

**VICTOR ANDERSON**  
**Born: June 28, 1897 - Died: February 11, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 15, 1973**

Victor Anderson passed away suddenly Sunday morning at 11:30 of a heart attack. Mr. Anderson was born in Sharon, North Dakota, June 28, 1897. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Anderson. He lived at home until 1922 when he went to Minneapolis and worked for the Street Railway Company. March 31, 1927, he was united in marriage to Miss Tilda Paterson of Cass Lake, Minnesota. They lived in St. Paul for several years, then lived in Cass Lake, Minnesota until they moved to Chester in July 1950 where Mr. Anderson was employed at the Chester Implement Co. until he retired in 1968.

Rev. Noel Petersen officiated at funeral services at Our Savior's Lutheran church February 14 at 2:00 p.m. Miss Janice Wingenbach sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art" accompanied by Mrs. Noel Petersen. The pallbearers were Cliff Leighton, Verne Bresnahan, Rudy Lehman, Richard Eveland, Oliver Skari and Allen Kolstad. Harley Rudolph and Leo Jensen were ushers.

Interment was at the Liberty county cemetery.

Besides the widow, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Leo (Lois) Schaub, Chester, and a son, Gerald Anderson of Bismarck, North Dakota and grandchildren LeAnn and Lon Schaub, and Nancy, Julie and Jimmy Anderson. He is also survived by three brothers and four sisters.

Those who came from a distance for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Anderson and family; Mrs. Frank McDonald, Helena; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, Sharon, North Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mitzel, Hope, North Dakota; and Irving Anderson, Finlay, North Dakota.

**SUSAN M. ARRISON**  
**Born: March 21, 1880 - Died: April 15, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 19, 1973**

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**Rites today for**  
**Susan Arrison**

Susan M. Arrison, 2017 4th Ave. S., Great Falls, a former long-time resident of Rudyard, died Sunday night in a convalescent hospital at the age of 93.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the George Co. Chapel, Great Falls, with Rev. Charles M. Vogt officiating. Burial will be in Havre's Highland cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Arrison moved to Great Falls from Rudyard in 1956 to make her home with her daughter, Marie Button.

She was born in Forrest City, Iowa March 21, 1880, and educated in Iowa. After her marriage to Jacob A. Arrison in 1898 they moved to Sheldon, North Dakota, and from there to Velva, North Dakota. In 1911 they came to Rudyard to homestead. Arrison died in 1935. Mrs. Arrison remained on the ranch 10 years before moving into Rudyard.

Survivors include the daughter in Great Falls, a granddaughter, Mrs. Leonard (Phyllis) Rayl of Mill Valley California; four great grandchildren; brothers, Clifford Knudson of Coronach, Saskatchewan and Leonard Knudson of Roseburg, Oregon. A daughter, Ruth McKenzie died in Great Falls in 1962.

**LEROY (BUD) ASPEVIG**  
**Born: October 25, 1920 - Died: May 21, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 24-31, 1973**



**SCENE OF FATALITY**—Three term legislator LeRoy (Bud) Aspevig lost his life when this spray plane he was flying

crashed south of Rudyard Monday evening. The plane apparently stalled out on a turn as Aspevig was coming in to land.

Pilot, farmer and three-term state representative LeRoy (Bud) Aspevig was killed in a spray plane accident south of Rudyard Monday evening.

The tragedy occurred as Aspevig was coming in for a landing after a spraying operation. The accident was witnessed by Ferris Ness, Austin Johnson and Bob Rigg. However they did not actually see the plane hit the ground. They knew it was in trouble and drove to the scene immediately, and found the body in the demolished plane.

Ness filed the following report:

"We were standing on the south end of my quonset and watched Bud coming back from spraying some of his crops three miles west of his hangar, located one mile east of where we were standing. I watched the plane going east approximately 50 feet above the ground. At the end of his runway he made a steep pull up into a sort of wing over, approximately 150 feet above the ground. The nose fell through, and the plane went out of sight behind the hill, and I heard full power applied."

Aspevig was a veteran spray pilot, as well as a farmer and respected former member of the House of Representatives of the Montana State Legislature. In the last session he served as lobbyist for the Montana Motor Transport Association. He had gained a reputation as a hard-working legislator who was an outspoken critic



LeRoy (Bud) Aspevig

of excessive government spending of tax money. Aspevig always sought the positions on the hardest working, ways and means and taxation committees of the legislature.

Funeral services will be held at at 10:00 a.m. Friday at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Rudyard.

**Funeral held for  
 LeRoy (Bud) Aspevig**

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Our Savior's Lutheran church in Rudyard was the scene of funeral services Friday, May 25 for former legislator LeRoy (Bud) Aspevig, 52, who died May 21 near Rudyard.

Pastor Carl Lucky officiated at the 10:00 a.m. funeral rites. Sharon Spicher accompanied Terry Stevenson as he sang, "The Lord's Prayer" and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Pallbearers were Roland Ritter, Arnold Goldberg, Norman Snieder, Bob Sanvik, Walter Wicks and Lowell Stuart. Ushers were Clarence Patrick, Dennis Anderson, Morris Ewald, and Albert Budeau.

Burial was in the Rudyard cemetery with military graveside rites.

Aspevig is survived by his wife, Beaver, the former Beulah (Beaver) Jacob to whom he was married in Havre in November of 1948; a daughter Lanea and a son, Jay, both at home; his mother, Mrs. Cora Aspevig, Rudyard and brothers, Hugo, Rudyard, Paul, Yakima, Washington and Roger, Crookston, Minnesota.

He was born October 25, 1920 at Rudyard, the son of Herbert and Cora Aspevig. His father preceded him in death.

Aspevig was an Air Force veteran of World War II, flying as a pilot.

He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran church, The Elks lodge, Eagles lodge and Veterans for Foreign Wars.

**Aspevig killed in spray plane crash**

**LAURA E. BANGS**  
**Born: April 26, 1884 - Died: February 7, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 15, 1973**

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**Laura Bangs 88,**  
**Died February 7,**  
**Services Feb. 10**

Mrs. William (Laura E.) Bangs, homesteader and former teacher in Inverness area schools, died in a Havre hospital Wednesday, February 7, following two months of illness. She was 88.

Funeral services were Saturday, February 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home. A memorial has been established to the Northern Montana Hospital building fund.

Mrs. Bangs was born in Peebles, Ohio, April 26, 1884. She taught school in Ohio and migrated to Alberta at the age of 20, where she taught in Vegreville, Alberta. In 1910 she came to Montana, homesteading 22 miles north of Inverness.

In June of 1914 she married William Bangs, and the couple continued to farm near Inverness. Mrs. Bangs also taught in rural Hill county schools and in Inverness high school, both before and after her marriage. The couple retired in 1954, and moved into Havre.

Survivors include her husband; children, Kenneth of Inverness, Howard of Seattle, Mrs. William (Dorothy) McMurphy of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mrs. Theodore (Genevieve) Schwartz of Evanston, Illinois; a sister, Mrs. Ralph Lawrence of Edmonton, Alberta; brothers, Dr. Ernest Elmore of Carmel, California, Milton Smalley and Carey Smalley of Victoria, British Columbia; 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The Rev. Warren Soule officiated at the funeral rites. Brent Streeper sang, "Abide With Me," and "Saved By Grace," accompanied by Mrs. Al Hartwig.

Pallbearers were Olyn Wolery, Lloyd Wolery, Ben Stromberg, Wilbur Schereski, Lloyd Kaercher and Norris Harrison.

**MRS. HAZEL BATHKE**  
**Born: ?, 1893 - Died: June 26, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 28, 1973**

**Graveside services for  
Mrs. Hazel Bathke  
This afternoon**

Mrs. Hazel Bathke, 80, Chester, passed away at a Havre hospital Tuesday, June 26.

Graveside committal services will be this afternoon (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at the Chester cemetery. Family requests no flowers.

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Mrs. Bathke, lifetime resident of Chester, is survived by three daughters, Evelyn Dunham, Havre; Pearl Larson, Carson City, Nevada and Lillian Cox of San Rafael, California.

**ELLA M. BEAUDOIN**  
**Born: April 10, 1888 - Died: September 10, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 20, 1973**

## **Ella Beaudoin Funeral Held**

Mrs. Ella M. Beaudoin, 85, Shelby died Monday in a Chester hospital.

Born in Watertown, N.Y. she taught school in North Dakota, Idaho and Montana until retiring in 1958. After retirement she lived with her daughter, Mildred Beaudoin, Shelby.

Her husband, Alexander Beaudoin, died in 1934. She was a member of the Havre Ladies Auxiliary VFW and belonged to the Retired Teacher Association.

Funeral services were Thursday at 2 p.m. at Croxford and Sons Funeral Home. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

**MARTHA BICKLE**  
**Born: December 9, 1892 - Died: October 16, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 25, 1973**

## Rites held for Martha Bickle

Martha Bickle, 80, 2101 36th St. passed away Tuesday, October 16 in a Missoula hospital.

She was born December 9, 1892 in New Auburn, Minnesota, and taught school in Winona, Minnesota before moving to Havre in 1914. She married Hiram L. Bickle there in 1917. Before moving to Missoula she lived in Great Falls seven years. Mr. Bickle died in 1957.

She was a member of the Baptist church.

Mrs. Bickle is survived by three daughters; Mrs. Winifred Osburnsen, Mrs. Josephine Marsden, Missoula; Mrs. Martha Ann Freeman, Inverness; two sons, Robert L. Waterloo, Iowa and Thomas C. Houston, Texas; a brother, Richard Greene, Havre, 18 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday October 19 at 3 p.m. at Squire-Simmons-Carr Rose Chapel, Missoula with the Rev. Beryl Burr officiating. Burial will be Saturday October 27 at 10 a.m. in Havre in Highland cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Yellowstone Boys Ranch, Billings.

**HERBERT BOEHM**  
**Born: March 26, 1912 - Died: September 11, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 27, 1973**

**Services held  
for Herb  
Boehm, 61**

Herbert Boehm was born at Bloomer, Wisconsin, March 26, 1912, the son of Joe and Lyda Boehm. As a young man he had a truck milk route in Wisconsin.

October 30, 1935 he married Marie Kulbeck at Bloomer, Wisconsin. The following spring they moved to Montana where he was employed on a farm at Valier until 1940, when he purchased the farm where he lived until his death. He died in a boating accident near Port Angeles, Washington, September 11, 1973.

Herbert is survived by his wife, Marie, two daughters, Elsie Hassa of Rudyard, and Frances Kraft of Inverness, a son, Aaron, on the home place, and 8 grandchildren. He also is survived by 3 brothers, Cyril of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, Roger of Yuba City, California and Jerry of Covina, California; 2 sisters, Agnes Carlson, Bloomer, Wisconsin; Kathleen Klawitter, Minneapolis. Cyril, Roger and Kathleen were here for the services.

Herb loved farming and anything pertaining to outdoor life, especially hunting and fishing. He was a friend to everyone and always had time to stop and visit awhile, so will be greatly missed by all.

Funeral services were held in Our Lady of Ransom church in Hingham, September 14, 1973 with Father Blecha, Hingham and Father Werner of Valier officiating. Rose Farnik was organist and Jeanie Jochim accompanied Joe Horel, who sang the "Ave Maria" and "In The Garden."

Charles Lindsley and Tom Diemert were altar boys; Lloyd Diemert and Donald Hansen were ushers. Pallbearers were Aaron Wilson, Frank Hansard, Gene Schrouder, Pete Siemens, Frank O'Neil and Albert Hansen.

Relatives and friends came from Wisconsin, North Dakota, Washington, Fort Benton, Great Falls, Loma, Big Sandy and the Hi-Line towns.

After the services, a pot-luck dinner was served to almost 100 people at the family home.

A memorial has been established to Yellowstone Boy's Ranch as Herb was real interested in our youth of today.

Interment was in the Rudyard cemetery.



**MARIE F. BRATTON**  
**Born: April 11, 1882 - Died: September 26, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 4, 1973**

*Oct 4 - 73*  
**Marie Bratton,**  
**Services Held**

Long-time Rudyard area homesteader Marie F. Bratton, 91, died in Havre on Wednesday, September 26.

Funeral services will be Saturday, September 29 at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home, with interment in the Sunset Memorial Gardens. A memorial has been established to the Northern Montana Hospital building fund.

Mrs. Bratton was born in Forest City, Iowa, April 11, 1882. She came with her family to Montana in 1909, homesteading north of Rudyard. In 1950 she moved into Havre, where she made her home.

She was a member of the Van Orsdel United Methodist church, and also the Liberty Rebekah Lodge No. 98 in Hingham.

Her husband, William Frank Bratton, preceded her in death in 1967. She is survived by a niece, Mrs. Alice Swanson of Point Roberts, Washington.

## ALFRED L. BURKHEAD

Born: September 18, 1931 - Died: October 11, 1973

Liberty County Times

October 18, 1973

# Accident kills Al Burkhead

Alfred Lee Burkhead, age 42, Chester, was killed in a one-vehicle accident about 6 p.m. Thursday, October 11, about a mile and half northwest of Devon on a county road. Burkhead's body was not discovered, however, until about 7:30 Friday morning by Bob Hellinger, farmer who lives in the area. Burkhead had left the Hellinger farm, which is not far from the accident scene, about 5:45 p.m. the previous evening. Hellinger discovered the wreck and the body not far from the wreck the following morning when taking his children to school in Devon.

Burkhead was employed as a salesman by the Marias Equipment Co. at Chester. He had travelled to the Hellinger farm to talk to Hellinger about purchasing a piece of farm machinery.

The Burkhead vehicle was travelling south on the county road when the accident occurred. He apparently lost control of the vehicle when en-

tering a 90-degree turn to the left. It is possible Burkhead's vision of the coming curve was obstructed by a hill crest just north of the curve, investigating officers theorized. The vehicle is believed to have rolled two or three times, coming to rest on its side. Burkhead apparently did not die instantly. There were indications he crawled from the vehicle after the accident. He was found about 15 feet from the wrecked vehicle.

Personnel of the Montana Highway Patrol and personnel of the Toole County Sheriff's Department investigated.

Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church in Chester Tuesday afternoon with Pastor Noel Petersen officiating. Mrs. Ruby Petersen played the organ. Mary Ann Zorn sang "Holy Bible", "Peace in the Valley" and the "Lord's Prayer". Pallbearers were Thomas Herman, Clarence Romain, O. D. Gifford, Bill Yackley, all of Chester, Paul Wellman, Ben

Redant of Fort Benton. Honorary pallbearers were Kenneth Romain, Bill Earl Jr., Bob Moog, Dorcy McMair, Jim Coffman and Jim Carter. Ushers were Con Murphy and Lin Duffin of Chester. Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

Relatives and friends from a distance for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of Parsons, West Virginia, Ruby Horn, Winona Lake, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Youngmark of White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

Alfred Lee Burkhead was born September 18, 1931 at Gove, Kansas. He was raised in Oakley, Kansas with guardians Mr. and Mrs. Florian Myers. He entered the navy December 7, 1950 and served three years and nine months aboard the USS Orleck.

He was married September 15, 1956 to Margaret Taylor in Choteau, Montana. He was a charter member of the Chester Jaycees, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a past member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge. He was a salesman for Marias Equipment Co. of Chester and a partner with Joel Fenger doing business as Frontier Aviation. He was a baptized member of the Methodist church and more recently a member of Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkhead moved to Chester 16 years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret, two sons, Jack, 16 and James 13; three sisters: Larverne, Mrs. Charles Brumbaugh, Omaha, Nebraska; Evelyn, Mrs. Gilbert King, Bellville, Illinois; and Willadean, Mrs. Loyd Eitel, Scott City, Kansas and one brother, Edward Burkhead of Monument, Kansas. His parents preceeded him in death.



DEATH VEHICLE-This is the International Scout Al Burkhead was driving when he met his death Thursday evening north of Devon. The accident was not discovered until Friday morning, about 12 hours after it happened. Photo courtesy of Shelby Promoter.

**MARY M. CAMPBELL**  
**Born: ?, 1892 - Died: April 27, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 3, 1973**

## **Mary M. Campbell Succumbs April 27, Services May 1**

Mary M. Campbell, 81, died Friday in Choteau. Rosary was Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Banks Funeral Home, Choteau. Services were Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's church, Choteau. Burial was in the Choteau cemetery.

She was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. She came to Power with two brothers to homestead. She moved to Bynum in 1918. She married Jack M. Campbell in 1920. Survivors include daughters, Evelyn Wapals of Helena and Lorraine Jessop of Choteau; sons, John of Bynum, Thomas (Tim) of Chester and Michael of Pendroy; 19 grandchildren; six brothers including Joe Tackes of Power and Mike Tackes of Great Falls and two sisters.

CATHERINE CARR  
Born: ? 1883 - Died: July 14, 1973  
Liberty County Times  
July 26, 1973

*July 19-1973*  
**Catherine Carr, 90  
Died Saturday,  
Rites Wednesday**

Catherine Carr, 90, died Saturday in Fort Benton. Rosary was Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Holland-Bonine Chapel, Havre. Requiem Mass was at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Jude's Catholic church, Havre. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

She was born in Rochester, Minn. She married Mathew Carr October 24, 1911, in Rochester. They moved to the Rudyard area in 1913 and had lived there until two years ago, when she moved to Geraldine to live with a daughter. Carr died in 1958.

Survivors include daughters, Mrs. Uril (Margaret) May of Havre, Mrs. Elmer (Pat) Dostal of Geraldine and Mrs. Edgar (Anna) Tacke of Great Falls; sons, Harold, Great Falls, and James, Rudyard; 30 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Catherine Carr Funeral  
Held Tuesday**

Rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, in the Holland and Bonnie funeral home for Mrs. Catherine Carr, 90, of Geraldine, long-time Rudyard Resident, who died in Fort Benton July 14.

Funeral services were Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Jude's Catholic church, with the Rev. Fr. Jordan Blecha and the Rev. Msgr. Martin Werner officiating. Sharon Spicher was the organist, and Nick Alex sang, "Ave Maria," and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were Robert May, Donald Tacke, Francis Dostal, James Carr, Pat Carr, and Mike Carr. Honorary pall bearers were Aaron Wilson, Frank O'Neal, Lloyd Diemert, Victor Gatzemeier, Bob Toner, Harlan Wendland, Phillip Wendland, and Bob Langel. Ushers were Robert Griffin and Thomas Toner.

Burial was in the Calvary cemetery *July 26-1973*

**JAMES LYNN CICON**  
**Born: August 10, 1942 - Died: July 25, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 2, 1973**

**Funeral held for  
James L. Cicon, 30**

Funeral services for James Lynn Cicon were held in the Chester, United Methodist Church Saturday at 2 p.m.

He died of burns from an accident in the Bears Den gas field July 10. Death occurred on July 25 at Brooks Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

He was the first born child of James Franklin and Mary Lynn Cicon on August 10, 1942 in Chester at the Mary Lynn Hospital which was operated by his maternal grandmother, Mary Lynn Buck. He grew up at the family ranch thirty miles north of Chester. He attended



James L. Cicon

grade school at the Osler rural school, and graduated from Chester high school in 1960.

After graduation he ranched with his father. He was a member of the Chester United Methodist Church. He joined the Air National Guard in 1962.

He was a member of the Chester Jaycees. He was the originator of the Junior Miss Pageant and served as chairman two years.

He was married to Maureen Yvonne Brandt of Rudyard on

February 20, 1963. To this marriage were born two children, Jodi Lynn in 1964 and Kevin James in 1967. He began working as field operator for the Montana Power Company in the summer of 1965.

Besides his wife, children, parents and maternal grandmother, he is survived by a brother, Howard, of West Henrietta, New York and a sister Mrs. William (Glenda) Albee of Springfield, Virginia, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to the family and they will be divided between the Red Cross at Brooks Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas and the new Liberty County Hospital.

Conducting the funeral rites was the Rev. Leon Johnson, with Pastor Donald Tigges assisting. Mrs. Bruce McCallum was the organist, and the

church choir sang, "The Lord's Prayer," and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were Robert W. Dafeo Jr., Lance R. McDowell, Bruce Jacobson, Earl Colbry, Errol Fritz and Dennis J. Gunderson. Honorary pallbearers were Virgil Echstein, Robert L. Flesch, Vince Stermitz, William Ralph, Jerry Norsby, and Elvin J. Howery. Ushers were Charlie Lass and Fred Elling.

**MABEL COLBRY**  
**Born: March 29, 1886 - Died: June 23, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 28, 1973**

**Mable Colbry 87,  
Died June 23,  
Services June 27**

Mrs. Mable Colbry, 87, died at the Liberty County Nursing home Saturday, June 23. Services were Wednesday, June 27 at 7 p.m. at the Holland and Bonine Funeral home in Havre with burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

Born in Bethany County, Mich., she moved to Joplin with her parents from Devils Lake, N.D. in a covered wagon. She married Thomas Colbry in St. Louis, Mich. Dec. 24, 1907. They homesteaded 28 miles north of Chester and retired to Mesa, Ariz. in 1955. She returned to Chester in 1970. She was a charter member of the Royal Neighbors of America of Chester. Survivors include two sons, Jerry and George, Chester, and a daughter, Mrs. Emma Regimbal, Warrington, Fla.

*July 5 - 7 3*  
**Final rites for Mabel  
Colbry June 27**

Funeral services were held for Mabel Colbry, 87, Wednesday, June 27 at 2 p.m. at the Holland and Bonnie funeral home in Havre. Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Officiating at the service was Pastor Richard Hodges. Mrs. Sanford Anderson was the organist and Joplin Bethel Lutheran choir sang "Rock of Ages", "Old Rugged Cross" and "Nearer My God to Thee".

Pallbearers were Robert Duncan, John Osler, Ted Tempel, Edward Tempel, Ernest Tempel, Wayne Dafoe. Honorary pallbearers were Jack McDowell, Jim and John Cicon, Harold Hodges, Vern McDaniels and Doug Gunderson. Ushers were Tom and Carl Wood.

Survivors are sons George and Jerry of Chester and Mrs. Emma Regimbal of Warrington, Florida. Eleven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death in 1963, she also was preceded in death by three children, Mrs. Celia Edwards, Garnet Colbry and Annette Copenhaver.

**GLENN R. EASTMAN**  
**Born: September 5, 1958 - Died: June ?, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 21, 1973**

Funeral services were held Friday, June 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Foster Funeral Home for Glenn R. Eastman, 14, who lost his life during an armed robbery of a neighborhood grocery store near his home in Portland, Oregon, where



**Glenn R. Eastman**

he worked as a bottle boy.

Glenn was born September 5, 1958 at Walla Walla, Washington, and lived in Chester part of his life before making his home in Portland with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Burch. He had just completed his freshman year at Marshall high school. He enjoyed doing mechanical things, swimming and fishing.

He is survived by his mother and step father, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Burch (Joyce Eveland), father, Russell Eastman, brothers and sisters, David 16, Lisa 12, Jeffrey 10, Chelli 8 and Derek 3, all at home; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Eveland of Chester and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The Portland police department took into custody Wednesday, four juveniles and accused them of murder in connection with the fatal shooting.

**DONALD FRASER**  
Born: January 28, 1883 - Died: November 12, 1973  
Liberty County Times  
November 22, 1973

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**Funeral held for  
Donald Fraser**

Joplin area farmer Donald Fraser, 90, died at the Liberty County Hospital on Monday, November 12.

Fraser was born in Ontario January 28, 1883, he married the former Theresa Borys in Poplar, January 13, 1920. The couple moved to Joplin in 1940 where they farmed, and retired in 1952 remaining in Joplin.

Fraser belonged to the Eagles lodge, and for a number of years was a member of the School Board for a Hay Coulee school near Joplin.

Survivors include his wife; children, Donald Jr. of Cascade, Rodney, Clinton, Duane, and Jim of Inverness, Bill of Chester, Charles of Joplin, Scotty of Portland, Oregon, Darrell of Salt Lake City, Utah, Mrs. Lester (Bertha) Standley, Mrs. Ray (Eleanor) Huntsburger, both of Cascade, Mrs. Jim (Ruby) Barrett of Lakewood, California, Mrs. John (Annie) Carlson of San Rafael, California, and Mrs. Dick (Darlene) Wood of Havre; 42 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Two children preceded him in death.

Funeral services were Friday, November 16, at 10 a.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home with burial in the Joplin cemetery

Rev. Donald Tigges officiated and the sons served as pallbearers.



## ROSE GAGNON

Born: January 18, 1928 - Died: May 28, 1973

Liberty County Times

May 31, 1973

# Two killed in grinding auto crash

Mrs. Rose Gagnon, 46 of Chester and Shawn Heimbigner, 16, also of Chester were killed in a grinding crash about seven miles south of Chester on Montana highway 223 Monday evening. Seriously injured in the crash were Joseph Gagnon, 51 of Chester and Clayton Duncan, 16 of Ledger. Both cars were demolished.

Funeral services for Shawn Heimbigner will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the United Methodist church in Chester Thursday, May 31.

Funeral services for Mrs. Rose Gagnon will be held at St. Mary Catholic church, Chester, Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

The accident was investigated by Patrolman Brice Flynn who said it was a partial head-on and broad-side collision. Gagnons were traveling south toward their farm home. Rose was doing the driving. Duncan was driving the other vehicle, going north. Apparently the Duncan vehicle went out of control. According to reports it veered into the left lane, then back into the right lane, and then made an end for end flip, and went back across the road into the path of the oncoming Gagnon vehicle. There are indications the Duncan vehicle may actually have been traveling backwards at the time of the collision.

Other authorities at the scene

were Deputies Andy Mygland, Earl Thisselle and Ralph Gentry. There was a fire under the hood of the Duncan vehicle, but it was quickly extinguished. According to reports there were eye witnesses to the crash.

There are numerous reports of another vehicle and a motorcycle at the scene, but these have not been substantiated by authorities at press time.

The Heimbigner boy was killed on impact. Mrs. Gagnon was pronounced dead on arrival at the Liberty county hospital.

Joe Gagnon was transferred to a Great Falls hospital Tuesday. He suffered several broken bones, but was believed to be in satisfactory condition. The Duncan boy was discharged from the hospital Tuesday.

## Final rites for Mrs. Rose Gagnon Friday, June 1

Funeral services for Mrs. Joseph (Rose) Gagnon, 46, killed in a Memorial day auto accident south of Chester, were Friday, June 1 at St. Mary Catholic church in Chester with Father Hoffman officiating at the con-celebrated mass. Rosary was Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. at the church. Burial was in the Chester cemetery with Holland and Bonine of Havre in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Gagnon, a native of Crookston, Minnesota, had lived the past farmed. She is survived by her husband, Joseph, two sons, Lyle at home, and Tony of Collegeville, Minnesota, her mother, Mrs. Dora Brule of Crookston, two brothers and a sister in Minnesota.

Pall bearers were Ed Cole, Arvid Boreen, Orval L. Brain, Verne Bresnahan, Eldon Graff and Lawrence Schaefer. Ushers were Raphael and James Hull.

The Catholic church choir provided the music.

**CARL R. GEBHARDT**  
**Born: November 2, 1893 - Died: August 30, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 6, 1973**

## Carl Gebhardt

Retired farmer Carl R. Gebhardt, 79, of Havre died in a local hospital on Thursday, August 30.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 4, at 10 a.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home.

Gebhardt was born in East Grand Forks, Minnesota, November 2, 1893. At the age of seven he moved to North Dakota with his parents, and he remained there until 1914, when he came to Montana, homesteading north of Chinook.

Gebhardt served in the armed forces during World War I. In Harlem in 1929 he married the former Katie Braunstadter, and the couple farmed north of Turner for many years. In 1956 they moved to Havre, where Gebhardt went to work for Eaves Farm Implement.

He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 48 in Chinook.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Dean and Walter of Havre, Wallace of Logansport, Indiana, and Richard of Chester; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild; sisters, Mrs. Clara Derrough, Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Minnie Carlson, Port Tobacco, Maryland; and a brother, Albert, Longmont, Colorado.

—Havre Daily News

**HAZEL C. GOLDBERG**  
**Born: September 29, 1929 - Died: June 15, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 21, 1973**

## **Final rites for Hazel C. Goldberg**

Hazel C. Goldberg, 62 of Inverness died Friday in Havre.

Funeral services were Monday, 2:00 p.m. at the First Lutheran church in Havre. Burial was in Highland cemetery in Havre.

She was born at Hartland, Minnesota and September 29, 1929, she married Oscar G. Goldberg. The family farmed near Inverness.

Surviving are the widower; a son, Harold, Inverness; daughters, Nancy of Havre and Donna Van Wechel of Denver; six grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers, including Jeanette Ferris, Cascade and Howard Wallum, Havre.

**DUDLEY W. GREENE**  
**Born: March 28, 1905 - Died: December 9, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 13, 1973**

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**Services held for Dudley Greene**

**HERE AND THERE**  
**By Almira Brevick**

Funeral services for Dudley W. Greene, 68, Columbia Falls were conducted November 15 in the Van Leuven Funeral Home.

The Reverend Ray Davis, United Methodist Church, officiated. Ritualistic rites were by Columbia Falls Lodge No. 89, AF & AM. Mrs. Roger Elliott was vocal soloist with Mrs. Bill Janson organist. Interment was in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mr. Greene retired Columbia Falls postmaster and active Mason, died Sunday. He had been in ill health with emphysema.

He was born March 28, 1905 at Clinton, Kentucky and came to Montana settling at Joplin with his parents Mr. and Mrs. James E. Greene in 1910 where they lived until 1919. His father was a newspaper publisher from 1919 when they left Joplin until 1931 when Greene moved to Columbia Falls, the family lived at Hinsdale, Saco, Great Falls, Glendive and Cody, Wyoming.

Dudley Greene was publisher of the Hinsdale Tribune for about two years, and worked with his father when he published the Saco Independent.

Mrs. Greene is the former Rose B. Sowa of Hinsdale. They were married November 5, 1922.

Survivors include his wife Rose; two daughters, Mrs. Jack (Marjorie) Schomer, Kodiak, Alaska; and Mrs. Gary (Lee) Preston, Boise, Idaho; six grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by one daughter Mrs. Caroline Geer in 1952.

Memorials of Columbia Falls Volunteer Ambulance Association or the Shriners crippled children's hospital have been suggested.

When the Greens came to Columbia Falls in 1931 he started the Columbia Falls Review, which was sold to Ralph Owings in 1935. Mr. Greene became Columbia Falls postmaster May 16, 1934 and retired December 26, 1963.

**BERYL M. HAY**  
**Born: April 8, 1886 - Died: November 7, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 15, 1973**

## Beryl M. Hay services held

Beryl May Hay, 87, died in Havre November 7, 1973. She was born April 8, 1886 at Atkinson, Nebraska.

Services were held Friday, November 9 at the Van Orsdel United Methodist Church in Havre with Rev. John Pugh officiating. Graveside services were held in Chester at 4 p.m. November 9. Organist was Jeanette Hartwig and soloist was Helen Kegel who sang "Lord That Wilt Not Let Me Go" and two congregational hymns "Be Still My Soul" and "Abide With Me".

Pallbearers were Dr. Larson, Elmer Hanson, Noel Davidson, Emil Eliason, Walt Hensley and Max Connor.

Mrs. Hay was married to John Hay in Calgary in 1906 and they came to Chester in 1909 taking up a homestead southeast of Chester. Mr. Hay died in 1948.

Mrs. Hay was assistant postmaster in Chester for 21 years. She retired in 1949 and moved to Havre where she lived until her death. She was a 50 year member of the Rebecca Lodge. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. G. C. Brown of Havre, one granddaughter Donna Boykin of Great Falls and 4 great grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, H. A. Stewart of Yakima, Washington and several nieces and nephews.

**SHAWN ALLEN HEIMBIGNER**  
 Born: March 1, 1957 - Died: May 28, 1973  
 Liberty County Times  
 May 31, 1973

# Two killed in grinding auto crash

## Final rites for Shawn Heimbigner Thursday

Shawn Allen Heimbigner was born March 1, 1957. He died as the result of a car accident last Monday evening, May 28, 1973, south of Chester.

Shawn was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heimbigner of Chester. He attended Chester schools and was active in many sports. Survivors besides the parents are brothers, Dan of Bozeman and Lon of Chester; sisters, Robin of Missoula, Ronda of Chester and Mrs. David Holland of Sunburst; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heimbigner of Chester, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were held at the United Methodist church in Chester May 31, 1973 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Leon Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Pallbearers were Randy Hagen, Kevin Smith, Joel Standiford, Bruce Norlander, Stuart Seaberry and Doug Thisselle.

Honorary pallbearers were all of the sophomore boys. All of the sophomore class were present.

Music was provided by the Methodist choir "In the Garden," "The Lord's My Shepherd." Duet by Rick Richter and Mary Jeppesen, "You've Got A Friend." Organist was Mrs. Bruce McCallum.

Mrs. Rose Gagnon, 46 of Chester and Shawn Heimbigner, 16, also of Chester were killed in a grinding crash about seven miles south of Chester on Montana highway 223 Monday evening. Seriously injured in the crash were Joseph Gagnon, 51 of Chester and Clayton Duncan, 16 of Ledger. Both cars were demolished.

Funeral services for Shawn Heimbigner will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the United Methodist church in Chester Thursday, May 31.

Funeral services for Mrs. Rose Gagnon will be held at St. Mary Catholic church, Chester, Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

The accident was investigated by Patrolman Brice Flynn who said it was a partial head-on and broadside collision. Gagnons were traveling south toward their farm home. Rose was doing the driving. Duncan was driving the other vehicle, going north. Apparently the Duncan vehicle went out of control. According to reports it veered into the left lane, then back into the right lane, and then made an end for end flip, and went back across the road into the path of the oncoming Gagnon vehicle. There are indications the Duncan vehicle may actually have been traveling backwards at the time of the collision.

Other authorities at the scene

were Deputies Andy Mygland, Earl Thisselle and Ralph Gentry. There was a fire under the hood of the Duncan vehicle, but it was quickly extinguished. According to reports there were eye witnesses to the crash.

There are numerous reports of another vehicle and a motorcycle at the scene, but these have not been substantiated by authorities at press time.

The Heimbigner boy was killed on impact. Mrs. Gagnon was pronounced dead on arrival at the Liberty county hospital.

Joe Gagnon was transferred to a Great Falls hospital Tuesday. He suffered several broken bones, but was believed to be in satisfactory condition. The Duncan boy was discharged from the hospital Tuesday.



**DUNCAN CAR**—the right side of the car was peeled off apparently from the back to the front. It is believed Shawn Heimbig-

ner was riding on the right side of the front seat, and he lost his life on impact.



**GAGNON CAR**—Rose Gagnon lost her life driving this car. She was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. These pic-

tures were not taken at the scene, but in the storage garage at Chester Motors.

### In Memory of SHAWN ALLEN HEIMBIGNER

Date of Birth: March 1, 1957  
 Shelby, Montana

Date of Death: May 28, 1973  
 Chester, Montana

#### Services

Thursday, May 31, 1973  
 2:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church  
 Chester, Montana

#### Officiant

Rev. Leon Johnson

#### Interment

Chester Cemetery  
 Chester, Montana

BERTHA A. JOHANNSON

Born: October 18, 1887 - Died: October 11, 1973

Liberty County Times

October 18, 1973

## Funeral held for Bertha

### Johannson

*Oct 18 - 1973*

Bertha A. Johannsson, 85, died Thursday, October 11 in Chester. Services were Monday at 9:30 a.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Chester. Burial was Monday at 4:30 p.m. at Libby. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre was in charge of arrangements. She married Klas Johannsson September 13, 1908 in Sweden. He died in 1964. They moved to Libby from Sweden in 1924 and to Chester in 1956. Survivors include daughters, Mrs. Tom (Aina) Staudacher of Chester, Mrs. Marvin (Lillian) Mackey of Anacortes, Washington, and Mrs. John (Signe) Nass of Libby; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Pastor Noel D. Petersen officiated at the services. Pallbearers were Walt Wicks, Les Albright, Walt Jensen, Cliff Hanson, Darby O'Brien and Ole Fagerberg. Ushers were Leo Jensen and Charles Green.

Ruby Petersen was at the organ and Madonna Gifford and Meredith Anderson sang "How Great Thou Art".

## LLOYD KEITH

Born: February 15, 1922 - Died: July 1, 1973

Liberty County Times

July 5, 1973

*July 5 - 1973*

### Lloyd Keith dies Suddenly, funeral Today at 2 p.m.

One of Chester's most prominent citizens, former mayor Lloyd Keith, 51, died of a heart attack early Sunday morning. He had not been ill, and his passing came as a shock to his many life-long friends in the community.

Funeral services are being held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Methodist church in Chester. Burial will be in the Chester cemetery.

Keith was the founder of Keith Chevrolet and County Fair Supermarket in Chester. He served on the city council for several terms, and also as mayor. He was a veteran of World War II, and for many years was a member of the

Veterans of Foreign Wars. He graduated from Chester high school in 1942.

He was married April 19, 1972, at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to Marilyn Schroer. She survives along with children, Donald and Rodney, Chester; David, Great Falls, and Kelly and Calvin, Kalispell; stepchildren, Christie, Rodney, Brett, Chester; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duval Keith, Chester; two brothers, Robert, Great Falls and Alvin, Grand Forks, North Dakota; sister, Thelma Perugini, Boulevard, California.

Keith was born in Chester February 15, 1922. The family moved to Ferdig for a few years, but while Lloyd was still in grade school they returned to Chester where his father, Duval Keith, opened a service station. Except for his time in the army Lloyd lived his entire life in Chester.

Shortly after World War 2 he and his brother, Bob, assumed management of their father's service station. A few years later Lloyd bought the Chevrolet garage in Chester and renamed it Keith Chevrolet. The business grew and after a few years more he built the Keith Chevrolet garage on the highway in East Chester.

In 1960 he built the County Fair building, and in September announced the grand opening of the supermarket.



Lloyd Keith



**LYDIA M. KOLSTAD**  
**Born: November 12, 1886 - Died: November 24, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 29, 1973**

## Funeral held for Lydia Kolstad

Mrs. Lydia M. Kolstad, resident of this area since 1909, died Saturday morning at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls. She was 87.

Mrs. Kolstad was born November 12, 1886, in Marion Junction, S. D., the daughter of Henry and Rhoda Van Horn. She moved to Minneapolis with her parents when she was a small girl and attended schools in that city.

She married Tedval Kolstad on June 30, 1904, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. The couple moved to Lansford, N.D., shortly after they were married.

The Kolstads came to Galata in 1909 where they homesteaded 20 miles north of Galata.

Besides farming interests, Mr. Kolstad operated the Galata Garage, a Ford agency, service station and auto repair service, in Galata for many years until the early 1920's.

Mr. Kolstad retired in 1950 and the couple moved to Kalispell. Mr. Kolstad died in December, 1959, at Shelby.

Mrs. Kolstad was a member of Eastern Star at Galata and the Social Order of Beauceant at Shelby. She was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Edmister of Shelby; two sons, Leo Kolstad, Bozeman, and Russell Kolstad, Logan, Utah, six grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church at Shelby with Pastor John Gronli officiating. Burial was in the family plot in Mountainview Cemetery in Shelby.

Pallbearers were Carl Franzen, Harry Gardener Jr., Kenneth Leck, Grant Flage, Leonard Matteson and Tom Scalse.

Honoray pallbearers were Malvin Matteson and Henry Halverson.

**MRS. LYLE KRUSCHKE**  
**Born: 7, 1938 - Died: April 12, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 17, 1973**

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**Mrs. Lyle Kruschke**  
**Died April 21**

Mrs. Lyle Kruschke, 35, Baldwin, Wisconsin, formerly of Eau Claire, died at her home Saturday, April 21, 1973.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 24 in Smith Funeral Chapel, the Rev. Maynard Midthun officiating.

Mrs. Kruschke is survived by her husband; four step-sons and two step-daughters at home; her mother, Mrs. Ida Curry, Eau Claire; three brothers, and five sisters.

The deceased was the former Kitty Keith, and she lived in Chester for a time.

**GORDON E. LAKEY**  
**Born: February 6, 1926 - Died: June 10, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 14, 1973**

## **Funeral today for Gordon Lakey**

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon in the Methodist church in Chester at 2:00 p.m. for Gordon Eli Lakey, 47, north Chester farmer. He was found dead Sunday at his farm home 12 miles northwest of Chester of shot gun wounds. There were no witnesses to the accident and no inquest will be held.

Survivors include his wife Deloris, daughters Bonita, Debra, Charlotte, stepchildren Roxane McKelvey and Vaughn McKelvey; sisters, Irene Mattson of Chester, Ethel Rasmussen of Tacoma, Washington; brothers Curtis Lakey of Chester, Houston Lakey of Terry, and Troy Lakey of Whitlash.

He was born February 6, 1926 in Chester and lived in this area all of his life.

## **Final rites for Gordon Lakey June 14**

Rev. Leon Johnson officiated at funeral services held for Gordon Lakey, Thursday, June 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist church in Chester.

The United Methodist church choir sang "Old Rugged Cross" and "Beyond the Sunset" accompanied by Mrs. Bruce McCallum at the organ.

Pallbearers were Henry and Leo Hawks, Claude Demarest, Richard Wickum, Lawrence Frederickson and Ben Oswood. Ushers were Michael Hull, M. Sterling Wardell and Clifford Blair. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

### *In Memory of* **GORDON E. LAKEY**

Date of Birth: February 6, 1926  
Chester, Montana

Date of Death: June 10, 1973  
Chester, Montana

#### *Services*

Thursday, June 14, 1973  
2:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church  
Chester, Montana

#### *Officiant*

Rev. Leon Johnson

#### *Interment*

Chester Cemetery  
Chester, Montana

**FRANK J. LISKA**  
**Born: May 19, 1891 - Died: August 7, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 23, 1973**

### **Funeral services for Frank Liska**

Funeral services were held for Frank J. Liska, 82, Thursday, August 9 at the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Duncan, Iowa. Burial was in St. John's cemetery.

Mr. Liska was born May 19, 1891 in Minnesota. He was the son of Frank and Katherine Dworshak Liska. In 1910 he came to the north Chester area with his parents to homestead. November 19, 1940 he was married to Bessie Hejlik at Ducan, Iowa. They lived north of Chester until 1946 when they returned to Duncan, Iowa where he operated a tavern until retiring.

He passed away Tuesday, August 7 at the Mason City Hospital after being seriously ill for the past sixteen months.

Surviving are his wife and brother John of Bigfork, Montana.

**WILLIS M. LONG**  
**Born: May 28, 1892 - Died: February 16, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 22, 1973**

**Pa Kettle (W. Long)**  
**80, died Feb. 16,**  
**Services Feb. 20**

Willis M. Long, 80, of Chester, retired farm worker, died in the Chester hospital Friday, February 16.

Funeral services were Tuesday, February 20 at 11:00 a.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester, with burial in the Carter cemetery. Pastor Noel Petersen officiated.

Long was born in Spencer, Iowa, May 28, 1892. He married the former Sarah Estes in Orofino, Idaho in 1912. In 1917, he came with his family to homestead in the Carter area. His wife preceded him in death in 1938.

In Billings in 1938, he married the former Ethel Taylor. The couple moved to Chester in 1953, where Long retired.

Long was a member of the Church of the Brethren.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Ray W. Long of Wewahitchka, Florida, and Delbert J. Long of Eugene, Oregon; a daughter, Mrs. Roy (Sadie) Marcussen of Carter; a stepson, Robert Taylor, in Nevada, and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Martha Bollinger of Charlotte, North Carolina; 10 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. An infant daughter and a son preceded him in death.

Betty Jean Wolfe and Jack Seidlitz sang "In the Garden" and "Old Rugged Cross" accompanied by Mrs. Noel Petersen on the organ.

Pallbearers were Leo Jensen, Vic Elliot, Art Kaiser, Darby O'Brien, Bill Earl, Bob Aitken. Ushers were Earl Keith and Don Gummer.

Honorary pallbearers: Carl Harlem, Roy Heimbigner, Ben Heimbigner, Charlie Laas, Gus Laas, Ted Zorn, Ray Zorn Jr., Marvin Rishoff and Bernard Mader.

**MYRTLE MANSFIELD**  
**Born: October 7, 1888 - Died: February 6, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 8, 1973**

**Mrs. Myrtle Mansfield died**

Myrtle Mansfield, 84, Great Falls, died Tuesday while visiting a daughter in Pincher Creek, Alberta.

Funeral services were Friday at 2:00 at Holland and Bonine Chapel in Havre. Burial was in Highland cemetery in Havre.

Mrs. Mansfield was born October 7, 1888, in Clinton, Missouri. Her family homesteaded east of Inverness in 1909. She married Alvin Mansfield in Havre March 10, 1913. The couple moved from Havre to Great Falls in 1950. Mansfield died in 1952.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Frank (Alice) Skierka, Pincher Creek; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren, and a sister, Clara Severance, Okanogan, Washington.

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**BERTHA C. MEADOWS**  
**Born: July 23, 1899 - Died: October 13, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 18, 1973**

## Rites held for *Oct 18 - 73* Bertha

### Meadows

Mrs. Bertha C. Meadows, 74, Richmond, Virginia, died Saturday in a Havre hospital and her body is being sent to Ashland, Kentucky for funeral services and burial in Rose Hill Cemetery in Ashland.

Mrs. Meadows had been visiting her daughters in this area since August.

Survivors are a son, Raymond A. Meadows, Baltimore, Maryland; daughters, Mrs. Matt Lipp, Hingham; Mrs. James Chvilicek, Gildford and Mrs. Walter Hamilton, Richmond, Virginia.

Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Englewood, California, 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Meadows was born in Ashland, Kentucky, July 23, 1899. She was married to Marion A. Meadows in Portsmouth, Ohio, February 19, 1919. He died in 1944. Three children preceded her in death.

Mrs. Meadows was a member of the Lutheran Church

**MARGARET E. MEISSNER**  
**Born: April 23, 1889 - Died: August 24, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 30, 1973**

*Margaret Meissner,  
84, died Friday  
services Monday.*

Margaret E. Meissner, 84, died Friday at the Liberty county rest home where she had lived for two years. Rosary was Sunday at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Chester. Services were at the church Monday at 10 a.m. A memorial fund was established for Liberty county hospital. She was born in Germany. She married George Meissner in September, 1912. They moved to Montana in 1912 and ranched on the Marias River since that time. Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Meissner, and sons, George, Frank, Joe, Ernest, Lawrence and Paul, all of Chester.

Pallbearers were her six sons, George, Frank, Joe, Ernest, Lawrence and Paul. Ushers were Darby O'Brien and Orval Brain.

Burial was in the Chester Catholic Cemetery. Memorials are to go to the Liberty County hospital.



**MYRTLE J. MIDGE**  
**Born: April 10, 1893 - Died: February 11, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 22, 1973**



Myrtle Midge

**Myrtle Midge 79,  
Died February 11,  
Services Feb. 15**

Myrtle J. Midge, 79, died at the Deaconess hospital in Great Falls Sunday, February 11. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Olaf Lutheran church, east of Conrad with the Rev. Noel Petersen officiating. Burial was in St. Olaf's cemetery with the Wyse funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Midge was born April 10, 1893, in Lake Mills, Iowa, and attended school and taught in Iowa and Minnesota. She married Robert Midge June 20, 1917, in Lake Mills. They came to the Prospect community to farm east of Conrad and lived there until her husband's death in 1945. She attended Eastern Montana College, graduating in 1953 at the age of 60, and taught grade school in the Toole county area until retiring in 1963. Following her retirement she made her home at the Teton Valley Ranch.

She was a member of the National Retired Teacher's Association and St. Olaf Lutheran church.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one son, Ronald.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Doris Allen of Dutton, Mrs. George (Betty) Raymer of Great Falls, Mrs. Oliver (Marian) Aaberge of Dutton, and Mrs. William (Nellie) Sherman of Conrad; one son, Burton Midge of Dutton; 14 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Fowler of Shelby and Mrs. S. Melvin (Dorothea) Johnson of Lake Mills; and one brother, Carl Ruby of Lake Mills.

Pallbearers were Tom Sherrard, Ted Fowler, Allen Fowler, Roger Fowler, Marvin Ambuehl and Joe Fenger.

**HILDA MULLER**  
**Born: ? - Died: January 16, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 15, 1973**

**Mrs. Hilda Muller**  
**Died January 16,**  
**Services Jan. 19**

by SHIRLEY MULLER  
Hingham 397-2766

Tuesday afternoon, January 16, Mrs. Alphonse (Hilda) Muller very peacefully slept into death in a Havre hospital after several years of illness. Rosary service was held Thursday evening in Hingham and Friday morning Requiem Mass was held in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic church in Hingham with burial in the Hingham cemetery.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Alphonse, and by five children, Mrs. Viola Rambo of Libby, Mrs. Eileen Buchholz of Fromberg, Mrs. Clara Lipp of Hingham, Dr. John Muller of Hibbing, Minnesota and Jim Muller of Hingham; 20 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, three sisters and two brothers.

Students from Hingham high school formed a choir to sing at the funeral. Pallbearers were nephews, Bud Ellert, John Ellert, Archie Kimpel and Rey Gehlen and friends Virgil Jurenka and Chris Richter. Ushers were Edwin Sorenson and Frank Lipp.

Relatives here from a distance to attend Mrs. Muller's funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rambo, Libby; Dr. and Mrs. John Muller, Hibbing, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buchholz Sr. and Dan of Fromberg; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buchholz Jr., Peerless; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Buchholz and Christy of Culbertson; Mrs. David Davies and Marge Lipp, Missoula; Janie Lipp, Williston, North Dakota; Dan Rambo, Helena; and Archie Kimpel of Lewistown.

Guido Muller and Lucille Mickman of Minneapolis; Mrs. Marie Ellert, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Ellert and John Ellert, all of Milk River, Alberta; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mayer, Glencoe, Minnesota and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Buechele of Minneapolis.

**ELMER GEORGE MUNCY**  
**Born: April 24, 1928 - Died: October 3, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 11, 1973**

## Funeral held for Elmer Muncy

Elmer G. Muncy, 45, of Chester, a grain buyer for General Mills, died in a Havre hospital Wednesday, October 3.

Funeral services were Monday, October 8, at 2 p.m. in Our Saviour's Lutheran church in Chester, with interment in the Chester cemetery. A memorial is being established.

Born April 24, 1928, in Chester, Muncy was raised and schooled here. He served in the U. S. Armed Forces during the Korean war and then returned to Chester. He had worked for 26 years for General Mills.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Shelby Elks Club No. 1696, and the Chester Volunteer Fire Department.

In Williston, North Dakota, October 18, 1952, he married the former Norma Leom, who survives him. Also surviving are children Nancy E. Muncy, Minot, North Dakota, Cheryl Marie Muncy, Terry Lloyd Muncy, Bryan Dean Muncy, and Lyle Lee Muncy, all of Chester; sisters, Mrs. Lorraine Polacek, Waterloo, Illinois, and Mrs. June Haupt, Cut Bank; and a brother, Dale, of Chester. Survivors also include an uncle, two aunts, and several nieces and nephews.

Pastor Noel Petersen officiated at the funeral. Mrs. Petersen played the organ. Janice Wigenbach sang "Beyond the Sunset" and the "Lord's Prayer". The congregation sang "In the Garden". Pallbearers were Charles Helmbrecht, Bud Ish, Léo Jensen, Jennings Mattson, Kenneth Wolfe and Jim Marshall. Ushers were Cliff Leighton and Armand Anderson.

The graveside ritual was performed by the Shelby Elks, and the V.F.W. honor guard.

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**PETER OLSON**  
**Born: ?, 1889 - Died: February ?, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 1, 1973**

## **Ex-homesteader Dies in Kalispell**

Peter Olson, 84, died at Kalispell. A native of Sweden, he moved to Canada in 1906 and to Chester in 1911 to homestead. He married Beda Erickson in 1910 at Lakota, North Dakota. They later lived in Washington, Bigfork and Kalispell since 1967. Survivors include the widow; sons, Ernest, Seattle, and Melvin, Bigfork, and a daughter, Thelma Clark, Great Falls.

HILDING A. OLSSON  
Born: July 6, 1903 - Died: March 26, 1973  
Liberty County Times  
May 3, 1973

May 3 - 73  
Hilding Olsson passes

Hilding A. Olsson, son of Axel and Fredrika Olsson was born July 6, 1903 in Moscow, Idaho and passed away March 26, 1973 at Salina, Kansas.

He spent his youth in the Northwest, going to Kansas in his early twenties. He was married to Nancy Oborg on October 28, 1929 in Assaria, Kansas.

He is survived by his wife Nancy, daughter Nancy Lou and son Roger and eight grandchildren.

His parents homesteaded south of Joplin. Axel Olsson was known to his friends as Bear Paw and edited the Joplin paper for many years.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

HILDING A. OLSSON

Born July 6, 1903  
Moscow, Idaho

Passed Away March 26, 1973  
Salina, Kansas

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday, March 29, 1973  
2:00 P.M.

Assaria Lutheran Church  
Assaria, Kansas

CLERGYMAN

Reverend Lawrence Sundell

INTERMENT

Assaria Cemetery

ACTIVE CASKET BEARERS

Kurtis Forsberg      Ralph Rundquist  
Gordon Forsberg      Carl Rundquist  
Gerald Lilly          Rod Diehl

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Joe Srna              James Buxton  
Harold Fulton       Charles K. Johnson  
Mack O'Dell Jr.       Clarence W. Hanson

ORGANIST

Mrs. Lois James

ORDER OF SERVICE

Scripture Reading and Prayer ..... Rev. Lawrence Sundell.

Duet ..... "Children of the Heavenly Father"  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rundquist

Meditation ..... Rev. Lawrence Sundell

Duet ..... "Now The Day Is Over"  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rundquist

Benediction ..... Rev. Richard Sundell

HILDING A. OLSSON

Hilding A. Olsson, son of Axel and Fredrika Olsson, was born July 6, 1903 in Moscow, Idaho and passed away March 26, 1973.

He spent his youth in the Northwest, coming to Kansas in his early twenties. He was married to Nancy Oborg on October 28, 1929 in Assaria, Kansas.

He farmed for 21 years, during which time he was a member and chairman of the Triple A and also served as chairman of Saline County U.S.D.A. War Board. In 1948 he purchased the Assaria Elevator, and later became salesman for Johnson's Appliance.

He was a member of the Assaria Lutheran Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club, and a former mayor of Assaria.

Bud, or Ole, as he was affectionately known, was a devoted husband, father, brother and grandfather.

He was a man of strong conviction for the worthwhile things of life, along with a friendly personality to all those he knew.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Nancy, his daughter, Nancy Lou and son, Roger, eight grandchildren, son-in-law, Cortland and daughter-in-law, Shirley.

Will Those Driving in the Procession kindly turn lights on for safety.

ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME

**LEO PECINOUSKY**  
**Born: December 17, 1887 - Died: February 8, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 22, 1973**

*Feb - 22 - 73*  
Services in Hingham  
for Leo Pecinousky

Rosary was recited Sunday, February 11 in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic church in Hingham for retired farmer Leo Pecinousky, 85, who died in the Chester hospital February 8.

The Rev. Fr. Jordan Blecha officiated at funeral services Monday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the church. Rose Farnik accompanied the select choir, which sang "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All," "Fill My Cup" and "Take Jesus With You."

Pallbearers were George Hanson, Marvin Vosberg, Leonard Chvilicek, Jerry Hybner, Tom Jurenka and Ted Jurenka. The usher was Jim Mullett.

Burial was in the Highland cemetery.

Pecinousky was born in Protovin, Iowa, December 17, 1887. He came to Montana to homestead north of Hingham in 1912. In 1934 he moved to California to work for Ford Motor Company, and he returned to the Rudyard area in 1963, where he remained.

Survivors include a nephew, Virgil Jurenka of Gildford and two nieces, Marietta Ramberg of Chester and Mrs. Francis Black of Havre. He was preceded in death by four sisters and four brothers.

**DEATHS**  
2-8-73 Leo Pecinovsky, Rudyard.

THOMAS J. PESTER

Born: July 2, 1896 - Died: October 5, 1973

Liberty County Times

October 18, 1973

Funeral held for  
Tom Pester, 77

*Oct 11 - 73*

HINGHAM-Pester, Thomas J., 77, retired farmer, died in Chester hospital. Services were held Monday at 10 am. at Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham. Rosary was at the church Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Born in Czechoslovakia he began farming south of Hingham in 1916. He married Christina Spindler November 11, 1919, at Owatonna, Minnesota. Survivors include the widow; sons, Joe Rudyard, Jerry, Winnipeg, Charles, Windham, and Robert, James and Gene, Hingham; daughters, Mrs. Matha Kiemele, Havre, and Rose Mary Murphy, Chester, and a sister, Mrs. Frances Spindler, Havre.

Final rites held  
for Tom Pester

*Oct 18 - 73*

Requiem Mass for Thomas J. Pester, Hingham area farmer, was conducted Monday morning, October 8, at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham with the Reverend Jordan Blecha officiating.

Interment was in Hingham cemetery.

The pallbearers were Robert Horinek, Richard Horinek, Ben Spinler, Leonard Chvilicek, James Chvilicek and Jerry Hybner.

The ushers were Frank Lipp and Frank Jochim.

The CYC choir sang, "Prayer for Our Time" and "Jesus My Lord, My God, My All."

Pester died in Chester October 5.

**GLADYS PETERSEN**  
**Born: May 1, 1909 - Died: December 8, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 13, 1973**

## Funeral held for Gladys Petersen

Gladys Petersen, 64, retired postal worker from Rudyard, died in Rudyard on Saturday, December 8.

Funeral rites were conducted on Tuesday, December 11 at 10 a.m. in Our Saviour's Lutheran church in Rudyard, with interment in the Highland cemetery in Havre.

Reverend Wayne Pris officiated.

Mrs. Petersen was born in Great Falls May 1, 1909. She was raised in Great Falls, attending schools there and taking her nurses training in the Deaconess hospital. She worked in a hospital in Malta before she came to Rudyard in 1933.

In 1942 in Seattle, she married Rudolph Petersen, and the couple made their home in Rudyard where they ran the post office and a jewelry store. Her husband preceded her in death in 1962.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Petersen was manager of the hotel in Rudyard.

She was a Past Matron of the Joplin chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, and a member of the Daughters of the Nile.

Survivors include three sisters, Mary Grieger, Sand Coulee, Viola Behrens, Riverside, California, and Ruth Lorentz; a brother, Samuel Dick Jr., Great Falls; and 12 nieces and nephews.



**JAMES WILLIAM PETTAPIECE**  
**Born: February 10, 1911 - Died: July 26, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 9, 1973**

**Services held for James  
Pettapiece, 62**

*Aug 9 - 73*  
James William Pettapiece, 62, former resident of the Goosebill and Chester areas, died unexpectedly Thursday night, July 26, 1973, at Lincoln. He was enroute to Great Falls with his wife from Somers, where they have made their home since the first of the year.

Funeral services were Monday morning at 11 a.m. in the Benton Funeral Home with Rev. Chet Shaw of the First Christian church officiating. Burial was in Riverside cemetery. Pallbearers were Orville Brain, Andy Harmon, Richard Eveland, William Earl, Delmar Wolf, Wayne Dafoe. Honorary pallbearers were Harold Thielman, Ernest Meissner, Bob Moffet and Irving Bartlett.

Mr. Pettapiece was born at Medicine Hat, Alberta, February 10, 1911, and came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

James W. Pettapiece, Sr. to Great Falls that year. The next year they homesteaded in the Goosebill section. The father died in 1932 and his mother in 1964.

He had resided at the family homestead virtually all his life. He married Alice Beeby at Shelby on June 13, 1958. Survivors are his wife; three step children, George and Leroy Beeby and Patricia Romain; brothers and sisters, Robert Pettapiece of Ridgefield, Washington; Mrs. Evelyn Streigel of Craig, Alaska; Mrs. Elizabeth Graham of Chester, and Mrs. Annabelle Barbie of Inverness.

**CURTIS McCLENAN PHILLIPS**  
**Born: ?, 1889 - Died: July 5, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 12-19, 1973**

**Funeral held for  
Curt Phillips, 84**

Curtis McClenan Phillips, 84, died Thursday in Havre. Services were Tuesday at 11 a.m. Our Saviour Lutheran church, Rudyard. Burial was in Rudyard cemetery with Holland and Bonnie Funeral Home of Havre in charge.

He was born in Wisconsin. He came to Rudyard to homestead in 1910. He married Mary Murphy in Havre Dec. 4, 1917. For 39 years he was a Minneapolis-Moline farm equipment dealer in Rudyard. He also farmed.

Survivors include the widow; daughters, Mary Patterson of Sunny Vale Calif., Mrs. Lyle Anderson of Rudyard, Dorothy Fahrenburke of Great Falls, Elsie Long of Covina, Calif., Eva Bierman of Havre, Mrs. Clifford Potter of Carmichael, Calif., Mrs. John Ridgeway of Stanford and JoAnn Croly of Sacramento, Calif.; sons, Jack of Havre, Frank of Rudyard and Ray of Joplin; four sisters; two brothers; 35 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Memorials to Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital, Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre or Northern Montana Hospital Building Fund are preferred.

**Phillips' rites  
Held Tuesday  
At Rudyard**

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. S. D. Fauske in Our Saviour's Lutheran church in Rudyard on Tuesday, July 10 starting at 11 a.m. for Rudyard homesteader and businessman Curtis McClellan Phillips, 89, who died in a Havre rest home July 5.

Mrs. Sharon Spicher accompanied Terry Stevenson, who sang, "Rock of Ages," "In the Garden," and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers, all grandsons, were Jeff Fahrenbruch, John Phillips, Ty Anderson, Randall Ridgeway, Glen Phillips, and Jan Phillips. Honorary pallbearers, also grandsons, were Terry Anderson, Wayne Phillips Scott Phillips, Darwin Anderson, Kane Phillips, Mike Ridgeway, and Lon Phillips. Ushers were Clarence Wendland, Fred Rigg, Don Koefod, and Clarence Patrick.

Burial was in the Rudyard cemetery, with Masonic graveside rites.

**FRANK PICKETT**  
**Born: July 19, 1896 - Died: December 4, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December ?, 1973**

*In Memory of*

**FRANK PICKETT**

Date of Birth: July 19, 1896  
Centralia, Illinois

Date of Death: December 4, 1973  
Havre, Montana

*Services*

Friday, December 7, 1973  
11:00 a.m.

Holland and Bonine Chapel  
Havre, Montana

*Officiant*

Rev. Calvin Fahrion

*Interment*

Cremation

**JULIUS ROCKS**  
**Born: March 25, 1892 - Died: February 21, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 1, 1973**

**Julius Rocks 80,  
Died Feb. 21,  
Services Feb. 23**

Julius Rocks, 80, died Wednesday, February 21 in Kalispell general hospital. He had lived in Kalispell since 1954, coming from Joplin.

Born in Germany March 25, 1892 Mr. Rocks moved to the Joplin area in 1912, with his parents, Michael and Millie Rocks, from Canada, where they lived for a time. He, as well as his parents, homesteaded at that time. He was a retired wheat farmer and cattle rancher.

Mr. Rocks married Laura T. Laborta November 20, 1930 in Havre. He was a member of the Central Bible church, Kalispell; the Senior Citizen of Kalispell; and the Havre Aerie No. 166, F. O. E.

Surviving are his widow; his son, Donald J. Rocks, Joplin; two daughters, Mrs. Lee (Lorraine) Hodges, Joplin, Mrs. Delores Boggs, Sacramento, California; his brother, Albert Rocks, Oakland, California; four sisters, Mrs. Peter (Helen) Fast, Youngtown, Arizona, Mrs. Earl (Martha) McConnell, Mrs. Ed (Amanda) Nordtome, both of Kalispell, Mrs. Lawrence (Olga) Lee, Mesa, Arizona; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

Funeral services were Friday, February 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the Weatherford funeral home. The Rev. Clarence P. Loewen, pastor of the Central Bible church officiated. Burial was in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

MARY SCHROER

Born: June 6, 1903 - Died: August 1, 1973

Liberty County Times

August 9, 1973

Services for Mary  
Schroer, 70  
August 5 *Aug 9*  
*73*

Mary Schroer, 70, died at the hospital in Chester. Born in Kalispell, she lived in Cut Bank since 1939, retiring five years ago. Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Lena Williams, Shelby. Services were Saturday at 10 a.m. St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chester, burial in the family plot at Lothair, Montana. Rosary was at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the church. Burns Funeral Home, Shelby, was in charge of arrangements.

**ANNE HELEN SEBASTIAN**  
**Born: July 12, 1890 - Died: August 14, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 16, 1973**

*Aug 16 - 73*

### **Ex-Joplin postmaster Anne Sebastian dies**

Mrs. Anne Helen Sebastian, 82, 3832 9th Ave. S., former Joplin postmaster, died early Tuesday morning in a Great Falls hospital.

O'Connor's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Rosary was recited in St. Mary Church, Chester, Thursday at 10 a.m. Mass was celebrated at 10:30. Burial was in Chester cemetery.

Born July 12, 1890 in Rochester, Minnesota, she moved with her parents to homestead near Hingham in 1913. In 1914 she married Martin Sebastian, who died in 1948.

Mrs. Sebastian moved to Joplin in the early 1940's and was the United States Postmaster there from 1943 until her retirement in 1960. She moved to Great Falls in June.

She is survived by two sons, John, Great Falls, and Robert, Nashville, Tennessee; one sister, Mrs. Mame Kress, Jamestown, North Dakota, and Art Brewer, Hawthorne, California, and seven grandchildren.

**JAMES WESLEY SEKORA**  
**Born: December 10, 1940 - Died: March 23, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 29, 1973**

## **Man found dead In apartment**

James Wesley Sekora, 32, Chester cook was found dead in his apartment at the MX Motel Friday. Death was from undetermined cause. A coroner's autopsy was ordered, but there has been no report at this time.

He was the cook for the Tip Top Cafe. When he didn't show up for work Friday the investigation followed and led to the discovery of the body.

The deceased had no known relatives in this community. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sekora live in Roberts, Montana.

**HAROLD LLOYD SHEPHERD**  
**Born: January 3, 1919 - Died: September 23, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 27, 1973**

## **Funeral held for Harold Shepherd**

Harold Lloyd Shepherd, a life-long resident of Liberty County, passed away in his sleep on Sunday morning, September 23rd, 1973, at his farm home.

Harold, born January 3, 1919, was the third child of Glen and Lottie Shepherd. His birthplace was Columbia Falls, Montana, where his father was working for the Great Northern Railroad. Early that spring, the family came back to the farm, six miles south of Chester. Harold attended the Chester Public Schools for twelve years, graduating in 1937. He was active in basketball during high school.

He attended an "Air-Conditioning" School in Southern California in 1937 and 1938, then came back to Montana and joined the Civilian Conservation Corp. In 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army, being medically discharged on December 31, 1942.

He moved to Spokane to work for Caterpillar Machinery Company, where on June 1, 1943, he married Pearl Tutvedt, a resident of Galata. That fall, they moved to the family farm south of Chester. To this union, two children were born-- a daughter, Myrna Rae, in 1944, at Chester, and in 1946 a son, Harley Gene, at Havre.

Harold was a member of the Lions Club, the American Legion, and the First United Methodist Church.

The past few years, he and his wife spent the winter months in Mesa, Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lottie, a brother

Ralph, and his son Harley. Survivors are his wife, Pearl, a daughter and son-in-law, Myrna and Gene Cady, a grandson, Christopher Cady, all of Great Falls; his father and step-mother Glen and Ava Shepherd, Kalispell; a sister, Carrie Bracken of Lake Oswego, Oregon; brothers, Neil of Great Falls, and Leo of Kalispell; two step-sisters, Mary Anna Zauner of Kalispell, and Dixie Lee Tye of Shoreview, Minnesota; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 25, 1973 at the First Methodist Church in Chester, with Reverend Leon Johnson officiating. Pallbearers were Richard Harmon, Andrew Harmon, Orval Brain, Jerry Hendrickson, Delmar Wolfe, and Narciss Gagnon. Ushers were Earl Keith, Max Brown, and Sterling Wardell. Music was furnished by Wayne Wardell, who sang "How Great Thou Art", and the Methodist Church Choir, who sang "Take Jesus With You". Interment was in the Chester Cemetery.



**KENNETH O. SHERPING**  
Born: ?, 1935 - Died: August 21, 1973  
Liberty County Times  
August 30, 1973

**Former Joplin  
resident Kenneth  
Sherping killed**

*Aug 30 - 73*

Kenneth O. Sherping, 38, of Brady died as the result of a vehicle accident near Cheyenne, Wyoming, Tuesday. Services were Monday at 2 p.m. at the Pondera Valley Lutheran church, Conrad. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery with military rites. Wyse Funeral Home in charge. He was born in Bagley, Minnesota. He was an Air Force veteran. He came to Joplin in 1959. He married Sharon Hodges in Joplin in August 1961. They were living in Pine Bluff, Wyoming, where he was employed in construction. Survivors include the widow, sons, Terry and Randy, his mother, five sisters and one brother.

**ALBERT JOSEPH SKIERKA**  
**Born: October 2, 1912 - Died: February 5, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 15, 1973**

**Albert Skierka**  
**Funeral Friday**

Albert Skierka, 61, south Liberty county farmer passed away in the Fort Benton hospital Monday afternoon. Funeral services will be held Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception church, Fort Benton. Rosary will be Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fort Benton funeral home.

**Funeral held for**  
**Albert Skierka**

Albert Joseph Skierka, 60, Chester area farmer, passed away at the St. Clare hospital, Fort Benton, Monday, February 5, 1973.

Rosary was at the Benton funeral home at 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening, with Requiem Mass at the Immaculate Conception church at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Msgr. John Regan officiated. Burial was in Riverside cemetery. Pallbearers were nephews: Freddie Skierka, John Dalemata, Raymond Skierka, Jack Skierka, Martin Skierka, Bill Flaspeter, Joe Bahnmilller and Terry Kalder. Honorary pallbearers were Ed Cole, Mark Harwood, Swede Ayers, Joe Moore, Jack Moore, Grant Jeppesen, Gordon Pauliot, George Lippert and Harold Lippert.

Mr. Skierka was born in Chester October 2, 1912, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Skierka. He was raised in the Chester area and has operated a ranch 35 miles north of Fort Benton near the Marias river all his adult life.

He married Jeanne Flaspeter April 17, 1948, at White Bear Lake, Minnesota. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception church of Fort Benton.

Survivors are his wife, Jeanne; a daughter, Annette Skierka, at home; a sister, Mrs. Aurelia Dalemata of West Glacier; three brothers, Lorenz Skierka of Cut Bank, Frank Skierka of Pincher Creek, Alberta, and John Skierka of Chester and numerous nieces and nephews.

**HARRY M. SORENSON**  
**Born: March 31, 1913 - Died: July 17, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 26, 1973**

*July 26 - 73*  
**Harry Sorenson,**  
**60, died July 17,**  
**Services July 20**

Harry M. Sorensen, 60, who retired four months ago as a Cascade county deputy sheriff, died July 17 in the hospital at Chester where he had undergone surgery a week ago.

Funeral services were Friday at 3:30 at the Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home with Rev. Thomas Householder officiating. Burial was in Scottsville, Michigan.

In April Sorensen and his wife, Doris, moved to a home they had maintained in Rudyard for a number of years. They had resided in Great Falls at 314 3rd St. N.

An avid fisherman and hunter, Sorensen was sporting goods department manager at Montgomery Ward & Co. several years when he began working extra shifts as jailor and dispatcher for the sheriff's office in 1960. He had been with the Cascade County Sheriff's Posse two years.

By 1962 he had worked into a full-time position in the sheriff's office and later was graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in Bozeman.

Born in Lee, Denmark, March 31, 1913, Sorensen came to the United States with his parents at the age of seven. He was reared in Scottsville and Muskegon, Michigan. He worked for the Holland Furnace Company before his transfer to Helena and then to Great Falls.

A Golden Gloves tournament boxer, Sorensen, soon after his graduation from high school in Muskegon, fought three exhibition rounds in Grand Rapids with the late Prima Carnera, who was touring the country at the time. He became a friend of Carnera, visiting with him five or six times in later years. Sorensen also played semi-pro basketball several years in Michigan.

He was active in the Boy Scout organization and Luther League, was a 32nd degree Mason and affiliated with the White Shrine and Eastern Star. He was also a member of the Sons of Norway.

Survivors include the widow; a daughter, Mrs. David (Karen) Quirk, Black Eagle; a son, Soren "Bud" Sorensen of Great Falls; six grandchildren, three stepsons, a stepdaughter, and six step-grandchildren.

**THEODORE H. STEEN**  
**Born: April 1, 1887 - Died: May 31, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 7, 1973**

**DEATHS**

5-15-73 Raymond Zorn Sr., Chester.  
5-21-73 Mrs. Maxine Stone, Chester.

*June 4 - 73*  
**Funeral services for**  
**Ted Steen 86,**  
**Monday, June 4**

Funeral services for Theodore H. Steen, 86, were held Monday morning at 11:00 a.m., June 4 at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester with Pastor Noel Petersen officiating. Burial was in the south Chester cemetery.

Mrs. Bruce McCallum was organist and "Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden" were sung by Julie Jensen, Glenn, David, Rod and Kendra Wolfe.

Pallbearers were Leo Wigen, Roger Wolfe, Delmar Wolfe, Kenneth Wolfe, Dean Wolfe, Albert

Hanson. Ushers were Arvid Boreen and Orval Brain.

Theodore H. Steen was born April 1, 1887 in Iowa and died at Liberty county nursing home May 31, 1973. He was a retired farmer and had served in World War I. He came to Chester in 1913 and homesteaded 13 miles south of Chester. He retired from farming in 1949 and moved into Chester.

He is survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Two sisters and five brothers preceded him in death.

**EARMEL R. STIPP**  
**Born: April 1, 1896 - Died: May 29, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 7, 1973**

**Earmel Stipp services**  
**Saturday, June 2**

Funeral services were held for Earmel Revel Stipp Saturday, June 2 at the Chester United Methodist church at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Leon Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Earmel Revel Stipp was born April 1, 1896 in Vermillion, Illinois to George Washington and Nancy Delila (York) Stipp. He was a member of the Christian church, Nevins, Illinois. He farmed most of his life and retired in 1967.

He came to Joplin in October 1971, and made his home with Mary and Harley Rudolph until September 1972 when he entered the Liberty county nursing home. He passed away May 29, 1973 in Chester.

Three brothers preceded him in death.

Survivors include his sister, Mrs. Hohlweger of Aberdeen, South Dakota; sister-in-law, Mrs. Gladys Stipp of Newman, Illinois; nieces, Mrs. Helen Rexinger, Frederick, South Dakota; Blanche Boyer, Ruth Eveland, Chester; Mary Rudolph, Joplin; Mrs. Gladys Bonneville, Lafayette, Oregon; Mrs. Ethel Still, Alpena, Arkansas.

Pallbearers were Donald Rudolph, Glenn LaValley, Jack Wright, Emanuel Gabbert, Howard Eveland, Chester Eveland.

Organist was Mrs. Bruce McCallum, duets by Mrs. Steve Brown and Mrs. Leon Johnson, "In the Garden" and "Sweet Bye and Bye."

*In Memory of*

**EARMEL R. STIPP**

Date of Birth: April 1, 1896  
Vermilion, Illinois  
Date of Death: May 29, 1973  
Chester, Montana

*Services*

Saturday, June 2, 1973  
2:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church  
Chester, Montana

*Officiant*

Rev. Leon Johnson

*Interment*

Chester Cemetery  
Chester, Montana

**MAXINE STONE**  
**Born: April 17, 1919 - Died: May 24, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 31, 1973**

10:30 p.m.

*May 31 - 73*

**Maxine Stone**

**Funeral May 24**

Funeral services were held a 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 24 in the United Methodist church in Chester, with Rev. Leon Johnson officiating, for Maxine Stone, 54 who passed away in the Liberty county hospital May 24.

Mrs. Stone was born in Centuria, Wisconsin April 17, 1919. She married Alfred Stone in Center City, Minnesota and the couple made their home in Chester.

Survivors include her husband; sons Stuart and Spike of Chester, daughters, Mrs. Robert (Susan) Story of Bozeman and Nancy Stone of Chester; two grand children; sisters, Mrs. Marian Shimell, St. Paul, Minnesota, Mrs. Sylvia Hayman of Grantsburg, Wisconsin, Mrs. Florence Thesenvitz, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Mrs. Mary Lou Porter, Amery, Wisconsin and brothers Keith Cowley of Stillwater, Minnesota, Edman Cowley and Norman Brebis of White Bear, Minnesota.

Pallbearers were Vern Johnston, Kenneth Romain, Richard Layton, Richard Eveland, Chester Eveland, and Lawrence Layton. Ushers were Paul Overlie and Bob Vollrath.

The Chester Methodist choir, accompanied by Mrs. Don Anderson, sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Ivory Palace." The congregation sang "Old Rugged Cross."

A memorial has been established.

**VERNON A. SWARENS**  
**Born: ?, 1937 - Died: January ?, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 11, 1973**

**Vernon Swarens killed  
In auto accident**

*JAN 11 1973*

Mrs. Mae Swarens, 814 Pell Drive, Brazil Indiana 47834, was notified Wednesday afternoon of the death of her son, Specialist 5 Vernon A. Swarens, 36, a career soldier, who was injured in a one car accident Wednesday morning on Interstate Highway 70 near East St. Louis. He was taken to the hospital and died an hour later of a fractured skull.

Swarens entered military ser-

vice in 1956, following graduation from high school in Scobey, Montana, where his father, the late Rev. Arthur L. Swarens was then pastor of the Scobey United Methodist church.

Swarens was currently stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and had served in Germany, Greenland, Thailand in addition to three tours of duty (5½ years) in Vietnam. He had been awarded the Army Commendation Medal last February 2. He was a member of the Methodist church and was affiliated with the VFW and the American Legion.

Surviving besides his mother, are a brother Darrell of Terre Haute, and his grandmother, Mrs. Annetta Jones of Bowling Green, Indiana.

Funeral services were pending.

**JENS UNDERDAHL**  
**Born: ? - Died: May 1, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 17, 1973**

*May 17 - 73*  
**Jens Underdahl died**

by MRS. EDWARD NICKOL  
West Tiber Dam

Last Friday Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hausser left for Spokane to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hausser's stepfather, Jens Underdahl. Jens was an old timer of the Prespect community. He passed away May 1 and was buried May 5 at the Greenwood Memorial Terrace in Spokane. Mr. Underdahl's son, Ingemann and his daughter, Carol Underdahl, and Vera Underdahl, all of Riverside, California, returned home Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hausser. Ingemann's son Stanley Underdahl of Colorado Springs, Colorado arrived at the Hausser's Sunday and they all flew to their respective homes Tuesday. The family wishes to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy and all the memorials.



**OSCAR M. VIE**  
**Born: April 23, 1878 - Died: March 18, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 29, 1972**

*March 29-73*  
**Funeral services for  
Oscar Vie in Calif.**

Oscar M. Vie, 94, resident of Havre for the past four years, died in a Havre hospital Sunday, March 18.

Funeral services were held in Whittier, California March 21 with interment in the Rose Hill Memorial cemetery in Whittier.

Vie was born April 23, 1878, in Lanesboro, Minnesota. He operated a general store for many years in Linton, North Dakota, where he was a member of the Masonic Lodge, AF & AM. In 1955 he went to live in Monterey Park, California and in 1969 he moved to Havre where he made his home with his daughter Mrs. Robert (Evelyn) Conitz.

His wife, whom he married in 1909 in Braddock, North Dakota, preceded him in death in 1963. He was also preceded in death by a son. Survivors in addition to his daughter include two sons, Arden of 3503 West Sylvester, Pasco, Washington and Edgar of St. Paul, Minnesota, and six grandchildren.

JOHN F. (JACK) VOSEN  
Born: ?, 1931 - Died: June 2, 1973  
Liberty County Times  
June 14, 1973

## **Final rites for Jack Vosen June 6**

Former Kremlin resident John F. (Jack) Vosen was buried in the Calvary cemetery following funeral services Wednesday, June 6 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Jude's Catholic church in Havre.

Vosen, 44, died June 2 in Glasgow, where he had made his home for several years.

Rosary was recited in the Holland and Bonine funeral home Tuesday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m.

The Rev. Fr. Joseph Diekans officiated at the services. Pallbearers were John Trulson, Bill Stewart, Elton Mangels, Don Dees, Robert Purdy and Harold Beck. Ushers were Dale Beck and Lloyd Laughnan.

## JAMES H. WALLACE

Born: November 24, 1884 - Died: September 26, 1973

Liberty County Times

October 4, 1973

### James Wallace Pioneer rancher Died Sept. 26

James H. Wallace was born in November of the year 1882 to William J. and Isabella Wallace. When James was still in his teens the family left their home in Ireland and migrated to the States. They eventually settled on a ranch in Whitlash.

After the death of their parents James with his brother John operated the ranch until 1963 when they retired and moved to Libby, Montana.

For many years James was vitally interested in the ministry of the Presbyterian church at Whitlash.

Several months ago his health began to fail and was taken to the Chester hospital in August, where he passed away September 26, 1973.

He was almost 91 years of age. He is survived by only distant relatives. John having preceded him in death in November 1971.

Services were held at the United Methodist church in Chester, October 1 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Leon H. Johnson of Chester and Rev. Kirtz of Libby officiating. Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

Pallbearers were Carl Iverson, Darby O'Brien, Bingham Nelson, Pat Murphy, Charlie Laas and Norman Waite.

Music by Herb Hofer accompanied by his daughter.

Burns funeral home in Shelby in charge of arrangements.

**LESLIE ADEN WARD**  
**Born: August 17, 1888 - Died: November 9, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 15, 1973**

## Leslie Ward services held

Leslie Aden Ward was born to Reuben and Eva Ward at San Jose, California on August 17, 1889.

When he was four years old, the family moved to Wisconsin where he grew to manhood. In 1910 he came to Chester and for the next few years ran a dray line and drove the stage from Chester to Gold Butte.

On July 30, 1912 he married Laura Martell in Chester. A few years after filing on a homestead in 1913, he went to Western Montana where he was foreman of several lumber camps.

He returned to the farm in 1928 and in the ensuing years served on the Selective Service Board during World War II and as Liberty County Commissioner.

Retiring from the farm in 1943, he and his wife moved to Hot Springs and in 1947 moved to Kalispell where he resided until his death.

His wife, Laura, preceded him in death in August of 1970.

Survivors are sons: Walter of Choteau, Aden of Chester, Larry of Kalispell; daughters: Mrs. Angus (Vena) McCulloch of Garden Grove, California, Mrs. Earl (Stella) Thisselle and Mrs. Walter (Lila) Laas both of Chester. Also 33 grandchildren, 53 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild, and a good many nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Bruce McCallum was organist and four choir members sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Old Rugged Cross".

Rev. Leon Johnson was officiant at services held at the United Methodist church with burial in the Chester cemetery.

Pall bearers were James Hurst, Earl Keith, Orval Brain, Kenneth Wolfe, Narciss Gagnon and Oscar Erickson.

## ELLA JUNE WIGEN

Born: June 18, 1923 - Died: December 7, 1973

Liberty County Times

December 13, 1973

Mrs. Robert (Ella June) Wigen, 50, 610 Copper Court, Great Falls, died of cancer in a Salt Lake City hospital Friday.

Funeral services were Wednesday at 2 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, followed by burial in Erickson Cemetery.

Mrs. Wigen was born in Chester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Einar Warnes, and was married in Great Falls October 21, 1942. The couple made their home at Chester, where she was active in church work.

A member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church here, she served on the church board, taught Sunday School, was president of American Lutheran Church Women's organization and church building fund secretary-treasurer at time of the new church construction. She was a past chairman of the American Red Cross unit, a member of the VFW Auxiliary and served on the cancer fund drive.

After the couple moved to Great Falls in 1968, Mrs. Wigen was treasurer of the Great Falls Figure Skating Club, served as a Cub Scout den mother, and was active in PTA.

Survivors are the widower; sons, Clinton of Hobson, Jeffrey of Great Falls, and Jonathon of Vancouver, B.C.; a daughter, Bodeil of Vancouver, B.C.; sisters, Ellen of Lothair, and Esther of Joplin, and brothers, Erwin and Edward Warnes of Chester, Robert and Dee Warnes of California, Chris Warnes of Portland and Dick Warnes of Kalispell.

When your writer thinks of Ella Wigen, he remembers a cute little girl and equally cute boy walking to school hand in hand to the first grade some 44 years ago. The girl was Ella Warnes and the boy was Bob Wigen. They were neighbors in the southeast side of Chester.

They played together during their childhood, were classmates all through school. When they were in high school they dated together, and shortly after they graduated from high school they were married.

Both Bob and Ella were high in scholastic standing in school, and when they took their place in the community they were natural, but quiet, unassuming leaders. Whenever they undertook a job, the community could rest assured the job would be well done.

It was never Bob or Ella, it was always Bob and Ella. In childhood and in marriage it was a union that must have been planned in heaven.

One can only imagine the great loss that Bob Wigen must feel at this time, but there must also be feelings of comfort in reminiscing happy days gone by, and in anticipation of the resurrection to come.

THE PRAYER

THE HYMN "O Saviour, Precious Saviour" 419

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

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OBITUARY

Ella June Wigen was born June 18, 1923 at Chester, Montana to Einar and Nora Warnes. She was baptized into the Christian faith on July 29, 1923, and confirmed her faith at Our Savior's in Chester. She passed away December 7, 1973 in a Salt Lake City Hospital.

Ella graduated from Chester High School in 1941. Her marriage to Robert Wigen took place in Great Falls on October 21, 1942. To this marriage were born five children: Robert Douglas (who preceded her in death), Clinton of Hobson, Bodeil, Jeffrey and Jonathon of Great Falls. Other survivors include her husband, daughter-in-law, Colleen, one grandson, Jason, both of Hobson, two sisters: Mrs. Archie Violet of Lothair, Mrs. Frank Meldrum of Joplin. Six brothers: Erwin and Edward of Chester, Robert and Dee of California, Chris of Portland and Richard of Kalispell; Two uncles and two aunts in Norway, two uncles and one aunt in Minnesota and many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by one sister and her parents.

Ella worked as an assistant to the Liberty Co. assessor for many years except for the brief time they lived in Vancouver, Wn. where she was employed as a bookkeeper for the shipyards.

Ella was active in her church in Chester, serving as secretary-treasurer for the building committee during the construction of the new church. She was president of the women's auxiliary, taught Sunday School for many years, directed the junior choir and sang in the senior choir.

Her activities as a civic volunteer included chairmanship of the Liberty County Red Cross Unit, Blue Bird leader, Cancer drive volunteer and others. The family moved to Hobson in 1965 where she continued to work in the church and other areas as a willing servant.

The family has resided in Great Falls since 1968 where she has been an active member of a circle of

THE HOME-GOING SERVICE  
FOR  
ELLA JUNE WIGEN

June 18, 1923

to

December 7, 1973

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THE INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost. R/ Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

R/ Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

R/ Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

R/ Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE HYMN "Lo, How a Rose" 38

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 130 Psalm 23

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father:

R/ and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning:

R/ is now and ever shall be, world with-  
out end. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Romans 8:31-39 John 11:21-27

THE CHOIR "Have Thine Own Way"

THE OBITUARY

THE MEDITATION "THE CROWN OF LIFE" 2 Timothy 4:6-8  
Revelations 2:10

THE CHOIR "How Great Thou Art"

THE PRAYERS

O God, the Father in heaven,

R/ Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world:

R/ Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:

R/ Grant us thy peace.

**GRACE MARIE WILMES**  
**Born: March 25, 1915 - Died: May 30, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 7, 1973**

*May 31 - 73*  
**Mrs. Joe Wilmes**

**Killed in accident**

It was learned here at press time that Mrs. Grace Marie Wilmes, 58, was killed instantly when a three wheel bicycle she was riding was struck and fell under the wheel of a truck driven by Wm. Meldrum, 63 of Somers. The accident happened on the driveway between highway 2 and the Wilmes farm home 1½ miles west of Joplin about 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.

*In Memory of*  
**MARIE G. WILMES**

Date of Birth: March 25, 1915  
Joplin, Montana

Date of Death: May 30, 1973  
Joplin, Montana

*Services*

Saturday, June 2, 1973  
11:00 a.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church  
Joplin, Montana

*Officiant*

Pastor Donald Tigges

*Interment*

Joplin Cemetery  
Joplin, Montana

**Funeral services for**  
**Mrs. Marie Wilmes**  
**Saturday, June 2**

Funeral services for Marie Wilmes were Saturday, June 2, at 11:00 a.m. in the Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin, with interment in the Joplin cemetery. Pastor Donald Tigges officiated.

The choir, accompanied by Thelma Anderson, sang, "Just As I Am" and "How Great Thou Art." The congregation sang "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" and "O Happy Home."

Pallbearers were Bill Wood, Joe Minnehan, Lloyd Hadford, Lawrence Terwolbeck, Cliff Thorson and Harley Rudolph. Ushers were Bud Poppler and Elsworth Graff.

Burial was in the Joplin cemetery.

Mrs. Wilmes was killed in an accident at her farm home Wednesday, May 30.

Mrs. Wilmes was born in Joplin March 25, 1915. She married Joseph Wilmes August 7, 1936, in Havre and the couple farmed near Joplin.

She was a member of the Bethel Lutheran church and the Ladies Circle.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Don (Rosalie) Martinson of Havre; a son, David Wilmes of Great Falls; seven grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. Ida Anderson of Joplin; a sister, Mrs. Hazel Meldrum of Somers; and two brothers, Enoch and Richard Anderson of Joplin. She was preceded in death by her father and one son.

A memorial has been established.



THE PRAYER

THE HYMN "O Happy Home"

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

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OBITUARY

Marie Wilmes was born March 25, 1915 on the family farm south of Joplin. She was baptized into the Christian Faith in May, 1915, and confirmed on April 13, 1930. She attended school in Joplin, graduating from High School in 1933. She attended college in Havre in 1933-34.

Marie married Joe Wilmes in 1936. They had three children; David, now living in Great Falls, Rosalie Martinson of Havre, and Roger who preceded her in death in 1955. There are seven grandchildren.

They bought their farm in 1944, and have lived there ever since. Marie was active in Bethel Lutheran Church and in Deborah Circle. She has taught Sunday School, Released Time Classes and Bible School.

She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Ida Anderson, one sister, Hazel Meldrum of Sommers, and two brothers, Richard and Enoch of Joplin.

Interment will be at Joplin Cemetary

PASTOR OFFICIATING: Pastor Donald L. Tigges, Joplin.

PALL BEARERS: Joe Minnehan, Bill Wood, Lloyd Hadford, Lawrence Terwolbeck, Cliff Thorson, Harley Rudolph.

USHERS: Bud Poppler, Ellsworth Graff

ORGANIST: Thelma Anderson

Will those driving in the procession to the cemetary kindly turn on headlights for safety.



THE HOME-GOING SERVICE

FOR

GRACE MARIE WILMES

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March 25, 1915

to

May 30, 1973

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THE INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost. R/ Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

R/ Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

R/ Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

R/ Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE HYMN "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"(2nd Tn.) 575

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 130 Psalm 23

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father:

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As it was in the beginning:

R/ is now and ever shall be, world with-  
out end. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Romans 8:31-39 Revelations 21:3-7

THE CHOIR "Just As I Am."

THE OBITUARY

THE MEDITATION "PEACE IN THE HOUR OF SORROW"

John 14:25-27 & 20:19

THE CHOIR "How Great Thou Art"

THE PRAYERS

O God, the Father in heaven,

R/ Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world:

R/ Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Holy Ghost the Comforter:

**ALMA WISE**  
**Born: January 12, 1894 - Died: July 1, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 5, 1973**

## **Alma Wise rites Held Tuesday**

Gildford homesteader Mrs. Alma Wise, 79, died in a Havre hospital Sunday, July 1.

Born January 12, 1894 in Keithsburg, Ill., she married Frank Wise in Kramer, N.D., January 20, 1914. In the spring of 1914, the couple moved to Montana, homesteading north of Gildford, and remained in the Gildford area since that time.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1947. Survivors include a son, Lyle, of Hingham; a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Frances) Knutson, Gildford; a foster daughter, Mrs. Betty Bentley, Spokane, Wash.; six grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Martin Hanson, Bottineau, N.D.; and a brother, Delbert Lander, Seattle, Wash.

Funeral services were on Tuesday, July 3, at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home.—Havre Daily News.

**BERTHA CLAIRE WOOD**  
**Born: September 7, 1892 - Died: July 3, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 12, 1973**

## Services held for Claire Wood Mon.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin for Bertha C. Wood, 80, long-time Joplin area resident, who died in Chester July 3.

Interment was at 4 p.m. Monday in the Mountain View cemetery in Ronan.

Mrs. Wood was born in Blockton, Iowa, Sept. 7, 1892. She came with her family to homestead in the Joplin area in 1918, and on Nov. 19, 1919, in Havre, she married Jacob E. Wood. The couple continued to farm near Joplin.

She was a member of the Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin, and the Women's Church Circle.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1953. She is survived by children, Mrs. George (Edna) Colbry, Chester, Mrs. Henry (Hazel) Gaioch, Port Orchard, Wash., Mrs. Norman (Nan Ora) Eldridge, Santa Cruz, Calif., Carl and Thomas of Joplin, Charles of Butte, Forrest of Great Falls, Lewis of Venticia, Calif., and Harold of Havre; 43 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Blanche E. Wolery, Havre, and Mrs. Fern Redd, Anacortes, Wash., and a brother, Thomas Wilson of Rudyard. She was preceded in death by one brother.

EDGAR L. WOODS

Born: December 15, 1913 - Died: April 20, 1973

Liberty County Times

May 3, 1973

*May 3 - 73*  
**Many attend Edgar  
Woods' funeral**

by PEARL CICON  
Sage Creek

Most everyone in this area went to the funeral for Edgar Woods Tuesday. The community was deeply saddened by his passing and wish to extend our sympathy and condolences to the family.

*May 3 - 73*  
**Edgar Woods 59,  
Died Saturday,  
Services Tuesday**

Edgar L. Woods, 59, died at his ranch in the Whitlash area Saturday. He was born in Williston, North Dakota and lived all of his life in or near the Sweet Grass Hills. He married Gertrude H. Dahlen March 11, 1939, in Shelby.

The funeral was Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Chester Methodist church. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Survivors include the widow; 12 children, Mrs. Johnny Chaytor of Las Vegas, Bill of Fairfax, Virginia, Jerry and Arnie of Chester, Mary Jo of Havre, Mrs. Eddie Davis of Havre, Mrs. Ron Wehr of Galata, Pete, Penny, David and Angie, all at home; nine grandchildren; 11 brothers and sisters.

**JOHN T. (JACK) WRIGHT**  
**Born: April 14, 1913 - Died: December 14, 1973**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 20, 1973**

## Services held for Jack Wright

John T. (Jack) Wright, 60, died at Liberty County hospital December 14 after a short illness.

Jack was born April 14th, 1913 in Williston, North Dakota. He came to Chester with his parents in 1929 where he has resided since, except for years he served with the Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean Conflict where he was recipient of the Purple Heart. He was an active member and past Commander of C.P. Bakke Post 3997.

He was an employee of the city of Chester for 18 years and 2 months. He was married to Martha Kroeker Broadhurst September 13, 1952.

Survivors include the widow, Martha, daughters Frances Lee Walborn of Fort Benton; Sherrie and Terri Wright both of Chester; Lois Lambott of Fort Lyon, Colorado; Claudine Flowers of Towner, North Dakota; sons, Larry Lambott of Fort Benton and Lance Lambott of Seattle, Washington; 9 grandchildren; one brother Bob and a sister Cletus Johnson both of Chester and a number of nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Frances and Thomas Wright, one sister Phyllis Zorn and one brother Lynn Wright.

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Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 18th at the United Methodist church in Chester with Rev. Leon Johnson officiating. Dorothy Brown and Rose Ish sang "Who Will Answer" and "It Is No Secret" accompanied by Mrs. Bruce McCallum on the organ. "Nearer My God To Thee" was sung by the congregation.

Pallbearers were Larry Lambott, Lance Lambott, Cecil Walborn, William Flowers, Dave Gulick and Duane (Speed) Wright.

Ushers were Dale Muncy, Bing Furlong and Buzz Zorn.

Honorary pallbearers were Wilbur Eveland, Dale Muncy, Bing Furlong, Buzz Zorn, Darby O'Brien, Randy Christofferson and Paul Zorn.

Burial was in the Chester cemetery with military graveside rites by C. P. Bakke Post 3997.

Jack will always be remembered as a friend to everyone he knew. He was a generous man who had a kind word and a smile for everybody he met.

CLEO R. ZORN  
Born: February 5, 1935 - Died: June 24, 1973  
Liberty County Times  
June 28, 1973

JUNE 28, 1973

Cleo Zorn 38,  
Died June 24,  
Services today

Mrs. Cleo Rae Booth Zorn passed away June 24, 1973 at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester after an extended illness. She was born on February 5, 1935 to Fred and Ethel Booth in Rock Lake, North Dakota. She grew up in North Dakota and moved to the Chester area in 1955. She married Raymond Zorn, Jr. on October 27, 1964 in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother. Survivors include: her husband Raymond Zorn, Jr., a daughter, Penny Lunde of Rolette, North Dakota, two sisters Mrs. Gordon (Shirley) Lerum of Chester, Mrs. Gary (Betty) Brein of Topeka, Kansas, three brothers Floyd Booth of Rangle, Colorado, Ronald Booth of Medicine Lake, Montana and Stanley Booth of Topeka, Kansas, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Services were conducted by Pastor Noel Petersen at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester this morning, Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. Julie Jensen and Kendra Wolfe sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "The Old Rugged Cross" accompanied by Mrs. Noel Peterson. Pallbearers

were Charles (Speck) Helmbrécht, Frank (Ed) Kenny, Art Kaiser, Dale Muncy, Pete Henderson and Allen Brown. Ushers were Leo Jensen and Martin Reisenauer. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery.

*In Memory of*  
CLEO R. ZORN

Date of Birth: February 5, 1935  
Rock Lake, North Dakota  
Date of Death: June 24, 1973  
Chester, Montana

*Services*

Thursday, June 28, 1973  
11:00 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Chester, Montana

*Officiant*

Pastor Noel Petersen

*Interment*

Chester Cemetery  
Chester, Montana

**RAYMOND T. ZORN**  
Born: January 19, 1904 - Died: May 15, 1973  
Liberty County Times  
May 17, 1973

## Funeral planned For Raymond Zorn

Raymond Theodore August Zorn, 69, long time Chester resident, died in Chester Tuesday afternoon.

He was born January 19, 1904 in Red Wood Falls, Minnesota to Louis H. and Mary Zorn. He moved to Montana in 1913 and homesteaded north of Chester. On October 22, 1932 he married Ellen Skonard in Havre.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one grandchild. Survivors are his wife, Ellen; and children, Raymond, Alma Soper, Marilyn Gunderson, Irwin (Ted) of Chester, Gordon of Havre, Darlene of Inverness and Duane of Shelby and 13 grandchildren.

Services will be held in Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester and have tentatively been set for 2:00 p.m. Friday.

## Final rites held For Raymond Zorn

Pastor Petersen officiated at funeral services for Raymond Zorn Sr. Friday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Pallbearers were George Braun, Martin Reisenauer, Leo Jensen, Ed Thielman, Charles Green and Art Thielman.

Honorary pallbearers were Ole Fagerberg, Bert Nordstrom, Alva Shettel, Henry Heimbigner, Tom Staudacher, Pete Thielges and Ben Heimbigner. Ushers were Larry Bassett and Art Kaiser.

Organist was Blanche Remington and the quartet consisting of Corine and Garth Good, Julie Jensen and Greg Halverson, sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "In the Garden."

### *In Memory of*

**RAYMOND T. ZORN**

Date of Birth: January 19, 1904

Red Wood Falls, Minnesota

Date of Death: May 15, 1973

Chester, Montana

### *Services*

Friday, May 18, 1973

2:00 p.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Chester, Montana

### *Officiant*

Pastor Noel Petersen

### *Interment*

Chester Cemetery

Chester, Montana