, Pat was preceded in death by her brother (Bill Cox) and her only daughter (Anna Marie May in 1979).

Survivors are her 5 sons, Ken Laird of Abilene, Texas, Mike Laird of Great Falls, Jim (Vonda) Laird of Bozeman, John (Rita) Laird of Chester, and Scott (Jami) Laird of Cut Bank; 12 grandchildren, inc. Dana; Ian & Pat; Cory, Heather, & Mitch; Chelli; and Kelsey, McKenna, Rebecca, Brandon, & Jon; 14 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces & nephews; and her loving pet dog, "Piper".

Funeral Mass will be 11:00 a.m. today (Wednesday, July 16th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Father Joseph Diekhans will celebrate the mass. Members of St. Mary's Choir, accompanied by Marie Woods, will sing "Hosea", "Be Not Afraid", "Shelter Me Oh God", "You Are Mine", and "Irish Bless-

ing". Granddaughter, Heather Harrington, will perform a vocal tribute, "Ave Maria", as requested by Pat. Greeters will be Dave Mattson & Koni Erickson. Altar server will be Korrin Harmon. Scripture readings will be provided by Ian & Cory Laird; "Prayers of the Faithful" will be shared by Mitchell Laird; and the Eulogy will be offered by Steve Hamel.

Granddaughters, Chelli, Kelsey, McKenna, & Rebecca will present the communion gifts. Friends, Morb Wicks, Marjie Dahinden, & Karen Mattson will serve as Eucharistic ministers. Pallbearers are grandsons, Ian, Pat, Cory, & Mitch Laird; Mack Miessner; and Tom Harrington. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a reception will be held at the church. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials may be given to the Liberty County Senior Center, the Liberty County Library, St. Mary's Catholic Church, or Liberty Medical Center.

DAVID EUGENE LECK
Born: December 2, 1945 – Died: May 1, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
May 6, 2014

David Leck



HELENA —David Eugene Leck, 68 of Helena (formerly of Galata), passed away May 1st, 2014 at St. Pete's Hospital after a courageous 2 year battle with brain cancer.

Dave was born on December 2, 1945 in Shelby, MT to Ken and Jean Leck. He went to Galata Elementary School, graduated from Shelby High School, and then attended Northern Montana College in Havre. He began his long career as a farmer on the family farm north of Galata. He was a progressive farmer, being one of the first in his area to try no-til style drills and chem-fallow for soil conservation. Dave and Shirley retired from farming in 2011, and as Dave would say, "they left this frozen tundra in the north to winter in the land of the sun in Arizona."

Dave had a lot of interests and hobbies varying from snowmobiling, racquetball, golf, scuba diving, skiing, boating, taking road trips, watching sports, and most of all, using his gift of gab. To Dave, nobody was a stranger. He lived by the motto "Go, See, Do."

Despite bone-chilling temperatures, Dave married Shirley Kinyon on December 28, 1968 in Galata. They enjoyed five years of farming together before the arrival of son Dan in 1974, soon to be joined by

daughter Laura in 1975. Dave served in the MT Air National Guard, Galata school board, Shelby Elk's lodge, Cut Bank Sno-goers Club, Galata Gopher Brokers, and both Marias Valley and Fox Ridge Golf and Country Clubs.

Dave is survived Shirley, his wife of 45 years, son Dan Leck (Lisa), daughter Laura Steinhoff (John), grandchildren Kade, Logan, and Leighton Leck and Katrina and Laila Steinhoff. He is also survived by his mother Jean Leck, brother Steve (Helen), sister Mariann McArthur (John), sister-in-law Cheryl Kinyon, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are planned for Tuesday May 6, 2014 at 2:00pm at the United Methodist Church in Shelby with interment following in the Mountain View Cemetery. There will be a reception following in the fellowship hall at the Methodist Church. Visitation is Monday May 5 from 2:00 to 8:00pm at Whitted Funeral Home in Shelby, who has been entrusted with arrangements.

Memorials suggested to the Shelby Veteran's Memorial Flag fund or the St. Pete's Cancer Center of Helena. The family would like to thank Dr. Tom Weiner and the staff of St. Pete's for the exceptional care Dave received and for the many visitors travelling from near and far to offer their support. You are appreciated more than you will ever know. Please visit Dave's online memorial and leave a message of condolence for his family at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com

RAYMOND E. LINCOLN
Born: May 1, 1918 - Died: February 25, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
March 30, 2014

Raymond Lincoln



Lincoln

GREAT FALLS —Raymond E. Lincoln, 95, of Great Falls died at the Grandview on February 25, 2014.

Graveside services are 11a.m. Friday, April 4 at Mount Olivet Cemetery. O'Connor Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Ray was born on May 1, 1918 south of Inverness, Montana to Fred R. and Anna (Kubis) Lincoln. He attended Cockerall Springs Elementary School and Inverness High School and worked on the family ranch and farm.

In 1940 Ray married AnnaBelle Steffen in Everett, Washington. During World War II Ray worked for Boeing Aircraft in Everett. He also worked as a heavy equipment operator preparing the airstrip for the Marine Air Base in Yuma, Arizona.

Ray and AnnaBelle farmed

south of Joplin, Montana for more than 50 years. Ray's satisfaction in life was building up his farm and improving his land. He also became an accomplished carpenter and welder. As a carpenter he helped renovate the Inverness Catholic Church. His welding became an art form, creating many beautiful and useful works. Giving to and helping his family, neighbors and community was very important to Ray.

In 1977, Ray and AnnaBelle bought a home in Great Falls where he enjoyed home improvement and yard work. He was an avid bowler, but also enjoyed swimming and golf.

Sisters Adelle (Vernan) Alessandrini of Old Greenwich, CT; Lottie (Fred) Bourdeau of Great Falls; and several nieces and nephews survive Ray.

Ray was preceded in death by his wife, AnnaBelle; his sister Esther Lonergan; and brothers Albert Lincoln and Charlie Lincoln.

Condolences may be left online at www.oconnorfuneralhome.com.

ALFRED LINGJERDE
Born; November 18, 1930 - Died: September 24, 2014
Great Falls Tribune]
October 1, 2014

Alfred Lingjerde



Lingjerde



A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Alfred was born on November 18, 1930 to Kristina Sandvik and Anton Lingjerde in Luster, Sogen, Norway, third in a family of ten children.

A veteran of the Norwegian Army, Alfred immigrated to the United States in April of 1953 and joined the U.S. Army Airborne Division as a qualified parachutist, serving until 1955 when he received an honorable discharge and his naturalization papers.

His sponsor and the promise of a job brought him to Butte and Anaconda where he met a new immigrant from

Norway, Petra Sondenaar, visiting at the home of her cousin. Petra and Alfred married on January 27, 1957. Two children joined this union, Loyd Allen and Glenn Arthur. Both sons preceded their father in death.

Alfred and his family farmed for over 10 years in the Tiber Dam area. Always ready for an adventure, he moved his family to Alaska, working on the pipeline for several years. After returning to Montana, the state he loved, with his family. Wanderlust took Alfred back to Norway where he was a sea captain on a ship he purchased with his partners. The desire to travel kept him on the move, but in 2004 he returned to his wife and family. His health and his dog, Harley, kept him pretty close to home.

Alfred is survived by his wife, Petra of Great Falls; two brothers; two sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews of Norway.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Rescue Mission, 326 2nd Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.

Condolences for the family may be posted online at www.schniderfuneralhome.com.

JOYCE (AFDAHL) LUMSDEN

Born: September 14, 1927 – Died: April 3, 2014

Liberty County Times

April 16, 2014



Joyce Lumsden

Joyce (Afdahl) Lumsden, 86, of Chester (Formerly of Havre & Lakeside) passed away on April 3, 2014 at her home in Chester. Memorial Mass will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 11, 2014 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chester with Fr. Joseph Diekhans presiding. Committal of ashes will take place at a later date at the Highland Cemetery in Havre, MT. The family has suggested that memorials in Joyce's name be made to the Liberty County Senior Center in Chester; St. Mary Catholic Church, or to the donor's choice. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home. Condolences and memories can be expressed at www.hollandbonine.com.

Joyce was born on September 14, 1927, one of three children, to Ervin & Bernadette (Lecuyer) Afdahl in Rudyard, MT. She attended school in Rudyard through 8th grade; attended the Ursuline Academy in Great Falls for three years and graduated from Havre High School in 1946. She continued her education at Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre receiving her RN degree. She married Dale "Red" Lumsden December 15, 1948 in Havre at St. Jude's Catholic Church. This marriage was blessed with two daughters, Sandy and Bernie.

Joyce began her nursing career at the Sacred Heart Hospital. She spent a couple of years at home then began working at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd as an RN. She became interested in the medical records field furthering her education via correspondence courses. Upon receiving certification she worked in medical records at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd until her retirement.

Joyce was very, very gifted with creativity in a plethora of crafts, sewing, quilting, and decorating. She loved gardening, cooking and entertaining. She and Red spent much time at their cabin in

the Bears Paw Mountains & square dancing. During their retirement they built their dream home in Lakeside, Montana and enjoyed 10 wonderful years before Red passed away in 2001. After losing her husband of over 52 years she clung to her faith in God and the hope she would one day join her husband in heaven. In 2009 Joyce returned to the Hi-Line and settled in Chester where she lived until her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Red; her brother Kenneth Afdahl; and her infant great-granddaughter, Heaven Ivy Anderson.

Joyce is survived by her daughters Sandy (Jim) Greytak of North Havre; Bernie (Les) Anderson of Havre;

grandchildren: Scott (Jennifer) Anderson and son Warren Keough of Havre, Angela (Andy) Morris and sons Michael and Malachi of Havre, Doug Greytak (Melanie Sloan) of North Havre, Suzie (Kelly) Bergstedt and daughters Sara and Hallie of Savage, MT, and Michael (JoAnna) Anderson of Havre; her brother Elmer Afdahl of Chester; and her sister-in-law Harriette Stieler of Havre; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

OLGA ELEANOR (BAKIC) MATTSON
Born: February 8, 1934 – Died: April 27, 2014
Liberty County Times
May 7, 2014



Olga Mattson

Olga Eleanor (Bakic) Mattson was born February 8th, 1934 in Bangor, Saskatchewan, Canada. She was one of four children born to Mary Vach & Vendel Bakic, who had immigrated to Canada from Slovakia. Olga grew up in the Bangor community, where she received her high school education.

She married Paul Surovi in 1950. They moved to Chester, MT where Paul found a farm job. The marriage was short-lived and ended in divorce. Olga attended Northern Montana College in Havre and earned her nursing certificate. She accepted her first nursing assignment in Browning, where she worked for two years. In 1956 she began working as an RN for Dr. Richard Buker at the Chester Hospital.

Olga met a Chester area farmer, Jennings Albert Mattson, and they were married on March 18th, 1959. In addition to farming north of Chester, the Mattsons operated a farm at Foremost, Alberta from 1963-1979. Olga enjoyed her life as a farm wife, homemaker, and mother (she had two sons, Michael and then Stefan, who died in infancy). Her husband, Jennings, retired from farming due to declining health in 1992. Jennings died on June 13th, 1993.

Olga remained active in the Chester community. She served on the "Liberty County Council on Aging" board and was a loyal member of the Senior Center. She participated in all of the center activities and did monthly "blood pressure checks" on local seniors. Olga was humbled & honored to be selected as Liberty County's "Senior Citizen of the Year" in 2003! In addition she was very active in the local Royal Neighbors of American organization and had served on the Liberty County Hospital board.

Olga enjoyed cooking, so she frequently helped Art Kaiser in the kitchen at the old Wagon Wheel Café in the 1970's. This job not only kept her active, but gave her a little extra spending money and the opportunity to be out in the public with friends. Olga lived in her own home until 2007, when she moved to the

Sweetgrass Lodge. While there she developed a special friendship with Gene Brandt. The couple became loyal companions and enjoyed many outings, luncheons, and local events. In 2011 Olga's diabetes escalated, so she transferred to the Liberty Medical Center for extended care. She died at the Chester nursing facility on Sunday afternoon (April 27th, 2014) at the age of 80 years old.

Olga enjoyed many hobbies, including bowling, BINGO, playing cards (especially, pinochle) and poker machines. During her quiet time at home she liked to crochet and watch her favorite television soap operas. In her younger days she enjoyed playing the accordion. In later years she loved to go shopping. Over the years the Mattsons enjoyed several memorable family trips, including Hawaii, Alaska, the

Calgary Stampede, and the California Rosebowl, to name a few.

Olga was baptized & confirmed as a Catholic and maintained a quiet, spiritual faith throughout her life. Although she had been a U.S. resident for most of her life, she was always proud to be a Canadian!

She was preceded in death not only by her parents, husband, and son, but also by her 2 sisters (Yolanda Bakic & Ann Muncy) and her only brother (Milan Bakic on this past Jan. 25th).

Olga is survived by her son, Michael Mattson (and Cheryl Rounds) of Chester; her granddaughter, Lyndee Golden of Chester; her special friend, Eugene Brandt of Chester; and several nieces & nephews.

Vigil Prayers were lead by Father Joe at 7:00 p.m. Thursday (May 1st) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Special music at the Vigil was provided by the Johnson Brothers, Milburn & Arlyn, who performed on the accordion & guitar. As a special tribute, Milburn Johnson played Olga's 65-year-old accordion during "Amazing Grace".

The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Friday (May 2nd) at the church by Father Joe. Mass assistants included Ken Osterman (Altar Server); Natalie Ghekierre & Marjie Dahinden (Eucharistic Ministers); and Quannah Bailey & Jerry Knetzger (Greeters). Scripture readers were Carol Mattson & Kathryn Johnson. Granddaughter, Lyndee, read the obituary. The communion gifts were presented by Gene Brandt. Christy Fossen served as pianist and Marcus Jochim served as cantor. The Mattson trio (Kevin, Jeff, & Chris) provided special vocal

tributes. St. Mary's choir also participated. Pallbearers were Bob, Dave, Kent, Kevin, Jeff, & Chris Mattson. Burial followed at the Chester Cemetery. A reception was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials may be given to the Hi-Line Health Foundation.

ELAINE LOUISE (WEHR) MILLER
Born: December 1, 1929 – Died: December 24, 2014
Liberty County Times
January 7, 2015



Elaine Miller

Elaine Louise (Wehr) Miller was born December 1st, 1929 at Rudyard, Montana. She was one of four children born to Louisa Konietzka and Matthew "Matt" Wehr. Elaine grew up and received her formal education in Rudyard, where she graduated from R.H.S. in 1947.

She married Kenneth E. Miller on October 27th, 1948 at Havre, MT. They made their home on the Miller farm northwest of Joplin. Elaine enjoyed her life as a farm wife, homemaker, and mother of two sons. The Millers were married 55 years when Kenny died on September 16th, 2003. Soon after, Elaine moved into Joplin where she lived independently until January of 2013, when she transferred to the nursing home in Chester. She died peacefully at Liberty Medical Center on Christmas Eve' (December 24th, 2014). Elaine was 85 years old.

The Millers enjoyed dancing, bowling, golfing, & traveling – their most memorable trip was to Hawaii. In her quiet time at home Elaine loved to read (mainly, fictions) and work on all sorts of puzzles. She was a good cook; her family will always remember her delicious chocolate-chip cookies! Elaine loved spending quality time with her family & friends, and appreciated those many visits in recent years from her good friend, Bill Gernant. She was a very proud grandmother and great-grandmother.

On December 27th, 2005 Elaine was heart-broken by the death of her son, Darryl. In addition to her son, husband, & parents, Elaine was preceded in death by her 3 siblings (Clarence Wehr, Helen Chapman, and Ruth Van-Wechel).

Survivors include her son & daughter-in-law, Rick & Deb Miller of Joplin; her daughter-in-law, Donneta Miller of Sidney; 5 grandchildren, Tony, Kirk, Stefanie, Dustin, & Craig; 4 great-grandchildren, Aria, Taryn, Presley, & Logan; and several nephews & nieces.

It was Elaine's wishes to be cremated with no formal services. Her ashes will be scattered at the Miller farm during a private family ceremony later this spring. Cremation & arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

DOROTHY EDNA (BEBEE) NITZ
Born: August 29, 1927 – Died: January 7, 2014
Liberty County Times
January 14, 2015



Edna Nitz

Our mom, grandmother and friend Dorothy Edna (Bebée) Nitz has passed to meet her husband of nearly 70 years on January 7, 2014.

Dorothy was born to Byron and Georgie Bebee on August 29, 1927. She spent some of her childhood in Red Lodge until they moved to Cree Crossing east of Malta. There she learned to drive a team of horses on occasion, milk cows and do whatever else was

asked of a farm kid.

She married Raymond Nitz at her parent's home at Cree Crossing on November 18, 1944. In 1945 she had her first child Georgia and in 1948 her second child Larry. She also took a number of our young cousins under her wing throughout our growing up years.

Dorothy worked a number of jobs from raising chickens to working in a store. But first and foremost she was a homemaker.

She and Raymond worked and lived in Malta until the late 1950's when they moved to Havre. From there they moved to Hingham where they owned and operated the Hingham Grocery and later lived north of Hingham where Raymond worked for various farmers. Then on to Great Falls for a few years and then returning to Havre. Their past 4 years were spent at the Northern Montana Care Center.

Dorothy is survived by her two children Georgia (Allen) Chinadle and Larry (Linda) Nitz, 4 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and her brother Henry Bebee and sister Lois Emanuelson.

Services will be announced at a later date.

GRACE ELLEN (KURTZ) NORDRUM
Born: March 29 , 1927 – Died: July 25, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
July 28, 2014

Grace Ellen Nordrum



HAVRE — On July 25, 2014 our amazing mother passed from this world to eternal life. Grace Ellen Kurtz Nordrum was born March 29, 1927 to Frank and Alice (Dunn) Kurtz in Havre, MT. She grew up south of Gildford where her parents homesteaded. Grace graduated from Havre High in 1945 and attended MSU in Bozeman for 2 years. Grace married Percy Nordrum on September 28, 1948 and they moved to Oklee, MN, returning to Montana to farm south of Gildford in 1950. It was there that they enjoyed raising their 7 children.

Grace is preceded in death by her husband, Percy in 2005; son, Dave in 1990; brother, Fran; sister, Marion Fyall; grandson, Shane McCormick; and special niece,

Nancy Kurtz Peterson. Grace is survived by her children: Charles (Patty) of Havre, Lavonne (Dennis) Schroeder of Miles City, Laurie (Glenn) Huestis of Chinook, Loretta (Keith) Eldridge of Havre, Lylas (Neil) McCormick of Kremlin, Percy Jr (Laurie) of Gildford and step-son, LeRoy Hruby of Oklee, MN; 12 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 1 step great-granddaughter, and 1 step great-great grandson.

Cremation and interment have taken place, and memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at Fifth Avenue Christian Church. The family has requested that memorials be made to Bear Paw Hospice or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements. Please leave a message of condolence for her family on Grace's online memorial page at www.hollandbonine.com.

ROBERT GENE NORDSTROM

Born: May 25, 1943 – Died: November 18, 2014

Liberty County Times

November 26, 2014



Robert Nordstrom

Robert Gene Nordstrom, affectionately known as “Bob”, was born May 25th, 1943 in Chester, Montana. He was the only child of Bert & Anna (Schwab) Nordstrom. Bob grew up and received his formal education in Chester, where he graduated from C.H.S. in 1961. In the few years that followed, he attended Northern Montana College in Havre and the University of Montana in Missoula. In 1964 Bob joined the Montana Air National Guard and served a 6-year enlistment.

Bob married a local girl, Barbara J. Anderson, on September 11th, 1966 in Chester. Two years later he took over his parents’ business, “Roosevelt Service”, a well-known Chester service station with bulk fuel sales. Bob & Barb owned & operated this business from that time on. They raised their three daughters in Chester and were active in the community during their 48 years of married life.

In December of 2013 Bob was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma. He responded well to initial surgery & treatments, but developed other

medical issues in mid-2014. Following numerous hospitalizations, Bob died peacefully on Tuesday evening (November 18th, 2014) at the Benefis Medical Center in Great Falls. He was 71 years old.

Bob was a lifetime member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church, where he received Holy Baptism & Confirmation, and served as an altar boy during his formative years. In addition he was a charter & active member of the Chester Lions Club during those heyday years and was involved in many local projects & fund-raising events associated with the Lions organization. Bob also served on the Board of Directors of the Chester Branch of Norwest Bank Montana for several years. Other memberships included the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce and the Marias Valley Golf & Country Club in Shelby.

Bob enjoyed his high school years. He was a 3-sport letterman – football, basketball, & track – and was proud to be the starting point-guard on a State Tournament team his Junior year. In addition he played the coronet in the band, sang in the Boy’s Octette & high school choir, performed a lead role in a class play, and was selected as a “Homecoming King”.

His love of sports & music continued throughout his life. For many years Bob was a major player in the local adult softball leagues, including weekend tournaments around the state. In addition he was an avid golfer who carried a sub-8 handicap in his prime

years and enjoyed competing in area golf tournaments. All golfers hope to get that elusive “hole-in-one”; Bob finally got his at the Bill Roberts Golf Course in Helena. He took his sports seriously and always “played to win”. Bob was a loyal fan of the “Beach Boys”; he loved listening, singing, & dancing to their music and appreciated them numerous times at live concerts.

Bob’s other enjoyable sporting events included hunting, fishing, bowling, boating, water-skiing, swimming, snow-skiing, & snow-mobiling. He was avid spectator fan of all professional sports – including football, baseball, basketball, hockey, & golf – but he was a bigger fan of college athletics. His favorite teams were the Green Bay Packers, New York Yankees, San Francisco Giants, the “Irish” of Notre Dame, and the “Grizzlies” of Montana! Not too many years ago Bob travelled to Notre Dame to watch a football classic and he never missed a chance to cheer for his faithful Grizzlies.

Bob had always loved horse-racing, so much that in the 1990’s he purchased several thoroughbreds. He ran his horses in the Great Falls & Phoenix circuits; Bob loved to be there for the live races and was fortunate on several occasions to “step into the Winner’s Circle”. This past spring the Nordstrom’s travelled with friends to one of Bob’s dream destinations, the “Kentucky Derby” at Louisville.

Bob’s love of gambling & comradie made card-playing one of his favorite pastimes.

He enjoyed all card games, especially poker, pitch, pan, pinochle, cribbage, hearts, and “Kings in the Corners”, and was known to “shake dice” a time or two. Bob also looked forward to his frequent trips to Las Vegas, where he enjoyed craps, roulette, & sports betting. Great memories were made by entire Nordstrom family when they celebrated Bob’s 70th birthday in Vegas in 2013!

Bob & Barb were fortunate to enjoy other memorable excursions with family & friends over the years, namely to Hawaii, Mexico, Belize, and assorted cruises. Bob also enjoyed many “male-bonding” adventures, like trips to Benchmark, gambling junkets to Nevada, fall golfing tours, attending statewide sporting events, and other fun outings. No matter where the destination, Bob always had fun, made fun, & enjoyed being there!

But “home is where the heart is”, so Bob loved Chester. He was a loyal supporter of all school events, church dinners & fund-raisers, and other projects for the betterment of the community. He attended local weddings, funerals, & anniversaries to support his friends & family. Not only was he generous with his time, he was generous with his wallet. Bob truly was an “institution” in Chester, so the town will never be the same without him...

Bob had many friends, and consequently, he acquired many endearing nicknames – like “Bobbie”, “R.G.”, “Nord”, “Bobbie-O”, and “Nurdy”. He

loved spending time with old friends and he loved making new friends. When you stopped at his station, Bob always greeted you with a smile and inquired "How you doing?", "What you doing?", or "Where you going?". It was simply his nature to be concerned and to be part of our lives. Sadly, a good guy and a good friend has left us...

Being an only child, Bob felt blessed having 3 precious daughters and 8 loving grandchildren in his life. He was extremely proud of their many accomplishments and was always excited to see them participating in the sporting & musical events he so loved. They will miss him dearly...

Bob is survived by his wife, Barb of Chester; 3 daughters, Tracey Hansen (Jody) of Ruddyard, Jami Chisholm (Max Jacobson) of Helena, and Kristy Bailey (Nathan) of Bozeman; 8 grandchildren, Katelyn & Ty; Riley, Dylan, & Delaney; and Hunter, Eli, & Jackson; cousin, Wanda Keith of Chester; sister-&-brother-in-law, Beverly & Gary Jensen of Chester; brother-in-law, Tim Snyder of Chester; 1 niece, Lesli Zinne of Great Falls; and 1 nephew, Craig Jensen of Billings. Bob was preceded in death by his father in 1979, his mother in 2003, a cousin (Earl Keith), and a sister-in-law (Susan Synder).

Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Monday (Nov. 24th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester by Father Joseph Diekhans. Pianist, Marie Woods, accompanied St. Mary's Choir & friends, who performed "Be Not

Afraid", "Song of Farewell", "On Eagle's Wings", "Valleys of Green", and "Irish Blessing". The Mattson Quartette (inc. Kevin, Jeff, & Chris, and Steve Adams) sang two selections, "The Lord's Prayer" & "How Great Thou Art". Ushers were Jerry Sherrard, Pat Simons, & Carmen Jensen. Pallbearers were Kent Matkin, Bill Morkrid, Mike Nahrgang, Bob Mattson, Gary Violet, & John Kammerzell. Honorary bearers were Duane Aitken, Dale Hawks, Bill Kimball, Tadd Sanders, and Bob's other good friends. Scriptures were read by Gail Matkin and Mary Jo Harmon. The communion gifts were presented by Bob's grandchildren & sons-in-law. Eucharistic ministers were Jill Dahinden, Morb Wicks, & Jennifer Jensen. The obituary was read by Craig Jensen, the eulogy was given by Gary Jensen, and special remembrances were shared by Katelyn Hansen. A power-point presentation was offered by Julane Jensen. The service ended with "God Only Knows" (sung by the Beach Boys).

Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a reception was held at the church. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A memorial fund(s) is being established.



CLLYDE STEPHEN NORRIS

Born: March 3, 1943 – Died: August 29, 2014

Liberty County Times
September 10, 2014

Steve Norris

Clyde Stephen Norris was born March 3rd, 1943 at Baltimore, Maryland. He was the eldest of two children born to Alice C. Miller and Wilbur E. Norris. He spent his formative years in Hagerstown and Greensburg, MD, where he attended grade school. Steve finished his secondary education at Smithsburg and graduated from high school in 1961. During his high school years he was active in the F.F.A. and worked assorted jobs throughout the community.

Steve enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1961 and served two 3-year stints in the military. He was initially stationed in Germany before serving in Vietnam, where he suffered exposure to agent orange. Following his honorable discharge in 1967, Steve came to Fort Benton (MT) to be near his family.

He married Carolyn J. Halter on November 15th, 1968 at Big Sandy. In the few years that followed, Steve worked as a mechanic at service stations in Fort Benton, Winifred, & Glasgow. In 1970 the Norris' moved to Chester, where Steve took a job as mechanic at Chester Motors. In 1975 Steve was seriously injured in an auto-train accident in Chester. Following rehab to his disabling injuries, Steve returned to work on the city crew for the Town of Chester. Because his eyesight continued to fail, Steve was forced to retire from the workforce. In 1983 the Norris' moved to Joplin to raise

their two children and to be close to Steve's parents. In 2007 they were devastated by the untimely death of their daughter, TiAnne, and her stillborn son, Oran.

The Norris' lived in their Joplin home until the spring of 2014, when Steve's health continued to deteriorate. He transferred to the Missouri River Medical

Center in Fort Benton for extended care. Steve died peacefully at this nursing facility on Friday morning (August 29th, 2014). He was 71 years old.

Steve was baptized as an infant in Maryland, then later re-baptized as an adult at the First Christian Church in Fort Benton. After moving to the Hi-Line, the Norris' became members of the Alliance Church in Chester.

In his younger days Steve enjoyed dancing, hunting, fishing, camping, and gardening. He was a lifelong fan of the Baltimore Orioles major league baseball team. When his son, Jack, was active in Cub Scouts, Steve liked to help with scouting projects. In his later years Steve enjoyed game shows on television and keeping up on the news. Before his eyesight failed, he loved to play "Scrabble" and cards (especially, pinochle and "Spite-&Malice"). He was an excellent wood-worker and enjoyed his collections of magnets & Coke memorabilia.

Steve was preceded in death by his mother in 1986, his father in 1995, and his daughter & grandson in 2007.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Carolyn Norris of Chester; son, Jack Norris (and girlfriend, Christina Linguista) of East Helena; sister, Eunice Robo (and husband, Jerry) of Fort Benton; father-in-law, Jerry Halter of Polson; 2 grandsons, Cody Norris & Cory Guettler of Helena; 1 great-granddaughter, Jaden Dayton of Helena; and numerous nephews & nieces.

Funeral services were 1:00 p.m. Friday (Sept. 5th) at the Chester Alliance Church. Pastor Stephen Nelson officiated. Scripture readings were shared by Neal Eveland and Paul Wolery. Holly Frederickson played the piano for Marla Forbes, who sang "In the Garden" & "The Old Rugged Cross". Selected

CD's included "There You'll Be" (by Faith Hill) and "If I Had Only Known" (by Reba McEntire). Ushering was done by Don Heimbigner. Pallbearers were Mathew Bachmeier, Delbert Anderson, David "Butch" Tempel, Dennis Synder, Paul Wolery, and Don Heimbigner. A reception followed in the church basement. Graveside services were held at 3:30 p.m. at the Joplin Cemetery, where military rites were offered by a 2-man detachment from the Army National Guard. Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes Association, the Vietnam Veterans Fund, or donor's choice. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

LEONARD GRANT OLSON

Born: February 12, 1942 – Died: December 27, 2014

Liberty Count Times

January 7, 2015

Leonard Olson

Leonard Grant Olson was born on February 12, 1942 in Chester, MT to Albert and Julia Olson. He passed away on December 27, 2014 at Hospice House in Spokane, WA where he lived the past 14 years. He was raised on the family farm in Joplin. Leonard graduated from Joplin High School in 1960. He attended school at



Pacific Lutheran University and also Northern Montana College. In 1963 he married Linda Rae Lynch of Rudyard, MT and in 2013 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They settled in Joplin where they farmed and it was here where they raised three boys.

Leonard worked with his Dad and brother on their farms in Saskatchewan, Canada and in Joplin. In the early 1970's he and his brother Larry would incorporate Olson Brothers Farm in Joplin and he made this his living until he moved to Spokane, WA where he retired. He also spent many winters working at the local grain elevator and seed plant where at the end of the day playing cards was

always on the agenda. He was active in Bethel Lutheran church and boy scouts. He was an avid supporter of sports and spent countless hours at his sons various games. He also took pride in watching his grandchildren grow up and attended their school activities and sporting events also. Leonard was very outgoing, was quite apt at remembering stories from his youth and always was able to flash that smile of his. He had fond memories of the many family vacations spent in Glacier National and Waterton Park as well as camping and fishing outings.

Preceded in passing by his parents Albert and Julia; his wife Linda; grandson Josh and granddaughter Riley. Survived by his sons Greg of Spokane, WA, Grant (Michelle) of Wenatchee, WA, and Chad (Debbie) of Spokane, WA; brother Larry of Joplin, MT and sister Deanna (Ray) of Chester, MT. Grandchildren; Lindsey, Cayla, Steele, Madison and Sydney. Two great grandsons; Mason and Karson and numerous nieces and nephews. The family wishes to thank Hospice of Spokane for their wonderful care they provided Leonard in his last few days as he battled various health issues.

Leonard wished to be cremated and a funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 10th at 1:00pm at Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin. Dad left us with many memories of fantastic childhoods growing up in small town America and on the farm.

WILLIAM D. OMVIG
Born: May 24, 1931 - Died: May 14, 2014
Great Fall Tribune
July 18, 2014

William Omvig

GLASGOW —
WILLIAM D. OMVIG

William D. Omvig passed at his home in Kalispell, Montana on May 14, 2014, as he had lived with enduring strength and quiet dignity. Born to Arthur and Nellie (McEwen) Omvig on May 24, 1931, on the family farm/ranch he so loved, Bill was educated at, and graduated from, Opheim High School in 1949. It was during his Sophomore year in high school that he met his best friend and future wife, Yvonne Gilbert. Upon graduation, Bill enlisted in the United States Air Force serving four years in Korea and Texas, while earning the rank of Staff Sergeant. Upon his return, Bill and Vonne married August 10, 1952, residing in Great Falls and then Havre. In 1956, they returned to the family farm/ranch for the next 45 years where they raised their family, crops and livestock until Vonne's passing in July 2001. They enjoyed each other and their life together. Bill spent his life as a devoted family man, loyal friend and servant of the Good Lord. His passions were his family and farming the rich soils at the headwaters of Roanwood Creek and ranching at the headwaters of Morgan Creek. He had a strong love for his family, his land and his livestock. Upon Vonne's passing and despite the physical challenges caused by degenerative ar-

thritis, with a strong mind and great determination, Bill continued to actively farm and ranch until July 2011. Since July 2011 he lived with his daughter, Kristin, residing in Billings and Kalispell, Montana.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Yvonne; his father and mother, Arthur and Nellie; brothers, John and Leroy; and sister Elda. He is survived by two daughters Wendy (David) McGee of Copenhagen, Denmark and Kristin Omvig of Kalispell, Montana; two grandsons Tyler McGee of South Carolina and Colin McGee of College Station, Texas; a sister and brother-in-law, Beryl and Bill Arvin of Havre, Montana, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A private graveside interment service was held May 19, 2014, with Pastor Dave Rogenes speaking a few kind words. Pall bearers: Jeff Robertson, Rick Stahl, Tim Steinglen, Doug Omvig, Les Redfield and Dean Barnes.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that Day; and not to me only, but also to all who have loved His appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

The life lessons, values, and work ethic, exemplified by the life you lead, will be remembered. You are already greatly missed.

CHRISTOPHER JOHN PATERA
Born: May 28, 1982 – Died: February 6, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
February 11, 2014

Christopher J. Patera

HAVRE, MONTANA —



Christopher John Patera passed away February 6, 2014 surrounded by loved ones. He fought a valiant battle with gastric cancer. However, he never gave up and did not leave his family easily. He wanted his children to know the importance of tenacity and fortitude.

He was born May 28th 1982 to Bruce and Jean Patera in Polson, Montana. Chris lived in Deer Lodge, Spokane, Bozeman, and Livingston before settling in Havre and wherever he went, made friends and left people with fond memories. Since his earliest years, Chris had a great heart and great compassion in his treatment of other people.

He married his best friend Kiera Peterson in Havre and together they shaped a relationship and family that was nurturing and caring. Chris and Kiera shared their love of sports, work, and family. Christopher was above all, devoted to his family and was very proud of his daughters Rhoda and Chelsea.

Chris was a man of wide and varied interests. He loved to play the guitar and sing and could do great impressions of Elvis. No one could have more fun dancing than Chris and he had some mean floor moves. Chris loved to host all-night poker sessions with his buddies and had late night garage jam sessions with many of his friends.

From the time he was a little boy; Chris loved working with metals, tools, and

wood and later became a first-rate contractor. Chris was also a first-rate Chef and it added to his love of cooking and entertaining; he delighted in preparing special meals for friends and family. He also loved working on older vehicles and had various projects going all the time. It was a great joy for him to help his friends "pimp their ride."

Chris learned to play hockey after moving to Havre and it was one of his great joys. Any time the New Orleans Saints played, you could find Chris and his family glued to the TV cheering them on. Chris loved to coach both soccer and hockey and spent many days attending his daughter Rhoda's games as either a coach or a spectator.

More than anything, Chris knew how to be a good friend and always helped others whenever and however he could. His friends and family will miss the preciousness of all that he was.

Chris is survived by his wife Kiera, daughters Rhoda and Chelsea, parents Bruce and Jean Patera, sister Maggie (Bob) Koons, numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, and many friends. Chris was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents John and Betty Patera, maternal grandparents Edgar and Dolly Woods, and uncles Dean Woods and Daryl Patera, brother-in-law Derek Peterson, and longtime friends Bridger Holt and Russell Turcotte.

The community is invited to a celebration of Chris's life Thursday February 13, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. in the HRDC Fireside Room located at 2229 5th Avenue. There will be no graveside services at this time.

RUTH (GOLDBERG) PATRICK

Born: December 28, 1917 - Died: ????

Liberty County Times

June 11, 2014



Ruth Golberg Patrick

Josie Ruth Evine Golberg Patrick passed away at The Springs in Missoula at the age of 96 with family at her side.

She was born December 28, 1917, to Carrie Mathison and Adolph Golberg on the family farm north of Rudyard. She attended both country and town school in Rudyard where she graduated from high school in

1935. On October 22, 1938 she married Clarence Patrick and together they worked the family farm homesteaded by her parents in 1914.

In 1954 they moved to Rudyard with their five children where their home was often the gathering place for both Golberg and Patrick family holidays. Ruth loved to garden, sew, crochet and play pinochle and golf (two holes-in-one!). She and Clarence enjoyed traveling as well. She celebrated



her Norwegian roots by making lefse, sandbakkels, and rosettes every Christmas.

In 1967 the family moved to Missoula so all five children could get a college education. Though she never learned to bike, to swim, or to ski, she made certain that her children did.

Grandma Ruth was the hostess extraordinaire at Swan Lake where the family spent summers. Hundreds of family friends, relatives, and Depot Restaurant crew enjoyed her hospitality, advice and good cooking. She and Chauncey retired to Swan Lake in 1972 and spent winters in Lake San Marcos, California until his death there in 1985. She then spent her winters with her daughters in Helena and Missoula.

She moved to Missoula in the fall of 2010 where she lived until November of 2012. She en-

joyed reading, playing solitaire, and completing word searches.

She was preceded in death by her husband Clarence; her children, Lowell, Kenny, and Pamela; brothers Palmer and Arnold; sisters Esther and Carmen. Survivors include her daughter Peggy Patrick (Robin Hamilton), Missoula, her son Scott (Sue) Swan Lake; five grandchildren Ian Hamilton, Missoula, Kenny Patrick, Bozeman, Jessica Bryant (Tyler) Great Falls, Kari Raines (Brian) Bozeman, Jefferson Langley (Leilah) Spokane, WA, two great grandchildren Byron and Brenden Raines, "adopted" son Mike Munsey, Missoula and numerous nieces and nephews.

A special thank you to the Springs Memory Care staff who took such loving care of Ruth the last year of her life and to Aspen Hospice.

A celebration of Ruth's life will be held at her home on Swan Lake in mid-August for all family and friends. Contributions in her name may be made to the Swan Lake Chamber & Community Club, PO Box 993, Bigfork, MT 59911 where a garden will be established in her honor.

Cremation has taken place. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.missoulafuneralhomes.com.



Eddie Peschel

Edward Paul ("Eddie") Peschel was born May 27th, 1939 in Ronan, Montana. His parents were Paul & Velma (Mitchell) Peschel and he was the youngest of two children. Eddie grew up and received his formal education in Ronan, where he graduated from high school in 1957. During his school years, he was active in the football program and played the coronet in the pep band.

Eddie continued his education at the Western Montana College in Dillon and the University of Montana in Missoula, where he earned a degree in Elementary Education. He taught 5th grade at Troy (MT) for a year, then took a job with his father at Connor Construction Company in Missoula.

On Mother's Day of 1964 (just a few days before Eddie's 25th birthday), he was involved in a serious car accident, which almost took his life. After being in a coma for many months, followed by a long rehabilitation period, Eddie was finally able to return home to the care of his parents. In the years that followed he worked on a limited basis in a milk cow business with his father at their Ronan ranch in Round Butte.

EDWARD PAUL 'EDDIE' PESCHEL
Born: May 27, 1939 – Died: August 19, 2014
Liberty County Times
August 27, 2014

Eddie's dad died in 1994. Because his mother was aging and could no longer care for him without help, Eddie moved to the Ronan nursing facility in 1995. After his mother died in 1997, his sister, Patty (who was then married to a Rudyard area farmer), asked if he would like to move to the Hi-Line to be closer to her family. Eddie replied, "I think I'd like to be a 'prairie person' for awhile", so he transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. Eddie enjoyed his new life & many new friendships during the next nine years in Chester. After Patty's husband died in 2008, she & Eddie returned to Ronan the following year. Eddie re-entered St. Luke's Extended Care facility and renewed old friendships. He died peacefully at the Ronan rest home on the morning of Tuesday (August 19th, 2014) at the age of 75 years.

Eddie enjoyed many hobbies over the years. He loved dancing and listening to music. He also enjoyed television, especially old western movies, sporting events, and the historical & political channels. His favorite football teams were the L. A. Rams and the Montana Grizzlies. In his younger

days he loved swimming and horseback riding (one of his favorite horses was a white horse named "Silver"). In later years he liked to play electronic video games. Eddie was a people person and was honored to be selected as St. Luke's "King for the Day" on Valentine's Day, 2011. Eddie was known to be flirtatious with his many nurses & CNA's – he appreciated & loved all of them for the wonderful care they gave him throughout the years.

Because of Eddie's love of football, Coach Jim Benn and the players on the Ronan

Chiefs all autographed a football in Ed's honor. In addition they are dedicating their game against the New Plymouth Pilgrims on Saturday (Aug. 30th) to the memory of Eddie and his old jersey #27.

He is survived by his sister, Patricia Mikulecky of Ronan; 1 nephew, Edward Mikulecky of Ronan; 2 nieces, Sandra/Bruce Moog of Libby and Lisa/John Iverson of Stayton, Oregon; 10 great-nephews/nieces; and 8 great-great-nephews/nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday (Aug. 30th, 2014) at the Mission Valley United Methodist Church (located 8 miles south

of Ronan). Viewing will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church prior to service time. The funeral will be conducted by Reverend Derf Bergman. The congregation will sing Eddie's favorite hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross". Taped musical tributes will include "Little Joe, The Wrangler", "Hey Good Looking", and "The Blizard". The obituary & personal remembrances will be shared by nephew, Edward Mikulecky. The details & colors in one of Eddie's artworks will be interpreted by a friend, Betty Sieges. Pallbearers are Ed Mikulecky, Bruce Moog, John Iverson, Bob Brown, & Merle Jore. Honorary bearers are Harold Schiele, Kevin Haas, Daniel Mikulecky, & Mitchell Haas. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. Memorials may be offered to donor's choice...

Eddie will be cremated after the funeral. His ashes will be buried with his family at the Ronan Cemetery at a later date.

All arrangements are being handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester (759-5550), where viewing for Hi-Line friends will be Tuesday & Wednesday (Aug. 26/27th) at the mortuary.

MARJORIE DORRINE (MATTHYS) PETERSEN
Born: February 15, 1934 - October 5, 2014
Liberty County Times
October 10, 2014



Marjorie Petersen

Marjorie Dorrine (Matthys) Petersen was born February 15, 1934 at Fargo, North Dakota. She was one of five children born to Marie Matilda "Tillie" Mornout and Bernard Matthys. The family moved to Montana when Marj was 1½ years old. She grew up and received her formal education in the Brady community, where she graduated from high school in 1952.

On June 9, 1952 Marj married Stanley E. Petersen in Conrad. For the next ten years they leased a farm near Brady, where Marj worked diligently as a farm wife, homemaker, and mother of five. In 1962 they purchased a farm south of Rudyard, which became their home from that time on. The Petersen's were married 41 years when Stanley died from cancer on August 17, 1993. Marj continued to live on the farm and stay active in the Rudyard community. She appreciated those opportunities to travel and was thankful for good health.

About 14 months ago Marj developed complications from a blood disease, myelodysplasia. Her condition got progressively worse these past few weeks. On Monday (Sept. 29th) she was admitted to the hospice wing at

the Northern Montana Care Center in Havre, where she accepted her fate with grace, dignity, and love. Marj died peacefully this past Sunday morning (October 5, 2014) at the age of 80.

Marj was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Altar Society in Inverness. When her kids were young, she taught Catechism at church and volunteered as a youth leader in the Farmer's Union and 4-H programs. She was also a member of the N.F.O. and served as a Hill County Election Judge for many years.

Marj had many interests, so she stayed busy each-&-every day. She loved working in her flower gardens and could spend hours on end cutting the grass on her riding lawn mower. Marj enjoyed travelling, and every trip was a memorable one! Television was not important to her, but she did like to go to movies and plays. In her quiet time at home she loved to read, especially "National Geographic" and "Reader's Digest" publications. Marj was a very social person, so her daily quilting and coffee time with friends was very special. She loved her family and was always there

when needed. Marj was prideful in the fact that she held every one of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren within six weeks of their births - no matter the distance or circumstance. She was proud of her entire family and was forever thankful for the wonderful life & blessings that were bestowed on her.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Janet/Lewis Wendland of West Richland, WA, Karen/Richard Fisher of

Rudyard, & LeaAnn/David DiTommaso of Billings; 2 sons, Gene/Vickie Petersen of Kalispell & Lyle/Darra Petersen of Rudyard; 14 grandchildren (inc. Kristin & Merideth; Rebecca, Cody, & Skylar; Lacey, Logan, Savannah, & Spencer; Reed & Dain; and Tia, Gina, & Jesse); 12 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Beverly/Fred Walker of Lincoln and Michele/Jack Foote of Helena; 1 brother, Richard/Mary Lou Matthys of Winnemucca, NV; and numerous nieces & nephews. Marj was preceded in death not only by her parents & husband, but also by a sister (Kathleen Stark).

Rosary Prayers were recited at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday (Oct. 8th) at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness by Father Joseph Diekhans. Janet Wendland & Darra Petersen shared poetic readings at the evening service.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Joe at 11:00 a.m. Thursday (Oct. 9th) at Sacred Heart. Altar server was Mike Wendland and ushers were Merlene Zentzis & Marie Wendland. Organist, Sharon Spicher, accompanied the vocal duet of Lacey McIntosh & Marcus Jochim, who sang "Whispering Hope", "Hail Mary Gentle Woman". "In the Garden", "On Eagle's Wings", "Open My Eyes Lord", and "Song of Farewell". The Communion Gifts were presented by Marj's grand-daughters, and the Eucharistic Ministers were Dick Matthys, Richard Fisher, & Mike Wendland. Scriptures and the obituary were read by Terry Hybner. Marj's grandsons and sons-in-law served as pallbearers. Following burial at the Rudyard Cemetery, a reception was held at the Catholic

Youth Center in Rudyard. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorial may be given to the "Gift of Life" in Great Falls or donor's choice...

ROBERT 'ROB' PUGH
Born: September 10, 1965 – Died: October 8, 2014
Liberty County Times
October 10, 2014



Rob Pugh

MALTA - Robert "Rob" Pugh, 49, a retired Boeing Engineer, died October 8, 2014 at his home of natural causes.

Memorial services will be Tuesday, October 14, at 2:00 P.M. at the Kirkwood Memorial Chapel in Malta. The burial will be in the Malta Cemetery. Condolences for the family may be left at www.kirkwoodfuneralhome.com.

Rob was born September 10, 1965 in Fort Benton. He was the son of Jerry E. and Darlene L. (Sawyer) Pugh. He was raised in Inverness through 6th grade when the family moved to Malta. He graduated from Malta High

School in 1984 and attended Montana State University graduating in 1988 with a degree in electrical engineering. He worked for a couple years on submarines before joining Boeing as a flight test engineer in 1990. While working in the electrical engineering department he started doing aircraft accident investigations. It was this part of his work that

took him all over the world. He helped Boeing register over two hundred patents on flight procedure testing. Rob was always willing to help anyone who needed help. One of his favorite jobs was officiating volleyball. He traveled all over the USA officiating high school and college games.

He was preceded in death by his father in 2010.

Survivors include his mother, Darlene Pugh of Malta; brothers, Bart A. Pugh of Denver, Colorado, John E. Pugh of New Canaan, Connecticut, TSgt Matthew T. Pugh of Honolulu, Hawaii; sister, Rebecca M. Pugh of Great Falls; eight nieces and nephews.

JAMES 'JIM' RENVILLE

Born: October 19, 1937 - Died: April 30, 2014

Liberty County Times

May 7, 2014

James "Jim" Renville, age 76, who lived in Chester for 7 years, passed away at 9:25 a. m. on Wednesday April 30th, 2014 at Peace Hospice in Great Falls. He had been battling Leukemia and Lymphoma for over 10 years. He will be dearly missed by those who knew him.

Jim was born in the Chouteau County Hospital on October 19th, 1937 to Jim & Lucie Renville. He was the eldest of four children and was raised in Loma, MT. Jim received his primary education in Loma & graduated from Fort Benton High School in 1955. He followed in his father's footsteps and began working for the Great Northern Railway. In 1957, he traveled to Detroit & came home with a brand new "57 Chevy" the source of many a dust cloud in local counties.

On August 28th, 1961, Jim started a 3 year career working for "Uncle Sam" as a Military Police officer in the U.S. Army. He was known for bringing home army satchels filled with pecans while stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia - a contributing factor in the choice of his Alpine Pecan casket! While golfing on base one day, he had the pleasure of meeting Dwight Eisenhower-leading one to believe that sometimes a severe slice can be a good thing!! Jim also was chosen as a member of the Honor Guard at the Tacoma Dome for a visit from President Kennedy. During this 3 year

span, he visited all 50 states & traveled to 6 different countries.

Jim met his future wife, Debbie Petet, in a small café in Renton, Washington through a mutual friend. He quickly became a regular customer - eating countless bags of peanuts & drinking Coke. They were engaged on February 14, 1962. After buying wedding supplies at a rate of 1 item per payday, they were finally able to get married on June 7th, 1963.

Jim & Debbie moved to Fort Benton in 1964, where Jim returned to work for the Great Northern Railway. They had two children, Jodi & Scot. Jodi was diagnosed with Leukemia in 1970. This led Jim to quit his railroad job and start working as a fuel truck driver for Cenex, which allowed him to be home with his family. Following Jodi's death in 1973, Jim returned to work for the railroad, Jim took on a number of roles that coincided with Scot's interests. He was a Boy Scout leader, served on the board for the Benton Gator's swim team and avidly followed many other activities. Jim also served several terms on Fort Benton's city council. After a merger in 1980, the new Burlington Northern Railroad cut the jobs in Fort Benton, forcing Jim to work in Great

Falls. Rather than moving and forcing their son into a new school partway through his freshman year, Jim opted to drive back and forth until his son graduated..

Jim & Debbie moved to Great Falls in 1986. Jim quickly became a favorite in the neighborhood due to his love of blowing snow for the neighbors in winter and for the neighbors in winter and sharing his roses with them in the summer. Jim & Debbie's home was often a stopping point for friends and family. Scot remembers calling home while in the Navy & hearing his friends voices in the background on many occasions.

While working on a train derailment in 1995, Jim suffered a heart attack. Shortly after his recovery, Jim & Debbie sold their house and bought a "King of the Road" 5th Wheel. They spent the next 7 years living in various RV parks. They really enjoyed this time of their lives and the many wonderful friends they met 'living on the road

Jim retired from the railroad in 2000, after 42 years of service. This new found free time allowed them to move into the RV park at Fort Benton, where Jim was able to care for his aging mother until her death in 2002..

In 2003, Jim and Debbie decided to move to Chester, where they could spend more time with their 2 grandsons. They greatly enjoyed being close enough to spend many hours together - both babysitting and attending all the boy's events. True to form, Jim continued his giving, neighborly ways by plowing snow and spending time with his new neighbors. He often commented on how he had been spoiled by having such great neighbors.

In 2005, Jim was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia . In 2009, the Renville's moved back to Great Falls, as Jim needed more medical care. He found old railroad friends and many special friends, who helped support many local business through coffee sales.

On March 3rd, 2014, Jim was told he had developed aggressive Lymphoma (Stage 4) and responded as he had to every challenge in his life. "Let's get started"& 'Bring it on" were 2 of his common phrases. After 10 years of frequently painful times, Jim died peacefully on April 30th just 20 hours after being admitted to Peace Hospice. The family is grateful to God for this last measure of 'His Grace". Imagine Jim's thoughts as he opened his eyes to see Jesus and his beloved daughter, Jodi, again.

Jim was an avid sports fan throughout his life and enjoyed both playing and coaching softball, basketball, volleyball and golf. He was good at any type of card game, but was a sought after partner for any pinochle game. In his later years, he enjoyed dominoes and Greed (a dice game).

Jim was preceded in death by his parents: 1 daughter, Jodi Renville; 1 sister, Myra Johnson;; 4 brothers-in-law, Don Johnson, Lloyd Larsen, Lee Southard & Edward :Pun" Arcand. He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Debbie Renville of Great Falls: a son , Scot/Shawna Renville of Chester; 2 grand sons, Seth & Samuel: 2 sisters , Rose Larsen of Billings R& Beverly Southard of East Glacier: 7 nieces/nephews; 2 "daughters "Gina Rocker of Tucson, AZ, & Cecelia Wall of Twin Falls, ID, and many "grandkids"

A small Family gathering was held Sunday night in Great Falls to share favorite memories of Jim. Many happy stories were shared, some of which were previously unheard escapades.

A simple graveside service was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 5th,2014 at the Riverside Fort Benton. Longtime friend Mike Kropp gave the committal message and the Fort Benton Veterans provide Jim's military rites.



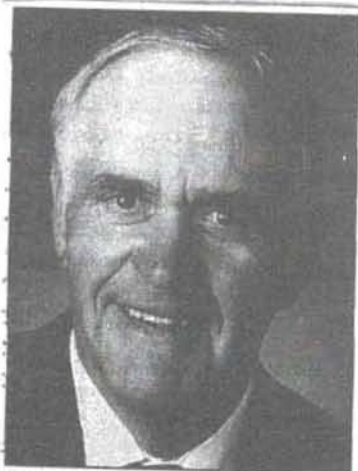
A "Celebration of Jim's Life service took place at 11 a.m. in the Ag Center. The service highlights included Jim's grandson, Seth, playing guitar & singing "Hallelujah". Scriptures read by nephew, Justin Larsen, focused on the "Good Samaritan" . Jim's son Scot read a poem entitled "Tomorrow Starts Without Me". Good friend, Frank Witt, read Jim's obituary. The touching message was shared by Jim & Debbie's longtime friend and ordained minister, Mike Kropp. The service ended with a video presentation, "Treasured Memories" that Denny Bradley & Scot prepared. A tasty luncheon, catered by Chandee Bomgardner, allowed for some fellowship time following the service. Memorials are suggested to the Great Falls Rescue Mission, the Good Neighbors program, or donor's choice.

FRANCIS LOUIS RICHTER

Born; June 10, 1930 – Died: September 21, 2014

Liberty County Times

October 8, 2014



Francis Louis Richter

Frank Richter passed away Sunday September 21, 2014 at the age of 84 after a long struggle with Parkinson disease.

He was born June 10, 1930 to George and Margaret (Schwan) Richter. George and Margaret were early homesteaders near Alma which is north of Joplin, Montana. Frank was the 10th of 15 children born to this union and was the first child born at a hospital (in Havre, Montana).

Frank was only 7 years old when his father passed away. This large family moved to Inverness so the kids could attend school. Within six months their home burned down. These life events and the tough times in the depression set his character for life.

Frank graduated from Joplin High School in 1948. In high school he was a standout athlete in baseball, basketball, and football. Their small school basketball team beat a Class B team and nearly defeated Columbia Falls one year. He had the rare opportunity to play against the Harlem Globetrotters when the Globetrotter bus broke down while traveling across the state and an "impromptu" game was scheduled. Frank would chuckle when he would tell the story of trying to steal the ball

from the Globetrotters "dribbler" and he would be embarrassed when he told the story of the Trotters lifting him up so he could dunk the ball.

After graduation, Frank worked briefly for the Farmers Union and at the Anaconda smelter in Great Falls.

Frank married Grace Fern Miles on January 21, 1950 in Great Falls, MT. The young couple moved to the Miles homestead north of Joplin where he built the Richter farm until retiring in his early 60's.

Dad was a man who worked hard all his life. He became a farmer at heart - a good farmer at that. He could fix and do anything with his hands. He leaves that legacy to his children. He left life lessons that even his grandkids can share and cherish:

- If you have time to do it, you have time to do it right.
- The easiest way is not always the best way.
- Put your damn tools back where you found them.
- Don't get yourself in too much debt.
- Help those who need help with your words, your actions, and your gifts.

Dad left another legacy in that he played, umpired, or coached baseball for over 40 years. He was always a St. Louis Cardinals and Stan Musial fan. He played on one of the town traveling baseball teams as a young man. He was involved with other men in the community in establishing a Little League team in the north Joplin area. He coached his kids and grandkids for many years. Many of the young boys and girls in the area played for Frank or his

sons at the Little Sage ball field through the years. He donated the land for the ball field and to his family it won't be the same without Frank on the sidelines watching the next generation play.

Dad was always ready to beat you at ping pong, bowling, marbles, cribbage, pinochle, crazy-eights, the original Nintendo, horseshoes or whatever you wanted to play. He wasn't one who sat around idle much. His kids and grandkids tried to beat him many times at various games through the years. He was well known for his skills at horseshoes and if you are reading this and know the story you've probably been beaten by him on the horseshoe pits.

Frank and Grace were good dancers. The kids and grandkids can still recall learning to dance during some of the living room "dancing extravaganzas". Saturday night was TV nite for "Lawrence Welk" and no other shows could be watched until that was over!

Frank enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was accomplished with a shotgun or rifle, and as kids we heard several stories

to support his shooting ability! He had fishing & hunting adventures with many friends in the community and his kids still laugh at some of the stories they heard. He taught his kids and grandkids at an early age the importance of safe hunting.

Frank served on the Joplin School Board, the Sage Creek Water District Board, and the Farm Credit Bureau Board at various times over the years.

After his retirement, Dad still enjoyed family gatherings,

pulling grand kids with the boat, pulling the sleds with the pickup or snowmobile, playing with the grandkids on the beach at Tiber Dam, or just sitting around enjoying a beverage with friends. After his diagnosis with Parkinson's disease in 1999, he continued to be active and enjoy his family time for many, many years. Mom and dad continued to be involved in a trailer camping club until the last couple years.

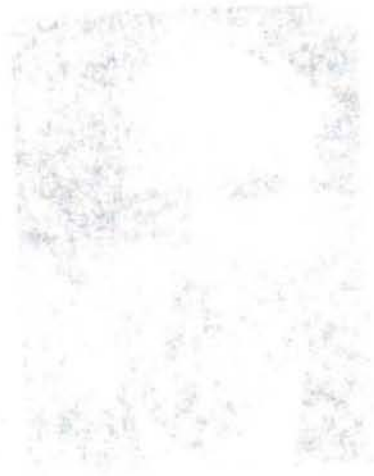
He is survived by his spouse of 64 years, Grace (Miles) Richter of Joplin and one brother, Chris Richter of Havre. Four children also survive him, inc. son Del Richter and his wife Dena of Bozeman; son Rick and his special friend Twila of Joplin; son Bruce and his wife Heidi of Joplin; and daughter Delia Lybeck and husband Kip of Joplin. He leaves 12 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, and numerous nieces & nephews. Frank was pre-deceased by his parents and 13 siblings.

Memorial donations can be given to the Joplin Community Hall, the Joplin Community Park, Parkinson's Research, or any charity of your choice.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday (Sept. 27, 2014) at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Frank's granddaughter, Pastor Meredith Lilley, officiated. The entrance song was a popular CD by "The Judds", entitled "Grandpa". Scripture I were

read by granddaughters, Laine Lybeck & Kelly Richter. A poetic writing was read by Kip Lybeck, son-in-law. The obituary & remembrances were shared by Frank's son, Delbert. Pia-

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nist, Tammy Duncan, played prelude & postlude music and accompanied the congregation, who sang "Beautiful Savior". Frank's grand-nephew, Michael Richter, played the guitar and sang "How Great Thou Art" as a vocal tribute. Ushers were Con May & Sandy Anderson. Pallbearers & honorary bearers were Frank's 12 grandchildren, inc. Brandon, Cory, Spencer, Shay, Josh, Kylie, Kelly, Matt, Meredith, Bryony, Laine, & Drue Ann. A power-point tribute from the grandchildren was produced & shown by granddaughter, Kylie Richter. The recessional song was "Take Me Out To The Ballgame".

Graveside services followed at the Joplin Cemetery, where Pastor Lilley offered committal prayers, a "wheat" blessing, and an offering of a keepsake Cross to Grandma Grace. A reception followed at Kjos Hall, where ice cream was the "final touch" to a wonderful service in memory of Grandpa Frank.

Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

DOROTHY JEANNETTE (CHRISTIAENS) RIDEOUT

Born: July 10, 1931 – Died: April 14, 2014

Liberty County Times

April 23, 2014



Dorothie Rideout

Dorothy Jeannette (Christiaens) Rideout passed away peacefully Monday, April 14, 2014 at Liberty County Hospital in Chester, Montana at the age of 82.

Born on July 10, 1931, Dorothy was the oldest of Maurice and Jeannette Christiaens 10 children and was raised on the family farm east of Valier until she graduated from Valier High School in 1950. On October 2, 1951, Dorothy married Don Rideout and resided with him on the Rideout homestead outside Conrad until 1966 when the family purchased a home in Valier. She would remain in Valier until 1999 when she moved with her youngest daughter to Great Falls and then to Chester.

Dorothy was a beloved figure within St. Francis Catho-

lic Church and the Valier community. An excellent cook known for her baked bread, Dorothy always had an open door and seat at the table for anyone who needed it. She took pride in her faith and was a lector and played the organ during mass. She also maintained a beautiful yard adjacent to the church that flourished in the summertime.

While Dorothy was a cherished member of Valier, she was more so among her family. The mother of eight children, Dorothy was more than a homemaker and hostess. She was the matriarch, the delegator, the forerunner, and the heart. While her children, at times, tested more than her patience, her love for them outlasted all odds and it was with her family's love that she was lifted into eternity.

Survivors include her children: Debbie (Joseph North) Rideout of Missoula; Deanna (Mike) Durnell of Valier; Randy (Annie) Rideout of Shelby; Maury (Linda) Rideout of Valier; Leslie (Steve) Nelson of Valier; Anne (Clayton) McAlpine of Valier; Rusty Rideout of Chester; and Jennifer Rideout of Chester.

Dorothy is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. If there was ever a task she excelled at, it was being a grandmother. For

her grandkids, nothing compared to her hugs, stories, and presence. Dorothy's love for her grandkids was evident until the end when Grandma D kissed them her last goodbye and their "see you again."

Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband of 27 years, Don Rideout, her parents Maurice and Jeannette Christiaens, and four siblings.

The Vigil and Rosary for Dorothy will take place at 7 PM at St. Francis Catholic Church in Valier on Friday, April 25. Her funeral will be Saturday, April 26, at St. Francis at 10:30 AM with burial to follow at Lakeview Cemetery. Please visit Dorothy's online memorial and leave a message of condolence for her family at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Whitted Funeral Chapel.

PATRICIA (LARSEN) 'PAT' SATHER
Born: November 23, 1928 - Died: May 31, 2014
Great Falls, Tribune
June 3, 2014

Patricia L. Sather



HAVRE —Patricia L. "Pat" Sather, 85, passed away of natural causes on May 31, 2014, at Northern Montana Hospital. Funeral services will be Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 2:00 pm at the First Lutheran Church in Havre. Edwards Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements.

Pat was born on November 23, 1928, in Havre to Peter and Mary (Miller) Larsen. She was raised in Rudyard, graduating from Rudyard High School in 1946. After high school, Pat worked for Ryan Havre and Havre High School. While living in Havre she met Orville Sather, whom she married in October 1952. The couple initially farmed home north of Havre. They moved to Turner in 1963 and to Harlem in 1969. Orville passed away in 1974. After

his death Pat went to work for the City of Harlem, Security State Bank in Harlem, and Independence Bank in Havre. Pat enjoyed reading and going to garage sales, and her first priority was always her family.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Mary Larsen, her brother Phillip Larsen, her sisters Muretta Porter, Carol Patrick, Phyllis Ramberg, and Norma Verploegen

She is survived by her daughters, Vivian (Del) Schmuck of Eureka, Tracy (Mark) Harshman of Chinook, and Linda of Helena, her son Jeff (Barbara), of Harlem, as well as nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, brother-in-law Hans Verploegen, sister-in-law Carol Sather, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family has requested that memorials be made in Patricia's name to American Cancer Society, Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, or the charity of one's choice.

Pat will be greatly missed by all her friends and family.

PAMELA JEAN (COFFMAN) SCHEELE
Born: December 18, 1955 – Died: March 21, 2014
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Pamela Scheele
(Died March 21, 2014)

Pamela Jean (Coffman) Scheele, 58, of Loma, Montana, died peacefully on March 21.

You are invited to share memories and stories at our celebration of life service on Saturday, March 29, at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Fort Benton. Cremation has taken place.

Pamela was born on Dec. 18, 1955, in Cody, Wyoming, to James and Jackie Coffman. She grew up and graduated in Chester, Montana. Pam married Raylen Scheele on Dec. 24, 1973. They celebrated their 40th anniversary in December. Pam enjoyed needlework and road trips to craft shows selling Ray's handmade items.

She is survived by her husband Raylen, sons Eric Scheele of Great Falls and Aaron Scheele of Bismarck, North Dakota, her father James Coffman of Lewistown, brother Jim (Susan) Coffman of Joplin and sister Lori (Rod) Coulter of Brusett, Montana, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jackie Coffman.



JOHN 'JACK' SMITH
Born: August 5, 1946 - Died: April 28, 2014
Liberty County Times
May 21, 2014



Jack Smith

John "Jack" Smith, 67, of Fort Shaw, passed away Monday, April 28, 2014, at Peace Hospice in Great Falls, after complications following a stroke.

A graveside service will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place under the care of Schnider Funeral Home.

Jack was born on August 5, 1946, in Havre, Montana to Charles and Monica "Dolly" Smith. He was raised on the family farm north of Joplin, where he also attended school and graduated from Joplin High School in 1964. He attended Northern Montana College for two years before enlisting in the Navy in 1967.

While stationed at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines, Jack met and married Ligaya "Lee" in 1970. That same year, Jack and Lee returned to Joplin to work the family farm. In addition to farming, Jack ran his trucking business and also worked some years for the Liberty County Road Dept. After the sale of the family farm in 1999, Jack and Lee moved to Fort Shaw where he continued trucking until his retirement in 2013.

Jack is survived by his wife of 44 years, Ligaya "Lee" Smith of Fort Shaw; daughter Mary (Wade) Kultgen of Havre; sons Michael Smith of Gig Harbor, WA and Ian

Smith of Fort Shaw; ten grandchildren; sisters Virginia (Don) Wood and Barbara Smith both of Helena and Mary (Lyle) Mansfield of Gulf Breeze, FL; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Monica Smith; and brother Frank Smith.

Memorials may be sent to the Joplin Memorial Park, C/O Jada Fraser, PO Box 34,

KATIE MARGARET (BUTLER) SPRINGER
Born: March 14, 1924 – Died: November 26, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
December 3, 2014

Katie Springer



Springer

Center.

Services will be at 10 am Thursday, December 4 at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church.

Katie, was born March 14, 1924 on the family homestead 37 miles north of Havre, Montana. She was the third child of Earl and Bertha (Latimer) Butler. The family farmed and ranched and her father broke horses. Her mother died from complications in child birth, leaving Earl and the children when Katie was only five. She moved to Des Moines, Iowa at the age of 12, where she was raised by her aunt, Nina. She cleaned houses while in high school and worked in a Victorian tea house near the capitol building that specialized in baked pike. She graduated from East High School in 1944.

After finishing school, she worked at a defense plant during the war inspecting 30 and 50 caliber machine gun shells. Katie later returned to Havre to help her father on the ranch. She also worked in Havre at the Buttrey's De-

partment Store.

It was in Havre that she met the love of her life. Clifford Vernon Springer passed her in a car on the Amos Trail on her way to town. He thought she was so cute that he turned around and passed her again for a second look. The two were married November 10, 1944 and were inseparable, sharing virtually everything, for more than 63 years. Cliff and Katie raised 6 boys on their farm almost 20 miles north of Havre. Family was a very important part in their lives and they dedicated themselves to make sure they were all clothed and fed. She stood beside him as a willing and able hand – whether pulling a calf or handing him a wrench. They were partners.

The couple belonged to the Blue Horizon Good Sams Club, members of the First Baptist Church, helped to organize the Sunrise 4-H Club and worked at the election polls. Katie also belonged to the ladies home extension group and traveled to North Havre collecting funds and volunteering for the American Heart Association.

Family, friends and traveling salesman alike all planned their visits according to Katie's baking schedule. Fresh baked bread and rolls on Saturdays and homemade cinnamon rolls on Monday. Coffee time was at 10 and 4 with fresh coffee and a delicious cookie/bar/cake/roll. She was well known for her baking, and would spend most of the fall baking cookies so she could

send each grandchild their own assortment for the holidays. She was an avid knitter and loved to sew. Katie loved to read and even more to write poetry. She was always jotting down poems or ideas on napkins and loose paper to store in her book. Above all, Katie was a strong Christian that led by example. She volunteered and participated at the First Baptist Church. She taught her family to put God first and to help those who did not have enough. Her deepest values were honesty, religion, fairness and trust in God. She was beloved by all who knew her and had a smile and witty sense of humor that could light up a room.

Katie was preceded in death by her husband Clifford, parents Earl and Bertha, sisters Helen Surber and Hazel Good, and brothers Edwin and Leslie Butler.

She is survived by her sons Earl (Susan) Springer of Kalispell, Lowell (Mary) Springer of Bozeman, Dennis (Kitty) Springer of Livingston, David (Kim) Springer of Havre, Phil (Molly) Springer of Conrad, Jay Springer of Havre; sister Lettie Lee of Lynnwood, Wash.; 19 grandchildren; 24 grandchildren (and two more on the way); brother-in-law Martin Springer of Havre; sister-in-laws Betty Anderson of Harlem, Betty Springer of Kremlin, and Ila Knudson of Cranbrook, BC Canada; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made in Katie's name to the American Heart Association.

GAIL STENSLAND

Born: October 28, 1929 – Died: January 6, 2014

Liberty County Times

January 15, 2014



Gail Stensland

On Monday evening (January 6, 2014) Gail Stensland, age 84, passed away peacefully at the Missouri River Medical Center in Fort Benton surrounded by family.

Gail was born on October 28, 1929 in Glasgow, Montana. He was the second child of Harold Stensland and Annette Cotton.

During Gail's early years on the family farm/ranch on the Milk River outside of Glasgow, he developed an early interest in agriculture, which he carried throughout his life. Future Farmers of America and 4-H were organizations he enjoyed. After graduating from Glasgow High School he enrolled at Montana State College in Bozeman. He was soon active on campus in the Lambda Chi Fraternity and was elected freshman class president. He received a Bachelors Degree in vocational agriculture and later a Masters in education from MSU. Later in his life Gail was honored as the first recipient of the Montana State University Alumni Achievement Award.

Following up on his involvement in ROTC at MSU, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served in Korea. He then embarked to Portugal as part of the International Farm Youth Exchange.

The most rewarding decision and commitment he made in his life was to marry Elinor Kathryn Tarum in Glasgow, whom he shared his life with for the next 58 years. Gail accepted a teaching position in Fort Benton in 1956 where he

would teach Montana history and vocational agriculture for the next 17 years. During this time, as they raised their family, Gail and Ellie made many lifelong friends. Gail continued in education as superintendent in Inverness (1973-1976) and Culbertson (1976-1978). The Stensland family felt fortunate for the opportunity to return to Fort Benton, buying and operating Stensland's IGA from 1978-1991. Upon retirement Gail and Ellie valued the trips they were able to take with old friends and the time they spent with their children and families. Gail's family referred to him as "Mr. Fix-it", and he graciously shared these talents with family and friends whenever he could.

In addition to his family, a principle focus of Gail's life was his involvement in the community. He volunteered his time and energy in the following positions and organizations: St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Kiwanis & Lions Clubs; Fort Benton CIA; Chouteau County Fair Secretary; Chouteau County Airport Board; Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation; Sunrise Bluffs; Upper Missouri Wilderness Waterway Cruise Company; and the Montana Agricultural Center & Museum.

Gail also valued his time as a "river rat" floating the Missouri River. Whether it was with the teacher group, family or guests, Gail loved the opportunity to retrace the footsteps of Lewis and Clark and share the history and experience with others.

Gail was outgoing, kind-hearted, enjoyed life and always welcomed the opportunity to make a new friend. He worked hard, but took time to have fun with friends and family.

Gail was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Annette.

He is survived by his wife, Ellie Stensland, of Fort Benton; 3 sons, Dean (Kim) of Missoula, David (Karen) of Bend, Oregon, and Loran (Julia) of Ulm; 1 daughter, Sherry Kosena (Ron) of Helena; brother, Warren Stensland (Dorothy) of Pocatello, Idaho; 10 grandchildren, Desi, Jaren, Abby, Grace, Rachel, Lane, Logan, Kohlson, Karson, and Alison; 2 great-grandchildren, Liam and Ellie Jo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Public viewing was 6-8 pm Friday evening (Jan. 10) at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fort Benton.

Graveside Services with military rites were 10:30 a.m. Saturday (Jan.11) at Riverside Cemetery in Fort Benton. Reverend Shirley Putz officiated; the Fort Benton VFW provided "colors" and firing squad; Erik Lenington played "taps" on his bugle; and Henry Grossman presented the veteran's flag to Ellie.

A Memorial Service was conducted at 12 noon Saturday (Jan. 11) at the Fort Benton Ag Center. Reverend Putz officiated. Scripture readings were by Grace & Rachel Kosena. Gail's 4 children offered personal remembrances. Taped prelude music was "Precious Memories" by Alan Jackson. Kim Stensland served as pianist and accompanied the congregation, who sang "How Great Thou Art" & "On Eagle's Wings". A vocal ensemble of Desi Palmer, Abby Stensland, Julia Stensland, Mert Antonich, &

Alison Stensland performed "On the Wings of a Dove". A piano duet, "Onward Christian Soldiers", was played by Kohlson & Karson Stensland. Ushers were Randy Tarum and Jay Ritland. The service ended with a DVD production to the music of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" & "Beyond the Sunset". A reception followed.

All arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials can be made to any Fort Benton organization of donor's choice or to the McGlaughlin Research Institute for Alzheimer's.

The Stensland family would

like to express their appreciation to the caring and dedicated employees of the Missouri River Medical Center who took such great care of Gail during his last years.

CALVIN J. STORES
Born: September 10, 1942 – Died: January 28, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
January 31, 2014

Calvin J Stores

SHELBY —Calvin J. "Cal" Stores, 71, passed away of cancer at his home on January 28, 2013. A memorial service will be held at Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby February 1, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., with military honors and burial at Mountain View Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers are Cal's many friends.

A reception will follow immediately at the Oasis Bar and all are welcome to share memories and stories. Memorials may be made to the Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter or the charity of your choice.

Cal was born to Ward and Lorraine (Stratman) Stores in Whitehall, Montana, on September 10, 1942. Later he was joined by sisters, Marie, Jackie and Elaine. The family moved to Inverness in 1947. Cal attended country schools through 8th grade and then graduated from Shelby High School. After graduation Cal worked for Hatch Chevrolet. He served in the Air Force from 1964 to 1968 in Japan and Thailand where his job was loading armament on fighter airplanes.

In November of 1968 Cal married Anna Anderson and they had two children, Jeffrey Stores and Terri Stores. They later divorced. Cal worked at the Big West Refinery, later opened his own mechanic shop and had the Rupp

Snowmobile dealership. He then worked as a truck driver for Getter Trucking, farmed for Hank Zell and also did bodywork. He loved working on Fords.

Cal also worked for Lyn Markuson and then went to work for the City of Shelby as its mechanic. He retired after sixteen years with the City.

Cal met Paulette Jacobsen in the spring of 1998 and they enjoyed their years together going to car shows, fishing and camping. Cal owned and operated his own mechanic business for the past five years.

Cal was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and numerous aunts and uncles.

Cal is survived by his longtime partner, Paulette Jacobsen; his son, Jeffrey (Tiffany) Stores, Shelby; his daughter, Terri (Chad) Grace, Orlando, FL; sisters Marie England, Dallas, GA, Jackie (Les) Eide, Galata, and Elaine (John) Leshner, Auburndale, FL; five grandchildren, Brock Stores, Hayden Stores, Riley Grace, Cruz Grace, Brooklyn Grace; uncles Earl Foss and Leroy Stratman; aunts Lil Stratman, Doreen Stratman, Leona Penberthy and Lavern Johnson; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Condolences may be posted online at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

KENNETH AUSTIN SUTTON

Born: June 9, 1951 – Died: April 8, 2014

Liberty Count Times

April 16, 2014



Ken Sutton

Kenneth Austin Sutton Sr. was born June 9th, 1951 in Kalispell, Mt. He was one of four children born to Townsend Hardisty Sutton and Helen Ruth (Johnson) Sutton. Ken spent his early years on a cattle ranch near McGregor Lake where he started his education at Pleasant Valley School. When he was ten, his family moved to a farm S.W. of Kalispell where he completed 8th grade at the Fair-Mont-Egan School. The Sutton family moved to Newberg, OR for two years to seek medical assistance for Ken's father. When they returned to Kalispell, Ken continued his high school education.

He married Judy Lewre in 1969. They lived in Scobey where Ken worked as a truck driver. They had two children (David & Jennifer) before their marriage ended in divorce.

In 1977 Ken married his second wife, Valentine Irene Getts, in Kalispell. They moved to Chester and soon after bought a home in Inverness. This marriage produced two sons (Timothy & Auston). Even though Ken's work as a truck driver & mechanic took him to jobs in Harlem, Plains, & Fairview, the Sutton's maintained their residence in Inverness. Ken was employed at the Monkota fertilizer plant in Fairview when he was diagnosed with metastatic prostate cancer in 2009. From that time on he received medical treatments and personal care from his wife & hospice nurses. Ken died peacefully at his Inverness home on Tuesday evening (April 8th, 2014) at the age of 62 years.

Ken was raised in the Nazarene faith and the Sutton's held membership at the Calvary Church in Rudyard. In his younger years he enjoyed the "great outdoors" and was especially fond of hunting, fishing, & drag-racing. He was an excellent mechanic who loved to fix things, so he spent most of his leisure time working in his shop. He also loved his job as an "over-the-road" truck driver. Ken logged in a million-plus miles to most every state in America and some of his favorite trips were his heavy-hauls to Alaska. He enjoyed the TV show, "Pawn Stars", and

liked to check Craig's List & pawn shops for good deals. He also enjoyed country western music, especially Johnny Cash. Just for the fun of it, Ken collected Budweiser "Clydesdales" beer mugs.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents (his father in 1970 and his mother in 1995), brother (Russell H. Sutton in 1984), sister (M. Ruth Wagner in 2010), his grandparents, several aunts & uncles, and a cousin (John Sutton, who died earlier this year).

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Irene Sutton of Inverness; 3 sons, David & Connie Sutton of Columbus, Timothy & Melissa Sutton of Alamo, ND, and Auston & Brandy Sutton of Wolf Point; 1 daughter, Jennifer Sutton of Eureka; 1 sister, Kathy Paul of Rock Springs, WY; 1 sister-in-law, Lela Sutton of Kalispell; 1 brother-in-law, Bill Wagner of Libby; 1 uncle, Kenneth Johnson of Medford, OR; 10 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson; and several nephews, nieces, & cousins.

A memorial service will be celebrated on Ken's birthday – Monday, June 9th, at 2:00 p.m. – at the Calvary Church in Rudyard. Memorials may be offered in his memory to the Great Falls "Gift of Life" or donor's choice. Arrangements are being handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Ken was cremated per his wishes.

HAROLD LEWIS TERRY, USN

Born: March 9, 1928 – Died: November 13, 2014

Liberty County Times

November 26, 2014



Harold Terry

Captain Harold Lewis Terry, USN retired, died on Thursday, November 13, 2014. He passed away peacefully in his sleep due to pneumonia and complications with Alzheimer's disease. Hal was 86 years old and had a full, adventurous life. He was raised in an orphanage in Kentucky. At 16 he went on to Baria where he supported himself as he finished high school, doing his last two years in one year so he could fight in WWII. He spent 30 years with the United States Navy. He loved flying airplanes. Hal retired in 1975. He then went to Alaska for 15 years, to fly for Fish and Game. He wrote a book titled, "Fly the Wild and Stay Alive", a flight training manual.

Hal was born March 9, 1928. He was the third of 6 children born to William Terry and Dora Henderson. His siblings William II, Henry, Yolanda, Roberta and Shirley precede him in death. Robert is still living. Hal's first love was Shirley Goodrich, together the couple parented David, Brian,

Kevin, Teddy and Kitty, who passed away in 2013. After the passing of Hal's wife Shirley in 1960, he went on to meet and marry Karen Habich and together they added Harold Lewis II "Butch" to the family. During his third marriage with Veronica Heath, James Terry was born. Finally Hal, in 1994, settled in with me, Bonnie Cartwright Terry, who brought along Andrea (1972 - 1988) and Libby. We've spent 20 wonderful, loving and adventurous years together. Hal leaves 23 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren behind.

For the last 4 years of Hal's life, he has been blessed with the very best caregiver, Robin McGurran. She has made us smile every day through the trials of Alzheimer's disease and our long good-bye. We will forever be grateful for her laughter and warmth!

Through my tears, I feel excitement for Hal and his new healthy and holy adventure to the life beyond. He believed in

his savior, Jesus Christ! I know that he will be greeted to Glory by that Savior, as well as his naval comrades, his many friends and family, including his girls!

Services with Military Honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia in the Spring of 2015.

In lieu of flowers, our family would appreciate donations made in honor of Harold Lewis Terry to the Great Falls Rescue Mission, 317 2nd Ave S, Great Falls, MT 59401 or to a wonderful foundation called Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or online at www.wounded-warriorproject.org

NORA MORK TERWOLBECK
Born: December 29, 1924 – Died: October 2, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
October 5, 2014

Nora Mork Terwolbeck



CHINOOK —Nora A. "Tudy" Mork Terwolbeck, 89, passed away on Thursday, October 2, 2014, at Sweet Memorial Nursing Home of natural causes. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at Holland & Bonine Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in Highland Cemetery. The family has requested that memorials be made in Nora's name to the Havre Hill County Library, 402 3rd Street, Havre, MT 59501, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Nora was born December 29, 1924, in Hingham to Chester and Nora (Cox) Spicher, and was raised NW of Hingham. In 1939, she married Arthur Mork in Chinook, and the couple moved to a farm north of Havre. They remained on that farm, raising their 5 children, until Arthur passed away in 1975. She remained on the farm until 1982, when she married Joe Terwolbeck. The couple moved to Joplin in 1983. Joe passed away in 1987, and Nora returned to Havre in late 1988. She remained in Havre until July of 2013, when she entered Sweet Me-

morial Nursing Home, where she lived until her death.

Nora was a great cook, seamstress, and gardener when the children were younger, but she loved dancing and maintaining her flower gardens. She also enjoyed crocheting, and she traveled extensively after her retirement, traveling to Maine, Alaska, Hawaii, Australia/New Zealand, Germany, France, Norway and the British Isles.

Nora was preceded in death by husbands, Arthur Mork and Joe Terwolbeck; infant son; infant grandson; parents Chester and Nora Spicher; brothers Marlin, Ralph, and Stanley Spicher; and sisters Mildred Farrell and Stella Greb.

She is survived by son David Mork of Havre; daughters, Judy (Phil) Olson of Columbia Falls, JoAnn (Doug) Mitchell of Chinook, Diana (Tom) Greytak of Havre, and Doris (Richard) Hanson of Great Falls; 17 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements. Please visit Nora's online memorial page and leave a message of condolence for her family at www.hollandbonine.com.

JAMES EDWARD THIELMAN
Born: August 23, 1938 – Died: April 3, 2014
Liberty County Times
May 14, 2014



Jim Thielman

Lifelong Montana resident and businessman James Edward Thielman, 75, died Thursday, April 3, 2014 in Great Falls from Lou Gehrig's Disease.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Columbus Chapel in Great Falls with a reception to follow. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Schnider Funeral Home.

Jim was born in Chester, Montana on August 23, 1938 to Edward and Marion Thielman and was the oldest of four children. In high school, he was part of a tight-knit group of friends known as the "Four Musketeers," which included Dennis Peterson, Robert "Bob" Pugsley and David Ward.

The Musketeers remained friends their whole lives. Bob was the only living Musketeer and remembers their antics and friendship fondly. Jim graduated from Chester High School in 1956.

Jim attended Concordia University (Minnesota) for a year and tried out for the school's bowling team. He loved to bowl and won

many tournaments as a young man. It's believed his bowling average was 198. Jim also took diesel mechanic classes in Chicago and the Twin Cities.

Jim was a charming and prolific businessman, farming in Chester and owning numerous ventures during his life, including Thielman Implement in Chester and Havre, the Chester car wash, and a Missoula bakery, and was part owner of the Chester Chevrolet and GMC dealership, the Dunkirk Bar and the Meadow Lake Country Club in Columbia Falls.

He was involved with the Montana Hardware and Implement Dealers Association for many years and was a top salesman for Massey Ferguson in the United States, which allowed him to travel and win trips across the country and the world.

Jim enjoyed service organiza-

tions and was always involved in a cause. He was a founding president of the Jaycees in Chester, along with his brother-in-law, Dick O'Neil. He was also a founding member of the Chester Lions Club and served as District Governor (Kalispell) in 1988-1989. He remained an active member of the Great Falls Lions Club.

He had five children with former wife, Deanna Thielman of Columbia Falls.

Jim is survived by his children, Kenlyn Alvarez, Kim Ibes, Tom Thielman, Ed Thielman and Jason Thielman; his significant other, Sharon Hannah; sister Marge O'Neil; grandchildren Laura Alvarez, Michelle McClain,

Aaron Thielman, Nathan Swanson, Zachary Swanson, Landon Thielman, Alexander Thielman and Abigail Thielman; and great grandchildren Bianca Sapians and soon-to-be-born, Kendrick McClain; nieces and nephews Ralph O'Neil, Tim Korman and Bonny Korman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Dickie Thielman; sister Jodine Thielman; and nieces Shelly O'Neil and Vicky O'Neil.

Donations may be made in to

Our Saviors Lutheran Benevolence Fund in Chester, Montana in memory of Jim.

ALLEN JOHN TWEDT

Born: August 13, 1929 – Died: October 30, 2014

Liberty County Times
November 19, 2014



Allen Twedt

Allen John Twedt was born August 13, 1929 in Havre, Montana. He was one of four sons born to Swen and Minnie (Sylte) Twedt, who were homesteaders in the Black Coulee community south of Rudyard. Allen grew up on the family farm and received his early education at the Een Country School. He finished his formal schooling in Rudyard, where he graduated from R.H.S. in 1947.

Allen remained on the farm. In those early years he worked for his brother, Don; they hauled farm implements via semi-truck from Illinois/Wisconsin to Montana. Allen eventually began farming with his brother, Harold – an amicable partnership that would last 50+ years.

In the late-1950's Allen travelled to Spokane, WA. during the winter months to help two local buddies (Robert Rigg & Buster Ness) operate their bowling center. While there he met Helen Ruth Neece. Allen & Helen were married on March 5, 1960 in Spokane. The couple made their home on

the Twedt farm, where they raised a family of two. In 1988 they moved into Rudyard and were very active in the community. Helen was diagnosed with cancer in 1999. The Twedt's were married 41 years when Helen died on December 9, 2001. Allen remained in Rudyard and helped his son with the farming operations. In 2007 he suffered a stroke and had continued medical issues in

the few years that followed. Allen moved to the Sweetgrass Retirement Lodge in Chester in 2012. Because his health continued to deteriorate, he transferred to nursing home care. Allen passed away on Thursday morning (October 30, 2014) at the care center in Lewistown, MT. He was 85 years old.

Allen was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was a longtime member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. He had served on the church council and the Rudyard School Board. He was a member of the Farmer's Union, the Barbed Wire Association, and the Hi-Line Antique Car Club.

The Twedt's loved antiques and auction sales, so they operated a sideline business called "Cloverleaf Antiques" to supplement their hobby. They also enjoyed bowling in the local leagues and they attended many state/national bowling tournaments over the years.

Allen loved farming and ranching and the history of the local area. He collected old wrenches, barbed wire, and old toys. He loved to restore antique cars and tractors (especially ones that he had personal experience or history with). He was very proud of his restored 1940 Ford and 1956 Mercury automobiles. He also had a nice collection of antique clocks, many of which he rewound/restored.

Allen was a gentleman and good-natured soul who loved life and being with family & friends. He will surely be missed.

He was preceded in death not only by his wife & parents, but also by his 3 siblings (Donald, Gordon, & Harold).

Allen is survived by his 2 children, Ken Twedt (wife, Chris) of Sidney, MT. and Deb Schmidt (husband, Mike) of Warren, MN.; 5 grandchildren, Chance &

Kali; and Katie, Kelsey, and Daniel; and numerous nephews & nieces.

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Nov. 22nd) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Following burial of ashes in the Rudyard Cemetery, a luncheon will be held at the church. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials may be given to the Rudyard Museum or the Old Car Museum in Rudyard.

DIANA LEE (SHAFFER) TWEDT
Born: June 9, 1952 – Died: June 9, 2014

Liberty County Times
June 18, 2014



Diana "Katie" Twedt

Born Diana Lee Shaffer on June 9th, 1952 in Renton, WA, she died of cancer on her birthday, June 9th, 2014. Di lived with her fam-

ily in Washington until age 3, when they moved to Van Nuys, CA until age 9 and then her family moved to Bozeman, MT. She graduated Bozeman High School at age 16 and MSU at age 20, on the same day as her future husband, Russell Twedt. They were married December 29th, 1973 and lived in Bozeman until 1975 when Diana accepted her first K-12 Art teaching position at Chester MT Public Schools. Di and Russ moved to the Twedt family farm near Rudyard where they have lived ever since. After teaching for a few years, Diana took 8 years off to raise their 2 children, Matthew and Geneva, to "school bus age." She then returned to

teaching, first at Joplin-Inverness Schools, then later to Blue Sky Schools in Rudyard until her kids graduated high school. After retiring from teaching, Diana (affectionately known to her many friends as "Katie") concentrated on her own family and art career. Published more than 200 times in national and international art magazines, Diana was a truly talented artist whose works are very popular both locally and around the country. A very kind, generous, and thoughtful person always, she touched the lives of many and is loved by all.

Diana was preceded in death by her parents, John and Audrey Shaffer, and one niece, Lisa. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Russ Twedt; son, Matthew Twedt of Rudyard; daughter, Geneva and husband Brogan Costa of Sioux Falls, SD; sister, Linda and husband Leroy Gray of CO; sister, Sheila and husband Lynn Emery of WA; sisters, Lana Phelan and Andrea "Candy" Gibby of CA; and brother, Brad Shaffer and wife Connie of CO; many beloved nieces and nephews, as well as her dog, Sally.

It was Diana's request to be cremated, then followed by a private burial service at the Rudyard Cemetery. These family burial rites will be conducted by Pastor Will Anderson. Diana selected readings from "The Prophet" on 'joy & sorrow'

and the scripture, Psalm 23. Musical tributes include "Shower the People" (by James Taylor) and "In My Life" (by the Beatles).

A public luncheon to celebrate Diana's life will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday (June 21st, 2014) at the Rudyard Park. Please wear bright, cheerful attire – no black allowed! Your fellowship & memories with the family will be appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be offered to the American Cancer Society, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Montana Farmer's Union Education Fund, Bear Paw Hospice (Havre), Liberty Village Arts Center (Chester), ASPCA, and MAT (Montana Actor's Theatre). Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

BILLY GENE TYLER
Born: November 19, 1932 – March 16, 2014
Liberty County Times
March 26, 2014



Billy Gene Tyler

Billy Gene Tyler passed from this life to Heaven on Sunday, March 16, 2014 in Chester, MT. Bill was born in Marlow, OK on November 19, 1932 to Elzy and Lida Tyler. He was the youngest of four children; Lee (Elzy), Ruby and LaVohn, all preceded him in death. He grew up in Oklahoma and California. He liked to fish in the canals in Venice, CA with a glass jar and catch the fish right in the jar. He thought it was fun to jump off the house roof into the neighbor's bushes - although she didn't think it was so funny. His dad worked at the Paramount movie studio and introduced Bill to many of the cowboy stars of the day. His dad was also a security guard at the Santa Anita horse race track, where Bill would hang out with the jockeys and place bets for some of the men, who would

share some of their winnings with him. As a young man, he worked checking the logging loads and measuring logs with loggers in northern California.

Bill was drafted into the U.S. Army on March 27, 1953 and was discharged as a corporal in March of 1955. While serving, he received a National Defense Service medal. He was stationed at Fort Hood, TX as a bulldozer operator. He continued bulldozing until his father influenced him to take a deputy position with the Duncan Police Department in Oklahoma, where they worked together. He would shine the police light into the church services at night just to be contrary. He carried brass knuckles with him on the police force to keep trouble makers in line. He even rode his horse, Cricket in the local parades. Later he began working on cars - he was good at it and made a life's career of bodywork. He could make the biggest piece of junk look like a million bucks! His reputation in the body shop world was respected and envied.

Bill married his childhood friend, Patricia Faye Taylor on May 24, 1954 in Wichita Falls, TX at the courthouse

- they were married almost 58 years. They will celebrate their 60th in Heaven this May. They had five children: Arlen, Genna, Mikel, Terry and Nikki.

Bill attended evangelical churches with his family, playing the guitar and serving as Sunday School Superintendent and board member over the years.

Bill was well-liked for his stories, tall tales and sense of humor. He was always ready for a good practical joke. He only teased you if he liked you. He had his grandkids convinced that he didn't have parents and he was found under a rock, and was named Billy Goat, and that's where he got his name, Billy. He was generous and kind-hearted. He was a hard worker, and worked whether sick, tired or injured.

Bill is preceded in death by his wife, Patricia, and oldest son, Arlen. He is survived by four children, Genna Tyler Hunt of Chester MT, Mikel (Patricia) of Hesperia, CA, Terry (Starr) of Chester, MT and Nikki Lindsay (David) of Victorville, CA; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was a loved husband, father, granddad, son, brother, nephew, cousin and friend. He will remain in our hearts always.

CLIFFORD WILLIAM ULMEN

Born: July 13, 1919 – Died: December 7, 2014

Liberty County Times

December 17, 2014



Cliff Ulmen

Clifford William Ulmen was born July 13, 1919 in Rudyard, MT. He was the 6th of 14 children born to Benjamin and Martina (Ludwig) Ulmen. Cliff grew up on the family farm eight miles south of Rudyard and received his formal education at the Een Country School. Cliff worked on the family farm until it was eventually sold.

On September 5, 1946 he married Lillian H. Berge. They made their home in Rudyard and raised two daughters. Cliff and a friend, Clarence Een, started a business called Rud-

yard Electric, which did most of the wiring/electrical work throughout the surrounding area. Cliff also worked with a friend, Fred Rigg, at the Farmer's Union Oil Company. In addition, he delivered fuel for E. H. Thompson and worked for the Rudyard Water Department. In 1967 the Ulmen's moved to Lillian's family farm north of Rudyard; they operated this farm until their retirement in 1998. They moved back to town and remained active in the community. Cliff was fortunate to enjoy good health throughout the years. Recently, he developed some medical issues and was admitted to the Chester hospital for extended care. He died peacefully at the Liberty Medical Center on Sunday morning (December 7, 2014) at the age of 95 years.

Cliff was baptized in the Catholic faith and during his formative years he served as an altar boy at the Black Coulee Church. He continued to maintain a quiet spirituality throughout his adult life.

Cliff loved the Rudyard community and spent his entire life there. In 2010 he was voted as Rudyard's "Old Sorehead", an honor he was proud to hold. He was a member of the Farmer's Union and the Rudyard Antique Car Club. Because of his love of history & antiques, Cliff helped to organize & operate the Rudyard Depot Museum. Each day he looked forward to trips to the local Cenex, where he shared coffee & comradery with his old friends.

Cliff enjoyed many hobbies. He collected old coins and he owned several classic cars through the years – his favorite was a 1915 Model-T. In his younger days he enjoyed hunting, fishing, softball, & bowling. In his later years he liked going to local school sporting events or playing cards (mainly, pinochle, whist, cribbage, & solitaire). During his quiet time at home Cliff enjoyed watching television game shows, old western series, & detective movies. He loved his life as a Montana farmer & rancher – tending

his sheep & cows, working in his vegetable garden, or simply "tinkering in his shop" made his days enjoyable.

Cliff would always take on a project with energy & enthusiasm, so at the end of the day he would feel good and say, "We got that job done!" You've now earned your rest, faithful servant – all of your tasks are finally done...

Cliff was preceded in death not only by his parents, but also by 6 brothers (Clemens, Leonard, Victor, Lee, Francis, & Linus Ulmen) and 6 sisters (Alice Beck, Laura Ulmen, Ellen Tschache, Clara Cooke, Leona Flynn, & Mary Ulmen).

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Lillian Ulmen of Rudyard; 2 daughters, Lila & Dan Redding of Rudyard and Karen & Tom Cahill of Bozeman; 1 brother, Dennis & Dolly Ulmen of Havre; 7 grandchildren, Kristie/Mark Rhodes, Jennifer Redding (Matt Wenberg), Steven/Stefnie Redding, Carlye/Phillip Doran, Justin/Yessinia Redding, Kellie Ca-

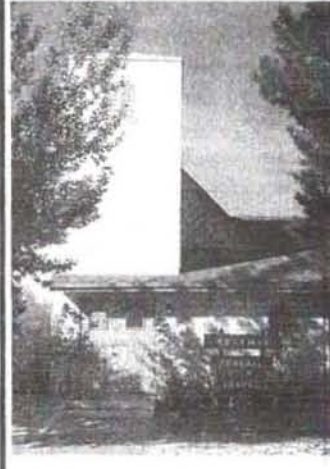
hill, and Ryan Cahill; 11 great-grandchildren (inc. Kate & Lily Rhodes; Mason & Brody Wenberg; Coyal Redding; Halle, Ryder, & Tate Doran; Rylan Redding; and Skylar & Sienna Cherry); 4 sisters-in-law, Linda Ulmen Collins, Ruth Ulmen, Evelyn Wanke, and Inez Berge; and numerous nephews & nieces.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Dec. 13th) at the New Beginnings Lutheran Church in Rudyard by Pastor Will Anderson. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by pianist, Lauri Chvilicek. A vocal tribute "You Are My Sunshine" was sung by Carol Bangs. A vocal duet "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" was performed by Leslie Smith & Carol Bangs. The obituary & selected scriptures were read by Pastor Clay Massar. Ushers were Joel Fladstol and Bob Christenson. Pallbearers were nephews: Duane Cooke, Gerry Ulmen, Lee Ulmen Jr., Dan Ulmen, Roger Ulmen, & Mark

Ulmen. Honorary bearers were "all of Cliff's coffee buddies". Following burial at the Rudyard Cemetery, a reception was held at the church. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials may be given to the Rudyard Depot Museum/Historical Society or any charity of donor's choice.

ROCKMAN FUNERAL CHAPEL

Rlynn & Karen Rockman



DANA VAIL

Born: January 15, 1947 – Died: August 5, 2014

Liberty County Times
November 12, 2014



Dana Vail

Dana Vail, 67, of Gettysburg, passed away Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at his home in Gettysburg with his wife and daughters by his side; after fighting a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30a.m., Monday, August 11, 2014 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Gettysburg with Fr. Jerry Kopel presiding. Inurnment took place in the Springs Cemetery, Tolstoy. A prayer service was held a 5:00p.m., Sunday, August 10, 2014 at the Masonic Lodge.

On January 15, 1947 at 12:30p.m., no two parents could have been more proud when their only child, a baby boy named Dana John, was born.

Dana grew up in the public eye, hanging out with his mom at her drugstore, where he became a bit of a social person. He attended Gettysburg Elementary and High School, where he was a member of the 12 year club. He participated in football, basketball and band. He also received the highest ranking as an Eagle Scout. After

graduation, Dana attended SDSU at Brookings, NDSU at Ellendale, ND and Northern State University at Aberdeen. In Dana's last year at college, he realized he just wanted to return home to farm with his dad. Dana farmed with him until his death in 1987.

On December 28, 1966 Dana married Linda Thomas in Las Vegas, NV. They made their home in Gettysburg where Dana was involved in several businesses including: part owner and manager of Dakota Lanes Bowling Alley, Vail Liquor Store, and as a spray pilot for Lehrkamp Spraying Service and Fischer Spraying. Dana also worked for the S.D. Department of Transportation. He was set to retire in one more year in order to enjoy his passion of restoring old cars (mostly 1940 Fords), when he was diagnosed with cancer.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Shrine Club, National Pilots Association, and served on the Gettysburg City Council. Dana enjoyed Battler games and activities, which led him to become a driver of the Battler's activity bus; allowing him to transport students to all of their sporting events and music activities. He was an avid outdoorsman, always looking for a good challenging hunt. He enjoyed his buffalo hunts in South Dakota, Caribou hunts in Alaska and bear hunts in Canada plus any deer, antelope and pheasant hunting he could do

around South Dakota. When it was no longer a challenge to him, Dana gave up hunting and just collected guns. He also enjoyed restoring his PA-11, the aircraft many passengers will remember.

Dana will be remembered mostly for his entertaining stories and his compassion to do for others first and always, but also for his love to live life to the fullest. Dana was quick to tell others he was a "jack of all trades and a master of none", which was not true.

Dana is survived by his wife Linda of Gettysburg; his daughters: Lisa (Brett) Stanley of Sioux Falls, Leah (Daren) Lowinske of Canistota; grandchildren: Shelby Byington, Mason Stanley, and Sophia Stanley; mother and father-in-law: James and Elaine Thomas; special cousins: Michael (Nancy) Kramer of Minot, ND and Russell (Janice) Kramer of Fresno, CA; brothers and sisters-in-law: Daniel (Bev) Thomas of Gettysburg, Robert (Carmen) Thomas of Gettysburg, Sandra (Jay) Hagen of Rapid City, and Rhonda (Dale) Schmautz of Belle Fourche and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Shirley (Moes) Vail.

Memorials are directed

to the Gettysburg Masonic Lodge, 906 E Commercial Ave, Gettysburg, SD 57442.

Luce Funeral Home of Gettysburg has been entrusted with Dana's arrangements. (www.familyfuneralhome.net)

BARRY RAND VANDESSEL
Born: June 30, 1950 – Died: January 23, 2014
Liberty County Times
February 19, 2014



Barry Van Dessel

Barry Rand Van Dessel was born June 30th, 1950 in Havre, Montana. His parents were Norbert and Virginia (Carmichael) Van Dessel, and he was the eldest of two sons. Barry grew up on the family farm north of Joplin. He received his education in Joplin and was a loyal "Bulldog" throughout his school years. He graduated from Joplin H.S. in 1968 as the class salutatorian.

Barry continued his education at M.S.U. in Bozeman. On December 28th, 1970 he married his high school sweetheart, Ann M. Ellwein, in Chester. Barry finished his studies at M.S.U. and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in

Microbiology. He spent the next year working in the college micro-bio lab. In 1973 the Van Dessel's moved to Spokane, WA. where Barry studied in the lab at Sacred Heart Hospital. For the next six years he worked as a Medical Technician at Valley General Hospital in Spokane.

In 1980 Barry & Ann moved back to the family farm north of Joplin. Before settling in, they took a memorable trip to Europe, where they visited Germany, Austria, & England. The farm became their livelihood, their home, and the place they raised their family of two. Barry was soon active in the Sage Creek Water District and the Joplin Volunteer Fire Department, two organizations he supported for 30+ years.

In July of 2012 he was diagnosed with melanoma cancer – Barry "fought the good fight" from that time on. He received loving care at home from his family & friends, then was recently admitted to the Liberty Medical Center. He died quietly at the Chester hospital on the early morning of Thursday (January 23rd,

2014) at the age of 63 years.

Barry was baptized & confirmed in the Methodist faith and was an active Cub Scout in his youth. His hobbies were many. He enjoyed hunting & target shooting; water & snow skiing; playing trivial pursuit, liar's dice, & cards (mainly, pinochle, whist, & cribbage); men's volleyball (AKA: "Jungle Ball"); wood-working; hiking & motorcycling; reading; and watching movies.

He loved his collection of guns and old movies (especially, "John Wayne" productions). His favorite television channels were the game show & movie networks. His favorite reads were science fiction books, gun magazines, and related publications. His favorite motorcycle was the Honda Goldwing – Barry cherished those memorable motorcycle trips that he & Ann made with friends throughout Montana, Nevada, Arizona, & California over the years.

They also enjoyed road trips with Ann's "horse" (a 2006 yellow Ford Mustang). Barry also loved wine and considered himself somewhat of a "connosieurre". Whenever

Barry took on a job, it was always done thoroughly and meticulously – almost to the point of perfection. Barry will be remembered as gentle man with a quiet spirituality who respected his fellow man and lived by the "Golden Rule".

During his terminal illness, Barry composed his own "Bucket List" and was fortunate to complete most of the items on the list. For example, he was a lifelong Green Bay Packers football fan who had never experienced a stadium game; so in September of 2013 he travelled to Wisconsin to "cheer on" the Packers with his fellow "cheese heads" against the Washington Redskins.

This past summer Barry enjoyed an extended helicopter ride over Glacier Park and two airplane excursions over the Highwoods & Holter Lake. Last spring he took his final motorcycle trip to Arizona. In addition he requested a final hike to the Bear's Den in the Sweetgrass Hills – a place he loved dearly – and this proved to be a wonderful fall day for those involved. Barry had no regrets and appreciat-

ed the life & love he was given

Barry was preceded in death by his loving mother in 2012. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Ann Van Dessel of Joplin; 1 daughter, Heather (Jason) Nimmick of Havre; 1 son, Ryan (Devan) Van Dessel of Joplin; 4 grandchildren, Derek, Brayden, Ashlyn, & Brendan (and #5 is expected in March); his father, Norbert Van Dessel of Chester; 1 brother, Larry (Susan) Van Dessel of Joplin; and many extended family members (inc. in-laws, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, & cousins).

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday (February 17th) at the United Methodist Church in Chester. Pastor Grover Briggs officiated. The obituary was shared by Derek Van Dessel and selected scriptures were read by Devan Van Dessel & Kelly McAvoy.

Ushers were friends, Elvin Sundgren and Ron Lineweaver. Prelude music was a CD of some of Barry's favorite songs over the years. Christy Fossen served as pianist and

the congregation sang "For the Beauty of the Earth". Vocal tributes by Carol Bangs included "Unchained Melody" & "On Eagle's Wings". Bagpiper, Jessie Calandar, performed "Amazing Grace" & "Going Home". A reception followed in the church fellowship hall.

It was Barry's wish to be cremated. His ashes will be scattered privately by his family at several of his favorite places in Montana. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Memorials may be given to the Joplin Park, the Joplin Community Hall, or the Liberty Medical Center in Chester.

RICHARD H. VIOLETT
Born: June 11, 1944 – Died: 2014
Liberty County Times
April 23, 2014



Richard Violett

Richard H. Violett was born in Chester, Montana and attended Chester High School where he served as the editor of the newspaper and the annual. In his junior year he received the journalism award. He also took part in school plays. He is remembered fondly by his classmates from the CHS graduating class of 1962.

Richard graduated from and the University of Montana. While at University he worked in a summer program at the Deer Lodge State Prison. He served two years in the United States Army where he worked as a physical therapist. Following his Honorable Discharge he moved to San Francisco in 1969.

Richard served as a Special Agent for the California Department of Justice from 1969 to 1994. During his tenure he worked in both the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement and the Bureau of Investigation. He successfully worked many major criminal cases throughout California and in other states. He also served several years as the president of the California Special Agents Association.

During his retirement he served on the San Francisco Condominium Association

and was active in other San Francisco Community Organizations. He enjoyed fine dining in the city and was always eager to join his many friends for lunch and a glass of wine.

He is survived by his sister, Billie Lee Violette of San Francicco and a brother, David H. Violett who lives in Missoula, Montana.

As he wished, his ashes were scattered at see on March 8 by his sister Billie Lee; his friends Bob and Diane Luca; and his godson, Michael Luca.

LILLIAN FLORENCE (LUOMA) VON STEIN
Born: June 2, 1917 – Died: July 23, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
July 31, 2014

**Lillian Florence
(Luoma) Von Stein**



MALTA, MT —Lillian Florence (Luoma) Von Stein, 97, passed away on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 of natural causes at Country Home in Mal-

ta, Mt. A memorial service will be held in Cascade, Montana at the United Methodist Church on Friday, August 8th at 1:00 p.m.

Lillian was born on June 2, 1917 in Geyser, Montana to Thomas and Sanna Marie (Hongisto) Luoma. She was the tenth of fourteen children which included four sets of twins. She had many fun stories of growing up in a large, loving family on the farm, milking cows, herding turkeys and walking to the country school. She graduated from Geyser High School; then worked for neighbors and at a dairy near Helena. She attended Great Falls Business College but unable to find work because of the depression, she went to work at the boarding house at Rainbow Dam. It was there she met her life partner, Floyd Von Stein. They were married in 1941 in Helena and were happily married for almost 47 years. Floyd worked for the

Montana Power Company and through the years they lived in Great Falls, Ryan Dam, Harlem, Cascade and Chester. At each place they called home, they made wonderful life-long friends. While Floyd was in the Army during WWII, Lillian moved to back to Geyser with their children. After retirement they made their home in Cascade. In 2007, she moved to Malta and lived at Country Home.

In Harlem, Lillian worked at various businesses when needed and was known as the "galloping clerk". For several years she worked at the State Liquor Store in Cascade and as a fill-in clerk in Chester. Lillian was a member of

the American Legion Auxiliary and volunteered at the Cascade Museum. She was a school election judge and a "reading grandmother" at the Cascade School. She always had a large garden and enjoyed working outdoors. She was an excellent seamstress and loved to camp and fish. She loved music and they enjoyed dancing and taught square dancing in Harlem and Great Falls.

Lillian is survived by her son, Joe Von Stein of Cascade and daughter Carol and Dean Kienenberger of Dodson. She is also survived by her much loved grandchildren and great grandchildren: Joe

and Shelley Von Stein, Reed and Rhett of Big Sandy; Jill and Trent Howard, Cutter and Holden of Mandan, N. D.; Steve Von Stein and Angie Davis of Cascade; Kari Kienenberger of Dodson; Darcy and Rodney Hibbs, and Kendall of Cut Bank; and grandson Ronald Draper of Salt Lake City, Utah. She is also survived by sisters Elsie Backa of Geyser, Vaitlean "Shonnie" Rautio of Seattle, WA and sister-in-law Jean Bridges of Great Falls; also numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd in 1988; daughter Barbara Draper in 2012; her daughter-in-law Pat Von Stein in 2014; an infant brother and brothers and sisters-in-law: Waino Luoma; Arthur and Olive Luoma, John and Theresa Luoma, Dave and Dorla Luoma and brothers-in-law Henry Rautio and Dale Backa. She was also preceded in death by sisters and brothers-in-law: Gladys and Bill Croff, Sally and August "Gus" Pistoria, Alvina and Paul Faber, Anne and Don Huston, Betty and Joe Kinsella, and Kay and Walt Backa.

The family wishes to thank every one at Country Home for all the love and wonderful care they gave Lillian while she made her home there.

Memorials in Lillian's name may be made to the charity of one's choice.

TERESA (SCALESE) WARD

Born: February 11, 1915 – Died: November 23, 2014

Great Falls Tribune

November 30, 2014

Teresa (Scalese) Ward

Gently, softly did the Angels come..... for Teresa Mae (Scalese) Ward who on Sunday, November 23, 2014 was granted passage to her



eternal rest, at the Teton Medical Center in Choteau. Cremation was at the direction of the Gorder-Jensen Funeral Home and burial of ashes will take place at the Homestead where she was born, when the family gathers there in the summer of 2015. There will be a rosary at 7 p.m Monday night and then funeral services for Teresa are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2nd at St. John



the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fairfield, Montana.

A reception will follow the Mass at the church reception hall. Friends and extended family are invited to both.

Teresa is survived by nine of her 11 children, Sally Evans of Cut Bank, Dorothy Rennick of Missoula, John Ward of Peru, New York, Margo Hendrix (Ron) of Seeley Lake and Yuma, Arizona, Caroline Forseth (Orville) of Fairfield, Lawrence (Pete) Ward (Nancy) of Pollock Pines, California, Rita Ward of Missoula, Karen Forseth (Steve) of Fairfield, and Kathy Hammer (Robert) of Seattle. She is preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Walter Ward, her daughter Lenora

Smith of Peru, New York, a son Joseph (Suzanne) of Louisville, Kentucky, as well as five grandchildren (Randy Gehrke, Lila Evans, Ronald Rennick, Tony Evans and Lucas Hendrix). Two of her great-grandchildren, Jessica Rocque and Graydon Pittman, also pre-deceased her.

Teresa was born on the family homestead north of Galata, (then Grandview) Montana, to Frank and Dell T. Scalese on February 11, 1915. She was the second of four children. Her older brother, Frank Anthony, died of appendicitis in June of 1921. Her brothers, Thomas J. Scalese of Shelby and Hales Angelo Scalese of Galata mourn her passing, as do nieces, Karen Sloan, Dorothy Ann Lang & Shirley Wilson and nephews Harold (Sonny), Steven and Robert Scalese and grand nieces and nephews.

Teresa started school early at five years of age to accompany her brother, Frank, on their two mile walk to the Eide school house. That was a pattern through Galata High School, when she graduated at age 15. She played high school basketball, loved it, and was a very good player. She went on to Western Montana College, got her teaching certificate and started teaching at age 16, teaching for over 20 years, with a fondness for teaching young children to read.

She met her husband-to-be, Walter, where she boarded with the Les Ward family and they were married December 29, 1932. They were to rear 11 children, see the birth of 32 grandchildren, 66 great grandchildren and 22 great-great grandchildren: a total of

131 direct descendants. They were married 72 years.

Teresa had a love of the land, fostered by her mother Dell and she was true to her heritage, herding the milk cows on horseback and driving a team of half broke horses to bring in the hay on the homestead all of her summers there.

She had a fondness for flowers, yellow roses, hollyhocks at the Chester house and a raised bed of pansies at her daughter and son-in-law's winter home in Yuma. In a memoir, she mentioned that she had at one time thought of raising flower seeds commercially.

She was very religious, a devotee of the Blessed Mother, and practiced her faith in Catholicism throughout her lifetime. She described the challenge of getting 11 children ready for Sunday Mass, hoping to have the first still clean and presentable by the time she got to the last. She had some help, thus creating this recorded philosophy of "if you must have 11 children, have three girls first." Some summers were spent at a mountain fire lookout, and as an absolute testament to her conviction, she would walk 10 miles down the mountain trail every Sunday, so as to not miss Sunday Mass.

Every one of her children and grandchildren received her best attention. All have cherished memories of receiving birthday cards with a crisp \$1 bill inside and a nice handwritten note.

Her greatest happiness was as she gently held a new grandbaby for the first time. Her joy could not be contained. As noted, there

were many, many new babies to hold over the years. She enjoyed stamp-collecting, hiking, gardening, her strawberries, collecting postcards and was somewhat of a rock hound. As a child and later at a farm in Victor she got great satisfaction bottle feeding the bum lambs. As she raised the 11 youngsters, she worked steadily on her bachelor's degree and graduated from the College of Great Falls in 1968.

Neighbors who got to know her when she and Walter started to spend winters in Yuma speak of their beloved friend and want you to forget that she may have bent a few of the rules in their Phase 10 card games.

She was an early adopter of computer mail on a Ward family network before email was common. When she could no longer continue, her daughter Caroline would bring in an iPad so she could read letters and see new family photos. Nurses who worked at the extended care home also spoke fondly of her and the family who came to visit her.

On long life, living to an old age she said, "enjoy it, as it is not a privilege afforded all".

Asked what do you think people will remember most about you, her response was "Well, I suspect most people will remember me as that Ward woman with all those children."

Asked what do you hope most people will remember about you, she replied, "I hope my children will think of me as a kind mother."

By every measure, Teresa Mae Scalese Ward's was the life well lived.

JACK L. WILLIAMS
Born: December 7, 1944 – Died: November 18, 2014
Great Falls Tribune
December 7, 2014

Jack L. Williams



CONRAD —Jack L. Williams, 69, passed away peacefully in his sleep at a Great Falls rehab facility on Nov. 18.

A memorial service with Military honors will take place in the spring.

Jack was born in Havre on Dec. 7, 1944 to Les and Verdel (Alley) Williams. He lived with his grandparents, Howard and Ellen Alley, and attended school in Conrad, graduating in 1963. Jack attended Western Montana College and Northern Montana College before being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1965.



He served a tour in Vietnam and was exposed to Agent Orange.

Jack married Alice Rifemberick in 1969. They had a son Eddy and a daughter Tena. They later divorced. In 1977 Jack married Vicki (Peterson) Mollerstrom, and her three children.

Jack held a variety of jobs from ranching to medical to electrical. He was involved with the Pondera County Ambulance service as an EMT and Deputy Coroner. He was also a fireman with the Conrad Volunteer Fire Department for 20 plus years. Jack also spent a number of years volunteering as a coach and umpire on the baseball fields around the area.

Even though Jack had many medical challenges over the last 15 years, he persevered and lived life to the fullest. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing pinochle in Conrad and Choteau, visiting friends,

rides in the country and spending time with all of the grandkids.

Jack is survived by his spouse, Vicki; brother Bill (Raeann) Pourroy of Las Vegas, Nev.; step-mother Patti Williams of Cascade; aunt Una (Bob) Moog of Inverness; daughters Tena (Tim) Scofield of Spokane, Wash., Kim (Bob) Brandt of Coos Bay, Ore., and Amy (Tim) Salois of Conrad; sons Eddy Williams of Spokane, Wash., Mike (Laura) Mollerstrom of Laurel; and by 13 grandchildren: Alicea, Kaylee and Misty Scofield; Justin, Kyleigh and Julia Salois; Tyler, Austin and Landon Brandt; and Dustin, Derrek, Jesse and Jill Mollerstrom. Jack is also survived by his mother-in-law Nancy Luker of Kalispell; sisters-in-law Carol Miller and Audrey Banner of Olympia, Wash.; many cousins, nieces and nephews; and special friends Gary, Alan, Bryan, Ambrose, Dennis, Opie, Mark, Army buddy Speedy, Marge and Eileen.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents Les and Verdel, step-father Earl Pourroy, grandparents Williams, grandparents Alley, Army buddy Jim, friend Pit, in-laws Vic and Josie Peterson, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A special thank you to Amy, Tim and Dennis for helping the first two weeks after falling, the dialysis family for the last five years, and the doctors at Fort Harrison for the last 15 years.

Rest in peace my best friend with no more pain. Thank you for our second chance of almost 38 years together. Miss you – Love you.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials to the Conrad Volunteer Fire Department or the Pondera Valley Lutheran Church.

Condolences can be made to www.misermortuaries.com.

BETTY TROYLEEN (LAKEY) ZORN
Born: July 30, 1942 – Died: February 3, 2014
Liberty County Times
February 12, 2014



Betty Zorn

Betty Troyleen (Lakey) Zorn was born July 30th, 1942 in Chester, Montana. She was the second of two children born to Troy & Lucy (Morrison) Lakey. Betty grew up in the Chester community where she received her formal education and graduated from C.H.S. in 1959. In the few years that followed, she worked at the "Liberty County Times" in Chester.

Betty married Gordon Helmut Zorn on March 23rd, 1962 at Whitlash, Mt. They made their home in Chester until 1968, when they purchased Bear Paw Printers in Havre. In addition to running the print shop, they published the local "Hi-Line Herald" newspaper. They raised their two sons, Russell & Stacey, in Havre until the boys were grown. In 1984 they moved to Las Vegas, NV. where Gordon attended a machinist school.

An opportunity to work with their eldest son, Russ, became available in 1992, so they moved to Butte. Together they owned & operated a custom embroidery & stitching business called "All About Embroidery", which specialized in lettering caps, jackets, & other products. Things were going well until Gordon's untimely death due to a heart attack on October 11th, 1998. The Zorns had been married 36 years.

Betty eventually moved to Eagle, Idaho to be closer to her sons and grandchildren. In 2011 she made her final move to Eagan, Minnesota to spend the remainder of her years with her youngest son, Stacey & his family. During the past few years Betty's health deteriorated due to C.O.P.D. She was recently admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota where she died peacefully on the afternoon of Monday (February 3rd, 2014). She was 71 years old.

Betty & Gordon enjoyed dancing, camping, & fishing. Betty was an active and beloved member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Eagle, Idaho. She enjoyed playing online games and keeping up with friends & family through social media. Betty also loved watching her grandchildren grow and being an active part of their lives. She easily made

friends and lasting relationships in every city she lived. She had a wonderful heart and was loved & admired by many.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband and her parents (Troy in 1990 and Lucy in 2001).

She is survived by her 2 sons, Russell Zorn of Boise, ID and Stacey (Renee) Zorn of Eagan, MN; her brother, Thomas Lakey of Great Falls; her 3 grandchildren, Nolan (Kerri) Zorn of Meridian, ID, Colin Zorn of Eagan, MN, and Chelsey Zorn of Inver Grove Heights, MN; and several in-laws, nephews, nieces, & cousins.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Feb. 8th) at the United Methodist Church in Chester. Pastor Grover Briggs officiated. Karen Graham served as pianist. A vocal quartette of Mary Ann Zorn, Steffani Wanken, Terry Stevenson, & Marcus Jochim performed "To Everything There Is A Season" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand". Mary Ann & Steffani sang a duet entitled "Borning Cry". The eulogist was Karen Sloan and the obituary was read by Stacey Zorn. Scripture readers were Sue Sargent and Michael Sloan. Pallbearers included Jason Wanken, Kenny Morrison, Roland Gould, Jim Sargent, Don Martinson, & Mark Lakey. Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a reception was held at the church. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

