

## MATHILDA CAROLINE AEVERMANN

Born: April 9, 1886 - Died: January 9, 1978

Liberty County Times

January 12, 1978

### **Services today for Mathilda Aevermann**

Mathilda Caroline Aevermann, 91, died Monday, January 9th in the Liberty County Nursing Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) in the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Havre with Rev. Donald Ryding officiating. Burial will be in the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Rockman Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Mathilda was born in Saunders County, Nebraska on April 9th, 1886, the daughter of Jurgen and Hulda Koch. She grew up in the Concord, Nebraska area with six brothers and two sisters. She attended a Lutheran parochial school there. On February 25, 1915 she married Louis H. Aevermann in Concord. That same summer they moved to Montana and "homesteaded" in the Rudyard area. Mr. Aevermann died in 1952. She remained on the original homestead with her son Clarence until 2½ years ago when she entered the Liberty County Nursing Home. She was a charter member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Rudyard and past member of the Ladies Aid. She will be remembered by her family as a loveable, "easy-going" woman and a "great mother."

She is survived by one son, Clarence Rudyard, one daughter Mrs. Clarence (Irene) Struck of Kalispell, three brothers, Karl and Fredrick Koch of Concord, Nebraska and Bernard Koch of Wayne, Nebraska; one sister Mrs. Ernest (Emma) Einspahr of Holyoke, Colorado; two grandchildren and one great grandchild and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers and one sister.

Pallbearers are Bill Strissel, Dick Eveland, Harlan Wendland, Clarence Wendland, Robert Christenson and Helmuth Kuhn. Ushers are Larry Peebler and David Anderson.

Organist is Mrs. Elizabeth Ryding and congregational songs will be "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" and "The Lord Is My Shepherd."



Mathilda Caroline Aevermann

**IDA AMELIA BILDEN ANDERSON**  
**Born: September 30, 1882 - Died: March 8, 1978**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 16, 1978**

**Funeral held for  
Ida Anderson, 95**

Funeral services for Ida A. Anderson, 95 were held Saturday afternoon in Bethel Lutheran Church of Joplin with Pastor Timothy Solberg officiating. Interment was in the Joplin cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased Lloyd and Kenneth Meldrum, David Wilmes, Dick, Randy, Delbert, Robert, Roger and Rodney Anderson. Music was a choir made up of Mary Ann Zorn, Judy Lake, Marlene Rocks, Esther Meldrum, Carolyn Hodges, Kathy Solberg, Vi Hills and Teddy Phillips. They sang "Beautiful Savior" and "How Great Thou Art" accompanied by Thelma Anderson on the organ. Congregational numbers included "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," and "Behold a Host."



Ida Anderson

Ida Amelia Bilden was born in Wokonda, South Dakota September 30, 1882 to Edward and Maren Bilden. She was raised in South Dakota.

In 1910 she and her twin brother, Lewis, came to the Joplin, Montana area where both of them located homesteads. Hers was about six miles southeast of Joplin. In 1912 she married Simon C.

Anderson in Havre and together they farmed his homestead located one mile south of Joplin.

The product of their marriage was four children. Mr. Anderson passed away in 1934. She and the children maintained the original homestead. In fact, it is still farmed by Anderson offspring today.

After her retirement she lived in Joplin for many years.

In 1973 she moved into the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. She died March 8, 1978 at the age of 95.

Following the service a luncheon was held in the fellowship hall at the church. Ushers for

the funeral were Clifford Anderson and Clifford Thorson.

Survivors include two sons, Enoch and Richard "Bud" of Joplin; one daughter, Mrs. William (Hazel) Meldrum of Somers, Montana; 15 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband, by a daughter, Mrs. Marie Wilmes in 1973; by three brothers, Ed, Adolph and Lewis and by her parents.

She was a charter member of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin and the Ladies Aide in Joplin.

**WILLIAM W. BANGS**

**Born: November 25, 1889 - Died: November 8, 1978**

**Liberty County Time  
November 16, 1978**

**Funeral held for  
William Bangs, 88**

Funeral services were held Saturday at Holland and Bonine Chapel in Havre for William W. Bangs, 88, north Inverness farmer who died the previous Wednesday.

He was born November 25, 1889 at Hendrum, Minnesota, the son of Warren D. and Mary Bangs. He came to the north Inverness community in 1911 and homesteaded there until 1953 when he retired. He was an active Co-op member and was also a member of the school board. He moved to Havre after retirement.

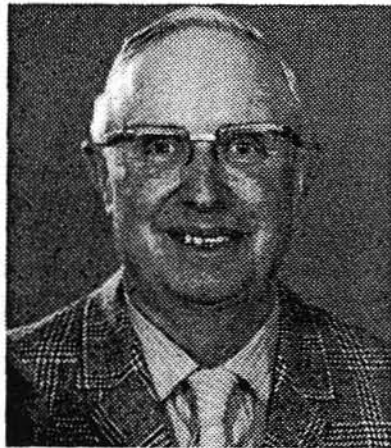
He was married June 8, 1914 to Laura E. Smalley. She preceded him in death February 7, 1973.

Survivors include sons Kenneth of Inverness and Howard of Seattle; daughters, Dorothy, Mrs. Wm. McMurphy of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Genevieve, Mrs. Theodore Schwartz of Evanston, Ill.; 17 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Havre. Pastor Wayne Pris officiated at the funeral. Organist was Martha Larson and Shirley Hanson was the vocalist singing "Amazing Grace" and "In the Garden." Pallbearers were Clive Owens, Norris Harrison, Charles Lineweaver, Lloyd Wolery, Olyn C. Wolery and Lloyd Kaercher. Ushers were Wayne Wolery and Wilber Scheresky.

**ROBERT JOHN BOND**  
**Born: March 13, 1907 - Died: February 7, 1978**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 16, 1978**

**Funeral held for  
Robert Bond, 70**



Robert John Bond was born March 13th, 1907 in Northern Ireland. He was the eldest son of John Wallace and Sarah (Earls) Bond. In 1930 he moved to the United States and took up farming. On February 3rd, 1949 he was married to Mary Black. Together they farmed and ranched in the Sweetgrass Hills area 35 miles north of Chester. In the early 1970's they retired and took residence in Chester. Their farm is presently being run by their daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Jim Grammer.

Robert suffered an attack in church on February 4th, 1978 and was admitted to the Liber-

ty County Hospital. He went on to expire there two days later.

He is survived by the wife, Molly; daughter, Marlene; 2 grandchildren, Roberta and Erin (all of Chester); and 2 brothers and 3 sisters (in Northern Ireland).

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 9th, at the Chester United Methodist Church. Reverend Robert Hermstad officiated. Yvonne McCallum played the organ and accompanied Jean Woods, who sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "How Great Thou Art". Ushers were Wilbur Eveland and Alvin McDaniels, and pallbearers included Robert Turner, Cliff Lybeck, Bud McDowell, Darby O'Brien, Chet Eveland, and Alva Shettel. Committal services were held in the church and burial followed at the Chester Cemetery.

Memorials will be given to the Whitlash Community Presbyterian Church where Robert was a member for many years. Funeral arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel, Chester.

## HERTHA EMMA (KRUEGER) BRANDT

Born: April 12, 1896 - Died: July 14, 1978

Liberty County Times

July 20, 1978

### Funeral held for Hertha Brandt, 82

Hertha Emma Brandt, 82, Rudyard died in the Liberty County Hospital Friday afternoon of natural causes. She was born in Stewart, Minnesota April 12, 1896 to Gustav and Emilie (Wendland) Krueger. In her younger years her family moved several times so she attended schools in Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana.

She came to the Rudyard area from Valley City, North Dakota in 1910. On June 25, 1913 she married Ernest Carl Brandt who homesteaded in the northwest Hingham area. The product of that marriage was four boys. Ernest died in 1953. She later sold the farm to the boys who still operate it.

She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the A.L.C.W. in Rudyard, and was a past member of the Hingham Lutheran Church. She had also been active in the Royal Neighbors of America, Hingham branch. She excelled at cooking and baking and was an avid reader in recent years.

She is survived by three sons, Irvin and Robert of Rudyard and Wilmar of Elizabeth, Illinois; one sister, Mrs. Lydia Langel of Rudyard; two brothers, Waldmer and George Krueger of Rudyard; 11 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Loren in 1948, one sister and three brothers.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Rev. Timothy Solberg presiding. Organist was Jeanne Gorder. The congregation sang "I Love to Tell the Story," "Just As I Am," "Nearer My God to Thee," and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were grandsons: Robert E., Clyde, Gary, Loren and Terry Brandt, and Bill Henry. Ushers were grandsons Darryn and James Brandt.

Interment was in the Rudyard cemetery.

**INEZ MAE BURGESS**  
**Born: October 7, 1920 - Died: April 7, 1978**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 13, 1978**

## Funeral held for Inez Burgess, 57

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning for Inez Mae Burgess, 57 of Havre in the United Methodist Church of Chester. She died Friday in Jacksonville, Arkansas. She had had arthritis for the past 20 years and has been totally disabled from this the past 10 years. She died from complications of the arthritis.

Inez was a daughter of Jacob and Mathilda Schaefer. She was born October 7, 1920 in Chester. She attended schools here, graduating from Chester High School in 1937. During high school she worked at Chester Trading Company. Following high school she worked as a telephone operator.

On August 2, 1941 she married Fenton Delvin Burgess in Cut Bank. They lived in Great Falls for about three years and then moved to Chester. They made their home here until his death in February, 1965. She worked in a law office in Shelby for about a year and then moved to Havre where she has lived since. She was a member of the Van Orsdel Methodist church in Havre.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Sterling (Betty Ann) Wolery of Joplin and Mrs. Robert (Judy) Sargent of Jacksonville, Arkansas; two broth-

ers, Charles Schafer of Billings and William Schafer of Inverness; one sister, Mrs. Lada (Sylvia) Kafka of Havre; four grandchildren and nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a grandchild and a sister.

The family prefers memorials to the Arthritic Foundation or to Leo N. Levi Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Reverend William C. Stearns of Havre was the minister for the funeral. Organist was Helen Ann Aaberg. Tim and Kathy Solberg sang a duet "Surely Goodness and Mercy." Congregational songs were: "Softly and Tenderly," "In the Garden" and "Sweet Bye and Bye." Pallbearers were: Olyn Wolery, Lary Woodring, Aden Ward, Max Brown, Richard Hagmann and Walt Laas. Honorary bearers were Dr. Gene Kurtz, Dr. James Elliot, Bud Hunnewell, Wayne Patrick, Pete Thieltges and Robert Sargent, Sr. Ushers were Lloyd Patrick and Frank Meldrum.

Arrangements were by the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester via the Jacksonville Funeral Home in Arkansas.

## Deaths, funerals

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JOSEPH J. BURROWS  
Born: ? ?, 1904 - Died: May 9, 1978  
Liberty County Times  
May 18, 1978



### Funeral held for Joseph Burrows

Services for Joseph J. Burrows, 74, 816 8th Ave. N., Great Falls, were held Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. Ann's Cathedral with Rev. John Maher officiating, followed by burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery. The rosary was recited Friday at 7 p.m. in the O'Connor Memorial Chapel.

He died Tuesday, May 9 while visiting a sister, Agnes Bulot in Berwyn, Ill.

Joe was born at Geysler and received his early education there and in Belt where he lived on ranches with his uncles, Jimmie, John and Everett Kernaghan. In 1922 he moved to Wolf Point and joined the Great Northern Railway bridge crew. In 1927 he was transferred to Chester where he was water superintendent and coal chute operator at the Chester railroad yards. He also ran the local dray services and had the mail contract.

He retired from railroading in 1955, then worked for the water and police departments in the city of Chester. He later worked for Liberty County as cemetery caretaker.

Joe and Ann Janasov were married in August, 1940 in Chinook. They moved to Great Falls in 1973. Joe was preceded in death by his wife Ann in 1977 and a son Bill in 1969. He is survived by daughters: Mrs. Richard (Peggy) Honey, Lakewood, California; Mrs. Howard (Diana) Combs, Hingham; a son, Richard Burrows, Chester; stepdaughters Mrs. Robert (Virginia) Woods, Inverness, and Mrs. Don (Kathleen) Wojtala, Cascade) stepsons, Don Raunig, Chester; Joe Raunig, Hingham and Harold Raunig, Kansas City, Missouri; sisters Lillian Jewell, Vancouver, Washington, and Agnes Bulot, Chicago; 30 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

## OTTO CARLSTAD

Born: January 24, 1896 - Died: June 4, 1978

Liberty County Times

June 8, 1978

### Otto Carlstad, 82 died Sunday morning

Otto Carlstad, 82, died in the Liberty County Nursing Home Sunday morning of natural causes. The body was shipped to Ambrose, North Dakota for the funeral this Thursday forenoon, June 8 at 10:30 a.m.

He was born January 24, 1896 in Tangen, Hedmark, Norway to Herman and Augusta Christeansen Karlstad. He was raised and schooled in Norway.

Otto came to the United States in 1913 at age 17 and settled in the Columbus, North Dakota area. During the first few years in Columbus he farmed for his brother. In 1917 he began farming for himself in the Alkabo, Fortuna and Crosby, North Dakota areas. In addition he ran a custom thrashing service.

June 13, 1931 he married Edna Arneson. They moved to Crosby, North Dakota in 1945. She died in 1953. He continued to farm until 1961 when he sold his place to his son, Wallace. After retirement he lived in Crosby until 1969 when he moved to Kalispell, Montana to live with his daughter, Joyce. With declining health he entered the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester in 1973. He remained there until his death.

He was a charter member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ambrose and was on the Fortuna School board for many years. He was a hard worker and had a reputation for honesty.

Survivors include three sons, Edwin of Chester, Kenneth and Wallace of Joplin; one daugh-

ter, Mrs. Claude (Joyce) Gustafson of Kalispell; one brother, Ole of Tangen, Norway; one sister, Sofie of Oslo, Norway; 16 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren and many nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna; parents; six brothers, Martin, Arne, Carl, Harold, John and Severin and three sisters, Elsie, Eline and Ales.

Funeral services were held in the Ambrose Lutheran Church with Rev. Gary Knabe presiding. Soloist Vernon Myhr sang Norwegian music accompanied by organist Mrs. Alton Homdrom. Interment was in Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery near Ambrose. Pallbearers were grandsons: Kenneth Jr., Steven, Gary, Larry, Dale and Galen Carlstad. Honorary pallbearers were: granddaughters Julane, Janette, Janice, Debra, Sherry, Jane, Donna, Peggy and Angela.

Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel in Chester and Stakston Funeral Home in Crosby.



## EDITH S. CHAMBERS

Born: 1907 - Died: July 4, 1978

Liberty County Times

July 13, 1978

### Funeral held for Edith Chambers

Edith S. Chambers, 71, Spokane, a former member of the state board of education and the first director of Montana Girls State, died Tuesday night in Glendive where she was visiting her nephew, Dr. Richard Chambers.

Services were 2 p.m. Monday in the Hillcrest Lawn Mausoleum. The Rev. Lincoln Anderson will officiate.

Mrs. Chambers was known throughout the state for her work in the field of education, having served nine years on the state Board of Education. She was first appointed to the position in 1953 by former Gov. Hugo Aronson. She resigned in 1960.

She was appointed director of Montana Girls State in 1948 and spent 14 years as its director.

A member of the American Legion Auxiliary since 1931, she served as state president in 1936 and the following year represented Montana as committeewoman on the national executive board. She was national vice president and served on several national committees. She also served in numerous capacities at the local level.

Born in St. Thomas, North Dakota, she came to Montana as a young girl and grew up on the family ranches, first at Geysers and then north of

Chester. She attended a country school near Geysers and graduated from Great Falls High School. She earned a teaching degree from Western Montana College and then did graduate work at the University of Montana.

She and George Chambers were married in 1928 and resided in Chester until 1937 when they purchased the Glacier County Abstract Co. in Cut Bank. The couple remained in Cut Bank until moving to Spokane in 1962. Her husband died there in 1972.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church and active in church work.

In addition to her nephew, survivors include a sister, Mrs. Harry (Aileen) Greiner of Chester; a brother, Roy Stronach of Lebanon, Pa., and three nieces, Mrs. Kenneth (Mary Jean) Miller and Jocelyn Davis of Great Falls and Mrs. Robert (Esther) Sowa of Milpitas, Calif.

## MABLE MAE DAFOE

Born: March 8, 1920 - Died: December 28, 1978

Liberty County Times

January 4, 1979

### Funeral held for Mable Dafoe, 58

Mable Mae Dafoe was born in Pomona, Tennessee on March 8th, 1920. Her parents were Harry and Myrtle May (Hanson) Hoffner. At age 5 she came to Montana with her family. Her parents homesteaded in the Sweetgrass Hills area north of Whitlash. They later moved to the ranch northeast of the Sweetgrass Hills (now known as the Dafoe Ranch). Mable attended grade school at the Laird School and high school in Chester, graduating in 1938.

On December 3rd, 1939 she married Robert W. ("Wayne") Dafoe in Flint, Michigan. They lived in Flint for 4 years and she worked at the AC Spark Plug Factory there. In 1943 Wayne went into the service, so Mable moved back to Montana. Wayne returned to Montana following his service duty and together they have ranched the Hoffner place since.

Mable was confirmed Lutheran. She has known the Lord personally for the past two years, and as a result had herself baptized at the Fairview Baptist Church in Great Falls a year ago. She was presently a member of the Chester United Methodist Church. Other past and present memberships are many, including the Eastern Star, V.F.W. Auxiliary, Hospital Guild, CowBelles, Bear's Den Home Demonstration Club and Cub Scout den-mother. She worked as a clerk in recent past years at the Laird School, the County Agent's office, the County Treasurer's office, the local John Deere dealership, and the Professional Building, and had been a homemaker for the Social Services Division on

the local level. She was an excellent seamstress and at one time wasn't too bad on the violin! She loved reading and could spend hours working on crossword puzzles. She loved all animals, but seemed to have a special love for dogs and horses. She loved people too, but most of all, she loved her family and the joys of grandmotherhood.

On the morning of December 28th, after an extended illness, Mable died at the Liberty County Hospital at the age of 58 years. Survivors include her husband, Wayne; 2 sons & daughters-in-law, Hal and Gerri and Bob and Toni, all of Chester; 1 daughter, Mrs. Richard (Janet Marie) Jonas of San Francisco; mother, Mrs. Myrtle Hoffner of Chester; brother and sister-in-law, Arlo and Beth Graham of Chester; sister Mrs. Walt (Edris) Jensen of Chester; 4 grandchildren (Kean Marie Dafoe, Klynn Mae Dafoe, Tifara Jonas and William Dafoe); and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her father (Harry) in 1970 and by two siblings who died in infancy (Donald Edward and Ruth Arletta).

Funeral services were held Tuesday, (January 2nd) at 11 a.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church. Reverend Bob Hermstad conducted the services and Father Rene Petit assisted with scripture readings and prayers. Marlene Grammar played prelude and postlude music on the piano and Yvonne McCallum accompanied the vocalists on the organ. The Hofer family sang "The Old Rugged Cross, and "The Lily of the Valley" and Darlene Hanson sang, "The Lord's Prayer" and "How Great Thou Art." The Hofer's also added a vocal duet, "Ivory Palaces."

Ushers for the event were Lance McDowell and Dale Gunderson and pallbearers included Jim Grammar, Bob Mattson, Buster Brown, Doug Demarest, Allan Barbie, and John Cicon, Jr. Interment followed in the family plot at the Whitlash Cemetery, under the direction of Rockman Chapel. A memorial luncheon was held in



Mable Dafoe

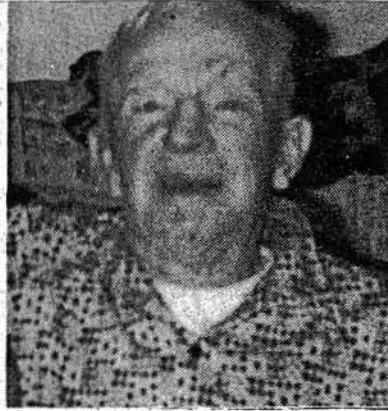
the church fellowship hall after the services. Memorials will be given to donor's choice or a fund will be established by the family at a later date.

## AUGUST L. DIEMERT

Born: September 2, 1891 - Died: November 14, 1978

Liberty County Times

November 23, 1978



August Diemert

August L. Diemert was born in Bruce County, Ontario, Canada on September 2, 1891. His family moved to the Sanborn, North Dakota area when he was 6 months old. His parents were Joseph and Rosina (Kunemann) Diemert and he was one of 25 children.

August attended schools in the Sanborn area. In his late teens he worked as a cook in the depot restaurant in Fargo. Then in 1913 he moved to Montana where he "homesteaded" south of Rudyard. On September 9, 1918 he married Marion ("Molly") Rideout in Helena.

They were members of the St. Ann's (Black Coulee) Mission south of Rudyard for many years. They farmed in that area until 1959, when August retired and they moved into Rudyard.

In more recent years they attended Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. August was an avid reader, especially "Westerns." In a way, he was a man out of the "West" in the fact that he broke wild horses in his younger years. He loved horses and had "a way with them." He was always a good listener and a patient man. He never complained and had a satisfied feeling with life.

Tuesday, November 14th at the age of 87 he expired at his home in Rudyard. Survivors include his wife, Molly, who lives in the Liberty County Rest Home; 2 sons, Lloyd of Rudyard and Fritz of Selah, Washington; 3 daughters, Mrs. Harlan (Eleanor) Wendland of Rudyard, Mrs. Victor (Rosina) Pagar of Big Sandy, and Mrs. Phillip (Lorena) Wendland of Rudyard; 1 brother, Isidore of Marblemount, Washington; 40 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren.

Rosary services were held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 16 at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Funeral mass was celebrated the following day at 2:00 p.m. at the church. Father Martin Philipsen officiated at both events.

August's grandsons served as pallbearers, readers and servers. The granddaughters joined the grandsons in several musical numbers accompanied by Mrs. Iris White on the organ. Interment was in the Rudyard cemetery under the direction of the Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon followed at the Fellowship Hall in Rudyard.

**CHARLES S. (DUSTY) DUNBAR**  
**Born: February 26, 1925 - Died: November 29, 1978**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 7, 1978**

**Funeral held for  
Charles Dunbar**

Charles S. ("Dusty") Dunbar was born on February 26th, 1925 in Chester. He was the son of Florence Shettel Dunbar Heimbigner and Andrew Dunbar. He received his education in Chester. In 1942 he married Marie Adams of Rudyard in Havre. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army, after which he moved to the Bitterroot Valley and worked in the Butte mining community. Several years ago he moved to Inverness and farmed in the Chester area. This past spring his family moved to Seeley Lake. After an extended illness, he went on to expire Wednesday (November 29th) in a Missoula hospital at the age of 53 years.

He is survived by his wife, Marie of Seeley Lake; 5 daughters, Mrs. Avery ("Nikkie") Johnson of Seeley Lake, Mrs. Mike (Charlene) LaMay of Costa Rica, Mrs. Randy ("Pattie") Peplow of Missoula, Mrs. Ed

(Elsie) Netwig of Seeley Lake, and Susan of Missoula; 1 son, Clay at home in Seeley Lake; mother and stepfather, Florence and Sam Heimbigner of Superior, 3 sisters, Stella Beck of Wendell, Idaho, Mrs. Luella Schwenke of Superior, and Mrs. Ruth Warnken of Superior; 1 brother, Delbert Heimbigner of Superior; 12 grandchildren and nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his father (Andrew), sister (Laura), and brother (John).

Funeral services were held on Saturday at 2:00 P.M. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Reverend Bob Hermstad of the Chester United Methodist Church officiated. Mrs. Carol Hanson played the guitar and sang "Peace in the Valley" and "Beyond the Sunset". Pallbearers were Vic, Tom, Jim, Zane, and Charles Adams and Roy Heimbigner. Interment followed in the Chester cemetery with members of the local military organizations participating. A luncheon was held in the R.N.A. Hall following graveside services.

JOHN ENGLUND, SR.

Born: July 13, 1889 - Died: October 23, 1978

Liberty County Times

October 25, 1978



**John Englund**

John Englund was born on July 13, 1889, in Storaskedvi, Sweden. His parents were Anders Adolph Englund and Brita Jonsdotter, and he was from a family of six children.

He attended schools in Sweden, then worked in logging camps there before coming to the United States in 1909. He initially settled in Minnesota and worked in logging camps, in construction and in masonry. He came to Montana in 1911 and "homesteaded" in the Ledger area. He farmed and worked construction until 1918, when he was recruited into the infantry in World War I. He served on the Argon Front in France.

The following year he returned to the farm. Then in 1921 he moved to Lothair and farmed there. February 1, 1938

he married Gena Medhus in Great Falls and the product of that marriage was one son, John (Jr.). They continued to farm in Lothair until 1968, when he retired.

John had been baptized and confirmed in Sweden, but was an active member of the Galata Lutheran Parish for many years. He was a charter and lifetime member of the American Legion Post #69 in Galata, and had served as a past commander. He was a woodworker by hobby, and spent many hours making things in his shop. In past years he was an avid hunter and lover of the outdoors.

With declining health he entered the Liberty County Nursing Home in early 1978. He went on to expire there at the age of 89 years on October 23rd.

He is survived by his wife, Gena of Lothair; his son and daughter-in-law, John and Marie of Chester; his two grandchildren (Kathy and Jimmy); and by a niece and two cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, (October 26th) at the Galata Lutheran Church. Reverend David Barker of Our Savior's in Chester officiated, and Rockman Funeral Chapel handled the arrangements. Sylvia Halverson played the organ, and accompanied LuAnn Burd, who sang "Abide

With Me" and "Children of the Heavenly Father." Kenneth Backen, Lyle Glee, Willis Violett, Dick Eveland, Frank Schwan, and Quinten Larsen served as pallbearers. Honorary bearers included "All of His Good Friends." Interment was in the Galata Cemetery. Lyle Glee represented Galata Post #69 and presented the flag to the widow. A luncheon followed in the church basement.

# JEANETTE LUELLE (PENNY) ERICKSON

Born: September 18, 1931 - Died: November 26, 1978

Liberty County Times

November 30, 1978

## Funeral today for Penny Erickson



Penny Erickson

Jeanette Luella Erickson was born on September 18, 1931 in Cavalier, North Dakota. She was one of five children born to John and Olivia (Hanneson) Johnson. She obtained the nickname "Penny" from her father because as a child she was always as little as a penny.

She attended schools in the Cavalier area, then moved to Montana in 1946. She continued her schooling in Chester. January 3, 1949 she married Donald J. Erickson in Great Falls. They have farmed together south of Chester since that time.

Penny was a member of the Chester Garden Club, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, and the Chester Duplicate Bridge Club. After an extended illness, she passed away at her home on Sunday morning at the age of 47 years.

Survivors include the husband, Donald, of south Chester; son and daughter-in-law, Stuart and Linda of Chester; daughter Mrs. Raymond (Colleen) Crane of Belgrade; mother, Mrs. Olivia Tallman of East Wenatchee, Washington; 2 brothers, Nick Johnson of Seattle, Washington and Harold Johnson of Pine City, Washington; 2 sisters, Mrs. Ward (Claudia) Newman of Bandon, Oregon and Mrs. Earl (Patricia) Huss of Royal City, Washington; 4 grandchildren; 3 step grandchildren and nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday), November 30 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. Reverend David Barker is the officiant.

Pallbearers are Dale Nelson, Delmar Wolfe, Kenny Wolfe, Bob Woodward, Robert Pugsley, Jr. and Robert Pugsley, Sr.

Ushers are Clifford Hanson, Jr. and Curt Hanson.

Susan Violet and Mrs. Bruce McCallum are soloist and organist for the songs, "Beyond the Sunset" and "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."

Interment will be at the Erickson Cemetery.

Reception for family and friends following at the church basement.

**MICHAEL FOLK**

**Born: ?, 1960 - Died: December 15, 1978**

**Great Falls Tribune**

**December 16, 1978**

## **Holiday trip home fatal for Kremlin UM student**

One University of Montana student was killed and two others were injured Friday when the car they were riding in collided with another vehicle on Montana 200, the state highway patrol said.

The patrol said the accident, which happened at 2:30 p.m. about 27 miles east of Missoula, killed Michael Folk, 18, Kremlin. The car's driver, Julie Haugen, 18, Kremlin, and another passenger, Lynn Ludwig, 18, Rudyard were listed in stable condition late Friday in a Missoula hospital.

The patrol said the three were all UM students who

were returning home for the holidays. Friday was the last day of the school's fall quarter.

Miss Haugen apparently lost control of the car on the snow-covered road, the patrol said. The car spun out of control and collided head-on with a vehicle driven by 69-year old Hugh McConnell of Hamilton. McConnell and his two passengers, Helena and Jim McConnell, were treated at a Missoula hospital and released.

The death raised Montana's 1978 highway traffic fatality toll to 268 compared to 311 on December 15, 1977.

Great Falls Tribune

## ALTA FREEMAN

Born: June 3, 1896 - Died: September ?, 1978

Liberty County Times

September 21, 1978

### Alta Freeman services Sept. 12

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 12, 1978, at 2 p.m. at the Holland-Bonine Funeral Chapel for Alta Freeman.

Rev. William Stearns conducted the service. Donna Ellison was the accompanist, and soloist Terry Stevenson sang "Rock of Ages" and "Whiter Than Snow."

Pallbearers were Dennis Kenfield, Gary Freeman, Dan Curry, Rick Broderick, Tom Broderick, and Bret Kenfield. Honorary pallbearers were Larry Jochim, Ed Diemert and Ron Doyra.

Burial was in the Highland Cemetery. Memorials have been established to the Van Orsdel Methodist Church, Northern Montana Hospital and the Liberty County Hospital.

She was born June 3, 1896 in Rock Falls, Ill. and came to the Inverness area with her guardians as a young girl. On April 15, 1916 she married Lesley Freeman in Havre. After their marriage they homestead north of Inverness. They moved to Havre in 1936 and made their home there since then.

She is survived by one son, Archie (Bud) Freeman, Whitefish; three daughters, Frances Curry, Lakeside; Florence Randall, Havre; and Freda Robinson, Escondido, California; one sister, Katherine Hagstrom, College Park, Md.; one brother, Robert Rodemeyer, West Memphis, Ark.; 16 grandchildren; and 24 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1957 and one daughter Fannie Kenfield in 1943.



**ROY L. GOODBAR**  
**Born: March 27, 1903 - Died: May 3, 1978**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 11, 1978**

Roy L. Goodbar, 75, was dead on arrival at Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital in Hamilton, Wednesday morning following a heart attack at his Hamilton home.

He was born March 27, 1903 in Brazil, Indiana. He moved with his parents in 1911 to an area south of Chinook, where the family homesteaded. He attended the first county school in that area, and later graduated from an electrical engineering school in Billings.

He worked 27 years for the Montana Power Company in Great Falls, Havre and Chester. He married Lillian Jordan in Chinook on September 15, 1926, and was a member of the Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

October 1951, Goodbar became a city Alderman. He became President of the City Council in 1953 and was elected Mayor May of 1959. During Goodbar's term as Mayor, Chester's First Street East became one way and the much needed city water system was installed from Tiber Dam.

When the Goodbar's purchased the local telephone company in 1944, it had about 90 customers with the old crank type telephones. Over the next several years the telephone company grew in size and in technology. Dial was installed in the early 50's and the business continued to grow reaching 500 telephones at the time the company was sold in 1966.

In 1967, the Goodbar's moved to Lincoln, where they had a summer home, and in 1970, moved to the Bitter Root Valley. They have resided there, except for winter excursions to Arizona.

Goodbar is survived by his wife, at home in Hamilton; one son, Stanley of Helena; one daughter Carolyn Seay of Schenectady, New York; three grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Welte of Hamilton and Margaret Hirter of Chinook; and brother, Terry of Chinook.

Services were conducted May



**Roy Goodbar**

6 at 3 p.m. in the Hamilton Dowling Chapel with Rev. Eugene Bartels officiating. Interment was at the Riverview Cemetery with Masonic Grave-side rites. Goodbar's family suggests that memorials be made to the Heart Fund.

## DONOVAN ELMER GUMMER

Born: August 21, 1917 - Died: October 17, 1978

Liberty County Times

Funeral held for

October 26, 1978

Don Gummer, 61

Donovan Elmer Gummer was born to Charles and Sylvia (Gunby) Gummer on August 21, 1917 in Gildford, Montana. He helped work the family farm while attending schools in Gildford, graduating from high school in 1936. He then went to work for the railroad. July 19, 1941 he married Hilda Cramer in Great Falls. In the summer of 1942 they moved to Essex where he continued to work as a track inspector on the railroad. Then in 1948 they moved to northwest Chester where Don worked for his father-in-law, Pete Smith on a farm there. They eventually obtained ownership of this farm.

Don and Hilda raised five children, who kept them active in school and community affairs. Don was the first president of the Chester P.T.A. and was a past school board member. He was a real sports enthusiast, not only a spectator but also a participant.

He was an avid bowler and had been on many leagues along the Hi-Line for many years. He also loved golf, and was a member of the Marias Valley Golf and Country Club. He was a dedicated Elk; he has served as chairman of the trustee board for the Shelby Elks club for the past two years and was elected "Elk of the Year" in 1973. He was a charter member of the Chester Lions club and was also a member of the United Methodist Church in Chester.

Don and Hilda have been residing in Shelby since October, 1977. At that time they left the farming to their son, Tom and Don assumed the managerial position at the Elks Club in Shelby.

Honorary bearers included Ray Zell, Fred McLeod, John Kossel, Ron Gagner, Bob Sisk (Sr.), Mike Woldvedt, Ron Krutzfeld, Clarence Ramberg, Neil Shepherd, Roger Shepherd, Maynard Norenberg, Clarence LaBrie, Bill Wyrick, Don Pogreba, Lyle Steever, and Harry Heimbigner Sr.

Interment was in the Chester cemetery. Members from the Shelby Elks Club provided a special Elks rite as part of the graveside services. A reception in Don's memory was held for the family and friends at the R.N.A. Hall in Chester. Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester was in charge of the arrangements.

On the early morning of October 17th he suffered an attack at his home and died at the age of 61 years. He is survived by his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Ilene (of Chester); 4 daughters, Mrs. Gary (Sharon) Shepherd of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Mrs. B. J. (Michele) Oswood of Chester, Mrs. Charles (Donise) Haddock of Great Falls, and Mrs. Randy (Jackie) Norenberg of Shelby; 3 brothers, Earl of Fresno, California; Todd of Spokane, Washington and Sivert of Butte, Montana; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Lois Gummer of Havre; 9 grandchildren, including Jeff and Ricky Shepherd, Brett Donovan and Bryon Ben Oswood, Brock and Krystie Gummer, Darin and Angeleka Haddock and Chontell Donise Norenberg and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Morey.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, October 20th at the United Methodist Church in Chester. Reverend Robert Hermstad conducted the serv-

ices. Organ renditions by Mike Morrow included "Climb Every Mountain" and "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder." Miss Darlene Hanson, accompanied by Mr. Morrow, sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Somewhere, My Love." Doug and Don Shepherd ushered, and Del Lingel, Doug Bussell, Alfred Hanson, Wally Morrow, Ray Knaption and Bruce McKanzie served as pallbearers.

## EDWIN (EDDIE) GUNDERSON

Born: January 3, 1914 - Died: August 7, 1978

Liberty County Times

August 10, 1978

### Tractor accident claims Eddie Gunderson



Eddie Gunderson

Funeral services were held for Edwin "Eddie" Gunderson 64, Monday, August 7, 1978 at 2 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin with Rev. Timothy Solberg officiating. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with Rockman Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements. Organist was Stanleigh Barbie and soloist was Jodi Tuckerman who sang the "Lord's Prayer." Congregational numbers were "Amazing Grace," "In the Garden," "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Beautiful Savior."

Pallbearers were Frank Meldrum, Jack Smith, Clark Diemert, Willis Hodges, Arnold Fehlberg and Edward Tempel. Ushers were Donald Rocks, Lon Meldrum and Edward Mlinar. Honorary pallbearers were Charles Smith, Lamar Eggers, Lynn Edwards, Robert Duncan, George Colbry, Les Mlinar, Darby O'Brien, Keith McDowell, Ted Tempel, Donald Schae-

fer, Harold Hodges, Tommy Wood and a host of friends.

Edwin "Eddie" Gunderson was killed in a farm accident last Thursday, August 3, 1978 about 12:30 p.m. while cutting weeds on the north Chester road near his farm when the tractor flipped over in the ditch on top of him.

Eddie was born January 3rd, 1914 at Norwich, North Dakota the son of George and Ellen Gunderson. He grew up in the north Chester area on his father's homestead. As a youngster he attended the Osler grade school. He later farmed with his dad, then in the mid 1930's he bought his own farm, not far from the homestead. On January 30th, 1957 he married Pauline Fisher at the Immanuel Lutheran Church north of Joplin. They had a happy marriage, in fact, their greatest hobbies were "each other." Ed was an active bowler and golfer. He was a capable cook and a terrific card player, but refused to play cribbage before breakfast! He farmed and ranched for forty some years and loved every minute of it. He sold part of his farm about 1½ years ago, but maintained the rest. In recent years, Ed and Pauline wintered in Homeland, California. He was a past Deacon, treasurer and council member of Immanuel Lutheran

Church and presently maintained his membership there. He was also a present member of the Marias Valley Country Club in Shelby and in the past had served on the Board of Directors of the Farmer's Union.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline of Chester, one son, Donald George of Buena Park, California; mother, Ellen of Chester, sister Mrs. W. E. (Esther) McClellan of Lakeside, Montana, three grandchildren (Kathie, Michael & Mark); and seven nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his father, George in 1940 and his brother Doug in 1977.

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Clark Diemert  
Arnold Fehlberg  
Willis Hodges

Frank Meldrum  
Jack Smith  
Edward Tempel

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USHERS

Lon Meldrum

Ed Mlinar

Don Rocks

EDWIN P. GUNDERSON

Edwin Gunderson was born on January 3, 1914 to George and Ellen Gunderson in Norwich, North Dakota.

He attended Osler School and began working on the family farm north of Chester until he began a farm and ranch operation of his own in the 1930's. On January 30, 1957 he was married to Pauline Fisher at Immanuel Lutheran Church north of Joplin.

Eddie was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and served many terms on the church council. He also served on the board of directors of the Farmers Union Oil Co.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; one son: Donald of Buena Park, California; his mother: Ellen Gunderson of Chester; one sister: Mrs. E.E. (Esther) McClellan of Lakeside, Montana; and three grandchildren: Kathie, Michael, and Mark Gunderson of Buena Park, California.

Eddie passed away on August 3, 1978 as the result of a farm accident. Burial will be in the Chester Cemetery.

The family requests living memorials in preference to flowers.

## JOE F. HANSES

Born: March 18, 1905 - Died: August 4, 1978

Liberty County Times

August 10, 1978

Joe F. Hanses, 73, died at his home in Hingham Friday, August 4th, after a lingering illness.

Joe was born March 18, 1905 in Wheeler County, Minnesota the son of Charles and Elizabeth Hanses. He came to Montana with his family in 1913. His father homesteaded north of Hingham. He attended schools in Hingham, then worked in the oil fields and helped his father farm. On November 24, 1932 he married Christine Burkhartsmeier in Hingham. In the years that followed they lived in Glasgow, Great Falls and Kalispell, where he was employed in the trucking business. They returned to Hingham in 1958 and he farmed for his brother-in-law Mike Burkhartsmeier. Joe retired in 1966. He was a member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic church in Hingham.

The decedent had bequested his body to the W.A.M.I. program at M.S.U. in Bozeman. Initial preparation was handled by the Rockman Chapel, and the remains were forwarded to Bozeman for disposition.

No funeral services are scheduled, however, masses will be said at Our Lady of Ransom.

He is survived by his wife, Christine of Hingham; two sons Michael of Spokane, Washington and Joe of north Chester; five daughters, Mrs. Joe (Betty Jo) Schweitzer, Hingham; Mrs. Ted (Carolyn) Hauser, Northridge, California; Mrs. Gordon (Rose Marie) Carruthers, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. John (Kathleen) Osler, Sunburst, Montana and Christine Mary Hanses, Bozeman; three sisters, Mrs. Cecelia Wilbur, Oceanside, California; Mrs. Mary Sylte, Hingham; and Mrs. Julia Jackson, Shelby; 17 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and three nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents.

## LEATHA KATHERINE MORGAN HANSON

Born: July 9, 1892 - Died: October 31, 1978

Liberty County Times

November 9, 1978



Leatha Hanson

Leatha Katherine (Morgan) Hanson was born July 9, 1896 in Minot, North Dakota to Thomas F. and Edith (Brinkman) Morgan. Her brothers and sisters of that marriage were Tom, Matt, John and Mary.

When she was 4 years old her father died. Her mother later married Sam DeYoung and they lived on a ranch near Whitlash. Two more siblings, Alice and Gordon were born there. Leatha's mother died in 1908, so she and the younger children spent some time at the St. Thomas Orphanage in Helena. Sam DeYoung died in 1915.

Leatha was on the ranch until she married Albert "Chris" Hanson; they were married on the Matt Morgan ranch on September 20, 1917. They moved to Chris' homestead near Aden, Alberta, Canada and lived there until before the birth of their second son. That was in 1926, the year they moved to Chester. Lea-

tha's years were spent in keeping house and raising her family.....her husband and her children were her life!

A 2-month old baby daughter, Mary Louise, died in September of 1930. Chris passed away in May of 1967, and Leatha continued to live in her home.

In November of 1973 ill-health overtook her and she went to live at the Liberty County Rest Home. She resided there until she entered the Liberty County Hospital on October 23, 1978 with pneumonia. She went on to expire on October 31st at the age of 82.

Survivors are her five children, including 2 sons, Alfred and Albert of Chester; and 3 daughters, Mrs. Edith Reams of Springfield, Virginia; Mrs. Ed (Beth) Jensen of Kalispell and Mrs. Jim (Beverly) Bergh of Spokane, Washington; 1 brother, Gordon DeYoung of Missoula; 2 sisters, Mary Carroll of Kevin & Alice Burns of Strattonville, Pennsylvania; 13 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A vigil prayer service was lead by Father Rene' Petit on

Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Petit at 10 o'clock Friday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Music was provided by Helen Ann Aaberg and the vocal duo of Betty and JoAnne Wolfe.

Traditional mass music, including "Ave Maria," "Amazing Grace," and "The Lord's Prayer," were sung. Earl Keith and Kenneth Wolfe served as

ushers and Vance Graham, Hal Dafoe, Cliff Hanson, Dick Brown, Gary Jensen and J. D. Gifford acted as pallbearers. Interment followed in the Chester cemetery. A luncheon served by the Ladies Altar Society was held in the church basement after the committal services.

## MICHAEL JOHN HULL

Born: June 12, 1913 - Died: November 24, 1978

Liberty County Times

November 30, 1978



Michael Hull

Michael John Hull was born in Chester, Montana June 12, 1913, the son of Anselm and Mary Ann Hull. From 1921 to 1926 he lived and attended school in Lewistown.

He graduated from high school in 1932 at St. Norberts College, West De Pere, Wisconsin. After high school he returned to farm with his dad and brothers and raised sheep and cattle. He entered the army in 1942 and served with the 833rd Engineers in the European Theater, earning the rank of corporal.

After the war he returned to Chester and married Jeanne Gagnon on September 28, 1946. He continued farming and ranching with his brothers and later operated a meat processing plant. The last few years he farmed with sons Charles and Don until his retirement in January 1978.

He enjoyed fishing all his life and in the past several years traveling with Jeanne in their motor home sightseeing, and visiting relatives and friends. For many years he was a member of the Father Sansone Council 5189 Knights of Columbus in Chester and was a past Grand Knight. He also served as North Chester Election Judge for the past 28 years.

On October 12, Michael and Jeanne were involved in a traffic accident with their motor home, while on a trip to California. Since the accident he was confined to the hospital in Eureka, California and was recuperating very well when suddenly he passed away on November 24.

Rosary was held Tuesday evening, November 28 at St. Mary Church and funeral mass was 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, with interment at Chester Catholic Cemetery. Officiants celebrating mass were Fr. Rene' Petit, Msgr. Martin Werner, and Fr. Tim Werner, who married Michael and Jeanne and was a schoolmate at St. Norberts.

Pallbearers were nephews: Wayne Schaller, Vernon Nickol, Lyle Gagnon, James Gagnon, Norm Anderson and Dick Harmon. Honorary pallbearers were the Knights of Columbus.

Family members preceding him in death were his parents, a sister, Sr. Mary Louise, and infant daughter, Mary Elise.

Survivors are his wife, Jeanne; four sons, Louis of Dillon, Charles and Donald of Chester, Dennis of Leland, MS; two daughters, Mrs. John (Loretta) Tibor of Anchorage, AK and Theresa of Chester; brothers Raphael and James of Chester; sisters Mrs. Frank (Nora) Hemmer, Lothair, Mrs. Ernest (Genevieve) Gagnon, Chester, Mrs. Ed (Susie) Nickol, Ledger, Mrs. John (Pat) Schaller, Gildford and Sr. Marleen, Portland, Oregon, five granddaughters, one grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.



## WALLACE E. HUNT

Born: January 27, 1905 - Died: September 22, 1978

Liberty County Times

October 12, 1978

### Wallace E. Hunt passes on Sept. 22

Wallace E. (Wallie) Hunt, 73, of 1803 Grant Ave., Ogden, Utah was pronounced dead at the McKay Dee Hospital, Ogden, Utah, Friday, September 22, 1978 following a heart attack at his home.

He was born January 27, 1905 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, son of Claude Oliver and Ethel Roberts Hunt.



**Wallace Hunt**

He served several years with the U.S. Army overseas, from which he was discharged in 1933. At that time he came to the Joplin, Montana area.

November 23, 1937 he and Agnes Hodges were married in Missoula, Montana. She was a traffic casualty July 3, 1957. They were the parents of twins, Ronald Virgil and Rosalie Virginia. They farmed north of Joplin.

August 8, 1959 he and Isabel Gray were united in marriage at Gettyberg, South Dakota. They continued to farm a short time and then operated a motel in Shadron, Nebraska until his retirement in March, 1970. At that time they moved to Ogden, Utah.

Surviving are his widow Isabel, son Ronald and his wife Janet of San Francisco, California, daughter Rosalie, her daughter Bobbi Ann and husband Robert Heitzig of Dearing, Georgia. Two brothers Winfield Hunt of Circle Pines, Minnesota, Harold Jensen of Ogden, Utah, several nieces and nephews, cousins and many friends.

Funeral services were September 27, 1978 in the Myers Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Bronston Greenwood of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Interment in Ogden City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were from American Legion Baker-Merrell Post No. 9, Pete Henry, Jim Austin, Dick Burnside, Frank Pelly, Jerry Gorder and Ted Evans. Honorary pallbearers were Francis Bridwell, Ray Jensen, Bob Jensen, Jack Young, Larry Jensen and Ron Jensen.

Military honors accorded by American Legion Baker-Merrill Post Number 9.

## CARRIE JABES

Born: September 8, 1889 - Died: June 18, 1978

Liberty County Times

June 22, 1978

### Funeral held for Carrie Jabes, 88



Carrie Jabes

CARRIE JABES died Sunday evening at the Liberty County Hospital at the age of 88 years. She had been a resident at the Liberty County Nursing Home for the past 4 months.

She was born Anna Carrie Holmquist on September 8, 1889 in Rockford, Illinois. She was the eldest of seven children and her parents were Samuel and Elna (Trulson) Holmquist. She completed schooling through the 5th grade because times were tough and she was forced to go to work at age 12. When she was 18 her family moved to Montana. In 1910 she filed a personal homestead claim near her parents' homestead about 8 miles south of Joplin. She met another homesteader, Emil J. Jabes, who eventually became her husband. They were married on May 28, 1913 in her parents' home. The product of that

marriage was 6 children. A son, Woodrow, passed away at seven months in 1919. A 14-year-old son, William, and her husband, Emil, both passed away with pneumonia within a week's time in 1930. Carrie and the 4 girls continued farming (the old John Jabes farm south of Chester). They relied on seasonal hired help, but many remember Carrie working like a man, shoveling wheat, hauling hay, fixing fence, maintaining a garden, and much more. She was a dedicated, hard-working mother who insisted that her four daughters get as much happiness as possible with limited means. She remained on the farm for 17 years following the death of her husband, then sold it in 1947 to a son-in-law Walt Wicks. She moved into Chester where she lived alone until 1975. From that time on she lived intermittently with her 4 daughters, until declining health forced her into the rest home a few months ago.

Carrie was a charter member of the Our Savior's A.L.C.W. She also belonged to the Chester Garden Club and Cowbells. She is best remembered for her "green thumb" and beautiful flowers, which kept her summer months busy. In the winter months she made lovely quilts, many of which were raffled or given to family members and friends. She was also skilled at feather-stitching. But most important of all, she was devoted to her children, grandchildren and Christianity.

Survivors include the 4 daughters, Mrs. Austin (Violet) Broadhurst of Ledger, Mrs. Clifton (Evelyn) Eggen of Jop-

lin, Mrs. Wilbur (Margaret) Swenson of Havre and Mrs. Walter (Pearl) Wicks of Chester; 1 brother, Nels Holmquist of Kalispell; 2 sisters, Mrs. Edna Burch of Lewistown and Mrs. Hildur Sunden of Spokane, Washington; 8 grandsons; 1 granddaughter; 5 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by parents, husband, 2 sons, and 3 brothers (David, Harold & Stanton).

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend David Barker conducted with arrangements by the Rockman Funeral Chapel. Ushers for the event were

Emmers Berg and Bud Broadhurst. Pallbearers were the grandsons: Paul, Maurice and Roger Eggen, Lowell and Bruce Swenson and Russel, Dale and Dave Wicks. Special music included "Amazing Grace," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "How Great Thou Art," sung by trio of Jack, John and Mary Seidlitz and accompanied by Iva Kolstad.

Interment followed in the Chester cemetery. The ALCW ladies provided a luncheon for family and friends in the church basement following the ceremonies. Memorials will be given to the Senior Citizen's Center, Our Savior's Lutheran, or to donor's choice.

**HAROLD J. JENSEN**  
**Born: July 25, 1897 - Died: November 1, 1978**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 8, 1978**

## Harold Jensen dies in Washington



**Harold Jensen**

Harold J. Jensen was born July 25, 1897 at Alden, Minnesota to Peder and Sophia Jensen. There was born to this family four (4) boys and five (5) girls: Walter Vego, unnamed girl (died in infancy), Marie, Alice, Valborg, Esther, Walter F., Victor and Harold.

Harold attended school in Kenmore, North Dakota and came with his father to Joplin,

Mt. in 1909. The remaining family came in 1910.

Harold was married to Julia Cain December 27, 1920 in Havre, Mt. by Father Sansone. To this marriage was born one (1) son Edward Victor in Browning, Mt. March 18, 1922.

Harold worked in Browning as a mechanic and truck driver, and then moved to Oakland, California returning to Joplin in 1925, there he worked as a mechanic for Oscar Haugen and Art LaValley. In 1927 Harold and Julia purchased the farm 3 miles east of Chester which Harold and son farmed until 1958.

During the 30's he worked on the building of the road which is Highway #2, while Julia and Edward farmed. He also worked for Liberty County many years building roads.

Harold liked to hunt geese & fish and did a great amount of it.

His wife Julia passed away May 31, 1956 and he remarried in October 1957 to Bertha McCloskey of Spokane, Washington retiring to Spokane in 1959.

A family reunion was held in Kalispell at his son's home on Harold's 78th birthday with all the remaining family attending.

He had been in and out of the hospital and nursing home for the last couple of years. He entered the Holy Family Hospital for the last time July 30th and then Hy Lond Nursing Home on September 5, passing away Wednesday, November 1, 1978 at 4:05 p.m. at the age of 81.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 4, 1978, 10:00 a.m. at Riplinger Chapel of Flowers. Interment was at Greenwood Memorial Terrace.

Harold was preceded in death by his wife Julia, his parents 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

He is survived by his wife Bertha, his son and daughter-in-law Edward and Beth (46 Park Ave., Kalispell, Mt.; three (3) granddaughters and ten (10) great grandchildren: Mrs. Jay (Arlene) McFarland, Jayme, Jason and Jarod of Spokane, Wn.; Mrs. George (Christine) Dofelmire, Michael, Mark and Matthew of Kalispell, Mt.; Mrs. Rockney (Twyla) Stoddard, Shawn, Candy, Rick, and Sonia of Kuna, Idaho; One (1) brother, Walter F. (Edris) Jensen of Chester, Mt.; Three (3) sisters, Mrs. Marie Anderson, Longview, Wn.; Mrs. George (Alice) Haney of Seal Beach, California; Mrs. Allan (Esther) Schwartz of Salt Lake City, Utah. Many nieces and nephews, 2 step daughters (Betty and Frances), 5 step grandchildren, 4 step great grandchildren.

**ANTONIO G. (TONY) LAGUNAS**  
**Born: June 13, 1908 - Died: November 7, 1978**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 15, 1978**



**Antonio Lagunas**

Antonio G. "Tony" Lagunas was born in LaPiedad, Mexico on June 13, 1908. He was apparently raised and schooled in Mexico, then at age 18 he immigrated to the United States via Laredo, Texas. He came directly to the Hingham, Montana area where he found employment with the Great Northern Railway. He was apparently quite satisfied with his work as a truck laborer because he spent 41 years with the company. During this time he worked on the track along the Hi-Line and lived most of these years in Chester.

He was an active employee until 1968, when he suffered a disabling injury at home. He went on a pension, then in 1971 entered the Liberty County Nursing Home where he has resided since.

He died at the age of 70 on November 7th at the Liberty County Hospital from complications of multiple sclerosis. He never married and retained his Mexican citizenship. He was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester.

Survivors include three sisters in Mexico, including Dolores Gudino and Carmen Lagunas of LaPiedad and Concepcion L. deLimon of Tiajuana. He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Funeral services and burial were in Chester. Friday evening, November 10th vigil prayers were recited at the Rockman Funeral Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated by Father Rene' Petit at 10 a.m. Saturday morning at St. Mary's Church. Music was provided by Helen Ann Aaberg and members of the church choir. Pallbearers included some old friends from the railroad: Wilfred Gunderson, Wilbur Eveland, Ernie Evans, Andrew

Mangold, Richard Brady and Sever Brevick. Interment was in the Chester Catholic Cemetery.

## DOROTHY M. LARSON

Born: April 22, 1889 - Died: August 17, 1978

Liberty County Times

August 24, 1978

Dorothy M. Larson was born April 22nd, 1889 near Aneta, North Dakota. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Christ I. Morkrid. She attended rural schools in the Aneta area, and was confirmed in Our Savior Lutheran Church at rural Klotten. She later attended State Teachers Training at the University of North Dakota, after which she taught in rural North Dakota schools. On August 7, 1909 she married John A. Larson in the Lom Lutheran Church in rural Petersburg, North Dakota. They farmed in the Niagara, Petersburg, & Michigan (North Dakota) areas from 1909 to 1942, at which time they came to the Chester area. They leased a wheat farm near Tiber for many years and eventually purchased it. They were members at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, in fact, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary there in 1959.

They kept their residence in Chester, although they wintered in Billings from 1905 until Mr. Larson's death in 1939. After that, Dorothy leased out the farm and moved to Billings. She moved into the Valley Nursing Home there in 1976, and went on to expire on August 17th at the age of 89 years.

For those that knew her, she could only be labelled as a "precious lady." She loved everyone and everything, especially flowers and birds. In her later years she became an avid fisherwoman.

She is survived by 2 sons, Leland C. Larson of Pasco, Washington and Ret. Lt. Col. Gilmen I. Larson of Missoula; 2 daughters, Mrs. Marvin (Ada) Shaughnessy of Casper, Wyoming and Mrs. Martin (Doris) Hinnaland of Billings; 1 brother, Carl A. Morkrid of Great Falls; and several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews and nieces.



Visitation was held at the Michelotti-Sawyers West Chapel in Billings on Friday. Visitation continued at the Rockman Chapel in Chester Sunday. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend David Barker officiated, assisted by Reverend Timothy Solberg who sang two special numbers: "How Great Thou Art" and "Behold a Host." The congregation sang, "The Sweet By & By" and "Thine Is the Glory," accompanied by organist Mary Hutchison. Pallbearers included Armand Anderson, Arlo and Mort Skari, and Curt, Carl and Gerald Morkrid. In memorium the honorary bearers were "All of Her Loved Ones." Vic Elliot served as usher. Interment followed in the Chester Cemetery.

Memorials will be given to the Deaconess Home for Children in Helena, to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, or to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in Billings.

As a special tribute, a good friend and neighbor (Mina Thielman) wrote this poem for the family of Dorothy:

A precious one from you has gone  
The voice you loved is still  
And though the days seem dark and long  
We know it is God's will.

Her earthly work is now complete  
She's gone to her reward  
Where there's no more sorrow,  
pain, defeat  
In the mansion of the Lord.

After 89 long toilworn years  
She grew bent, twisted, frail-  
yes, old  
Yet never once did she complain  
While patiently waiting for  
Jesus her Lord  
To beckon her into his fold.

You'll suffer many a heartache  
When you see reminders every-  
where  
But God will comfort, He never forsakes  
If you but ask of Him in prayer.

Ask and He will give you  
Comfort and strength until  
You can smile when speaking of  
her  
And say, "It was God's Will."

Please accept our heartfelt  
sympathy  
To those of you left behind  
Your mother was a genuine,  
trustworthy friend  
A better neighbor I've yet to  
find.

## HARVEY LAVERDURE

BORN: 1962 - DIED: JULY 15, 1978

LIBERTY COUNTY TIMES

JULY 20, 1978

# Great Falls boy, 16, drowns in lake

Harvey Laverdure, 16 of Great Falls drowned in Lake Elwell Saturday afternoon while attempting to swim from the boat launching ramp to the dam. According to reports the boy was a good swimmer, but may have suffered a cramp or fatigue. His friend, Steve Yackley of Chester attempted to rescue Laverdure, but could not. By the time a boat arrived on the scene it was too late.

The body was recovered by Tony, Mike and John Nahrgang of Joplin and Matt Komac of Conrad. Komac administered mouth to mouth resuscitation, but to no avail. The boy drowned between 1:15 and 1:30 p.m. and was recovered from about 15 feet of water at 2:02 p.m. Sheriff-coroner Grant Jepsen and deputy Rick Seidlitz arrived at the scene to pronounce the boy dead at 2:15.

Chester ambulance was dispatched to the scene with Don East, Rodney Keith and Craig Rude in the ambulance. They delivered the body to Rockman funeral home.

According to reports Laverdure had been visiting at the Bill Yackley home in Chester and the boys along with three other companions all of the Montana school for the deaf and blind of Great Falls had gone to the lake together. His companions watched the drowning and rescue attempt from the shore, but were unable to help.

It was the second drowning in the lake since it was formed by Tiber Dam almost 25 years ago. In May of 1959 Aloyse Nold of Gildford drowned in a boating accident. Nold and

three companions were fishing when a sudden wind overturned their boat. The three companions who were wearing life jackets escaped, but Nold who was not wearing a life jacket was drowned even though he had an extra life jacket in the boat. That accident happened in the Willow Creek arm of the lake south of Lothair.

Funeral services for Harvey Joe Laverdure were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Gerard's Catholic Church in Great Falls. Rosary was recited Monday at 7 p.m. at O'Connor's Funeral Home. Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Laverdure 721 6th Ave. N., Great Falls. He was born in Lewistown and moved to Great Falls with his parents in 1966. At the time of his death he was a student at East Junior High and the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.

He was active in Little League baseball and played basketball and wrestled for the deaf and blind school. He was preceded in death by paternal

grandparents, Ralph and Madeline Laverdure.

Survivors include his parents, four sisters, Debbie, Connie, Tammy and Carla, all living at home; a brother, Doug, also living at home; maternal grandparents, Alberta LaFountain, Lewistown and Martha LaFountain, Portland, Oregon and numerous aunts and uncles.

## ELMER GRANT LEHRMAN

Born: March 11, 1914 - Died: January 8, 1978

Liberty County Times

January 19, 1978

### Elmer Lehrman, 63 services Monday

Services were held Monday, January 16th, for Elmer Grant Lehrman, 63, at 10 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Pastor David Barker officiating. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery. Arrangement was by the Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

Elmer was found 35 miles southeast of Shelby January 12th on a country road where he and his companion had run out of gas about 2½ miles from their destination. They both died of exposure.

Elmer was born at his folks "homestead" 25 miles north of Chester March 11, 1914. He was a son of Albert and Bessie Lehrman. He was raised and schooled in the Chester community. He took over the homestead and farmed it until the early 1960's when he and his family moved to Conrad. There he worked for the Case Tractor Company. During the past three years he has been employed by Warwick Farms, and has worked in various parts of Montana and Oregon. He enjoyed life as a "ranch hand."

He is survived by two sons, Richard of Fairfield, and Ronald of Mountain Home, Idaho; six daughters, Mrs. Gale (Verna) Welch, Missoula; Mrs. Fred (Linda) Moench of Killeen, Texas, Mrs. Hal (Wanda) Larson, Missoula; Mrs. Mark (Debra)

Christman, Belfry; Mrs. John (Jeanne) Sanner, Billings and Mrs. Dennis (Judy) Stores of Sumner, Washington; one brother, Leonard, Great Falls; two sisters, Almira Whorley, Boise, Idaho and Edna Rudolph, Ronan; 25 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers were George Mattson, Emmanuel Gabbert, Chuck Smith, Eldon Graff, Irvin Brown, Bill Garwick, Kevin; and Loren Warwick, Conrad.

Organist was Marion Thielman and soloist was Wayne Wardell who sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In The Garden."

The family found a poem among Elmer's effects, a portion of the poem follows:

At last came one of the merry troupe, the gayest laddie of all the group. He paused beside him and whispered low "I'll help you across if you wish to go." The aged hand on his strong young arm he placed, and without hurt or harm he guided his trembling feet along. Then back to his friends he went. His young heart happy and well content. "He's somebody's father, boys you know. For all he's aged and poor and slow and I hope some fellow will lend a hand to help my father, you understand. If when he's aged and poor and grey and his own boy is far away. Somebody's father bowed his head in his home that night, and the prayer he said. Was God be kind to that noble boy Who is somebody's Son, pride and joy.

## SHARON LaVONNE WRIGHT MALANEY

Born: August 5, 1940 - Died: December 18, 1978

Liberty County Times

December 28, 1978

Sharon LaVonne Wright was born in Havre, Montana on August 5, 1940. Her parents were Lynn "Skinny" Wright and Lillian (Rockman) Wright. She attended Chester schools, graduating from high school in 1958. She then attended the Beverly Hills Dental College in California, and became a dental assistant for 2 years in the Hi-Line area. She enrolled in Eastern Montana College for over a year, then accepted a job with the Forest Service as a secretary at the Bitterroot Ranger Station for 2 years.

From there she joined the Department of Defense and a job that took her to Tokyo,

Japan. A year later she went to Libya, Africa where she worked at Willis Air Force Base. It was there that she met her husband, Joseph Malaney. They were married in Valetta, Malta on March 7, 1970. The next three years were spent in England, and they moved to Aurora, Colorado in 1973. Since that time she has worked for the Social Security (Littleton office) as an administrative aide. She had worked for civil service for 15 years.

In her work as in her social life, her love and dedication always showed. Though she never received any overtime, she was always the first one to work and the last one to leave, consistently doing everything she could for others. It is no wonder that she was honored with the Social Security Commissioner's Citation (their highest accomodation) in October of



Sharon Malaney

this year. She also belonged to an international women's service club, "Beta Sigma Phi," where she had yet another outlet for love and service to others; she continually gave of herself long after others would have quit for lack of appreciation. If she wasn't doing something for a sorority sister, she was doing it for a needy family. Her life was typlified by a plaque which hung on their kitchen wall:

A bell is not a bell until you ring it.

A song is not a song until you sing it.

Love wasn't put in the heart to stay,

For love isn't love until you give it away!

Sunday morning, December 17th Sharon became suddenly ill at home. She was admitted to the Aurora Community Hospital with a cerebral hemorrhage. She expired there the following day at the age of 38 years.

She is survived by her husband, Joe of Aurora; mother, Lillian Wright of Chester; sister, Mrs. Larry (Vi) Budden of Sunnyside, Washington; ne-

phew (Todd) and niece (Tracy; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father in 1963.

Funeral services were held at the Aurora-Chase Mortuary in Aurora on Wednesday, December 20. Reverend Ron Baird of the Meadowood Free Methodist Church officiated. She was transferred to Chester for burial on Friday, December 22. Graveside services were conducted by Reverend Bob Hermsstad of the Chester United Methodist Church. All local memorials will be given to the memorial fund at the Chester Methodist Church.



**NICHOLAS (NICK) MANGOLD**  
**Born: February 20, 1927 - Died: October 24, 1978**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 2, 1978**

**Funeral held for  
Nicholas Mangold**

Nicholas ("Nick") Mangold was born in Inverness, Montana on February 20, 1927. His parents were Adam and Katherine (Beck) Mangold, and he was the youngest of 10 children.

He attended Inverness schools. He enlisted in the Marine Corps prior to the end of World War II and served from 1944 to 1947. He returned to Montana following his discharge, and has worked as a farm/ranch laborer since that time.

He lived in many parts of the state, but in more recent years has worked predominantly in the Turner and Great Falls areas.

After an extended illness, he entered the Fort Harrison Veterans Hospital. He died there from complications following surgery on October 24th at the age of 51 years.

He is survived by 1 son, Allen of Charlo, 3 daughters, Mrs. Rick (Kathy) Woodruff of Charlo, Mrs. Paul (Sharleen) King of Seattle, Washington and Tammy of Charlo; 4 brothers, Frank of Cottonwood, Arizona, Joe of Mesa, Arizona, Mike of Billings and Andrew of Hingham; 3 sisters, Mrs. Arnold (Helen) Gangness of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mrs. Charles (Marie) Cross of Rudyard and Mrs. Barbara Schaefer of

Chester; 8 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by a son (David), by his parents, and by 2 brothers (Walter and Leon).

Rosary was recited on Friday evening, (October 27th) at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. Father Martin Philipsen celebrated the "Mass of the Christian Burial" at Sacred Heart at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Ushers for the mass included Don Kline and Daryl Spicher. Dennis Mangold assisted as reader, and the servers were Deanne and Rita Moog.

Music was provided by organist, Iris White. In addition to traditional mass renditions, two vocal numbers, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" and "The Lord's Prayer" were sung by Francie Miller.

Pallbearers consisted of Jim and Herb White, Don Schaefer and Bill, Howard and Dennis Mangold. Interment followed in the Inverness Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Following graveside services, a luncheon was held in the church basement.

**CLARKE EARL MCBRIDE**  
**Born: April 3, 1900 - Died: January 26, 1978**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 2, 1978**



Clarke McBride  
2-2-78  
**Funeral held for  
Clark McBride, 77**

Funeral services were held Monday forenoon in Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Chester for Clarke Earl McBride, 77. He was found unresponsive at his home by a visitor, Mort Skari. The Liberty County ambulance was called and Craig Rude and Quannah Bailey took McBride to the Liberty County Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Death was attributed to natural causes.

McBride was born April 3, 1900 in Lyndon, Illinois, Whiteside County. He was raised in the Lyndon area and attended school through the eighth grade in Illinois and Iowa. He also spent some time in Minnesota. He came to Montana in 1930 and has lived in the Chester area since that time, except in 1942-43 when he served in the U.S. Army during World War 2.

Following the war he farmed for Matt Thieltges south of Tiber. After 30 years he retired. He never married. He was a confirmed member of the Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, and was presently the church's delegate to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre. He was actively involved in the Chester American Legion Post and had served as post commander many times. He was also active in the District 2 American Legion and presently served as sargeant-at-arms for that organization. He was a past member of the Shelby Elks Lodge and was presently active in the Liberty County Senior citizens group. He was an avid garden-er.

Survivors include: a brother and sister-in-law, Clarence and Annie McBride of Hector, Minnesota; a sister, Mrs. Ruth Cronk of Armstrong, Iowa; and two sisters-in-law, Florence McBride of Chicago and Luel-la McBride of California; nephews and nieces; and a host of good friends in Montana. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers (Frank, Walter and Robert and one sister Rose Peterson).

Pastor David Barker conducted the funeral. Jan Christoffer-son on the organ accompanied Sue Violet singing "Amazing Grace" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Interment was in the Chester cemetery with military rites by American Legion Post

No. 88. Pallbearers were Jerry Hendrickson, John and Earl McBride, Ralph Olson, Frank Wanken, Martin Haugen and Ralph Cronk. Honorary pallbearers were members of the American Legion Post. Ushers were Larry and Dean Hendrickson. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel. "Taps" was played by Joanne Wolfe.

Following the services a luncheon was served in the church basement by the Ladies Auxiliary.

## FRANK NORDSTROM

Born: December 13, 1897 - Died: August 28, 1978

Liberty County Times

September 7, 1978

### Frank Nordstrom died Aug. 28, services Aug. 31

Frank Nordstrom, 80, of Ronan died in the Deaconess Hospital in Bozeman on Monday, August 28th. He had been in failing health since December.

He was born December 13, 1897, in Illinois and moved to Ronan in 1919.

Mr. Nordstrom married Inex Carlyle October 23, 1920. She died in 1970.

Mr. Nordstrom worked for twelve years at the Ronan Ford garage, quitting to serve in the Marines during World War II. Following his return to Ronan after the war, he and his wife owned and operated Nordstrom's Clothing. They retired in 1968.

Mr. Nordstrom was a member and past master of Ronan Lodge 131 AF&AM, and a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Missoula and the American Legion in Ronan.

Survivors include two daughters: Betty Robert of Bozeman and Margie Evans, Long Beach, California; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren; one brother, Bert and two sisters Ellen and Florence all of Chester.

## HARRY LEONARD NORDSTROM

Born: September 4, 1893 - Died: July ?, 1978

Liberty County Times

July 27, 1978

### Harry Nordstrom, 84 succumbs

On July 8, 1978 final services were held for Harry Leonard Nordstrom, age eighty-four at the Bethel Congregational Church in Washougal, Washington. He was born in Burlington, Iowa September 4, 1893, a son of Axel and Jennie Nordstrom who migrated from Sweden.

In late summer 1903 he moved with his parents to Nanton, Alberta, Canada. He quit school in the fourth grade to help his family make a living. At the age of sixteen, year 1909 he and his dad loaded the stock in a freight train and rode as far as Coutts, then overland by wagon to Chester where his parents took a homestead.

At eighteen he took a homestead in Alberta, Canada selling this claim out in 1915 returning to the U.S. In 1917 he married Lavina Bell. They moved to Washougal, Washington where he lived up to his death. His wife preceded him in death in January, 1974. Survivors include one daughter, Margaret of Washougal, Washington; two sons, Charles of Belview, Washington and Raymond of Walnut Creek, California, eight grandchildren, four great grandchildren, two sisters, Ellen Irons and Florence TroVatten of Chester, Montana and two brothers, Bert of Chester and Frank of Ronan, Montana.

## ALVIN HARRY OLSON

Born: June 18, 1920 - Died: October ?, 1978

Liberty County Times

October 26, 1978

### Funeral held for Alvin Olson, 58

Alvin Harry Olson was born on June 18, 1920 on the family farm north of Lothair, Montana. His parents were Peder and Julia (Sagvold) Olson and he was one of four children.

He attended the Trommer grade school (north of Lothair) and Chester High School. He farmed with his folks in earlier years and eventually purchased land of his own, near the family homestead.



February 22, 1946 he married Arlene Porter in Shelby and the product of that marriage was a daughter, Carmel. Alvin farmed for 35 years, then sold his place in 1972. He has been semi-retired since that time, but has kept himself busy doing carpenter work, a hobby he acquired in the slow farming months. He was a lifetime member at the Trinity Lutheran Church north of Lothair, being baptized and confirmed there. He had been the church treasurer for many years and had also served on the church council. He was also a member of the Lutheran Brotherhood.

Alvin loved the "great outdoors" especially when it came to hunting and fishing. He was an avid reader, in fact, was essentially "self-educated" from

his readings....he was a "self-fix-it-man"; if he couldn't fix something he would just read up on it until he could. At times he was quiet and reserved, and at times he was happy and outgoing. He was always polite and friendly. After a short illness, he went on to expire at the age of 58 years at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Lyle (Carmel) Robison of Shelby, a brother, Adolph of Chester; a sister, Mrs. Cyrus (Ovedia) Rishoff of Shelby; 2 grandchildren (Shanna Ali and Sommer Dawn Robison) and nephews, nieces and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Edwin.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 24 at the Community United Methodist Church in Shelby. Reverend Dean R. Bakken (of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church) officiated.

Vocalist Delores Matteson, accompanied by Dorothy Heydon, sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art."

Allan Standiford Jr. and August Laas served as ushers. Pallbearers included Henry Hawks, Joel Fenger, Bill Skinner, Jack Jacobson, Allan Standiford Sr. and Lyle Glee. Honorary bearers included Herbert Fenger, Marvin Rishoff, Harold Markuson, Clarence Hawks, Ray Standiford, Lawrence Frederickson, and Charles Laas. Interment followed in the Angelus Memorial Cemetery in Shelby. Arrangements were by the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

**WILHELMINA (BILLIE) PATRICK**  
**Born: ?, 1915 - Died: September 24, 1978**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 28, 1978**

**Billie Patrick  
died Sunday,  
services Tuesday**

Wilhelmina "Billie" Patrick, 63, died Sunday in a Havre hospital. Rosary was recited Monday at 7 p.m. in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Funeral services were Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church and burial was in Hingham cemetery.

Born north of Rudyard, she grew up and attended schools there. In 1935 she and Lloyd Patrick were married in Goldstone. He preceded her in death. She is survived by a son, Dr. Darryl Patrick, Huntsville, Texas; two daughters, Mrs. Leonard (Loy) Chvilicek, Gildford) and Mrs. Loren (Kathy) Higgins, Baker; three sisters, Mrs. Neil McCann, Redondo Beach, California; Mrs. Dorcie McNair, Inverness; and Mrs. Esther Earls, Helena; and two brothers, Carl Warhank, Carson, California and Ray Warhank, Rudyard.

**EUGENE EDWARD PETRICK**  
**Born: ?, 1920 - Died : October 29, 1978**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 2, 1978**

## **Eugene Petrick 58, dies while hunting**

Eugene Edward Petrick, 58, died of an apparent heart attack while deer hunting 30 miles northwest of Hingham Sunday. Services were 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Lutheran Church with the Rev. Kirby Nave presiding.

He was born and reared in Hingham. He served in the Navy in World War II, and then farmed south of Hingham until his death.

Survivors include his mother, Clara and a brother, Robert, both of Hingham and a sister, Clarice, of Missoula.

**CRETE D. PHILLIPS**  
**Born: ?, 1888 - Died: October 31, 1978**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 2, 1978**

## **Mrs. Crete Phillips** **dies in Spokane**

Mrs. Crete D. Phillips, 90, passed away October 31 in Spokane. She was the widow of Leon E. Phillips and a former Chester resident. She is survived by two daughters: Evelyn J. (Mrs. Haydn P.) Morgan of Spokane, Washington and Elise P. (Mrs. George M.) Garbe of Pablo, Montana. A son, Eldon, preceeded her in death. Other survivors include three grandchildren and three great grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Kisie Didier of Nanton, Alberta, Canada.

Mrs. Phillips was born in Springfield, Missouri the daughter of Sam and Dora McMasters. The family lived in Tekoa-Latah area in Washington for many years before homesteading in Chester, Montana. Mrs. Phillips attended schools in Tekoa, Republic and North Central High School in Spokane. When she joined the family in Chester she worked in the Chester post office.

After her marriage in 1915 to Leon E. Phillips together they started in business in Highwood, Montana where they remained until 1937 when they moved to Ronan and established the Phillips Variety Store.

Mrs. Phillips was a life-long member of the Christian Church. Services were held from the Ronan Christian Church, Friday, November 3rd. with the Reverends James Weldon and Preston Wilkins officiating. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery, Ronan, under the direction of Shrider's Mortuary.



## ANDREW POIER

Born: September 26, 1882 - Died: September 5, 1978

Liberty County Times

September 14, 1978

### Former Rudyard farmer passes on

Andrew Poier, 95, died Tuesday evening at the Immanuel Lutheran Home where he had lived since August 1969.

He was born September 26, 1882, in Nimirow, Russia. In 1886 he came to Canada and a short time later moved to North Dakota.

On June 30, 1909 he was married to Henrietta Drager in Little Falls, Minnesota. In 1911, the couple moved west from Langdon to homestead north of Rudyard, Montana. In 1912 Mr. Poier became a United States citizen at Havre. He was a dry land farmer. In 1941 the couple retired and moved to Kalispell.

Mr. Poier was preceded in death by his wife in August 1969 and is now survived by two sons, Stanton D. of Kalispell and Leonard Poier of Rudyard; one daughter, Mrs. Emma (Babe) Funderhide of Kalispell; one brother, August Poier of Stockton, California; one sisters, Elizabeth Hewitson of Osnabrock, N.D.; 10 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and other relatives.

He was also preceded in death by two daughters, Marion in 1964 and Bernice in 1916. He was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church.

Funeral services for Mr. Poier were conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 2 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Herbert Cies, pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

## FRANCE DALE RICHIE

Born: January 13, 1920 - Died: December 24, 1978

Liberty County Times

December 28, 1978

### Dale Richie died Dec. 24th, services 27th

France Dale Richie was born on January 13, 1920 in Mills County, Iowa. He was one of three children and the only son of Ernest and Edna (Davis) Richie. He attended schools in Iowa. On February 5, 1939 he married Lola L. Patton in Nodaway, Iowa. In 1944-45 he served in the U. S. Navy; he was with the Seabee's in the Phillipines. They worked and lived in Iowa until 1951, when they came to Montana. They lived in the Hogeland/Turner area for 2 years, then came to Rudyard.

He accepted employment with the Rudyard School System, and has been custodian there since that time. He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Dale was a real sports enthusiast, loving all spectator games, especially at the high school level. He frequently drove the athletic school buses. He loved all the school kids; sometimes he was very demanding of them in the school, but the demands were very superficial. Dale was also a sports participant in the fact that he loved fishing and hunting. He loved his family. He was the proud father of 4 daughters and 1 son, and 12 grandchildren.

Dale had suffered from a heart ailment. Sunday morning, December 24th he became acutely ill at home and was taken to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He died

later that day at the age of 58 years. Survivors include his wife, Lola of Rudyard; son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Kay of Orlando, Florida; 4 daughters, Mrs. Eugene (Nancy) Sudan of Hogeland, Mrs. Buster (Grace) Ness of Rudyard, Mrs. George (Betty) Hart of Idaho Falls, Idaho and Mrs. Ed (Jeanette) White of Hingham; 2 sisters, Mrs. Russell (Louetta) Heaton of Anita, Iowa and Mrs. Mike (Marjorie) Haley of Exira, Iowa; and his grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Wayne Pris officiated. Music was provided by Mrs. Herb White, Mrs. Judy Lake, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Solum. Song selections included "In the Garden," "Beyond the Sunset," and "Because He Lives." Ushers were Bob Toner and Bill Strissel and pallbear-

ers included Carl Knudsen, Bob Makela, Jerry Hybner, Joe Jurenka, Ken Watson and Al Voss. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Rockman Chapel in Chester.

## JOSEPH EUGENE RICHTER

Born: February 20, 1920 - Died: August 15, 1978

Liberty County Times

September 7, 1978

### Joseph Richter services Aug. 19 in Wash.

Funeral services were held at Omak, Washington on August 19, 1978 for Joseph Eugene Richter who passed away there on August 15 of cancer.

He was born at north Chester, Montana February 20, 1920 to George and Margaret Richter. He moved with his parents to Inverness where he attended school, graduating from Inverness High School. Later worked in the shipyards at Bremerton, Washington, then enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After his discharge he farmed. Later he owned and operated a service station at Inverness.

He and Louise Shipman were married in 1950 and continued to live at Inverness until 1962 when he sold his interests and purchased an orchard at Omak, Washington.

Joe is survived by his wife, Louise, daughter Janet, son Jeff at home. Sons, Myron, Omak, Washington; twins, Walter and Wayne, U.S. Air Force; Clyde of Inverness, Mt.;

daughter Mrs. Jeff Harrison (Cheryl) and granddaughter Jennifer Harrison of Okanagan, Washington.

Also his mother Margaret Richter of Inverness, Mt.; brothers John of Havre, Mt.; Jack and Ray of Inverness; Eddie of Kalispell; Chris of Hingham and Frank of Joplin, Mt.; sisters Mary Mader and Agnes Mader, Great Falls; Lena Shore, Francys Fraser and Virginia Adams of Inverness, Mt. And many nieces and nephews.

## JOHN MONROE ROBINS

Born: March 15, 1892 - Died: July 28, 1978

Liberty County Times

August 3, 1978

### John Robins, 86 dies, Kalispell

John Monroe Robins, 86, died on Friday morning at the Immanuel Lutheran Home where he has resided for the past several years.

He was born March 15, 1892, in Bessville, Mo. a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Robins. He was preceded in death by his parents when he was five years old and in 1911, he moved to Devils Lake, North Dakota.

In 1929, he moved to Joplin, Montana where he lived until 1946. He then moved to Kalispell where he has lived since then.

Mr. Robins was a farmer and engaged in farm work most of his life. He was a veteran of World War I having served in Battery B, 30th Field Artillery in the U.S. Army.

In November, 1919, he was married to Mayme Dodson in Desoto, Mo. and was preceded in death by her in February, 1920. In 1931, he was married to Amanda Ladenburg in Joplin, and was preceded in death by her in February 1956. In March 1957, he was married to Sadie Duffy in Mesa, Arizona and was preceded in death by her on August 18, 1969. They had spent their winters in Arizona and their summers in Kalispell. Mr. Robins was of the Baptist faith. He is now survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Robins were conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 1 p.m. Monday with the Rev. William Reid, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites were conducted by the local veterans organizations.

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ADELINE O. ROMAIN

Born: January 23, 1922 - Died: July 5, 1978

Liberty County Times

July 27, 1978

Funeral held for  
Adeline Romain, 56

Funeral services for Mrs. Adeline, O. Romain, 56 were held at 10 a.m. July 10 at Starbuck Mortury Chapel, Lompoc, California with Mr. Verne Nesbit officiating. Burial was in Lompoc Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Romain was born in Douglas, N.D. January 23, 1922 and died July 5 at Lompoc District Hospital following a sudden illness. She had been a Lompoc resident for the past 25 years, residing with her husband at Cross Creek Ranch on Highway 1.

She was a member of the Valley Chapel and the Lompoc Christian Women's Club.

She is survived by her husband, Alfred, of the home address; two daughters, Cynthia Sorkness of San Diego and Wendy Rister of Santa Barbara; a son, Kirk D. Romain of Montana; two brothers, Rudy Rishovd of North Dakota and Larry Rishovd of Tustin, California; three sisters, Eleanor Blintliff of Santa Barbara, California; Cora Steen of Arizona and Elizabeth Sobodash of Michigan; and two grandchildren.

## JOSEPHA CATHERINE ROMAIN

Born: December 2, 1888 - Died: January 5, 1978

Liberty County Times

January 12, 1978

### Mrs. Josepha Romain, 89, dies in Idaho

Liberty County pioneer, Mrs. Josepha Catherine Romain, 89, died in Cottonwood, Idaho Thursday afternoon, January 5 following a lengthy illness. She had been hospitalized in Cottonwood for two years. Funeral services were held in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cottonwood Monday. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Great Falls Wednesday.

She was born December 2, 1888 in Greencreek, Illinois, the second child of Joseph and Elizabeth Kaufmann. When Josepha, nicknamed Safa, was six years old the family moved to a farm on Bull Flats. She played with her brothers along the Wabash river on the bottom lands where the corn and grain crops grew.

In 1901 at age 12, Josepha accompanied her family to Greencreek, Idaho. On May 8, 1908 she married Fred Romain in Cottonwood.

Following the wedding they moved to an apartment in a store and post office in Keuter-ville, Idaho. They ran this store for five years and their first two children were born there. In 1913 they sold the store and moved by train to Montana and settled on an isolated farm near the Marias river between Chester and Fort Benton. There were no buildings.

When they arrived at Carter, the station nearest their homestead, Fred and the baby girl, Lena were sick with scarlet fever. They took Lena to the hospital in Fort Benton and the rest lived in a tent for six weeks. Later Fred erected a tent with a board floor at the farm in which the family lived until fall when they returned to Cottonwood, Idaho for the winter. The next summer they returned to Montana.

Fred and Josepha worked hard and faithfully together carving out a home on that farm for their growing family, several of whom were born and died on that isolated place.

As the years went by Safa became known for her home and garden, and she was known as one of Liberty County's original green thumbs. There were trees around the Romain

home when others were still saying trees wouldn't grow in this area.

As prosperity came they bought a home in Arizona during the 40's and spent a few winters there. In 1950 Fred and Safa left the farm which had grown to considerable size and moved to Great Falls. He died in 1956. She continued to live in Great Falls until failing health forced her to enter the hospital.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. August Hoene (Lena), Cottonwood, Idaho and Mrs. Irvin Hutchison (Delores) Chester; six sons, Lawrence, Great Falls; Clarence, Chester; Raymond, Fort Benton; Bernard, Grangeville, Idaho; Alfred, Lompoc, California; and John, Whitefish; three brothers, Anthony, Lawrence and Ferdinand Kauffman, all of Lewiston, Idaho; Four sisters, Mrs. Peter Seubert, Mrs. Gust Seubert both of Marathon, Wisconsin and Mrs. Morris Sipes, Mrs. William Hagen, both of Tacoma, Washington; 27 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Donald Hoene, Fred Hoene, Kenneth Terhaar, Robert Hutchison, Kenneth Romain and Steven Romain.

Co-celebrants were Fr. Victor Lustig and Fr. George King. Organist was Sr. M. Winifred and soloist, Mrs. James Rehder.



Josepha Romain

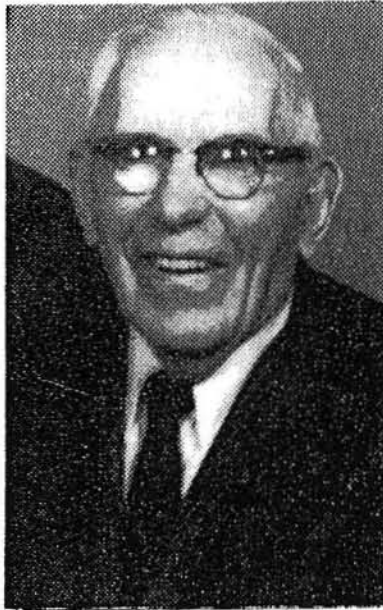
**RAY RUDOLPH**  
**Born: February 13, 1894 - Died: May 21, 1978**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 1, 1978**

Ray S. Rudolph was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota on February 13, 1894. He was the eldest of 10 children and his parents were Abram and Clara (Hall) Rudolph. His family moved to Oregon, then to Canada, and at the time of World War I he came to Montana via covered wagon to serve his country. He spent time in France and Germany in the army during those war years. After the war, he returned to Montana and homesteaded in the Sweetgrass Hills area north of Chester. On May 12, 1920 he married Hazel Ray in Chester. The product of that marriage was five children. His wife expired in 1961. In 1964 he married Mildred Stewart in Mesa, Arizona.

He retired from farming/ranching and has been living in Mesa for the past several years. He expired at a Veterans Hospital in Phoenix on May 21, 1978 at the age of 84 years. He was a charter member of the VFW post in Chester and had been active in the Farmer's Union in Joplin. He loved Montana more than anything, and looked forward to his summer visits here. He also loved singing, especially that music related to the "West," his favorite being "Springtime in the Rockies." He was a very content, uncomplaining, and caring individual; for this and more he will be missed. His survivors include his wife, Mildred of Mesa; 3 sons, Carroll of Chinook and Harley and Donald of Joplin; 1 daughter, Mrs. Glenn (Thelma) LaValley of Joplin; 2 brothers, Lowell of Oklahoma and Paul of Ronan, Mt.; 1 sister, Mrs. Bill (Gladys) Wooten of Ohio; 9 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; and 8 nieces. He was preceded

in death by his parents, first wife, a daughter (Marilyn) and 6 siblings.

Funeral services were held in Mesa at the Velda Rose United Methodist Church (which he helped build and established charter membership) on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Rever-



**Ray Rudolph**

end J. Erben Moore, Jr. officiated and special music was by Mary Dean and Edna Blair. The body was then shipped to the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester for additional services, which were held Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church. Officiant for this ceremony was Reverend Robert Hermstad.

The organist was Mrs. Thelma Anderson and two special vocal numbers by Rev. Tim and Kathy Solberg included "Beyond the Sunset" and "Just a Closer Walk With Thee." The congregation sang, "In the Sweet By and By." Ushers for the event were Wilbur Evedland and Sterling Wardell. Pallbearers were Kenneth Miller,

Tommy Wood, Lloyd Wolery, Berger Johnson, Mark LaValley and Dean Lyle. Honorary bearers included Leonard Plank, David James, Bud Poppler, Herbert Poetzl, Homer Kinyon, Norris Harrison, and Palmer Lalum. Interment followed services in the Joplin cemetery. Military rites were conducted there by members of the local VFW and Legion. A luncheon was then served at the home of Glenn LaValley in memory of Ray.

EDWIN S. SANDA  
Born: August 22, 1888 - Died: February 16, 1978  
Liberty County Times  
February 23, 1978

## Funeral held for Edwin Sanda, 89

Edwin S. Sanda, 89 died in the local hospital Thursday. He had been a patient in the Liberty County Nursing Home for four years.

He was born August 22, 1888 in Girard Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota. His parents were Sveinung and Hilborg (Ness) Sanda. He never married.

Sanda was raised in Minnesota and attended school there. In 1910 he and his brother, Ole came to Chester via train in search of a homestead. A locator found a desirable place in the Goldstone community 25 miles north of Rudyard, so he settled there. He went to North Dakota that summer to work on a farm, then returned to Goldstone that following year and built his homestead cabin.

He worked his farm and at the same time worked part time for Ole as a coal-digger in a mine in the Canada Coulee. He later took residence with his sister and family on the E.S. Berge farm. He retired in 1954.

In 1970 he moved into the home of his nephew, Sam Berge near Rudyard. Because of failing health in 1973 he sold his land and moved into the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester where he has lived since.

He was a past parishoner and board member of the Goldstone Lutheran Church. He loved to read and was an avid stamp and coin collector. In his younger years he was an excellent trapper.

He owned one of the first radios in the Goldstone community, and he had built the radio himself. His family remembers him as very big hearted as he never failed to contribute to any worthwhile organization that approached him.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday in Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rudyard. Pastor Wayne Pris conducted the funeral. Pallbearers were Algot Bergstrom, Norman Kapperud, Robert Connor, Ardel Tollefson, Ferris Ness and Morris Smith. Ushers were Eugene Bengstrom and Alfred Tollefson. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

Survivors include: two brothers, Alfred of Missoula and Emil of Henning, Minnesota; two sisters, Mrs. E.S. (Clara) Berge of Shelby and Mrs. V.B. (Connie) Skalman of Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He was preceded in death by four brothers, (Ole, Sam, George and Carl), two sisters (Agnes and Hilda) and his parents.



## LEO SCHWEITZER

Born: September 29, 1912 - Died: January 19, 1978

Liberty County Times

January 26, 1978



Leo Schweitzer

### Funeral held for Leo Schweitzer

Leo Schweitzer, 65 of Rudyard died of natural causes in a Great Falls hospital Thursday evening. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. January 23 at Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham. "Mass of the Christian Burial" was celebrated by Father Jordan Blecha. Vigil prayer service was held at the church at 6:00 Sunday. Interment was in the Inverness cemetery.

Pallbearers were Walter Myers, Ray Warhank, Mike Fisher, Lloyd Patrick, Leonard Chvilicek and Bill Strissel. Ushers were Darryl Spicher and Leander Schweitzer. Organist was Raechel Blake and soloist was David Rice. Songs were "Open Your Heart," "Amazing Grace" and "Oh What a Happy Day." Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

Leo's wife had been visiting her daughters in South Dakota. Leo went to the Great Falls airport Thursday afternoon to meet her plane. He carried her luggage to the car and collapsed. He was taken to the hospital emergency room where he expired.

He was born September 29, 1912 in Strausburg, North Dakota to Michael and Franciszika (Schwan) Schweitzer. He moved to Montana with his parents as an infant. They homesteaded in the Goldstone area north of Rudyard. He attended schools in the Goldstone community after which he farmed with his

folks. In the mid 1930's he acquired his own farm located 20 miles north of Hingham. He had commented that this past year was his 51st harvest.

November 9, 1940 he was united in marriage to Theresa Schmidt at the Goldstone Catholic Church. Eight children were the product of that marriage. They were members of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. He belonged to the Knights of Columbus (St. Mary Chapter, Chester). He was a past member of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Union in Rudyard and a past school board member in the Goldstone school system. He was also involved in the early organization of the Joplin TV club, and more recently served as a director of the Mt. Royal TV district. He was an avid bowler.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa of Rudyard; three sons, Jerry of Sacramento, California, Calvin and Leony of Bozeman; five daughters, Mrs. Dick (Shirley) Smith of Aberdeen, South Dakota, Mrs. Grover (Arlee) Brown of Yakima, Washington, Miss Darla Schweitzer of Aberdeen, South Dakota, Mrs. Don (Verna) Meyers of Troy, Montana and Miss Tina Schweitzer of Rudyard; two brothers, Adam of Geysler, Montana and Frank of Reno, Nevada; four sisters, Mrs. Joe (Amerlia) Mangold of Phoenix, Arizona, Mrs. Barbara Mangold of Inverness; Mrs. Frank (Tracy) Heck of Inverness and Mrs. Barry (Frances) Bull of Phoenix, Arizona; six grandchildren and nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Michael and Anton.

AGNES (MRS. IVER MORKRID) SKORPEN  
Born: ?, 1898 - Died: August 12, 1978  
Liberty County Times  
August 31, 1978

### Funeral held for Agnes Skorpen, 80

Funeral services for Agnes Skorpen, 80, better known locally as the former Mrs. Iver Morkrid were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 12 at Wigger and Sons Chapel in Seattle, Washington. Rev. Malcolm Unseth officiated. Bob Johnson was the soloist. He sang "How Great Thou Art," "Den Store Hvide Flok." Thorild Swanson was the organist. Pallbearers were Carl Johnson, Harlof Johnson, Ingvor Haugen,

Emil Haugen, David Swanson and Martin Haugen. Interment was in the Pacific Lutheran Cemetery.

Survivors include one daughter Lila Wadhams of Seattle, Washington; one son Lloyd Hendrickson of Chester, one grandson Jerry Hendrickson,

## ALBERT SOLUM

Born: September 26, 1888 - Died: May 26, 1978

Liberty County Times

June 1, 1978

### Services held for Albert Solum, 89

Graveside services were held Saturday evening at the Rudyard cemetery for Albert Solum who died Friday at the Heritage Home in Big Sandy. He was 89. Albert was buried next to his brother Edwin who died in March of this year. The service was conducted by Rev. Doug Davidson of the Christian Alliance Church. Arrangements were by the Rockman Funeral Chapel.

Albert was born September 26, 1888 to Hans and Oliea (Arneson) Solum in Cumberland, Wisconsin. He was raised and attended schools there. He farmed with a brother in Wisconsin before coming to Montana in the 1930's. He lived and worked with his brother, Edwin near Rudyard and then worked miscellaneous farms jobs in the few years that followed. He also worked in construction at Fort Peck. In the fall of 1941 he moved to the Kalispell area where he worked as a logger and Christmas tree cutter. He remained in Kalispell until 1975 when he moved to Heritage Home retirement center in Big Sandy. He was baptized and confirmed Lutheran at the section 10 church in Cumberland. He remained a bachelor all his life.



Albert Solum

Survivors included two sisters, Ida Worsley of Superior, Wisconsin and Helma Bonnett of Everett, Washington; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Karen Solum of Rudyard and Mrs. Anna Solum of Cumberland; one brother-in-law, Otto Thompson of Cumberland and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

**EDWIN SOLUM**  
**Born: July 12, 1890 - Died: March 9, 1978**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 16, 1978**

**Funeral held for Edwin Solum, 87**

Edwin Solum was born on July 12, 1890 in Cumberland, Wisconsin, Barron County. His parents were Hans and Oliea (Arneson) Solum. He was raised and attended schools in Wisconsin.

In 1911 he came to Montana and filed a "homestead" claim south of Inverness. On July 12, 1925 he married Karen L. Spaberg in Havre. They farmed and ranched together until his retirement in 1964. They took residence in Rudyard in 1975.



**Edwin Solum**

Because of declining health, he moved into the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester in July, 1976. He lived there until his Demise at the Liberty County Hospital on March 9, 1978. He lived 87½ good years, and his family remembers him as an extremely patient man who's good nature never faltered.

He is survived by his wife, Karen (of Rudyard); 3 sons, Glen (of Havre) and Orville and Marcell (of Rudyard); 2 daughters, Mrs. Jake (Helen) Richter of Inverness and Mrs. Phil (Evelyn) Griffin of Puyallup, Washington; 2 sisters, Ida Worsley (of Superior, Wisconsin) and Helema Bonnett (of

Everett, Washington); 1 brother, Albert Solum (of Big Sandy); 15 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; nephews and nieces and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers (Ted, John and Henry) and 1 sister (Sophie).

Funeral services were held Monday, March 13th at 10:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. The services were conducted by Reverend Wayne Pris of Our Savior's. Two special musical numbers, "Because He Lives" and "Take My Hand, Precious Lord," were sung by Mrs. Carol Hanson, who also played the guitar. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art," accompanied by Mrs. Tiann Buker on the piano. Ed's grandsons served as pallbearers and ushers. The bearers were Kenneth, Ed, Dale, and Wayne Solum and Kenneth and Robert Richter. Ushers were Richard Richter and Russell and Philip Solum. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Following the services, a luncheon was held in the church basement in "memory of Edwin."

## GEORGE ROBERT STRUCK

Born: January 31, 1921 - Died: July 19, 1978

Liberty County Times

July 27, 1978

### George Struck, Turner, dies

George Robert Struck of Turner, Montana died July 19, 1978 in Havre. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 22 at the Turner Lutheran Church.

George Struck was born January 31, 1921 at Rudyard, Montana. He attended Rudyard schools and entered the service during WWII. On November 29, 1947 he married Carol Johnson in Turner. They moved to Turner in 1953 to take up farming. He was a member of the Turner Lutheran Church and was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by his wife Carol of Turner; three children, Susan Peisert, St. Paul, Minnesota, Karen Struck, Worland, Wyoming and Michael Struck, Turner; one sister, Mrs. Dean (LaVerna) McFadden, Inverness; and 4 brothers, Laurence Struck of Dunseith, N.D., Truman Struck of Libby, Harley Struck of Mesa, Arizona and Harold Struck of Great Falls. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Dennis Struck.

A memorial has been established to the Turner Lutheran Church.

Officiating at the funeral service was Peter Hovland and Pastor Tom Bailey. Soloists were Randy and Sarah Johnson accompanied by Darlene Erickson who sang "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Ushers were Ken Kegel and Bruce Murphy. Pallbearers were Art Egbert, Bud Jones, Bob Simons, Tharrne Warren, Palmer Anderson and Clarence Harmon. Burial was in Highland cemetery in Havre with military honors by the Havre Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion Post.

Memorials are designed to the Turner Lutheran Church, Turner, Montana.

HAROLD M. THOMPSON

Born: ? - Died: May 26, 1978

Liberty County Times

June 1, 1978

Funeral held for  
Harold Thompson

FORT BENTON--Harold M. Thompson, 74, died Friday in Chouteau County District Hospital. Born in Brandon, Minnesota, he moved to Montana at the age of 7, and farmed in the Loma, Loredo and Chester areas until his retirement in 1971. He lived at Loma until 1974 and has since resided in Fort Benton.

Survivors are his wife, Gunhild, whom he married in Norway in 1930; a sister, Alice Johnson, Havre; several nieces and nephews including Evelyn Warwick, Havre and Irene McFarland, Fort Benton, Adeline Hewlett, California; Ray and Emery Johnson, Great Falls. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Benton Funeral Home, the Rev. Tom Lane officiating.