James Russell Adams

Born: March 17, 1923 - Died: August 3, 1993

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James Russell Adams was born on March 17, 1923 in Rudyard, Montana. His parents were Charles M. and Axie (Earl) Adams, and he was the youngest of fourteen children. Jim received his formal education at Joplin, graduating from high school there in 1940. He was inducted into the U.S. Army World War II; he served overseas in England and France and was wounded in action. Following his "honorable discharge" in 1945, he returned to Montana.

Jim married Varvarra Jean Sauer on October 9th, 1948 at "The Hitching Post" in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. They lived in nearby Kellogg, Idaho for several years where Jim worked for the Sunshine Mining Company. In 1953 they moved to the Inverness community where they raised their four daughters. Jim spent most of his working years in the farming business. After his retirement in 1987, they moved to their home in Lakeside. Because of failing health two years ago, Jim entered the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He resided there until his death this past Tuesday evening, August 3rd, 1993. He was 70 years old.

Jim loved farming and all activities associated with farming: everything from summer-fallowing to tinkering with farm machinery. Over the years he enjoyed playing cards and visiting with his Inverness area friends. In his later years Jim enjoyed doing latchhook projects, and he shared many of his finished works with family & friends. Jim loved to read during his quiet time at home, and was well-read on a wide variety of subjects. Jim especially loved a good joke — his friends & relatives can attest to this after being on the receiving end of his jokes a few too many times. His quick wit and ready comebacks were so much a part of Jim's personality that they were the expected norm in any conversation with him. Because of his "happy-go-lucky" nature, many friends referred to Jim affectionately as "the jolly giant". He will surely be missed by all who knew him.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and 12 siblings. He is survived by his wife, Varvarra of Lakeside; four daughters & their husbands, including Cheryl & Nick Bubnash of Lakeside, Goldie & Bill LaBelle of Great Falls, Cindy & Rick Rose of Roseberg, Oregon, and Jamie & Fred Greco of Cut Bank; one brother & sister-in-law, Emery & Ruth Adams of Pinehurst, Idaho; six grandsons, Jeremy Speer, Jesse & Jory LaBelle, Nicholas & Landon Bubnash, and Brandon Greco; two granddaughters, Lacey Bubnash and Jenna LaBelle; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, August 7th, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Services were conducted by Harvey Hawkins of Kalispell. Special vocal music by Terry Stevenson included "Jehovah Is My Shepherd" & "Life Without End - At Last", accompanied by organist Iris White. Friends serving as pallbearers were Charlie Adams, Allan Barbie, Duane Fraser, Chuck Lineweaver, & John May. Memorial bearers included John Fred, Tony Jochim, Martin Jochim, Hank Carlson, Lonnie Cady, Zane Adams, Kally Adams, & Jim Moose. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery. A coffee hour for family & friends followed at the Inverness Cafe.
Peggy Adams

Margaret Susan ("Peggy") Adams was born on January 9, 1958 at Benson, Minnesota. She was one of four children born to Barbara Bennett and Thomas Goulet. She came to Montana as an infant and grew up in Billings. Peggy attended schools at Bitterroot Elementary, Central Junior High, and Billings Senior. Following her formal education, she lived in Washington and Oregon. Peggy came back to Montana in 1987 to be near her parents, who were living in Rudyard. While here she met Zane Adams, and they married on December 30, 1990 at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They lived in Hingham for a year, then bought a home in Rudyard where they were raising their families. On the early evening of Friday (September 24, 1993) Peggy apparently lost control of her pick-up truck on a country road south of Hingham. She died at the scene from multiple injuries sustained in the accident. She was 35 years old.

Peggy loved to work outdoors; she enjoyed working in her flower garden and helping Zane with the farming activities (in fact, she was apparently driving out to see Zane when the accident occurred). Peggy loved to hunt and fish. As a hobby she collected butterflies and she enjoyed crocheting and handiwork projects. Peggy was described as a good-hearted person who was dedicated to her family.

In addition to her husband, Peggy is survived by five children, including Joelene, Zana, J.D., Morgan and Rachelle; her parents, Tom and Barb Goulet of Rudyard, one sister, Roberta Stumpf of Billings; two brothers, Tom and Jim Goulet of Las Vegas, Nevada; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Monday (September 27th) at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiating. Organist was Stanleigh Barbie and vocalist was Terry Stevenson. Vocal tributes included "Somewhere the Son is Shining" and "Precious Lord Take My Hand". The congregation sang "Beyond the Sunset".

Pallbearers were Ken Thune, Kelly Adams, Jerry Goulet, Bob DeFrance, Calvin Stumpf and Dennis Boutain. Ruby DeFrance served as usher. Burial was in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the church.
Paul Aevermann

Paul Fritz Aevermann, 67, Hillsboro, died May 12, 1993 of cancer.

At his request, no services will be held. Inurnment was at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Mr. Aevermann was born February 14, 1926, in Rudyard, Montana., a son of William and Bertha Miller Aevermann. He was raised and educated in Rudyard.

He served in Germany during World War II and then worked as a truck driver in the Albany area for many years.

On September 4, 1961, he married Evelyn "Evie" Wedmore in Corvallis. They had lived in Forest Grove for 3 1/2 years before moving to Hillsboro about a year ago.

While living in Forest Grove, he was manager of the Forest Grove Residential Center before retiring in 1992 because of health.

Mr. Aevermann was a member of the Benevolent Order of Elks for 25 years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars for 24 years and the Loyal Order of Moose for 16 years.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn "Evie" Aevermann, Hillsboro; a son, Steven Aevermann, Gulfport, Miss.; two daughters, Lauri Holt, Skamania, Washington and Kathy Aevermann, Springfield; and two stepsons, Russ Wedmore, Merrill, and Garry Wedmore, Tulelake, California.

Also surviving are eight grandchildren; a brother, Leroy Aevermann, Havre, and four sisters, Ruth Bley, Great Falls, Lydia Gustafson, Big Fork, Laretta Burnell, Havre and Lorraine Svejkovski, Conrad.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Washington County Hospice.

Donelson, Sewell and Mathews Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.
LESTER EDWIN ALLEN
Born: January 1, 1930 - Died: October 25, 1993

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Lester Allen

Lester Edwin "Ed" Allen passed away at the Methodist Hospital, Columbia, Mississippi, October 25 from a heart attack. Ed was born at his grandparents home near Chattaroy, Washington January 1, 1930 to Ed "Ted" and Louisa (Stott) Allen. He was raised at Whitlash and attended grade school there. He graduated from Chester High School in 1948. After graduation he worked in the oil fields at Whitlash until enlisting in the Paratroopers. He was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia where he met his future wife, Donna Rawls. When his enlistment was over he joined the Air Force where he flew Jet Aircraft at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona. After his discharge as a Lieutenant, he returned to Montana and flew with the Air National Guard in Great Falls. He was married to Donna Rawls August 23, 1956 in Great Falls. In April 1957 he started work for the Federal Aviation Agency as an Air Traffic Controller in Great Falls and continued in this capacity until his retirement January 2, 1985. He had been stationed in Jacksonville, Florida; Chicago, Illinois; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Indianapolis, Indiana. He then taught Computer Programming at Oklahoma Academy and did Computer Programming for NYMA, DISK and HOST Systems until March 1993.

His greatest love in life was his family. He was a "Ham" operator on Amateur radio, loved song birds and built lots of houses and feeders for them, was an avid sports fan and was always improving any home they lived in. At his request, the body was cremated and there was no service. He is survived by his wife Donna, Columbus, Mississippi; daughter Charls Reynolds, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; daughter Denise Anderson and husband Doug of Clayto, Indiana; granddaughters Stephanie Reynolds and Kelsey Anderson, his mother Louisa Anderson of Whitlash, sisters Golda Laas, Chester; Winifred Barnett and husband Richard of Mesa, Arizona; Evelyn Aiken and husband Glenn of Whitlash, two aunts and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Memorials are suggested to Chester Alumni Scholarship Fund, the Audubon Society or the American Heart Association.
Edward C. Anderson

CHESTER — Edward C. Anderson, 82, died Tuesday at a Chester hospital of natural causes.

He was born in Spokane March 7, 1910, and moved to Great Falls in 1918 with his parents. He was educated in Great Falls.

He worked as a salesman in the furniture business at Brown’s Furniture Co. and Wilson-Cole Furniture.

He married Grace Sander in Great Falls Jan. 15, 1935, and the couple lived in Great Falls most of their lives.

They moved together to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester last month.

He was a member of the First English Lutheran Church and Great Falls Elks Lodge. He enjoyed camping and golfing.

Surviving are his wife Grace of Chester; a brother, Walter Anderson of Whitefish; two nephews; and one niece.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mae.
Howard Beitz

HOWARD D. BEITZ
Born: May 21, 1925 - Died: October 7, 1993
Liberty County Time
October 18, 1993

Graveside services for Howard D. Beitz, age 68, will be held Monday, October 4 at 11 a.m. at Goldenrod Cemetery in Tekoa, Washington. Pastor Jeff Kinne of the Farmington Seventh-Day Adventist Church will officiate at the service. Mr. Beitz died Thursday afternoon at Tekoa, Washington from an apparent heart attack.

He was born May 21, 1925 at Lincoln, Nebraska to John and Elizabeth Beitz. He attended schools in Nebraska and later in Rupert, Idaho, where he attended high school.

Mr. Beitz served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a Military Police officer in the signal Corps in the Pacific Theater and was in the Philippines, Guam, Guadalcanal, and New Guinea. After the war, he returned to California.

He married Faye Ellen Kennedy in Vallejo, California on January 11, 1947. In 1949, they moved to Corvalis, Oregon where he attended Oregon State University and received a degree in entomology.

After graduating from college, he moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho and started working for the Ortho Chemical Company as a salesman. In 1952, the family moved to Mt. Vernon, Washington and he worked for Ortho there until 1960. He was transferred to Othello, Washington in 1960, and worked there until 1963. They moved to Moses Lake in 1963, and he worked for Collier Carbon and Chemical Co. until 1967. From 1968 - 1969, he worked for Purgo in Farmington, Washington.

In 1971, they moved to Chester, Montana. Mr. Beitz worked for Ag-Air, Inc. there until he retired in 1987. After his retirement, they moved to Tekoa, Washington where he made his home at the Tekoa Retirement Center. His wife died in 1991.

He attended the Farmington Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Farmington, Washington, was a member of the Rockford, Washington Post #7815 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He had received several awards for being a top salesman for the Western Division of the Ortho Chemical Company.

Survivors include two sons, John Beitz of Macon, Georgia and Robert Beitz of Tekoa, Washington; one daughter, Betty Jo Hilyard of Fort Benton, Montana; his mother, Elizabeth Beitz of Las Vegas, Nevada; one brother, Willard Beitz of Las Vegas; eight grandchildren and two nieces, Cindy and Janine Beitz, both of Las Vegas.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Tekoa Care Center in Tekoa, Washington.
Dr. Robert A. Benke

Kalispell — Dr. Robert A. Benke, 84, who was active in community affairs and a Civil War buff, died Friday in a Kalispell nursing home of natural causes.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Graveside Masonic rites will be conducted. Memorials are suggested to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Spokane, Wash., or to the Masonic Home in Helena.

Benke was born Oct. 20, 1908, in Detroit, Mich.

On June 22, 1935, he married Virginia Declaire in Detroit, who preceded him in death. They moved to Chester in 1937, where he worked for the Great Northern Railway as section physician and also served as the county physician.

In 1945 they moved to Kalispell, where he set up practice with Dr. Ross. Benke established his private practice in 1947, retiring in 1978.

He was a chairman of the Kalispell School Board, a Boy Scout leader, a member of the Masonic Lodge, Past Master of the Joplin Lodge, and a member of the Algeria Shrine Club, Flathead Lakers and the Montana Medical Association. He served on the board of Epworth United Methodist Church.

Benke enjoyed Montana and its history, gardening, reading, the American Civil War history, traveling and his lake house on Flathead Lake.

Survivors include a son, Bob Benke; two daughters, Nancy Thuesen of Reserve and Julie Benke of Boulder, Colo.; two sisters, Kay Patton of Traverse City, Mich., and Marion Stadler of St. Clair Shores, Mich., and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son.
**Virginia Ida Benke**

Born: June 14, 1911 - Died: April 29, 1993

Liberty County Time
May 5, 1993

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**Virginia Benke**

Virginia Ida Benke, 81, died Friday of natural causes in a Kalispell nursing home.

Her funeral was Tuesday at the Johnson Mortuary, with burial in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Born June 14, 1911, in Detroit, Mich., she grew up there and was married to Dr. Robert Benke in 1935 at Detroit. They moved to Chester in 1937 and to Kalispell in 1945.

She enjoyed yard work and homemaker activities.

Surviving are her husband of Kalispell; a son, Robert Benke Jr. of Kalispell; two daughters, Julie Benke of Boulder, Colo., and Nancy Thuesen of Reserve; a sister, Eugenia Wallace of White Lake, Mich., and four grandchildren. An infant son preceded her in death.
Vivian Elenor Bissell

CONRAD — Vivian Elenor Dam­mrose Bissell, 80, a retired home­maker, died Wednesday at her home following a long illness.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Conrad Mission Church. Cremation has taken place. The Pondera Funeral Home is in charge.

She was born Feb. 6, 1913, at Fort Benton. She was raised in High­wood and graduated from High­wood High School. In 1933 she mar­ried Clarence B. Bissell. They lived in Big Sandy for 23 years and later lived in Great Falls for 10 years. In 1991 they moved to Conrad.

She enjoyed playing music for friends and relatives.

She is survived by a son, Bernard C. Bissell of Bozeman; two daugh­ters, Janice Christofferson of Ledger and Judy Brownlie of Conrad; two sisters, Dorothy Lander Hubber and Jean Fotland of Great Falls, 12 grandchildren and 27 great­grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a son.
GEORGE F. BROWN
Born: February 22, 1917 - Died: June 30, 1993

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July 14, 1993

George F. Brown

George F. Brown, 76, died June 30, in Unity Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota after an illness of several months.

He was born February 22, 1917 in Great Falls to Randi and Elmer M. Brown of Whitlash. He lived on the ranch, attending country school until high school and graduated from Chester High School in 1934. He then attended Northern Montana College in Havre where he began working toward a degree in civil engineering. In April 1941, he joined the Army and served in Alaska and the European Theater.

He and Ilene Mosing of St. Paul, Minnesota were married in 1945. He finished his education in engineering at the University of Minnesota. He was city engineer and land surveyor in Columbia Heights, Minnesota until retirement.

Brown was active in Kiwanis, VFW and was an Elder at Shilo Bethany Presbyterian Church. He liked fishing, hunting and spending time with his grandsons.

Survivors include his wife of Minneapolis; a son, Kevin and wife, JoAnne; grandsons, Jon and Alex, all of Forest Lake, Minnesota; a brother, Irvin of Whitlash; three sisters, Myrtle Cunningham of Cut Bank and June Clark and Grace Miller of Shelby and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held July 3 in Columbia Heights and interment was at Morningside Memorial Gardens.
Andrew Bubnash was born on December 24th, 1912 at Stockett, Montana. His parents, John and Susan (Chorne) Bubnash, had immigrated from Hungary. In 1914 they homesteaded 18 miles south of Chester. Andy grew up on the farm and attended the Lonesiar Prairie School near there. In addition to farming he worked in general construction, landscaping, house-moving, and cement work in the Chester area. In 1939 Andrew married Bernie Folden. The marriage ended in divorce following the accidental death of their only child, Leroy. Andy later met Zella ("Flossie") Gilbert, and they were married on December 11th, 1950 at White Salmon, Washington. They made their home on Andy's farm southeast of Chester until 1956, when they sold the place and moved to Great Falls. While there, they owned and operated "Andrew Bubnash Realty" for several years. They later retired, purchased a small ranch near Vaughn, and made their home there from that time on. Flossie suffered from "Lou Gehrig's Disease" and Andy cared for her at home until her recent death on January 23rd. This past Tuesday morning (February 9th) Andy had an apparent heart attack at home and was dead on arrival at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls. He was 80 years old.

In his younger years Andy enjoyed hunting and fishing. More recently he enjoyed flower gardening and watching "game shows" on television. As a hobby he collected model cars, dolls, coins and antique glassware. His greatest love was being around people and sharing stories/experiences from years gone by.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John (Altana) Hitchcock of Chester; 5 grandchildren, including Amanda, Michelle, Alieson, Elizabeth and Edwin; a brother, Nick Bubnash of Joplin; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death not only by his wife, son and parents, but also by four brothers (Steve, John, Mike and George) and seven sisters (Sue, Mary, Susan, Elizabeth, Annabelle and twins: Agnes and Helen).

Funeral mass was held at 11 a.m. Saturday (February 13th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Father Tom Harney was celebrant. Mass participants included Lawrence Schaefer, server; John Hitchcock, reader, Lola Gilbert, eulogist; and the granddaughters presented the communion gifts. Vocalist/guitarist, Steve Betz, performed "Fire Behind Your Flame" and "No Less Than Your Love". Pallbearers were Gaylord and Larry Gilbert, Charlie and Duane Fraser, Dave Mattson and John Hitchcock. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the church.
ZELLA M. (FLOSSIE) BUBNASH
Born: January 27, 1906 - Died: January 23, 1993
Liberty County Times
January 27, 1993

Zella Bubnash

Zella M. ("Flossie") Bubnash was born in Big Timber, Kansas on January 27th, 1906. She was one of 14 children born to Emma, Talmon and Millard Gilbert. Her family moved around a lot, but she grew up predominantly in Manderson and Worland, Wyoming. Flossie graduated from high school at Paul, Idaho in 1924. She made her home in Hood River, Oregon for a number of years. During World War II she worked at Vancouver, Washington in the shipyards where she insulated aircraft carriers. She later moved to Havre, Montana where she managed the old Glacier Cafe. It was in Havre that Flossie met Andrew Bubnash, and they were married on December 11, 1950 at White Salmon, Washington. They made their home on Andy's farm southeast of Chester. They moved to Great Falls in 1956 and worked together at Andrew Bubnash Realty. Following their retirement, they moved to the Vaughn community and have lived there since.

Flossie was diagnosed with "Lou Gehrig's Disease" about six years ago and her health has slowly deteriorated since. Andrew has been caring for her at their home, where she died peacefully this past Saturday afternoon, January 23rd. She was just a few days shy of being 87 years old.

Flossie had been a member of the First Southern Baptist Church in Great Falls. She enjoyed many hobbies associated with her home, like knitting, sewing, embroidery, vegetable and flower gardening and cooking. She also enjoyed collecting antiques.

Survivors include her husband, Andrew of Vaughn; a daughter, Mrs. John (Altana) Hitchcock of Chester; five sisters, Lucy Bailey of Auburn, Washington, Elsie Nelson of Great Falls, Louisa Woeppe of Havre, Lilly Kreichmer of Havre and Iris Hay of Hood River, Oregon; six brothers, Charles Gilbert of Harlem, Lewis Gilbert of Harlem, Andrew Gilbert of Great Falls, Kenneth Gilbert of Chester, Gaylord Gilbert of Vaughn and Quentin Gilbert of Acworth, Georgia; five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Flossie was preceded in death by her parents and by two brothers (John and Calvin).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday (January 27) at the O'Connor Memorial Chapel in Great Falls. Services were conducted by Father Ray Maiser and Reverend Mike Simiele. "Amazing Grace" was performed by Tana, Amanda and Michelle Hitchcock. "Near the Cross" was sung by the trio of Lola Gilbert, Terria Holzheimer and Coleen Simiele. The organist was Eva June Anderson.

Visitation/viewing will be held in Chester on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning at Rockman Funeral Chapel. The procession will leave from Rockman Chapel at 10:50 a.m. Thursday to the Chester Cemetery, where graveside prayers will be recited by Father Tom Harney. Pallbearers will be John Hitchcock, Charlie Fraser, Gaylord Gilbert, Larry Gilbert, Allen Woeppe and Dave Mattson. A luncheon for family and friends will follow at the Chester L.D.S. Church.
RICHARD STEELE BUKER, SR.
Born: August 27, 1899 - Died: February 20, 1993
Liberty County Times
February 24, 1993

Richard Steele Buker, Sr. was born on August 27th, 1899 at Foster, Rhode Island. He and his twin brother were the second youngest of eight children born to Fred and Ellen (Wilder) Buker. His father was a clergymen and the family lived in various communities in the New England states.

Richard graduated from Hopkinton High School in Hopkinton, New Hampshire in 1917. He continued his education at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine and received his B.A. degree. On September 21st, 1923 he married Minola Hutchison at Hebron, Maine. Richard received his M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School at Boston, Massachusetts in 1926. He entered the U.S. Army and served for a year in the Medical Department at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. After his military discharge, Dr. Buker began his missionary work in Burma (Myanmar), where he served with the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society until 1939. During those years in Burma he continued to work on his public health doctoral thesis and he was awarded his Dr. P.H. degree from Harvard in 1940. He ran a family practice at Eastport, Maine from 1939-43, then entered the U.S. Army for a second time. During this enlistment he served in Brazil and at the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, D.C. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Major. He continued in family practice in Vastel, New York until 1948, when he went to Thailand to resume his studies and care for the leprosy victims there. He served in the American missions to Lepers until 1964. He returned to the United States and came to Chester, Montana to assist his eldest son. While in Chester, Dr. Buker worked with Richard, Jr. at the Liberty County Clinic and Hospital for a year. At that time he was easily at retirement age, but chose to continue his medical practice at Boca Raton, where he worked until age 88. Dr. Buker and his wife came back to Chester in 1987 and have made their residence here since. Because of failing health, they both entered the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester about two years ago. Dr. Buker died there in the early morning of Saturday, February 20th. He was 93 years old.

Dr. Buker held memberships in the American Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, and the Florida Medical Association. In addition to his medical background, he was an ordained Baptist minister and had been active in churchlife throughout his career. He was also an active Rotarian during his life. During his younger days he enjoyed athletics and won many awards in high school and college track (he specialized in the one and two-mile races). Dr. Buker wrote numerous scientific articles for the Journal of American Medical Association and the International Journal of Leperology, he wrote a textbook of medicine for the native medical workers in Burma in the Lahu language, and he authored the Southeast Asia portion of "Simmond's Global Epidemiology". Dr. Buker led a very wide-ranging and distinguished life in the medical field, and he and wife (Minola) were extremely proud of their three sons, all of whom became practicing physicians.

Dr. Buker's survivors include his wife, Minola of Chester; his three sons, Richard S. Buker, Jr., M.D. of Chester, Robert H. Buker, M.D. of Duluth, Georgia, and Gerald D. Buker, M.D. of Whitefish, Montana; eight grandchildren, including Elizabeth Hoffman, Candace Chang, Robert Buker, Jr., Traci Holsteen, Nina Loewer, Cynthia Allison, Karen Bellm and Eva Buker and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and by all of his siblings (four brothers and three sisters).

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (February 27) at the Chester United Methodist Church. Officiants will be Rev. Lyndon Kacick and Rev. Raymond Buker (his twin brother's son). Special music will be provided by pianist, Karen Stack, and guitarist/vocalist, Carole Hanson. Ushers will be Irvin Hutchison and Charlie Hanson. The grandchildren will serve as pallbearers.

A luncheon will be held at the church following services. Dr. Buker will be sent to Turner, Maine for burial in a family plot at the Village Cemetery. Graveside prayers will be recited by his son, Bob.

Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Viewing will be at the funeral home Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The family requests memorials in lieu of flowers. Undesignated memorials will be given to the "Conservative Baptist Foreign Missionary Society".

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July 21, 1993

Harley Ray Christenot was born at Weed, Montana on February 20, 1914. He was one of ten children born to Ella Fern Abel and George Christenot. Harley attended a country school near the Musselshell River and finished his formal education at Sunburst. He began working for the C.C.C.'s (Civilian Conservation Corps) in the 1930's; he fought forest fires on the Oregon coast and learned the barbering trade. Following the death of his father, Harley helped raise his four younger brothers. On November 27, 1937 Harley married Helen Harris in Polson. They made their home in Cut Bank, although they enjoyed their winter travels to the Somis/Camarillo (California) area. Harley's health had deteriorated these past few years. On Sunday afternoon (July 18) he died at his Chester home. He was 79 years old.

Harley had been a longtime member of the Cut Bank Masonic Lodge #92 A.F. & A.M. and had achieved the status of a 32nd Degree Mason. More recently years he was a member of the Hi-Line Sportsman’s Club in Chester. His greatest love was hunting and fishing. He looked forward to his summer fishing trip to Koocanusa Lake near Libby Dam, and he often reminisced about salmon fishing in Washington and moose hunting in British Columbia. Related hobbies included trap-shooting, fly-tying and fish smoking. Harley enjoyed nature; his favorite magazines were “Field and Stream” and “National Geographic”. He enjoyed the family outings to the cabin at Pinnacle in years gone by. Harley’s other hobbies included bee-keeping, crossword puzzles, and cards (pinochle, pan, poker and cribbage). He and Dora enjoyed panning for Montana sapphires, and Harley skillfully faceted/polished all of the nicer stones.

Survivors include his wife Dora of Chester, four sons, H. George of Camarillo, California, Gale of Chester, Kenneth of Billings and Kelly of Chester; two daughters, Gwen Henderson of Loring and Ella Morkrid of Chester; 19 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, four brothers, Kenneth of Cut Bank, Fred of Havre, Darrel of Cut Bank and Rodney of Salmon, Idaho; one sister, Mildred Lurbitz of Ronan and many nephews and nieces.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday (July 22nd) at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Lyndon Kacick officiating. Special vocal music by John and Tana Hitchcock will be “Whispering Hope”. Marilyn Brown will serve as pianist and the congregation will sing “How Great Thou Art”. Old friends serving as memorial bearers will include Richard Wood, Bill McAlpine, Gene Griffith, Howard Eveland, Bill Yackley and Wilbur Eveland. A luncheon will be provided by the U.M.W at the church. Per Harley’s wishes, cremation has taken place with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Shriner’s Crippled Children and the Hi-Line Sportsman’s Club.
Leonard G. Chvilicek

HINGHAM — Leonard G. Chvilicek, 62 years of age, a resident of Hingham, MT. Died on Sunday, August 21, 1993 at a Havre Hospital of natural causes.

Leonard was born on November 29, 1930 at Hingham, MT. The son of John and Marion (Huestis) Chvilicek. He attended a country school near Hingham and graduated from the Hingham High School in 1949. On June 30, 1959 he married the former Loy Ann Patrick at Hingham, MT. After their marriage, the couple lived on the family farm North of Hingham. Leonard was a member of the Havre Elks Club, Knights of Columbus, 4-H Leader for many years, the Church Parish Council, he also taught Catechism Classes, and was a member of Our Lady Of Ransom Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers; John and James Chvilicek.

He is survived by; his wife Loy Ann Chvilicek of Hingham, MT, Brothers; Norbert Chvilicek of Palmer, Alaska, Lawrence E. Chvilicek of Pendleton, Oregon, Robert Chvilicek of Pahrump, Nevada and Gerald A. Chvilicek of Woodward, Oklahoma; one sister; Alice Langel of Rudyard, MT, Children; Annette Chvilicek of the family residence, Charles Chvilicek North of Hingham, MT, Thomas Chvilicek of Helena, MT, Jerome Chvilicek of Billings, MT, Steven Chvilicek of Havre, MT and Suzann Fladager of Dell, MT. Also three grandchildren.
Edna "Edie" Copenhaaver of Bridger, known and loved by many, both young and old, died Saturday, December 25, 1993, at St. Vincent Hospital after a long bout with cancer. She was 71.

Edie was born December 28, 1921 at Springfield, Missouri, a daughter of Frank and Pearl Burgin. Edie came to Montana in 1940 and lived in Dillon where she operated two theaters. In 1960, she married Ernest H. Copenhaaver who preceded her in death in 1981.

Edie enjoyed her church, Eastern Star and sewing a great deal. Her favorite things in life were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Edie is survived by five sons and one daughter, Ernie of Sparks, Nevada; Bob of Bismarck, North Dakota; John of Bonney Lake, Washington; Joe of Havre, Jerry of Rudyard, and Cheryl of Helena; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 29 at the Bridger Methodist Church with burial in the Bridger Cemetery.

Smith-Cashmore Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.
LESLEI M. CREPEAU
Born: March 5, 1908 - Died: April 16, 1993
Great Falls Tribune
April 18, 1993

Leslie M. Crepeau

Leslie M. Crepeau, 85, a longtime Simms resident and retired custom farmer and carpenter, died of natural causes Friday in a Choteau nursing home.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, in the Simms Community Church. Gorder Funeral Home of Choteau is handling arrangements.

Born on March 5, 1908, on the Fort Shaw Irrigation Project at Simms, he attended school through the sixth grade and then went to work. He worked at various jobs in the Sun River Valley including ranching and coal mining. He also helped build the Rogers Pass road using horses and was a ditch rider on the Fort Shaw Irrigation Project.

Crepeau began ranching in 1951, then began custom farm work and carpentry in 1957. He retired in 1982.


He was active in the Eagles Lodge, Simms Volunteer Fire Department, Simms Saddle Club, Sun River Valley Senior Citizens and other community projects.

He enjoyed card games.

Survivors include his wife of Simms; two daughters, Sylvia Jensen of Chester and Leslie Yeager of Simms; two sons, Frank "Buster" Crepeau of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Jim Crepeau of Arlee; a sister, Gracia Delger of Great Falls, and 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
William Joseph Dahinden was born on April 30, 1914 in Joplin, Montana. His parents were Frank and Margaret (Weber) Dahinden. He died Sunday, February 28, 1993 in the Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston, Oregon. William was a resident of Umitilla, Oregon the past three years. Prior to Umitilla, he had lived for five years at Waldport, Oregon and Butte, Montana. He was a member of the Moose Lodge at Waldport and a member of the Teamsters Union.

William is survived by his wife Kathleen at the home in Umitilla; one son, Kenneth Dahinden of Superior, Montana; two brothers, Eugene Dahinden of Hamilton, Montana and Vern Dahinden of Joplin, Montana as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

After cremation, a Memorial Mass was held at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston, Oregon with Father Francisco Vallejos officiating. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.
WILLIAM (WILLIE) EDELMAN
Born: February 23, 1909 - Died: April 24, 1993
Liberty County Times
April 28, 1993

William Edelman

William ("Willie") Edelman, a worker in the Golden Triangle area, died at the Liberty County Hospital on Saturday, April 24 at the age of 84 years old.

He was born near Huron, S.D. on Feb. 23, 1909, one of 12 children of Lydia Hahn and George Edelman. He spent his early years in South Dakota and received his formal education there. After his family moved to Minnesota he began working as a general handyman.

During World II he entered the U.S. Army. Following an honorable discharge, he returned to Kelleher, Minn. and continued to work as a general laborer, mostly as a farmhand, electrician and carpenter.

In the early 1960's he came to Montana, living and working in the Golden Triangle communities. He did odd jobs around Chester, Shelby and Conrad. Until eight years ago, he lived in Shelby. Since then he was at the Jim Yeager farm near Conrad.

His health had recently deteriorated, so he came to Chester for medical care on Thursday, April 22.

In his younger days he enjoyed hunting and fishing and in later years he enjoyed gardening and working with wood. He was described as a very "inventive" fellow who could fix most anything. After moving to his small house on the Yeager farm, he built a battery-powered windmill so that he could generate his own electricity. He was a private person who pretty much kept to himself, with his greatest love probably the companionship of his pet dogs.

He is survived by two brothers—Alvin "Bert" Edelman, Bemidji, Minn. and Elmer Edelman, Portland, Ore. and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and nine siblings.

It was Willie's wishes that he be cremated. No immediate services are planned. Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester was in charge of arrangements.
VERNON EINERSON
Born: May 3, 1914 – Died: August 13, 1993
Liberty County Times
September 1, 1993

Obituary

Vernon Einer
Vernon Einer of Eugene, Oregon, died on August 13, 1993. He was born May 3, 1914 in Joplin, Montana. He married Marion Jahn on August 1, 1942 in Lewiston, Idaho. The couple lived in Corvallis until moving to Eugene in 1968.

For many years, Einer was self-employed as a wholesaler, salesmen, selling janitorial supplies, candy and tobacco. He then went to work for Scot Custodian Supply Co. in Eugene, where he worked until his retirement.

He was a member of the Santa Clara Seventh-day Adventist Church. He enjoyed bowling and was active in a number of bowling leagues.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son Dennis of Vancouver, Washington; two daughters, Janice Chappell of Aumsville and Shirley Walls of Eugene and five granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. West Lawn Memorial Park and Evergreen Funeral Home in Eugene is in charge of arrangements.
Richard Phillip Eveland was born at Waverly, Iowa on December 22, 1907. He was one of ten children born to Jesse and Lottie (Ingersoll) Eveland. The family moved to Wisconsin when Dick was four years old. He grew up and received his formal education near Centuria, Wisconsin. In the mid-1920's Dick went to Mason City, Iowa where he worked on a family farm and in a cement factory. In 1928 he came to Montana and worked on a ranch near Goldstone. The following year he began working for Art Stipp in the Black Coulee community. Dick married Art's daughter, Gladys Stipp, in 1941 and the product of the marriage was two sons. Dick enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II and served in the Philippines. Following his honorable discharge he returned to Montana. His marriage to Gladys ended in divorce. In the years that followed Dick worked on various ranches, he operated a maintainer during the construction of Tiber Dam, and he worked on the Liberty County road crew. On October 14th, 1959 he married Esther Wachter. They farmed together until Dick's retirement in 1970. They lived in their Chester home until this past year, when declining health took them both to the Liberty County Nursing Home. Dick died there on the morning of Friday, November 19th. He was 85 years old.

Dick held lifetime memberships in the Chester V.F.W. and American Legion. In his younger years he enjoyed swimming, hunting and fishing. He also liked to play cards of all kinds, reading Western novels, and camping/traveling. In his retirement years Dick took great pleasure in donating funds to local worthwhile projects.

Survivors include his wife, Esther of Chester; two sons, Gary of Lafayette, Oregon and Rodney of Gillette, Wyoming; four grandchildren; four brothers, Howard, Wilbur, Martin and Chet, all of Chester; three sisters, Bassie Hoverman of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin; Alice Pettapiece of Chester, and Myrtle Owen of Fresno, California; and numerous nephews and nieces. Dick was preceded in death by his parents and twin sisters.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday November 23 at the Chester United Methodist Church. The services were officiated by Reverend George Sagissor of Havre and Reverend Lyndon Kacick of Chester. Special vocal music by Wayne Wardell included "Abide With Me" and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross," with accompaniment by Karen Stack. Ushers were Don Pulst and Steve Brown. Pallbearers included Lloyd Boyer, Stuart Stone, Michael Neusch, Bob Albright, John Englund and Donald Hoverman. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with military rites by the Chester VFW and American Legion. A coffee hour followed at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.
THOMAS IVAN EVENSON

Born: November 27, 1916 - Died: June 29, 1993

Liberty County Times

July 7, 1993

Tom Evenson

Thomas Ivan Evenson was born on the family homestead located 25 miles north of Cut Bank, Montana on November 27, 1916. He was one of five children born to Christine Christofferson and Tangel "Tom" Evenson. He received his formal education at the Red River Country School, the Cut Bank school system, the Gildford School and he graduated from high school at Rudyard in 1936. Tom worked as a farm laborer and for the C.C.C. (Civilian Conservation Corps) in Missoula before going to Alaska in 1938. For the next 18 years Alaska was his home and he worked various jobs, including a stint with the C.C.C.'s at Petersburg, general labor in the Juneau gold mines, electrical work, commercial fishing, and service in the Alaska Territorial Guard Unit. While there Tom married Julia Joe in 1941 and they had three children. The marriage ended in divorce and Tom came back to Montana in 1954. He worked on the Herman farm near Rudyard during the summer months and worked for Bethlehem Steel in Seattle during the winter months. On October 26th, 1957 Tom married Frances Herman at Havre. They made their home in the Rudyard community, although Tom summered in Alaska for several years so he could continue to work in the fisheries there. His health had deteriorated these past few years, so he remained “close to home” in Montana. Following a five-day stay in the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre, Tom died on the evening of Tuesday (June 29th). He was 76 years old.

In the early 1970's Tom was one of many people who campaigned for the need of a "halfway house" in Hill County to help recovering alcoholics. During that time he served as assistant manager at Hilltop Recovery in Havre, an organization he was proud to be associated with.

Tom was a past member of the Hingham Oddfellow's Club. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, dancing, panning for sapphires, and playing cards (he was fond of pinochle, cribbage, and bridge). In addition, Tom enjoyed politics; he especially liked to "torment the Republicans." He enjoyed reading, and when he got interested in a particular subject, he would study up on it until he felt knowledgeable to discuss it.

During his high school years Tom was involved in basketball and track. He was confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

Tom is survived by his wife, Frances of Rudyard; three children, Tom Evenson of Juneau, Alaska; Julie Ann Fleen and Marilyn Jean Evenson, both of Anchorage, Alaska; five stepchildren, including Lorel Horn of Washington state, Fred Herman of Havre, Mary Lynn Pastier of Rudyard, Laurel Camper of Hamilton and Floyd Herman of Rudyard; two brothers, Erling and Arne Evenson, both of Cut Bank; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Tom was preceded in death by his parents; a brother (Rolf) a sister (Gudrun), and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard at 10 a.m. Friday, July 2nd. Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiated. Special vocal music was provided by John Maatta, who sang "Amazing Grace" and "The Old Rugged Cross". The congregation sang "What A Friend We Have in Jesus", and the organist was Ruth Maatta. Pallbearers included grandsons, Floyd, Trace, Josh, Wayne and Chris Herman and Darryl Pester.

Following the church services, a luncheon for family and friends was given by the ladies of the E.U.B. Church in Rudyard.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Cut Bank. Pastor Olsgaard recited committal prayers. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.
MORRIS WILLIAM EWALD  
Born: August 3, 1915 - Died: March 26, 1993  
Liberty County Times  
March 31, 1993  

Morris William Ewald was born on August 3rd, 1915 at Java, South Dakota. He was one of seven children born to William F. and Mary Ewald. The Ewald family moved to Montana and eventually settled in Rudyard. Morris graduated from Rudyard High School in 1933. He continued his education at Northern Montana College in Havre for a short while. During the outbreak of World War II, Morris entered the U.S. Army and served with the Corps of Engineers in China, Burma, and India. Following his honorable discharge he returned to Montana and began operating a general merchandise store in Rudyard. On August 11th, 1947 Morris married Ardys Patrick at Somers, Montana. They made their home in Rudyard where Morris continued to operate the Ewald Variety Store until his retirement in 1979. They remained in Rudyard until October of 1992, when they moved to Billings. Morris died at their Billings home on the morning of Friday, March 26th. He was 77 years old.

Morris had been a life member of the C.B.I. Veterans Association. He had also been active in the Joplin Masonic Lodge #114, AF&AM. Morris was proud of the Rudyard community; he was always concerned about beautification of the town and upkeep of the city parks. He was one of the businessmen who was instrumental in getting a banking institution started in Rudyard. He appreciated his opportunities in Rudyard and all of the good friends he made in the Hi-Line community over the years.

Morris is survived by his wife, Ardys of Billings; a sister, Shirley Kulpas of Chester; 3 stepsons, Chuck Patrick of Billings, Larry Patrick of Newington, New Hampshire, and Warren Patrick of Billings; 5 step-grandchildren; and numerous nephews & nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 sisters, and 2 brothers.

Funeral services will be today (Wednesday, March 31st, 1993) at 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Jeff Olsgaard will officiate. Stanleigh Barbie will serve as organist and Morris' niece, Mary Dietz, will sing "How Great Thou Art" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Ushers are Jerry Copenhaver and Bob Toner. Pallbearers will be Tim McNair, Bob Letang, Lyle Twedt, David Aageson, Merlin Wolery, and Clarence Lynch. Honorary bearers will be Morris' friends from Joplin Lodge #114. Following the church services there will be a luncheon for family and friends in the fellowship hall. Committal services will be 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Great Falls at the Hillcrest Mausoleum, with entombment to follow. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to the American Heart Association or donor's choice.
Myrtle Forseth

Former Missoula resident, Myrtle E. Forseth, 85, passed away Wednesday, October 6 of natural causes in Puyallup, Washington.

She was born October 30, 1907 in Kalispel, and moved to Lothair in 1917. She was married to Torger O. Forseth on June 1, 1926. They moved to Missoula in 1933 and then to Puyallup, Washington in 1978. She was a longtime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Missoula and was most recently affiliated with Mt. View Lutheran Church in Puyallup. She was past Montana State Navy Mother Commander and was a charter member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Galata, Montana.

Survivors include two sons, Clarence T. Forseth of Everett, Washington and Laurence B. “Bud” “Larry” Forseth of Tacoma, Washington; two daughters, Alice Lander of Battleground, Washington and Marvel Hood of Puyallup, Washington; two sisters, Bertha Rambo of Whitefish and Beatrice York of Missoula; eleven grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Torger in 1983.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 12 at Sunset Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Arne C. Bergland officiating. Visitation will precede the service in the Sunset Memorial Funeral Home on Tuesday. A reception will follow the service in the funeral home’s community room. Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Missoula.
Warren Martin Furlong was born in Chester on November 5th, 1920. He was one of ten children born to Ina Marie Keith and Edward R. Furlong. Warren was given the nickname, "Irish". He grew up in the Chester Community and received his education here. He worked at Swan Lake in the C.C.C.'s (Civilian Conservation Corps) before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1939. During his 25+ years in the military, Irish worked as a cook and attained the rank of Sergeant. Most of his enlistment was spent in the United States and Japan. Following his retirement from the Air Force, Irish moved to Spokane. While there he worked in the food service management at the Davenport Hotel and Greyhound Bus Company. In addition, Irish drove taxi-cab in the Spokane area until his health failed. In recent months he had numerous hospitalizations for cancer treatments. Irish died at his Spokane home on the evening of Sunday (December 12, 1993) at the age of 73 years.

Irish married Sue McGrady on April 15th, 1942. This union produced a son and daughter; the marriage ended in divorce in 1964. Irish married Frances Butler Blackwell on September 17, 1968. He made his home with Frances in Spokane from that time on.

Irish held memberships in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Masons. He enjoyed watching and feeding the birds at his home in Spokane.

Survivors include his wife, Fran of Spokane; a son, Jim of Memphis, Tennessee; a daughter, Lael Alberg of Alameda, California; four grandchildren; two step-daughters, Patricia and Sheri Blackwell; three brothers, Russell ("Bing") of Chester, Phillip of Denver, Colorado and Noel of Kalspells; two sisters, Ina Bell ("Kitty") Foreman of Lahabra, California and Alice Morrison of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Irish was preceded in death by his parents, by three brothers (Edmond, Miles and David), and by one sister (Lilly Eveland).

Memorial services, which will include military rites, will be conducted by Charlie Hanson at 10 a.m. Friday, December 17 at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Burial of ashes will be in the Furlong plot in Chester Cemetery.
Thelma Virginia Gebhardt

HAVRE - Thelma Virginia Gebhardt, 66, died at her home Thursday.

Thelma V. Gebhardt was born Oct. 2, 1927 in Havre to Henry and Elizabeth Green.
She married Walter Gebhardt Oct. 21, 1975 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.
They began their married life together in Joplin where they owned and operated the Palace Bar. Later they moved to Chinook where they owned and operated the Elks Bar.
She loved gardening on their farm.
She also enjoyed sewing and created craft work before suffering a stroke a year ago. The Gebhardts retired in 1991.
She is survived by two sons, Reg Nelson of Spokane and Bill Morris of Havre; two daughters, Judi Darner of Whitefish and Carol Damstrom of Spokane; three brothers, Adam Green, Herman Green and Henry Green; three sisters, Esther Porter, Patti Kilman and Elvira Hastings; several nieces and nephews; and 10 grandchildren.
WALTER A. GEBHARDT

Born: September 12, 1931 - Died: March 4, 1993

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Havre Sentinel
March 17, 1993

Walter A. Gebhardt

HAVRE - Walter A. Gebhardt, 61, Havre, died at his home Thursday.

Walter Gebhardt was born Sept. 12, 1931 in Turner to Carl and Katherine Gebhardt. He graduated from Chinook High School in 1949. He then moved to Havre where he made his home. He was a man of many talents; a meat cutter, he ran a feedlot, he built and owned a bar in Joplin, and also was co-owner and operator of Valley Machinery.

In his last venture he was owner of the Elks Bar in Chinook.

His dream was to become a cattle rancher.


He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his mother, Katie Gebhardt of Havre; four daughters, Joann Beard of Chinook, Carla Stewart of Helena and Connie Gebhardt and Tami Gebhardt of Havre; three brothers, his twin, Wallace Gebhardt of Logansport, Indiana, Dean Gebhardt of Havre and Richard Gebhardt of Chester, and eight grandchildren.

Walter and Thelma Gebhardt

Joint funeral services for Walter and Thelma Gebhardt, who were murdered this past week in their mobile home west of Havre, were held yesterday (Tuesday, March 9, 1993) at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre.

He was buried at Highland Cemetery and his wife's ashes were interred beside him.

Prior to their retirement in 1991 the Gebhardts operated bars in Joplin and Chinook.

Walter A. Gebhardt, 61 was born September 12, 1931 in Turner. He graduated from Chinook High School and moved to Havre where he worked as a meat cutter and operated a feedlot. Later he was co-owner of Valley Machinery.

After the couple was married in 1975 they operated the Palace Bar in Joplin. Then they owned the Elks Bar in Chinook until retirement.

He is survived by his mother, Katie Gebhardt of Havre; four daughters, Joann Beard of Chinook, Carla Stewart of Helena and Connie Gebhardt and Tami Gebhardt of Havre; three brothers, his twin, Wallace Gebhardt of Logansport, Indiana, Dean Gebhardt of Havre and Richard Gebhardt of Chester, and eight grandchildren.

Thelma Virginia Gebhardt, 66, was born October 2, 1926, in Havre. She enjoyed gardening, sewing and craft work prior to suffering a stroke about a year ago.

She is survived by two sons, Reg Nelson of Spokane and Bill Morris of Havre; two daughters, Judi Darner of Whitefish and Carol Damstrom of Spokane; three brothers, Adam Green, Herman Green and Henry Green; two sisters, Esther Porter and Elvira Hastings, and ten grandchildren.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the Montana Board of Crime Control's victim compensation program in Helena.
ALBERT LEE GIFFORD  
Born: February 2, 1905 - Died: December 23, 1993  
Liberty County Times  
December 29, 1993

Albert Lee Gifford was born on February 2, 1905 at Burlington, Iowa. He was the only child of Albert and Mae (John) Gifford. In 1907 the Gifford's moved to High River, Alberta to work on a ranch. In 1911 they went to Oquawka, Illinois where Albert received his formal education. Following high school he began working for his step-father, Charlie Burton, in a repair shop. He later worked for a John Deere dealership in Illinois. In 1933 Albert enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Philippines. Following his honorable discharge in 1936, Albert headed for the state of Washington. He stopped in Montana to visit his folks, who had moved to a farm north of Joplin a few years earlier. His step-father became ill and died, so Albert stayed in Montana and helped his mother with the farming operations. His mother, Mae Burton, died in 1976. Albert continued to live and work on the farm the rest of his life.

On this past Thursday (December 23) Albert was delivering Christmas gifts to a friend in Havre when he suffered a heart attack and died. He was 88 years old.

Albert had been active in the E.U.B. Church of Rudyard for the past 40 years; he served as church treasurer and council member and was involved in the new building project several years ago. In addition, he was a strong supporter of missions. Other memberships included the Hill/Liberty/Blaine County Farm Bureau and the N.R.A. Albert obtained his private pilot's license many years ago and at one time built and flew his own plane. Albert also enjoyed hunting and tinkering in his shop. He was described as a private person who was slow but meticulous, simple and frugal and conservative in his views.

Albert never married. He is survived by numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 28th at the Calvary Evangelical Church in Rudyard with Pastor John Maatta officiating. The vocal duet of Orville Solum and Chuck Bostrom was accompanied by Ruth Maatta. Soloist, Naomi Hodges, was accompanied by Tammy Duncan. Pallbearers included Dean Hodges, Joe Lincoln, Roger Lincoln, Floyd Lee, Frank Richter and Orville Solum. Usher was Norbert Van Dessel. Immediately following the services, a luncheon was held at the church. Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.
Leonard E. Gray
NEWPORT — Leonard E. Gray, 75, died at his home on May 1. He was a resident of Newport for over 30 years.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, at Sherman-Knapp Funeral Home, Newport, followed by military honors presented at the Newport Cemetery prior to graveside services.

Born to Clifford and Florence Gray on March 19, 1918, in Chester, Mont., he married Betty Edgar on June 23, 1973, in Newport.

He worked as a signalman for the Burlington Northern Railroad for many years and was a member of the VFW and Newport Eagles.

Remembered by several of his friends as “Mr. Coffee,” he enjoyed bowling on the Friday night’s Mixed League and Tuesday night’s Men’s League in Oldtown, Idaho, until his knees wouldn’t permit it any longer.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty in 1992 and two brothers, Raymond in 1991, and George in 1975.

Survivors include: a stepson, Fred Paff of Spokane; two grandsons, Doug and Dustin Paff, both of Spokane; and several nieces and nephews.
WILLIAM LEONARD GUNDERSON
Born: March 15, 1914 - Died: February 6, 1993
Liberty County Times
February 10, 1993

William Leonard Gunderson was born on March 15th, 1914 at Langdon, North Dakota. His parents were Albert and Jane (Blair) Gunderson. Bill was baptized and confirmed in the Missouri Synod Lutheran faith in North Dakota. He grew up and was educated in the Williston area. He was active in football and basketball during his high school years in Williston. Following his high school graduation, he worked for the C.C.C.'s. His college years were spent at Dickinson State, where he played linebacker on the college football team. Bill graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He took his first teaching job at Geraldine, Montana where he coached and taught mathematics. In 1939 he transferred to Brockton and continued teaching. It was there that he met his wife-to-be, Edna M. Jelden, and they were married in Glasgow on March 12th, 1942. Bill taught school in Forsyth for one year and in Havre for nine years. In 1954 he took a sabbatical/leave to continue his education at the University of Montana in Missoula, where he obtained his Master's Degree. For the next 21 years Bill served as superintendent in high schools at Inverness (4 years), Oilmont (2 years), Hingham (5 years), and Park City (10 years). He retired in 1976 and moved to Chester, where they have made their home since.

On this past Saturday evening (Feb. 6th) Bill suffered an apparent heart attack at home. The local ambulance was summoned and all resuscitative measures were unsuccessful. He died at the age of 78 years.

Bill was a member of the old Hi-Line Toastmaster's Club, the Havre Elks Club, and the Montana Education Association. He was also a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Bill has always been an avid sports fan and he enjoyed playing golf. Other interests included vegetable gardening, playing cards (especially Bridge, Pinochle, and Pan), and working crossword puzzles. During his quiet hours he enjoyed reading; he was fond of newspapers, current events, "westerns", and Reader's Digest. Bill always loved the flatlands of Montana and the good people in the Hi-Line community, and that's what prompted him to retire in the Chester area. He enjoyed his long daily walks around town and his coffee shop visits with the local guys. Edna has been his constant companion and friend, and they were happy to have celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this past year.

In addition to Edna, Bill is survived by a daughter, Janice Vogelsang of Riverton, Wyoming; by 3 sons, Terry of Gildford, Bob of Polson, and Lennie of Bellaire, Texas; by 7 grandchildren (including Chad, Cory, Butch, Kristin, Rob, Sara, and Adelia); by 2 sisters, Anna Mae Blair of Minneapolis and Alvina Fisk of Portland; and by numerous nephew and nieces. Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be today (Wednesday, February 10th) at 2:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Reverend Tom Dunham officiating. The congregation will sing "Amazing Grace", accompanied by Juanita Wardell. Vocal duets by Wayne Wardell and Tom Dunham will include "How Great Thou Art" and "Surely Goodness and Mercy". Ushers will be Neil Sheperd and Earl Keith. Pallbearers will be Bill Kimball, Boyd Nealy, and 4 nephews (Jim, Jack, Vic, and Tim Shanks) Interment will be in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A luncheon for family and friends will follow at the church.
Milt Haaland

Milton L. Haaland, age 71, of Florence died at Missoula Community Hospital in Missoula Monday, March 29 after a 4-week courageous battle with cancer.

He was born August 12, 1921, at Inverness, MT the son of Ragnvald and Emelia Petersen Haaland.

He received his education in Inverness. He was a veteran of WWII serving from 1942-1945 in the Army Air Corp. During 1945 he was a POW in Switzerland for 11 months.

He married Doris Yeager on May 28, 1950 at Valier, MT. He farmed North of Inverness for most of his lifetime, retiring in 1986 and moving to the Bitter Root at that time. He was a member of the Sons of Norway, Charter member of VFW, Lifetime member of DAV, Elks, Lifetime member of Lutheran Church, Chairman of Inverness School Board, and a member of Swiss Internee Association.

He was preceded in death by both parents and 2 brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Doris of Florence; 3 sons and daughter-in-laws: Lauris and Margie Haaland of Coram and grandchildren Amie and Keith; Kelly and Jody Haaland of Dillon and grandchildren Christine and Caitlin; and Kent Haaland of Rupert, ID; Daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Butch Connor of Evanston, WY and grandchildren Tanya, Stacy and Chad; 3 sisters and 2 brothers.

Memorial services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, with Pastor Mike Delacy officiating. Interment of the cremains will be at 4 p.m. at Ft. Harrison Cemetery at Helena with military graveside rites. Arrangements are under the direction of the Whitesitt Funeral Home of Stevensville.
CONSTANCE LORETTA WILSON HAAS
Born: January 30, 1932 - Died: September 22, 1993
Liberty County Times
September 29, 1993

Connie Haas

Constance Loretta Wilson was born on January 30, 1932 at Joplin, Montana. She was one of four children born to Burle and Clara (Haugen) Wilson. Connie grew up in the Joplin and Rudyard communities. She received her early schooling at Joplin and finished her education at Rudyard, graduating from high school there in 1949. She lived in Havre for several years where she worked at the courthouse and the Buttrey’s store. Connie married Leonard Haas. They lived and farmed in the Hingham community and raised three sons. The marriage ended in divorce and Connie remained near her family in Hingham.

Following a long illness, she died on the early morning of Wednesday (September 22nd, 1993) at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre. She was 61 years old.

Most of Connie’s hobbies were associated with her family and home. She enjoyed cooking and baking, ceramics, crossword puzzles, cards (especially pinochle) and board games. In earlier years she liked to go dancing and fishing. When her boys were in school, she was an avid basketball fan.

Her survivors include three sons, Robert (and wife, Cathia), Steve, and Randy, all of Hingham; four grandchildren, including Holly, Heather, Kevin and Mitchell; four sisters, Doris Welsh of Hingham, Dorothy Ulmen of Milwaukie, Oregon; Beryl Thomasson of Boonville, California and Penny Taylor of Corbin, Kentucky; and numerous nephews and nieces. Connie was preceded in death by her parents and a brother (Donald Wilson).

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, September 24 at the Hingham Lutheran Church. Reverend Tim Hauge officiated. Special vocal music by Terry Stevenson included “In the Garden” and “Borning Cry”. Sharon Spicher served as organist and the congregation sang “Just As I Am.” Ushers were Dave Richter and Scott Larson. Pallbearers were Jerry Haas, Jerry Ulmen, Chris Richter, Russ Villett, Lloyd Wolery and Frank Spinter.

Following burial at the Rudyard Cemetery, a luncheon was given to family and friends at the Hingham Lutheran Church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorial gifts will be given to donor’s choice.
CLARA BELLE SHETTEL HADFORD
Born: December 4, 1897 - Died: December 25, 1993
Liberty County Times
December 29, 1993

Clara Belle Shettel was born in Marshalltown, Iowa on December 4, 1897. She was one of eight children born to Cynthia "Iona" Snider and John N. Shettel. In 1903 the family moved to Minnesota where Clara received her early education at Murdock. In 1912 they came to Montana to a homestead northeast of Chester, and Clara finished her schooling at the Bison country school near there. On December 17th, 1918 Clara married Carl A. Hadford at Shelby. They made their home on his homestead south of Joplin from that time on. Carl died in 1975. Clara remained at home until 1986, when declining health took her to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. She died at the rest home on Christmas Day, December 25, 1993 at the age of 96 years.

In her earlier days Clara had been an active member of the Bethel Church and Ladies Aide in Joplin. She enjoyed reading her Bible. Some of her hobbies included music and dancing, sewing and cooking, and she collected China cups. Clara had been a hard worker for her entire life. She was dedicated to family and friends. When you visited Clara's house, there was always hot coffee and good cookies and warm hospitality. And when the grandkids came to visit, they were always given a sugar lump for sweetness.

Clara is survived by three sons and their wives, Lloyd and Alma of Joplin, Elmer and Dorna of Joplin and Lyle and Elaine of Rudyard; one son-in-law, Delmar Greene of Carmangay, Alberta; one brother, Alva Shettel of Chester; one sister, Lois Clemens of Missoula; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, daughter (Marie Greene), three brothers (Levi, Roy and Clarence), two sisters (Florence and Alice) and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be today, Wednesday, December 29 at 11 a.m. at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Reverend Darrell Cousino officiating. The congregation will sing "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace", accompanied by Susan Peterson, organist. Vocal tributes by Brenda Hux will be "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Softly and Tenderly". The usher will be Wayne Wolery and pallbearers will include Lloyd Wolery, Tim Campbell, Joe Seidlitz, Frank Schwartz, Harley Rudolph and Ted Tempel. Interment will be in the Joplin cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon will follow at Kips Hall.
William Ray Henderson

CUT BANK — William Ray Henderson, 71, a retired farmer, died Saturday at a Shelby hospital after a long illness.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Memorials are suggested to the Gift of Life in Great Falls. Riddle Family Funeral Chapel of Cut Bank is in charge.

Born in Calvin, N.D., he moved to Cut Bank as a child and graduated from Cut Bank High School. After working for various farms he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Pacific during World War II.

In 1956, he married Helen Momberg in Helena. He worked as a truck driver for various oilfield companies, and then as a farmer until retirement.

Henderson was a member of the Eagles and Moose lodges.

Survivors include his wife of Cut Bank; a daughter, Annabeth Goldrick of Rochester, Wash., sons Steve of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Bill of Rexburg, Idaho; a sister, Nina Shepard of Spokane; brothers Jack of Arizona, Dan of Cut Bank and Pete of Malta; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
FRANK HODGES
Born: May 16, 1902 - Died: June 12, 1993
Liberty County Times
June 16, 1993

Frank Hodges

Frank Hodges, 91, died at his home in Bigfork on Saturday, June 12 of natural causes. He was born May 16, 1902 in Oquawka, Illinois, a son of Fredrick and Sarah Hodges. In 1910 he moved with his family to the new government farms north of Joplin, Montana. There were no buildings, just sky, short buffalo grass and buffalo chips which were gathered when dried and used for wood stoves to cook and heat the tar paper shacks that were first built. In 1916 he worked at the shipyards in Bremerton, Washington but the farm was his greatest interest and took great courage and hard work. On March 20, 1924, he was married to Leora Hill in Seattle, Washington. They returned to the Hodges farm at Joplin to develop it and continued farming there until moving to Bigfork. Mr. Hodges always enjoyed the children and encouraged them to complete their schooling. The grandchildren spent the three months each year on the farm and were happy to have him teach them how farm life was done. Their fondest memories were with Grandpa Frank.

Mr. Hodges was preceded in death by one son, Wesley, in 1964. He is now survived by his wife, Leora, at home in Bigfork; one son, Leland Hodges of Bigfork; two great-nieces, Patti Knutson of Kalispell and Cathy Scott of Columbia Falls; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren of four generations from ages two years to 46 years, living in Kalispell, California, Tennessee, Virginia and Butte Montana; one nephew and many cousins in the Joplin area. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 15th at the Joplin Cemetery in Joplin with the Rev. Allen Haugen, Pastor of the Joplin Lutheran Church officiating. The family suggest memorials be made to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary, Kalispell.
Andrew P. Hofer

Andrew P. Hofer was born on May 23, 1920 at Alexandria, South Dakota. He was one of fourteen children born to Reverend Peter J. Hofer and Anna S. Kleinsasser. Andrew grew up on the Rockport Colony near Alexandria and received his education there. At age 14 he moved to the O.K. Colony near Raymond, Alberta. While there, he was married to Rachel J. Wurz on November 12, 1947.

In 1948 they moved to the Miller Colony at Choteau, Montana where Andrew worked as the "chicken boss". Since 1961 they have lived at the Sage Creek Colony north of Chester, Andrew worked in the Sage Creek feedlot for 26 years until his health failed. This past Saturday, October 9th, he was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He died there on Tuesday evening, October 12th, at the age of 73 years.

Andrew had been a hard worker his entire life. He was an avid reader and especially enjoyed his Bible. He loved his children and grandchildren.

Andrew is survived by his wife, Rachel Hofer of Sage Creek; eight sons, Andrew A. Hofer and Peter A. Hofer, both of Riverview Colony and John A. Hofer, Jacob A. Hofer, Samuel A. Hofer, Michael A. Rofer, David A. Hofer and Phillip A. Hofer, all of Sage Creek; seven daughters, Rachel Waldner of Sage Creek, Anna Entz of Martin Colony at Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, Elizabeth Wipf of Martinsdale Colony at Martinsdale; Christina Hofer of Sage Creek, Susanna Kleinsasser of Riverview, Mary Entz of Starbrite Colony at Foremost, Alberta, and Esther Kleinsasser of Sage Creek; 44 grandchildren; five brothers, Reverend Joseph Hofer and Samuel Hofer of Clearview Colony at Bassano, Alberta, Peter Hofer of O.K. Colony at Raymond, Alberta, and Paul Hofer of Plainview Colony at Warner, Alberta; one sister, Rachel P. Hofer of Clear Lake Colony at Lethbridge, Alberta; and many nephews and nieces. Andrew was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter (Anna), three brothers (Michael, John and Jake), and four sisters (Rebecca, Anna, Susie and Mary).

Funeral services were held at noon on Friday, October 15 at the Sage Creek Colony Church. Burial followed at the Sage Creek Colony Cemetery.

Local arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.
CARL J. IVerson

Born: January 18, 1915 - Died: April 3, 1993

Liberty County Times
April 7, 1993

Carl Iverson

Carl J. Iverson, 78, longtime Shelby area farmer, rancher and oil and gas producer died Saturday, April 3, 1993 of heart failure at a Great Falls hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 8, 1993 at the Shelby High School auditorium with burial following at the Whitlash Cemetery. Burns-Whitted Funeral Home in Shelby is handling arrangements.

Born January 18, 1915 in the Sweet Grass Hills to Carl S. and Anna Mae Iverson, he married Mabel Demarest August 1, 1937 at Whitlash. The couple made their home at the ranch near Whitlash and in later years in Shelby where he owned and operated Western Natural Gas Co.

Iverson served on the Montana Oil and Gas Commission for 16 years, was a member of the Advisory board for the Montana School of Mines, was active in the Independent Petroleum Producers of America, the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association, the Montana Petroleum Association, and was a founding member of the Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association. In his younger years he was active in rodeo, both as a participant and later as a producer, maintaining a lifetime interest in the sport.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Ardelle Watkins of Great Falls, sons, Dennis of Helena and Warren of Whitlash, sister, Anna Earl of Great Falls, aunt, Alma Iverson and cousins of Seattle, six grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.


Pallbearers are Bob Anderson, Colby Branch, Jerry Branch, Dick Campbell, Bill Fulton, Don Garrity, Jerry Koosman, Bunts Watkins.

Memorials may be made to the Marias Museum of History and Art, Shelby, Montana or to a charity of the donor's choice.
Russell Jackson

Russell T. Jackson of Ennis, Montana died Wednesday, July 28th, 1993 at Madison Valley Manor in Ennis.

Services are pending and will be held at Rudyard at a later time.

Russell was born August 25th, 1906 in Decherville, Michigan to Thomas and Ida Mae (Scott) Jackson. Russell came to Montana in 1909 from Michigan and graduated from Rudyard High School in Rudyard, Montana. He was captain of the basketball team that played the first tournament on the Hi-Line in 1925 and they won the tournament. He then attended the University of Montana in Missoula and he belonged to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Missoula.

In 1927 he moved to Portland, where he married Marie Huber on February 18, 1928 and they made their home in Portland until 1943 when they moved to Ronan for a year and a half. In 1944 they returned to the family homestead in Rudyard where he farmed until 1962. They then lived in the Whitefish-Kalispell area and later in the Belt-Great Falls area. For the past five years they had lived in the Bozeman-Ennis area.

Russell is survived by his wife Ida Mae, one daughter Pat Long of Ennis, six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Russell was preceded in death by Thomas Russell Jackson, six brothers, one sister and one great granddaughter Lisa Ann Bloch who died October 31, 1992.

Memorials may be designated to the Alzheimer's Association.

K. & L. Mortuaries, Inc. of Ennis is in charge of arrangements.
CURTIS M. (CURLY) JOHNSON
Born: August 22, 1909 - Died: November 1, 1993
Liberty County Times
November 10, 1993

Curtis Johnson
Curtis M. (Curly) Johnson, 84, a retired farmer and a resident of Havre, and formerly of Kremlin, died of natural causes on Monday, November 1 at a Havre hospital.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Friday, November 5 at the Holland and Bonine Chapel in Havre with Rev. Kenneth Duvall officiating. Inurnment of the ashes was at the Highland Cemetery.
The organist was Mary Stevens.
The soloist was Jerry Toner and he sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "The Lord's Prayer."
The ushers were Elmer Werbelow and Neil McCormick.

Curly was born on August 22, 1909 at Grygla, Minnesota, the son of Martin and Petra (Mikkelson) Johnson. He attended Grammar School in Grygla, Minnesota. In 1924 he moved to Kremlin. On April 10, 1930 he married the former Velva Birr at her sister and brother-in-law's Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scharle's home in Kremlin. After their marriage, the couple lived near Kremlin and farmed. Curly was a member of the Havre Eagle's Club, and the Havre Moose Club. His wife died in 1988. Curly loved dancing and taught his children and grandchildren to dance. He also enjoyed snowmobiling and bowling. He was a member of the Kremlin Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, three brothers, one sister, and one granddaughter.

He is survived by one daughter, Darlene Donoven and son-in-law Lowell of Kremlin, two sons, Neil Johnson and wife Joan of Arlington, Texas; and Roland Johnson and wife Amelia of Hillsboro, Oregon; one sister, Pearl Wold of Havre; two brothers, Floyd Johnson of Vancouver, Washington and Alvin Johnson of Illinois; seven grandchildren, Judy, Mike, Ben, Scott, Dallas, Mark and Kelly; also 15 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials in Curly's honor may be made to the Eagle's Club, the Eagles Manor Ret. Apt.'s, the Havre Senior Citizens Center or to a person's choice.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
Lucille Kammerzell, 77, died on Saturday, April 3rd, 1993, at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre.

Lucille Mae Lyders was born in Chester, Montana on February 24th, 1916 to Martin and Anna (Swenson) Lyders. She received her education in Chester, graduating from Chester High School in 1934. Lucille married A.C. "Mike" Kammerzell of Chester on October 24th, 1935. They farmed in the Chester community until their retirement in 1974. They lived in Great Falls for three years before moving to a home on Flathead Lake. They lived at Lakeside until 1989, when they moved to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre to be near family. Mike died in Havre on November 7th, 1991. Lucille continued to live at the Lutheran Home until her death.

Mrs. Kammerzell was both a homemaker and an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. She was the first superintendent of the church Sunday School, a member of the A.L.C.W., and a vocalist in the church choir. Bible studies, flower gardening, and crocheting were just a few of her hobbies.

Lucille was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a brother, Dale Lyders and two sisters, Eileen Lyders and Margaret Hendrickson.

She is survived by 2 sons, Gordon and John, both of Chester; 3 daughters, Gail Nassbaum of Kalispell, Linda Aasheim of Tacoma, Washington, and Katherine Warner of Havre; 18 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; a brother, Vern Lyders of Seattle, Washington; a sister, Jean Braseaker of Los Alamitos, California; and many nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. today, Wednesday, April 7th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Tom Dunham will officiate and Barbara Sayers will provide personal readings. Karen Stack will serve as organist and the congregation will sing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Vocalist, Dede Brown, will perform "Beautiful Savior" and "The Lord's Prayer". Ushers will be George Braun and Cliff Leighton. Pallbearers will be Jerry and Larry Hendrickson, Dayton Kolstad, Martin Lyders, and Jim and Max Brown. Interment will be in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A luncheon for family and friends will follow at the church. Undesignated memorials will be given to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester.
FRANK EDWARD KENNY

Born: June 16, 1929 - Died: April 23, 1993

Liberty County Times

April 28, 1993

Ed Kenny

Ed Kenny, an area commercial spray pilot, died on Friday at the Liberty County Hospital at the age of 63 years.

Frank Edward Kenny was born in Havre on June 16, 1929, the youngest of the two children of Frank and Estella (Hagen) Kenny. He received his early education in Havre. His mother died when he was seven years old.

In 1942 he came to Chester with his father, who was a school teacher here. He graduated from Chester High School in 1947, then attended Montana State University in Bozeman for a short time.

In 1948 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during the Korean Conflict. He was an Aviation Machinist's Mate on a naval ship and crossed the equator three times.

Following a 1952 honorable discharge, he returned to Chester to work on the Jim and Violet Armstrong farm. In 1963 he went to Maryland to live with his sister, returning to Chester three years later. After obtaining his commercial pilot's license in 1967 he began working for Buster Ness and has been employed by Ag Air, Inc. since then.

On March 23, 1978 he married Jodine Thielman and helped raise her two children. In 1985 he underwent open heart surgery, so his flying time was curtailed since then. When he became acutely ill recently he was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester.

He was a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilot's Association, the Association of Montana Aerial Applicators, the local VFW Post and served on the Liberty County Museum Board. He collected World War II airplane photos and historical aviation books and enjoyed flying radio-controlled airplanes.

He was quite a remarkable artist and did excellent pencil sketches, mostly of people and planes. He also enjoyed photography and building picture frames. He recently was taking a matting class at the local Arts Center.

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He is survived by his sister, Frances Deakins of College Park, Md.; three nieces—Dina Heizer of Prince Frederick, Md.; Jeanice Reese of Matthews, Vir. and Katie Luebbemann of Frederick Md.; one nephew—Stephen Deakins of Laurel, Md.; two step-children—Tim Kohrman of Detroit, Mich. and Bonnie Kohrman of Phoenix, Ariz.; and his pet cat, Sally and a host of friends.

Funeral mass will be on Thursday, April 29 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Father Tom Harney will celebrate the mass and Lawrence Schaefer will serve. Music will be provided by the church choir and organist, Bonnie Wordarz.

Friends serving as pallbearers include Buster Ness, Spec Helmbrecht, Donny Wolfe, Allan Brown, Joe Minnehan, Jim Briden, Neal Rigg and Ken Brandvold. The CHS Class of 1947 will serve as honorary bearers and a long list of other good friends will be memorial bearers.

Ushers will be Ed Swank and Earl Keith. Joe Minnehan will read scripture selections and Spec Helmbrecht will deliver the eulogy.

Interment will be in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Military taps will be played and Albert Hanson will make the flag presentation. The service will conclude with a three-plane flyover tribute. A luncheon will follow at the church.
DOROTHY J. (CRITES) KIDD
Born: January 14, 1930 - Died: July 28, 1993
Liberty County Times
August 4, 1993

Dorothy Kidd

Dorothy J. Kidd, 63 years of age, a resident of Gildford, Montana died Wednesday, July 28, 1993 of natural causes at a Havre hospital.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 1993 at the First Baptist Church in Gildford with Rev. Eddie Fallo officiating. The organist was Sandra Ford; the soloist was Terry Stevenson who sang "In the Garden" and "The Wind Beneath My Wings".

Burial of the ashes was at the Gildford Cemetery.

Dorothy was born January 14, 1930 at Gildford, Montana, the daughter of Fred and Achsah (Huestis) Crites. She attended a rural school north of Gildford.

Dorothy was a graduate of Gildford High School. She worked in Gildford as a waitress at a local cafe and later as a postal clerk at the Gildford Post Office. On April 3, 1949 she married Allan Kidd at Rudyard, Montana. After their marriage the couple farmed northeast of Gildford. Dorothy was a member of the Kremlin-Gildford Lutheran Church.

Dorothy was also a member of the Gildford Jolly Janes Extension Homemakers Club, and she was a pitcher for the local Gildford Softball Club. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking and watching Gildford basketball games.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters. She is survived by her husband, Allan Kidd of Gildford; one son, Timothy Kidd of Gildford; five daughters Linda Danielson, Shelly Kidd and Paula Keeler of Havre, Montana, Lena Gasper of Port Angeles, Washington, Renee Brothers of Chester, Montana, and Lee Ann Church of Aberdeen, Washington; five sisters Lois Olson, LaRena Stewart and June Youso of Havre, Montana, Doreen Rutter of Rainier, Washington, and Jeanne Johnston of Astoria, Oregon; three brothers Vern Crites of Kennewick, Washington, Harold Crites of Vancouver, Washington and Richard Crites of Moses Lake, Washington; as well as nine grandchildren.

Memorials in Mrs. Kidd's honor may be made to the long term care unit c/o Northern Montana Hospital Havre, Montana.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
Norman Knutson

Norman E. Knutson was born at Ulen, Minnesota on January 8, 1911. He was one of three children born to Helga Hanson and Anton Knutson. His father came to Montana in 1918 to homestead south of Rudyard. The rest of the family came here in 1922. Norman finished his formal education in Montana and began farming. He farmed until his retirement 20 years ago, when he moved into Rudyard. Norman maintained his own home until five years ago, when declining health brought him to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. He died at the Chester Hospital on the evening of Sunday (October 31, 1993) at the age of 82 years.

Norman was raised in the Norwegian Lutheran faith and has been a longtime member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. He was an independent man who never married. At home he enjoyed working in his flower garden and watching television. He liked western music and rodeos (he attended the "Calgary Stampede" on numerous occasions. Norman's greatest enjoyment in life was fishing. He took pride in his boat, camper and fishing gear.

Norman's only survivors are numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, by an infant sister, and by his brother (Archie in 1960).

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow (Thursday, November 4th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiating. Stanleigh Barbie will serve as organist and the congregation will sing "Children of the Heavenly Father." Special vocal music will be provided by Jerome Lincoln. Pallbearers will include Brad Anderson, Ken Boucher, David Anderson, Fred Elling, Vern Moog and Mark Widdis. Honorary bearers are Clarence Aeversmann, Selmar Sanvik, Leo Bielek, Clarence Wendland, Robert Rigg and Albert Bideau. Usher is Glen Elling. Burial will follow in the family plot by Highland Cemetery in Havre. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.
ALTA A. WORDEN KOLSTAD
Born: September 10, 1904 - Died: February 21, 1993
Liberty County Times
March 2, 1993

Alta A. Kolstad
Alta A. Worden Kolstad, 88, homemaker, died Feb. 21 of natural causes at a Great Falls hospital.
A memorial service will be held later at the Hillcrest Lawn Mausoleum where she was entombed.
She was born in Cottonwood, Idaho on Sept. 10, 1904. She was educated in Oregon and Washington. She taught school for two years in Washington and two years in Chester and two years in Philipsburg.
She married Clarence Kolstad in 1931 in Spokane. They bought land in Liberty and Toole counties in the 1930s where they farmed and ranched for many years.
She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star at Joplin and in later years resided in Spokane and Great Falls.
Her husband died in 1979.
Surviving are three sons, Galen Kolstad of Lothair, Clark Kolstad of Galata and Harley Kolstad of Condobolin, Australia; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
Selmer J. Kolstad

LEWISTOWN — Selmer J. Kolstad, 89, a retired farmer and rancher, died Monday at a Lewistown hospital after an extended illness.

Funeral rites will be 11 a.m. Friday at the Creel Funeral Chapel with burial at Highland Cemetery.

He was born in Larrimore, N.D., and came to Montana with his parents in 1908. They homesteaded in Liberty County, where he attended the Prairie Rose School. In 1930 he married Bessie Violett in Lawrenceburg, Mo. She died in 1967. In 1989 he married Nellie Smith in Lewistown.

He farmed and ranched near Lewistown until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife of Lewistown; a son, Howard Kolstad of Lewistown; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
J. PALMER LALUM
Born: May 12, 1909 - Died: November 27, 1993
Liberty County Times
December 8, 1993

Obituary

J. Palmer Lalum

J. Palmer Lalum, 84, of Kalispell, died at his home on Saturday, November 27.
He was born May 12, 1909 in Maddock, North Dakota to Sigurd and Esther Lalum.

he entered the U.S. Air Force in 1942, serving in Africa and Italy during World War II. Following his honorable discharge, he served in the Air Force reserves until 1948.

In 1946, he bought a farm in Joplin and in 1975 retired from farming and moved to Kalispell.

He married Dorothy Anderson on June 27, 1948 in Joplin.

Palmer was a member of the American Legion in Galata and was a member of the Farmers Union and the Senior Citizens of Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Kalispell; a son, J. Andre Lalum, and his wife, Gaylene of Joplin; a daughter, Diane Walker, and her husband, Gary of Tacoma, Washington; five grandchildren, Adam, Andrew and Jessica Lalum of Joplin and Alysa and Annika Walker of Tacoma; a brother, Luther Lalum, and his wife, Marilyn of Kalispell and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held November 29 at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Revs. H. Peder Waldum and Richard Nelson of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.
Henry C. Larsen

Henry C. Larsen, 88, died Sunday, February 7, 1993, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth. Henry was born January 18, 1905 in Ong, NE, the son of Hans and Anna Christensen Larsen. He came to Montana in 1914 to the Howard Community where his family farmed. Henry attended area schools and graduated from Sanders High School. He began working in a store at Finch, and in 1925 Henry moved to Rosebud where he worked for the Wallins, later becoming a partner in the business. On January 11, 1927, Henry was married to Mae Junge in Forsyth. They began the implement business in 1939, and came to Forsyth in 1950 when he purchased Forsyth Implement. Later Henry and his son Leroy purchased the Wallin interest in the business and at a later date changed the name to L.M. Larsen, which was located in East Forsyth. Henry was active in the business until he could not drive to work anymore.

Henry served on the Rosebud School Board and Carterville Irrigation District Board, the Rosebud County Fair Board for many years, Rosebud County Museum Board, Forsyth City Council, 25 years on the Federal Land Bank Board, and was a member of the Northern Rocky Mountain Barb Wire Collection Association.

Henry is survived by one son: Leroy and Gayle Larsen of Forsyth; one brother: Chester and Jean Larsen of Rosebud; two sisters: Nadine and Grant Erickson and Doris Jean Strong, both of Forsyth; as well as seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Henry was preceded in death by his wife Mae on December 4, 1974 and his daughter Dorothy Brown on February 23, 1991.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 13 at Cornerstone Grace Fellowship. Rev. Dana Nile officiated. Music was provided by Marilyn Stevens and Chuck Evans.

Pallbearers were Grant Larsen, Chris Larsen, Rodney Ostermiller, James Brown, Stephen Brown, Jr. and Thomas Brown. Interment was at the Forsyth Cemetery.
MONICA M. LINDSTROM
Born: May 28, 1912 - Died: August 20, 1993
Liberty County Times
August 25, 1993

HAVRE — Monica M. Gehlen Lindstrom, 81, a former Havre resident, died of natural causes Friday at her home in Pawling, N.Y.

Born May 28, 1912, in Glencoe, Minn., she grew up in the Hingham area west of Havre.

She and Emil C. Lindstrom were married in Havre in 1932. He died in 1983.

Surviving are a son, Robert Lindstrom of Baker; two daughters, Jean Hicks of Pawling, N.Y. and Rita L. Kiser of Statesville, N.C.; a brother, William Gehlen of Great Falls; two sisters, Hilda Spicher of Great Falls and Lorraine Doris of Oakland, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.
EVELYN M. LINEWEAVER

Born: May 26, 1917 - Died: July 22, 1993

Liberty County Times
July 28, 1993

Evelyn M. Lineweaver

Evelyn was born on May 26, 1917 at the families homestead near Cottonwood, Montana to Nordahl and Hilda (Larson) Kravik. She attended school in Havre and graduated from Bozeman High School in Bozeman, Montana. She was also a graduate of the Cosmetology School of Beauty in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was previously married to George Yates. The marriage ended in divorce. In 1962 at Hingham, Montana she married Lewis Lineweaver. After their marriage the couple lived in Havre. Evelyn was the former owner of the Merle Norman Studio in Havre. She enjoyed ceramics, needle work, sewing and was a painter. She died Thursday, July 22, 1993 in her home in Havre.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and one brother.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis Lineweaver of Havre; two sons, Dennis Yates of Palm Desert, California and John Yates of Texas; two daughters Carol Newby of Whitehall, Montana and Kathy Marquardt of Palm Desert, California; one step-son, Charles Lineweaver of Inverness, Montana; one brother, Gay Kravik of Havre; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The funeral services for Evelyn were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 1993 at the Holland and Bonine Chapel in Havre, Montana with Reverend Kenneth DuVall officiating. Burial was at the Calvary Cemetery in Havre, Montana. The organist was Mary Stevens. The soloist was Terry Stevenson who sang "Take My Hand Precious Lord" and "Nearer My God To Thee". The pallbearers were: Larry Tonjum, Jerry Haas, Deimar Hanson, Alfred Bradbury, Brian Morse and Russell Rismon.
Marion Walker Little

HELENA - Marion Walker Little Jr., 74, formerly of Geraldine, died Saturday of natural causes at his home.

A vigil service will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Helena. Mass will be at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Graveside services will be held in Geraldine Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Thursday. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of St. Peter's. Retz Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Little was born Sept. 17, 1918, in Fort Benton and graduated from Geraldine High School in 1935. He received his teaching degree at Mitchell, S.D., and taught school for two years in Rudyard.

Little was then called into active service as a Marine pilot during World War II, serving for four years. On Oct. 2, 1943, he married Evelyn Marie Ludwig.

After the war he lived in Geraldine, farming and ranching until 1980. Little joined the Chouteau County Sheriff's Posse in 1954 and was a 4-H leader for 25 years.

In 1980 he moved to Helena and participated in the 1989 Montana Centennial Cattle Drive. Little served as an usher in St. Mary's Catholic Church for 10 years and was involved with the Geraldine and Helena school boards.

ELSIE BARBARA MATHEWS
Born: April 2, 1901 - Died: July 29, 1993

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During those years in Coeur d'Alene, Elsie had been active in the First Presbyterian Church. She had been a hard worker her entire life. She was devoted to her family and she loved to be around people. During her quiet time at home Elsie enjoyed working in her flower gardens.

Survivors include four sons, Bill and his wife Helen of Cut Bank, Jack and his wife Helen of Phoenix, Arizona, Pete and his wife Gwen of Loring, and Dan and his wife Helen of Cut Bank; one daughter, Nina Shepherd of Spokane, Washington; one stepdaughter, Lilly Zwolle of Lewistown; two sisters, Lena Crummy of Cut Bank and Frances Hoffman of Dickinson, North Dakota; 17 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Elsie was preceded in death by her husband and parents, by five brothers and two sisters and by one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 2nd, at the First Presbyterian Church in Cut Bank with Reverend Al DeHaven officiating. Organist Bernice Paisley, accompanied Pastor DeHaven, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "His Eye Is On The Sparrow". Two granddaughters, Barb Vinson and Mark Henderson, performed a vocal duet, "The Old Rugged Cross". Grandsons serving as pallbearers and ushers included Phil, Mike, Mark and Dave Henderson; Rod, Doug, Don and Dan Shepherd; and Jim Vinson. Luncheon given by the Deacons followed at the church.

Graveside services were conducted by Reverend George Lacy on Tuesday, August 3rd, at 3:00 p.m. at the Coeur d'Alene Memorial Gardens Cemetery. It was Elsie's wish to be buried with her husband in Coeur d'Alene. Viewing for friends and family in Coeur d'Alene was held from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the Memorial Gardens Mortuary. Following the graveside services there was a coffee hour at the First Presbyterian Church in Coeur d'Alene.

Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester, Montana...
JENNINGS ALBERT MATTSON
Born: August 20, 1922 - Died: June 13, 1993
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Jennings Albert Mattson was born in Chester, Montana on August 20th, 1922. He was the youngest of three sons born to Andrew and Minnie (Johnson) Mattson. Jennings grew up on the family farm 17 miles north of Chester and attended the Fairview Country School. He finished his education in Chester, graduating from high school in 1941. During his school years he worked at the Chester Trading Company and the Mike Kammerzell farm. After high school he went to Seattle where he worked in the shipyards during World War II. He eventually came back to Montana to farm with his brothers, then bought the Bud Coon place near the Mattson homestead. On March 18, 1959 Jennings married Olga E. Baklc in Billings, and they have made their home in the Chester community since that time. In 1963 Jennings bought "M & T Farms" near Foremost, Alberta, which he operated with his partner (LuVerne Trogstad) until they sold it in 1979. Because of failing health, Jennings retired from his farming operations at Chester in 1992. Following a long stay at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, Jennings died on the evening of Sunday (June 13th). He was 70 years old.

Jennings had been a long time member of the Havre Eagles, Shelby Elks and Chester Lions Clubs. He was a past board member of the First National Bank of Browning. Jennings had many interests and hobbies over the years. He enjoyed boating, snowmobiling, bowling, music and dancing, fishing and hunting, and attending auction sales. He loved sports of all kinds, but especially enjoyed watching boxing matches and attending rodeos. Jennings also liked to play cards (especially pan, pitch and poker) or shake dice with his buddies. He took numerous memorable trips over the years: Hawaii, Alaska, the Rosebowl, Calgary Stampede and others. Jennings enjoyed life and laughter, and will be remembered by his friends for his contagious "giggle". He was an "early riser" and always seemed to be looking for something new and exciting in each day.

Survivors include his wife, Olga; son, Michael; brothers, Allen and George, all of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Jennings was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son (Stefan).

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 17th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Officiant will be Reverend Tom Dunham. Karen Stack will serve as organist and the congregation will sing "Amazing Grace". A vocal ensemble made up of nephews and nieces will perform "Whispering Hope". Ushers will be Allen Brown and Jack Jacobson. Pallbearers will include Jake Wormsbecker, Hubert Ellwein, Ray Romain, Ty Rockman and Bob and Dave Mattson. Memorial bearers are listed as the Chester Lions, the O.H.S. Class of ’41, and all of Jennings’ other friends (past and present). Interment will be in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A luncheon will follow at the church. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Liberty County Hospital and Our Savior's Church.
JAMES H. MCALEAR, JR.

Born: April 25, 1930 - Died: May 13, 1993

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James McAlear, Jr.

James H. McAlear, Jr., died May 13, 1993 at Gaithersburg, MD, of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was born April 25, 1930, in Chester, MT, his parents were J.H. and Stasia McAlear and he had four children, Susan Baker, James McAlear III, Frieda, and Roger of Gaithersburg. There will be a family service at Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell, MT, May 30 at 10 a.m.

He attended McMinnville High School, University of Oregon, and received a Ph.D in Biology from Harvard University in 1958. He also served the Army in Germany.

He did research at Albany, New York and at Cal Berkeley and was director of the Electron Microscopy Lab 1960-68 and taught at Catholic University at Washington, D.C., until 1971. For 15 years he did research and established a microanalysis company. For two years he was director for advanced research for Texas A&M.

During his career he discovered the source of cell energy. While at Cal he established his status as a leader in electron microscopy and demonstrated techniques to Professors and Scientists in the west and consulted with Japanese and Germany companies. He was the pioneer in bio-chips and lectured world wide, wrote and appeared on television to advance his theories.

At his death he was sequencing genes, designing low cost tests for AIDS and other diseases and creating molecular replacement for damaged optical, audio and other nerves. The Washington Post quoted Joseph Moskel, who said "motivated industrious brilliant sought for a comfortable niche in academia... he has ideas that are way before their time... it is spooky to be out in the ozone like that."
WILLIAM EDWARD MCCLELLAN
Born: August 17, 1915 - Died: April 7, 1993
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April 14, 1993

William Edward McClellan was born August 17th, 1915 on the family farm north of Joplin, Montana. He was the only child of Margaret Barlani and Edward McClellan. They moved to Seattle, Washington where Ed received his early education. After they moved back to Joplin, he finished his schooling, graduating from J.H.S. in 1933. Ed took over the farming operations on October 4th, 1935 he married Esther G. Gunderson at Kalispell. They made their home on the north Joplin farm until 1948, when they moved into town. Ed owned and operated McClellan Implement in Joplin and served as the state distributor for Jeoffroy plows and rodweeder. In 1963 the McClellan's retired and moved to Lakeside, Montana. Since then they have spent their summer months in the Flathead Valley and their winter months in Joplin. On this past Wednesday morning, April 7th, Ed died peacefully at his Joplin home. He was 77 years old.

Ed and Ester were active in the following churches during their 58 years of married life: Immanuel, Bethel, and Eidsvold Lutheran Churches and the Lakeside Chapel. Ed also held memberships in the Havre and Kalispell Elks Lodges. After they moved to Lakeside, Ed ran a personal charter boating/fishing service called "Pleasure Cruise". Because of his love for boating and concern for water safety, he helped organize the Kalispell Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was elected Captain of the Auxiliary and had been an active member for 25 years.

In his younger days Ed enjoyed playing in the men's baseball leagues. He was also talented at playing the banjo and other stringed instruments. He liked to play cards, especially whist.

During his quiet times at home, Ed enjoyed reading. He liked to stay busy, so his favorite pastime was "tinkering". Ed took pride in fixing things that needed fixing! In addition, Ed loved his family and was extremely proud of each and every one of them.

Ed's survivors include his wife, Ester of Joplin; twin-daughters, Mrs. Jerry, Gloria, Thorson of Joplin and Mrs. Gordon, Gail, Kaaiaakamanu of Kaneohe, Hawaii; 5 grandchildren, including Kari Kammerzell, Tata and Cody Thorson, and Jeremy and Tara Kaaiaakamanu; and numerous nephews and nieces. Ed was preceded in death by his parents and grandchild, Casey Thorson.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 10th, at the Bethel Church in Joplin. Reverend Allen Haugen officiated. Susan Peterson served as organist and the congregation sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "The Old Rugged Cross". A nephew vocalist, Leonard Gunderson, sang "The Lord's Prayer". Ushers were Larry Olson and Jack Nelson. Pallbearers included Bill Wood, Donald Rocks, Ron Wolery, Paul Wolery, John Tempel and Lawrence Terwolbeck. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon for family and friends followed at Kjos Hall.
Donald Jerome "Jerry" McClue
Born: July 16, 1920 - Died: July 22, 1993
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Jerry McClue

Donald Jerome "Jerry" McClue was born in Van Hook, North Dakota on July 16, 1920. He was one of three children born to Ray and Cleo (Huffman) McClue. Jerry received his formal education at Choteau, Montana. He attended business school for a short while in Spokane, Washington. On March 11, 1939 he married Hazel B. Rowland at Shelby. In the years that followed, they operated numerous bakeries in northern Montana communities (specifically Sunburst, Great Falls, Valier, Choteau, Conrad and Chester). They came to Chester in 1967 and opened the Chester Bakery, which they operated until their retirement in 1979. They have made their home here since.

Following a long battle with cancer, Hazel died on May 7th, 1993. Jerry suffered from chronic lung disease and his general health had deteriorated these past few months. He recently attended and aunt’s 100th birthday party in Seattle and was staying with a son in the Flathead Valley. Jerry died in Kalispell on the morning of Thursday, July 22nd. He was 73 years old.

During World War II, Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a Seaman First Class. During his 15 months of military duty, he worked as a cook and baker. He was honorably discharged in August of 1945.

Jerry had been involved in numerous clubs and civic groups over the years, including the V.F.W., American Legion, Masons, volunteer fire departments and "search and rescue" groups. His hobbies were fishing, hunting, bowling, dancing, coin-collecting, playing cards, sports, camping and traveling. A highlight of Jerry and Hazel’s life was a cruise to the Mexican Riviera, a 50th wedding anniversary gift from their children.

Jerry is survived by three sons; Donald and Richard McClue, both of Phoenix, and Michael McClue of Kalispell; two daughters, Clerae Pitchford of Billings and Maxine Butler of Phoenix; 17 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; one brother, Barney McClue of Choteau; one sister, Janiece McCready of Seattle; and numerous nephews and nieces. Jerry was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

It was Jerry’s wish to be cremated and buried with his wife in Choteau. Prior to cremation there was public viewing on Saturday and Sunday at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Cremation was done Monday morning in Great Falls. Graveside services were conducted by Reverend Tom Hux at 4:00 p.m. Monday (July 26th) at the Choteau Cemetery. Vocal and guitar music by Pete Woods included "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Let It Be". Military rites were presented by members of the VFW and American Legion in Choteau. Memorials will be given to the Lung Association or donor’s choice.

July 28, 1993
HAZEL BLANCH MCCLUE
Born: December 1, 1922 - Died: May 7, 1993
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Hazel was raised Lutheran. While in Chester she was a member of the VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries. Her hobbies included reading, cooking, dancing, playing cards, camping and traveling. A highlight of their life was a cruise in the Mexican Riviera, a 50th anniversary gift from their children.

Hazel is survived by her husband, Jerry of Chester; two daughters, Clerae Pitchford of Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Maxine Butler of Phoenix, Arizona; three sons, Donald and Richard McClue, both of Phoenix, Arizona, and Michael McClue of Kalispell; 17 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Hazel was preceded in death by her parents, a brother (Earl Rowland), and a half-sister (Louise Rowland).

Public viewing/visitation for Mrs. McClue was held on Friday (May 7th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Cremation was Saturday.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Rockman Chapel with Reverend Tom Hux of Galata officiating. Special vocal/guitar music by Pete Woods included "Amazing Grace" and "The Rose."

Brenda Hux sang "Thank You" (a tribute to Hazel).

Following the services, a luncheon given by the VFW/Legion Auxiliaries was held at the Catholic Youth Center. Hazel's cremains were buried with her parents following graveside services at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the Choteau Cemetery. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Liberty County Hospital, Chester.
Jack S. McDermott
CHESTER — Jack S. McDermott, brother of June Dolezal of Chester, died March 16 in Spokane. At his request there was no funeral.

Survivors besides his sister, include a companion, Lorena Greenwood of Sandpoint, Idaho, six children, three brothers and 11 grandchildren.

JACK S. MCDERMOTT
Born: ? - Died: March 16, 1993
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ERNEST HENRY MEISSNER
Born: September 14, 1918 - Died: July 1, 1993
Liberty County Times
July 7, 1993

Ernie Meissner
Ernest Henry Meissner was born on the family farm south of Chester, Montana on September 14th, 1918. He was one of seven children born to Margaret Eckert and George Meissner, Sr. Ernie grew up on the family farm 18 miles south of Chester and attended the Meissner country school near there. He completed his formal education through grade eight. At age 16 Ernest went to work at the nearby Pugsley Ranch, where he was employed off & on for seven years. In 1942 he was inducted into the U.S. Army, and after a short stint in the military Ernie was "honorably" discharged back to Montana. He began working on the Meissner Ranch at Virgille and remained there for several years. After the Meissner family leased the Wright Hagerty Ranch in Glacier County in 1960, Ernie began working there. Several years later he went to Phillips County to work at Meissner Ranch "Bar 33" near Malta. In 1970 he returned to the Meissner Ranch south of Chester where he lived & worked the rest of his life. On this past Thursday morning, July 1st, Ernie died of a massive heart attack at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He was 74 years old...

Ernie loved working on the ranch. His greatest love was raising horses, and he had sold many of his colts to neighbors over the years. Ernie also loved little kids; he always had a piece of gum or candy in his pocket to share with his little friends. Ernest really enjoyed being around people. He liked to attend auction sales and never seemed to come home empty-handed. Ernie enjoyed telling stories about the "early days" in northern Montana and he had a great memory as to the location of many original homesteads in this area. In addition, he collected arrow heads, and he knew the whereabouts of many buffalo jumps & teepee rings. Not only was he a lifelong working partner in Meissner Ranches, he was also part owner in Meissner Tractors (which followed the acquisition of "Big Bud Corporation" in Havre-Denton in 1979).

Ernest is survived by 5 brothers, George (and wife, Gladys), Frank, Joe, Lawrence, & Paul (and wife Arlene); 1 sister, Margaret; 3 nephews, Shawn, Blaine, & Wallace; and 1 niece, Joey, all of Chester; 1 step-nephew, Ken Jeppeson of Havre; and 1 step-niece, Pam Seidlitz of Great Falls. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral mass was celebrated by Father Tom Harney at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester on Monday, July 5th, at 11:00 a.m. Bonnie Woodarz served as organist and St. Mary's Choir sang "On Eagle's Wings", "Hosea", and "Bread, Blessed, & Broken". A closing vocal tribute by Oscar Erickson was "Home on the Range". Pallbearers were Garth Good, Chuck Saxton, Ray Martin, Allen Brown, Vance Graham, and Robert Pugsley Jr. Ushers were Ross Williams & Matt Eide. Mass participants included Tom Osterman (reader), Lawrence Schaefer & Ken Osterman (servers), Genevieve Gagnon (eucharistic minister), and Don Bouling (eulogist). Internment followed at the Chester Cemetery where military taps & flag presentation was made by Don Buffington. A luncheon was held at the church basement. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Memorial gifts will be given to the Liberty County Hospital or donor's choice.
Darlene Meyers

Darlene Velta Meyers died Wednesday morning, October 27 in Snohomish, Washington at the age of 59. She resided in Snohomish County for most of the last 34 years and was employed by Boeing as an FAA Inspector at the time of her death. Services are to be held at 4 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Snohomish on Tuesday, November 2, 1993.

Darlene was born December 15, 1933 in Havre, Montana, to Emery and Edna (Bradbury) Haymaker. She served in the United States Air Force and later moved to Washington. She is survived by her son Merle Meyers of Snohomish, his wife Cindy and her grandchildren Morgan and Dustin, her sisters Marion (Behunin) Hullinger, Harriet Moore, Lorraine Laursen, Betty Layton, Virginia Wilmes, Edna Jones, Beryl Thomasson and Carol Taylor and her brothers Lloyd Haymaker and Clinton Haymaker and two step sisters Dorothy Ulmen and Doris Welsh and numerous nieces and nephews. Her stepsister Connie Hass preceded her in death on September 22. She enjoyed extensive travel throughout her life, deep sea fishing, reading and extending her knowledge of the Boeing planes which she inspected. She achieved a high level of respect as an inspector, giving attention to every detail and concern of Federal regulations and Boeing customers. Many co-workers became personal friends through their association with her.

One of Darlene's greatest pleasures and highest priorities was time spent with relatives and friends. Darlene kept fond memories of her classmates and former teachers, some of whom she maintained contact with since her move from Montana. Those who have been around her are fortunate to have known her appreciation for high standards and loving thoughtfulness toward her friends and family.

Donations in memory of Darlene may be made to Christ the King Memorial Fund.
JOHN ALEXANDER MORRISON
Born: June 25, 1918 – Died: May 11, 1993
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John Morrison

John Alexander Morrison was born at Inverness, Montana on June 25, 1918. He was one of 11 children born to Mary Milne and Arthur Morrison. His father had homesteaded near Mount Lily in the Sweetgrass Hills in 1910. John grew up on the farm and attended the Laird School near there.

On September 1, 1941 John married Gladys McDermott at Sunburst. During those early married years they worked for numerous ranches in the Sweetgrass Hills community. John also worked in the oilfields near Oilmont for three years. In 1949 they purchased the family ranch near Whillash. In addition to dryland farming, they raised sheep during the first 20 years and cattle in the second 20 years; they always remained dedicated to the livestock industry.

Due to John's declining health, they sold the ranch in 1990 and retired to Great Falls, where they purchased a home on the northwest side. They have lived there since.

John suffered from heart disease and leukemia. He was recently hospitalized at the Montana Deaconess medical Center where he died on the evening of Tuesday, May 11th. He was 74 years old.

In his younger years, Johnnie had been an active participant in the local rodeo circuit. He has remained an avid spectator fan of rodeo all these years. John and Gladys loved music and dancing, especially country western music and square-dancing, and they attended a lot of dances during those early days. John liked to attend "auction sales" because of the social contacts; he loved being with friends and neighbors. Johnnie had a good sense of humor, and consequently, was quite a story-teller. He never joined any organized clubs because of his loyalty to the ranch; he worked hard to keep his place in good shape. They built and maintained the ranches' out-buildings, corrals, and fences. John was very mechanically inclined and enjoyed working on motors of all kinds. At functions with family and friends, he enjoyed playing pinochle. During his quiet time at home, John liked to read (especially farm magazines and news publications). He also meditated and made his private prayers, for he knew Jesus well.

John loved the innocence of children and the spontaneous energy of young adults. Kids made him happy and he made kids happy! John loved his family and was proud to have celebrated 50+ years of married life with Gladys.

John was preceded in death by his parents, by two sisters (Kathleen and Mary), and by three brothers (James, Arthur, and Francis). Of interest was the fact that John died on May 11th... the same date three years earlier that his brother (Artie died).

John is survived by his wife, Gladys of Great Falls; two sons, Clarence (and his wife, Alice) of Livingston and Kenneth of Oilmont; a daughter and her husband, Darlene and Mark Donovan of Bozeman; three granddaughters, Dana McGiboney and Darcy and Sheila Morrison; three great-grandchildren; five sisters, Lily Murray of Scotland, Mabel Gatz of Helena, Violet Racine of Medford, Oregon, Margaret Sarrazin of Livingston and Lucy Lakey of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces.

The funeral mass was held at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 15 at St. William's Catholic Church in Shelby with Father Joe Morgan serving as celebrant. A niece, Natalie Ghakiere, did the eulogy. Another niece, Penny Ray, served as vocalist/guitarist and performed "The Old Rugged Cross", "Green, Green Grass of Home", and "I Love You Truly". Connie Moore was the pianist. Ushers were Buster Brown and Doug Demarest. Pallbearers were Doug Gatz, Tom Lakey, Bob Sarrazin, Bob Morrison, Don McGiboney and Warren Iverson. Other friends serving as honorary bearers included Ron Wehr, Ken Jeppesen, Ben Morrison, John Cicon, Loran Hawks, B. J. Oswood, Mike Mattson and Arnie Woods.

Interment was in the Mountainview Cemetery in Shelby with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. A luncheon followed at the church school building.

May 19, 1993
JULIA MARIE "JUDY" JOHNSON MOSS

Born: March 8, 1915 - Died: November 5, 1993

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November 10, 1993

Judy Marie ("Judy") Johnson was born in Liberty County, Montana on March 8th, 1915. She was one of ten children born to Montana homesteaders, Arthur K. and Marie (Enerson) Johnson. Judy grew up on the family farm northwest of Joplin and attended the Meldrum Country School near there. Following her formal education, Judy began working as a cook/housekeeper on the Frank Laird ranch. A few years later she moved to Fort Peck where she worked in a restaurant. While in Fort Peck, Judy met and married Leo Morlan, and the product of the marriage was a daughter. After their divorce, Judy lived in Billings and Roundup where she continued to work as a waitress. While in Roundup, she married Sam Moss and helped raise his four children and several grandchildren. After 20 years in Roundup, Judy moved to Havre in 1969 and has lived there since. While in Havre, she worked as a private housekeeper and a waitress in several restaurants. She maintained her own home until this past June when her health failed. At that time she came to Chester to live at the Liberty County Nursing Home. She died there on Friday morning (November 5th, 1993) at the age of 78 years...

Judy had been baptized in the Joplin Lutheran Parish. She was an excellent cook, an immaculate homemaker, and she enjoyed yardwork. In her quiet hours at home she liked to do puzzles and watch television (she was especially fond of the Nashville station and Christian broadcasts). Judy enjoyed visiting with family and friends, and she always had many humorous stories to tell...

"She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Larry (Arlene) O'Leary of Boise, Idaho; two grandchildren, Shawn and Larry O'Leary; two brothers, Victor and Paul Johnson, both of north Chester; three sisters, Lilian Rohrig of Portland, Oregon, Jean Marsich of Billings, and Doris Humphries of Gainesville, Georgia; two step-children and two step-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers (Arthur and Maynard), and two sisters (Jennie and Ellen).

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday (November 9th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester with Reverend Tom Dunham officiating. John Osler served as pianist and vocal tributes by Judy Solomon included "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer". Pallbearers were Art and Mike Johnson, John and Rudy Cicon, Jeff Holsapple and John Anderson. Honorary bearers were Sam Peace, Dennis Schubring and Ralph Anderson. Interment was in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery. A coffee hour for family and friends followed.
ELAINE (HAWKINS) NARESTAD
Born: June 20, 1901 - Died: May 8, 1993
Liberty County Times
July 14, 1993

Elaine Narestad
Elaine (Hawkins) Narestad, 85, passed away in Coeur d'Alene on May 8 following emergency surgery on May 4.

Funeral services were held in the First Lutheran Church in Sandpoint. Pastor Dennis Hanson conducted the services with interment following in Pinecrest Memorial Park.

A special tribute was paid by the DAR. Memorials can be made to the First Lutheran Church in Sandpoint.

Elaine, the daughter of area pioneers William E. and Helen (Ashley) Hawkins, was born in Sandpoint on June 20, 1907. She was raised on her parents' homestead at Sunnyside on the north shore of Lake Pend Oreille. She attended area schools until her junior year, when she transferred to North Central High School in Spokane. She was graduated in 1925.

Elaine was graduated from Washington State Normal School in Bellingham, Washington in 1927 and was a teacher in Rudyard, Montana from 1927 until 1938. She met Evan Narestad in Rudyard and they were married December 22, 1928 in Havre.

After attending Albion Normal School in Berkeley, California, Elaine was a teacher in Bonner County from 1938 until 1943. Following World War 2, she and Evan owned and operated Evan's Cafe in Rudyard from 1946 until 1967. Elaine also taught school in Rudyard for five years. They retired and moved to Sunnyside in Bonner County. Evan Narestad passed away in 1974.

Elaine was a faithful and active member of the First Lutheran Church in Sandpoint. She also was active in Delta Kappa Gamma (an honorary teachers' organization), the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sandpoint Civic Club, and Oden Busy Bees. She was a tireless community volunteer, serving at the Odd Fellows Plaza, Sandpoint Manor and Bonner County Historical Society and Museum.

She is survived by a brother, Dalton A. Hawkins of Sunnyside; 11 nieces and nephews, 43 grandnieces and grandnephews; and many great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.
Effie Ness

Effie (Mondy) Ness died of natural causes at her home May 8th.
Services were held at 10 a.m., May 11th at the Fortine Community Church.
Burial was at the Fortine Cemetery with Viol Funeral Home of Eureka in charge of the arrangements.

She was born December 22, 1915 in Joel, Idaho to Jim and Jessie Mondy and was raised and educated in Galata, MT.

On June 20, 1936 she married Clarence Ness in Whitefish. They lived in Whitefish for many years before moving to Fortine in 1955.

She is survived by her husband of Fortine, a daughter Sharon Jones of Kalispell, three sons, Daniel Ness of Clatshanie, Oregon, Rodney Ness and Tim Ness of Fortine, one brother Bert Mondy of Idaho Falls, Idaho, two sisters, Hazel Hunt of Salem, Oregon and Iva Sherrard of Great Falls and 14 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter Kay McAtee, a brother Bud Mondy and a grandson.
Sarah Mae (Miller) O'Neil, a Rudyard area resident for over 40 years, died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on Sunday, April 25, her 60th birthday.

She was born in Rogers, Kent., on April 25, 1933, the daughter of Georgie Beatrice Crowe and Leonard Miller. She received her early education in Kentucky and finished her schooling in Indiana. While living in Indiana, she met Frederick O'Neil, a serviceman, and they were married on Dec. 17, 1952, raising a family of six children.

She had suffered from a lengthy illness for the last 10 years.

She was active in the Order of the Easter Star of Joplin and was past Worthy Matron. She also received the Rainbow “Grand Cross of Colors.”

Her hobbies included caring for her flowers, working in the garden, canning garden produce, painting by numbers and reading, especially romance and Western stories. She also did needlepoint, played solitaire and completed word-search puzzles in quiet hours. She was always loyal to her family and friends and sent them frequent cards and letters. She loved her family, especially the grandchildren, and was generally content during her 40 years of marriage to Fred.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons—Leo (and his wife, Penny) of Sheldon, Ia.; David (and his wife, Angie) of Havre, Mont.; and Ross (and his wife, Rose) of Rudyard; two daughters—Tammie Gatzeimer, Hingham, Mont.; Judy Campeau (and her husband, Shawn) of Chester; 13 grandchildren; one brother, Lester Creech of Nashville, Tenn.; two sisters—Nella Gass, Conroe, Tex., and Connie Mills of Tampa, Fl.; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Troy; a son, Warren; and a granddaughter, Misty Dawn.

Funeral services will be today, Wednesday, April 28, at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with the Rev. Jeff Olsgaard officiating. Stanleigh Barbie will be the pianist with Joe Horeal singing “The Wind Beneath My Wings.”

Pallbearers will be Glen Cook, James Diemert, Terry Gallagher, Jack Nelson, Don Hansen and Ray Warhank. Ushers will be Shy Horeal and Allan Strissel.

Interment will follow in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon will be held at the church.

Memorial gifts will be given to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester.
ALVIN LEWIS OSBORNE

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October 6, 1993

Alvin Osborne

Alvin Lewis Osborne was born on February 15, 1916 at Enid, Montana. He came from a large family. His natural parents were Maude Garrison Franklin Osborne, but Alvin was raised by foster parents, Ole and Maude Brevik, who were Galata area farmers. Alvin received his formal education at the Galata School, then began working various jobs around Toole County. During the construction of Fort Peck Dam he worked as a heavy machine operator.

On April 8th, 1941 Alvin married Vieanna M. Frederickson at Chester. While there Al worked as a mechanic and they also ran a grocery store for several years. In 1942 Al enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following his honorable discharge in 1945, he returned to Montana. From 1948-1960 he farmed the Brevik place near Galata. They moved to Shelby where they owned and operated the Star Motel for 17 years. In addition Alvin worked in the Toole County shop as a machinist and also worked for Jim Midboe Construction. He retired in the early 1980's and has made his home in Shelby. Al's health has slowly deteriorated since 1985 and he moved to the Toole County Nursing Home in December of 1992. He died there on Wednesday (September 29, 1993) at the age of 77 years.

Alvin held memberships in the Shelby American Legion and V.F.W. In his younger years he enjoyed hunting, fishing and dancing. He liked western music, chess, checkers and wood working. He always enjoyed working in his vegetable garden and as a hobby he raised bees. Al loved birds (he had two pet birds, a cockatiel and a finch). Al was fond of his family and was happy during his 50+ years of marriage to Vi.

In addition to his wife of Shelby, Al is survived by two sons, Henry of Denver, Colorado and Lester of Roundup; one daughter, Shirley Hendrick of Lakeside; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three brothers, Harry Osborne of Melones Island, Minnesota, Mansfield Osborne of Ryan, Oklahoma and Kermit Parker of Sonoma, California; one sister, Flora Spanbauer of Seal Beach, California; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, numerous siblings (including Mildred, Sulion, Lloyd, Alta, Rueben, and Adam), and a great-grandson (Christopher McCready).

Alvin was cremated per his wishes. Memorial services were held at 4 p.m. Saturday, October 2nd at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby with Reverend Joe Haugestuen officiating. Vocalist, Dolores Mateson, sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Joan Haugestuen.

Special military rites were presented by friends in the Shelby V.F.W. and American Legion. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to the American Lung Association.
Joyce Peppenger

Joyce E. Peppenger, 51, a bookkeeper and secretary, died Saturday, April 17, 1993, in a Great Falls nursing home after an extended illness.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Croxford and Sons Rose Room. Cremation has taken place.

She was born November 21, 1941, in Charleston, Maine, and was a graduate of the Higgins Classical Institute in that state.

She married Dennis Albert Peppenger on July 18, 1968, in Bangor, Maine. He was in the military and they lived in various parts of the country before coming to Great Falls in 1976.

Peppenger worked as a school secretary in Maine and was a civil service bookkeeper and secretary at Malmstrom Air Force Base for six years.

She enjoyed crocheting.

Survivors include her husband; her mother, Edna Amero of East Corinth, Maine; daughters, Donna Peppenger of Great Falls and Kathy Peppenger of Grand Forks, N.D.; sons, Gary Peppenger of Great Falls and David Peppenger of Missoula; sisters, Thelma and Helen of San Diego, Vivian, Rita and Harriet of Maine, and Shirley of New Jersey; brothers, George of Detroit and Gerald of Florida; two grandchildren.
He had been a member of the Brady Rifle Club and the Havre Eagles Club. His hobbies were hunting and fishing, and he had a modest collection of guns. He also enjoyed traveling and snowmobiling. Stan was a dedicated farmer who enjoyed “puttering around the farm” and keeping things in good order. He was best described as a quiet, unpretentious man whose greatest enjoyment was simply being with family and friends.

Stan is survived by his wife, Marjorie of Rudyard; three daughters and their spouses, Janet and Lewis Wendland of Richland, Washington, Karen and Richard Fisher of Rudyard, and Lea Ann and David DiTommaso of Billings; two sons and their spouses, Gene and Vickie Petersen of Kalispell and Lyle and Darra Petersen of Rudyard; 13 grandchildren, including Kristin, Merideth, Rebecca, Cody, Lacey, Logan, Savannah, Spencer, Reed, Dain, Tia, Gina and Jesse; mother-in-law, Tillie Matthys of Brady; three sisters, Bernice Nash of Essex, Maxine Penix of Marysville, Washington, and Marjorie Baumann of Conrad; two brothers, Bruce Petersen of Brady and Merle Petersen of Kremlin; and numerous nieces and nephews. Stan was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers (Russel and Roland).

Rosary services were held at 8 p.m. Thursday, August 19 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. The funeral mass was celebrated by Msgr. Martin Werner at 11 a.m. Friday at the church. Stan’s granddaughters participated in the mass; Merideth Wendland served as reader and Lacey Fisher sang “On Eagle’s Wings”. The Sacred Heart Choir sang “Whispering Hope”, accompanied by Iris White on the organ. Ushers were Darby Ditmar, Don Han and Byron Boucher. Pallbearers were Dick Matthys, Fred Walker, Gary Petersen, Merle Petersen, Richard Schenk, Hugo Aspavag, Dick Ditmar, Gene Petersen, Lyle Petersen, Lewis Wendland, Richard Fisher and David DiTommaso. Memorial bearers were all of Stan’s grandchildren and a special young friend, Colin White. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery where members of the Havre V.F.W. group provided military rites. Christopher Aageson played military “taps”. Following the committal services, a luncheon was given at the Rudyard Youth Center by the Holy Family Altar Society. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.
LEONARD DAVID PUGSLEY, JR.
Born: August 6, 1908 – Died: June 19, 1993

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June 23, 1993

Leonard Pugsley, Jr.

Leonard David Pugsley, Jr. was born in Great Falls, Montana on August 6th, 1908. He was one of three children born to Anna Clink & Leonard Pugsley, Sr. He grew up on the family farm 18 miles south of Chester and attended the Pugsley country school. Leonard finished his formal education at a boys academy in Helena, then returned to his homestead south of Chester where he farmed/ranched the rest of his life. On this past Saturday afternoon, June 19th, Leonard was driving a cattletruck on the Tiber Dam Road in southern Liberty County when the steering mechanism malfunctioned. The truck went out of control and he died from traumatic injuries. He was 84 years old.

Leonard loved working on the farm. He was an excellent mechanic and could repair most any machine. He was self-educated when it came to mechanics & electronics; he studied schematics & journals until he became knowledgeable at the subject at hand. For instance, in those early years of steam engines for irrigation, Leonard studied to get his boiler-makers license. He also constructed & used one of the first arc welders in this area.

Leonard enjoyed the cattle business, too. Many years ago he was experimenting with cross-breeding. He made a trip to Scotland and purchased several head of Scottish Highlander cattle to be used on his ranch in Montana.

In 1950 Leonard got interested in thoroughbred horses, so he began raising & training them for the horse-racing circuit. He was a charter member of the Montana Thoroughbred Association, and on three separate occasions he received the “Montana Mare of the Year” award for his exceptional horses. At the time of his death, Leonard was still actively involved in the horse-racing business.

In his younger years Leonard enjoyed big game hunting. He was an excellent shot, an report is he could “pickoff a running coyote at 200 yards”! He had other interests, too. He liked music and taught himself how to play the fiddle. He had a large collection of old cars that he enjoyed tinkering with. He was an amateur astronomer; he loved to view the stars & constellations through his telescope.

Leonard never married. He was a very quiet man who kept to himself. The only social functions he ever attended were the horse races, auction sales, or an occasional “Fiddler’s Jamboree”. Still, he enjoyed life and always maintained a good sense of humor. He was a good one for making profound humorous statements, many of which were affectionately repeated by his nephews & nieces and prefaced by “Uncle Leonard says”. For example, he loved candy & sweets, and one of his common statements was “It would sure be a dull world without chocolate.”

Probably Leonard’s greatest attribute was his unselfish generosity. He was a very frugal person when it came to personal needs, but always gave a large portion of his income to all of the charities that solicited him. Leonard was also gracious when it came to remembering his nephews & nieces on those special holidays.

Leonard is survived by a sister, Nancy Torrey of Las Vegas, Nevada; a brother, Robert Pugsley Sr. of Chester; 1 nephew, Robert Pugsley Jr.; 4 nieces, Idella Feiber, Ellen Kemper, Elizabeth Schriber, & Edie Hernandez; and numerous great-nephews/nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held today (Wednesday, June 23rd) at 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Tom Dunham will officiate. Music will be provided by organist Juanita Wardell, and vocalist Wayne Wardell. Ushers will be Oscar Erickson & Doug Lund. Pallbearers will be David Pugsley, Kent Matkin, Allen Brown, Paul Meissner, Bud Breachurst, & Fred Skiero. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery there will be a luncheon for family & friends at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.
Lucille E. Quackenbush

SHELBY — Lucille E. Quackenbush, 83, a retired nurse, died Friday at a Shelby nursing home of natural causes.

A wake will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Whitted Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. William Catholic Church in Shelby. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Bridger Cemetery.

Born Nov. 5, 1910, in Stanley, N.D., she graduated from high school there and received her nursing degree at Minot, N.D. In 1933 she married William Quackenbush and they came to Montana in 1949. She worked at a hospital in Columbus as a nurse.

She was a member of the Altar Society of the Catholic Church and enjoyed playing cards and working crossword puzzles.

Survivors include four daughters, Veanne Hawbaker of Shelby, Kay Foster of Spokane, Bonnie Hartman of Grand Junction, Colo., and Margaret Jones of Dulce, N.M.; a son, Jim Quackenbush of Everett, Wash.; 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Her husband died in 1965.
MARIE (GUENTHER) REGAN
Born: June 18, 1913 - Died: October 21, 1993
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October 27, 1993

Marie (Guenther) Regan was born in rural Elgin, North Dakota on June 18, 1913. She was one of nine children and her parents were Wilhelm and Maria (Hauff) Guenther. Marie grew up in North Dakota and graduated from Elgin High School in 1933. She came to Missoula, Montana where she met and married William C. Regan in 1935. In the years that followed, they lived in Butte, Anaconda and Missoula. Her husband died in 1956. Marie remained in Missoula until the 1960's, then moved to Chester to be near her daughter and family. While in Chester, Marie worked as a nurse's aide at the Liberty County Nursing Home for several years. In 1976 she suffered a stroke, which forced her retirement. Marie was one of the first residents of the Sweetgrass Lodge in 1979, and she has lived there since. In recent months her health has deteriorated. Marie died at the Liberty County Hospital on this past Thursday morning October 21, 1993. She was 80 years old.

Marie had graduated from hairdresser's school in Missoula and worked in that business for many years. Her hobbies included sewing, crocheting and reading. In her younger years she enjoyed bowling and she has remained a spectator fan of professional baseball. Marie is best described as a quiet, unpretentious lady who kept to herself.

Her survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Tom Ludwig of Chester; six grandchildren, Jeanna Kucera of Duluth, Minnesota, Jackie VanDyke of Cocoa, Florida, Jenni Wicks of Chester, Jeri May of Joplin, Terry Walter of Federal Way, Washington and Bill Regan, Jr. of Federal Way, Washington; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Hilda Schmidt of Sarasota, Florida; and numerous nephews and nieces. Marie was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents but also by her son (William in 1991) a grandson and seven siblings.

Funeral services were officiated by Reverend Lyndon Kacick at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (October 23rd) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Iris White served as organist and vocal music by Jerry Toner included "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were Dave Wicks, Brian May, Thomas Toner and Lee Ludwig. Memorial bearers included all of Marie's friends at the Sweetgrass Lodge and the nurses and aides who cared for her during her numerous admissions at L.C.H.N.H. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the Sweetgrass Lodge. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Liberty County Hospital.
BLANCHE PETRINE REMINGTON
Born: September 30, 1921 - Died: June 12, 1993
Liberty County Times
June 16, 1993

Blanche Remington

Blanche Petrine Lingen was born at Starbuck, Minnesota on September 30th, 1921. She was one of eight children born to Carl and Minnie (Bakko) Lingen. Blanche grew up on the Lingen family farm near Starbuck and received her early education at a country school in Pope County. She graduated from Starbuck High School in 1939, then attended the Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis. Blanche was married on August 3, 1943 to Robert Las Remington in Pope County (at St. John's Lutheran Church where she had been baptized and confirmed). They lived in Villard, Minnesota and worked at the creamery there. In 1955 the Remington's moved to Montana and began working on the Allen Kolstad farm - Bob as a ranch hand and Blanche as a cook. They moved into Chester in 1962 when Bob was elected to the position of Liberty County Sheriff. Blanche worked as a secretary for county attorney, William Hunt, before accepting the job as Liberty County Deputy Treasurer in 1968. Bob died in 1971. Blanche continued working at the courthouse until her retirement in 1985. She remained in her Chester home until last year, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge. Following a long illness, Blanche died at the Liberty County Hospital on the morning of Saturday (June 12th). She was 71 years old.

Blanche's involvement in church had always been important to her. She attended St. Olaf's when they lived in Ledger and Our Savior's after moving to Chester. In addition to serving as Our Savior's church treasurer and organist, she also sang in the choir, was active in Bible study groups, and enjoyed working in the A.L.C.W. quilting projects.

Blanche had also served on the board of the Liberty County Credit Union and was treasurer of the American Legion Auxiliary for many years. In Minnesota she volunteered as an extension leader for the Pope County 4-H Clubs. As a young mother, Blanche enjoyed ice-skating and playing cards with her kids. Other hobbies included crocheting, sewing, baking and working crossword puzzles. Blanche had several collections, including stamps, napkins and salt and pepper shakers. Probably her greatest love of all was her family; she loved to "spoil" her grandkids.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Roger (Dorothy) Herman and Mrs. Carl (Carol) Morkrid of Great Falls; three grandchildren, Laura, Darron and Brian; one great-grandson, Robert; one brother, Clifford Lingen of Great Falls; three sisters, Marie Odegard of Starbuck, Minnesota and Olive and Ida Forbord of Benson, Minnesota; and numerous nephews and nieces. Blanche was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a grandson (Gary Herman), a brother (Gerhard), and twin-sisters in infancy.

Funeral services will be today (Wednesday, June 16th) at 11 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Reverend Tom Dunham officiating. Juanita Wardell will serve as organist and the congregation will sing "Amazing Grace." Vocalist, Tammy Enghusen, will sing "The Lord's Prayer."

Pallbearers will be Allen Kolstad, John Sherrard, Ted Underdal, Mort Skari, Chris Kolstad and Irwin Underdahl. Ushers are Gary and Carmen Jansen. Memorial bearers will be listed as Curt Morkrid, Sewald Odegard, Adler Forbord, Myron Forbord and all of Blanche's friends at the Sweetgrass Lodge. Allen Kolstad will serve as eulogist. Following burial in the Chester cemetery, there will be a luncheon at the church basement for friends and relatives. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.
MARIAN (SEE) ROMAIN

Born: March 12, 1922 - Died: October 21, 1993

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Marian is best remembered by the way she loved her family.

Her survivors include a son and daughter-in-law Kenneth and Greta Romain of Chester; a daughter, Connie Romain of Great Falls; a son Dennis Romain of Fort Benton; a son and daughter-in-law Brian and Heidi Romain of Chester and a son Dallas Romain of Fort Benton. Seven grandchildren, Deanna Romain of Jamestown, North Dakota; Wesli Romain of Oyster Bay, New York; Jesse B. Romain of Chester; Jarrid, Jenaya and Jaelyn Rockman of Great Falls and Bradley John Romain of Chester; a brother and sister-in-law Corbin and Joyce See of Hinsdale. Also by a special friend and companion, Bob Vischer of Carter. Marian was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents but also by a granddaughter, Kendra Jayne Romain in 1992.

Funeral services were officiated by Pastor Ken Johns at 2:00 on Tuesday (October 26th) at the O'Connor Memorial Chapel in Great Falls. Vocal music by Karen Lippert included: "M-O-T-H-E-R, (The Sweetest Name I Know)", "In The Garden" and "Just a Closer Walk with Thee".

Pallbearers were Stuart Stone, John Nuxoll, Mark Johnsrude, Larry See, Tim Braun and Willy Vischer. Honorary pallbearers were Ben Orav, Steven Romain, Jim Carter and Russ Eklund. Burial was in the Manchester Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the Elk's Club in Great Falls. Memorials are suggested to the Kendra Jayne Romain Memorial Scholarship or the American Diabetes Association.
ARTHUR MELVIN RUGTVEDT
Born: ? , 1912 - Died: April 12, 1993
Liberty County Times
April 28, 1993

April 28-1993
Arthur Rugtvedt

Arthur Melvin Rugtvedt, 81, a Rudyard-area farmer for most of his life, died on April 12, 1993 at his residence in Sparks, Nev.

Funeral services were on Friday, April 16 at Waltons Funeral Home in Sparks with entombment at the Masonic Memorial Gardens in Reno.

Rugtvedt was born in Havre, farmed for most of his life near Rudyard and moved to Sparks nine and a half years ago.

On Oct. 10, 1938 he married Theresa Oraw at Winnett, Mont. He was a member of the Elks P.P.O. Lodge #1201 in Havre. He was active in church member and helped build Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

As one of the first Water Board members, he was a fishing and sports enthusiast.

Preceding him in death were his parents August and Maren Rugtvedt, brother Isaac, sisters Florence Kulbeck and Bertha Bilderback and daughter Judy Diane.

He is survived by his widow of Sparks; three daughters, Arlene Larsen, Antioch, Calif., Leda Nugent, Butte, Mont. and Brenda Schweitzer of Sparks, Nev.

Other survivors are his sisters—Gladys Lynch, Rudyard; Anna Brundige, Spokane, Wash. and grand children Nicola Powell and Travis and Tyson Schweitzer.
Obert Sanvik

Obert Sanvik, 80 years of age, a retired farmer and a resident of Hot Springs, Mt. died on June 17, 1993 at a Plains, Mt. hospital of natural causes.

Funeral service were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 1993 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Rudyard, Mt. with Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiating. Burial was at the Highland Cemetery in Havre at 4:00 p.m.

Organist was Iris White.

The vocalists were: Dennis and Barry Kenfield. Barry sang "Beyond the Sunset" and Dennis sang "Amazing Grace". They also sang a duet "How Great Thou Art".

The ushers were: Wayne and Merlin Wolery.

The Pallbearers were: Bradley Kenfield, Douglas Kenfield, Joe DeMartin, Lowell Strissel, Gary Klimpel, Dirk Kenfield, Paul Wolery and Donald Smith.

Obert was born on June 16, 1913 at Gilford, Mt. the son of Ole and Lena (Berge) Sanvik. He later moved with his family to Havre, Harlem and finally to Rudyard. He graduated from the Rudyard High School in 1933. He worked with his father and brother Selmer in the Sanvik store in Rudyard for several years. In 1934 in Great Falls he married the former Alice Kenfield. The couple started farming in the Grassy Butte area north of Inverness in 1934. After retiring from farming in 1975, the couple spent several winters in Arizona and moved to Hot Springs in 1980. Overt enjoyed fishing, rug hooking, carpenter work, sports of all kinds, and spent many pleasant hours reading, watching television and visiting with his friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Darla Sanvik, one brother Orris and one Sister Agnes.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Sanvik of Hot Springs; two brothers: Selmer Sanvik of Rudyard, and Robert Sanvik of Mesa Arizona; one sister, Lillian DeMartin of Rudyard and Norma LaFrance of Kalispell; also numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials in Mr. Sanvik's honor may be made to a donors church or choice of charities.

Holland and Bonine funeral home was in charge of arrangements.
Cleo Scott

Cleo Scott, age 84, died at her home in Prineville, Oregon on Wednesday, April 14th, 1993.

Memorial services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, April 19th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Prineville. The Prineville Funeral Home was in charge. Any memorial gifts in memory of Mrs. Scott will be directed to the Prineville Hospice Group or the Lutheran Church in Prineville.

Burial will be on Thursday, April 22nd, in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery. Graveside services will be conducted by Pastor Tom Dunham at 11 a.m.

Cleo was born at Mapleton, Minnesota on August 9th, 1908. She was a twin daughter and one of five children born to Ingborn “Emma” Hill and Gustav “Gus” Lindeland. Her parents were early Montana homesteaders, settling southwest of Chester in 1910. It seems that Cleo attended the Prairie Rose Country School south of Chester and graduated from high school at Pemberton, Minnesota in 192... then attended Heald’s Business School in Sacramento, California where she studied secretarial skills. She did office work for many years. In 1949 she married Orval Scott in Seattle, Washington. They lived in Longview, Washington before moving to Prineville, Oregon where they have been for many years.

Cleo was an active member of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church there and also was involved in the Prineville 4-H clubs.

Her only survivors are her husband, Orval of Prineville; three nieces and two nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents (who are buried in the Chester Cemetery), two sisters, and two brothers.
Louise Seuser

Deloris Louise Seuser, 54, a former teacher and farmer, a resident of rural Inverness, died August 5 at a neighbor's residence north of Inverness, from fumes she inhaled while helping a neighbor clean the drains in her home.

Funeral services are scheduled at 11 a.m. today (Wednesday, August 11) at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiating. Burial will be at the Rudyard Cemetery.

Louise was born on November 13, 1938 at Havre, the daughter of Victor and Adeline (Wicks) Seuser. She attended a country school north of Inverness. Louise graduated from high school at Rudyard. Louise was a graduate of the Montana State University at Bozeman with a degree in teaching. After graduation she taught school along the Hi-Line areas. Louise moved to Ames, Iowa to work on her Masters Degree. After her father's death she returned to Rudyard and taught Home Economics and art classes at the Junior High and High School levels at the former Rudyard schools and later at the Blue Sky Schools. After the death of her mother Louise took over the operation of the family farm where she farmed and raised cattle. She had retired from teaching approximately four years ago.

She was a member and leader of the Chirping Meadowlark 4-H Club of North Joplin-Inverness. Louise was a long-time member of the 4-H clubs and a 4-H leader for many years and active in many 4-H activities.

She was always willing to assist her neighbors and was very fond of cats. Louise was also a member of the Montana Education Association.

Memorials in Miss Seuser's memory may be made to the Chirping Meadowlark 4-H Club or the State 4-H Association or the Hill County 4-H.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her sister, Laura Richardson of Renton, Washington, her brother-in-law Steve Richardson of Renton, Washington, two nephews, Michael and Jon Richardson, both of Renton, and her uncle, Walter Wicks of Inverness.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
Chirping Meadowlarks pay tribute to friend of 4-H

Louise Seuser, who died Thursday, August 5, was honored this past week at the Great Northern Fair in Havre. Seuser, a well known Hi-Line resident, was recognized for her dedication to 4-H with a display in the 4-H building telling of her years of service to 4-H and the youth of Hill and Liberty Counties. Pink ribbons were also given out for all to wear in her honor.

The Chirping Meadowlark 4-H Club also participated in the funeral for Seuser, held Wednesday, August 11, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

An overflow crowd listened as the 4-Hers sang "The Wedding Banquet" and "Friends". Soloist and 4-H member Cally Wolery sang "Prayers". Other vocalists included Ms. Seuser's cousins Wayne Wardell, Dale Wicks, Dave Wicks and Karen Wicks Haughey. The organist was Stanleigh Barbie.

Pallbearers were Russ Wicks, Dave Wicks, Dale Wicks, Norman Wicks, Mark Wicks and Gary Cady.

Pastor Jeff Olsgaard read a moving letter of memory from Jane Wolery looking back on the contributions Louise had made to her life and the "pages" of her life that Louise had touched.

A tribute was given by Mr. Jim Smith of the Blue Sky School District acknowledging her contributions as a teacher, leader and friend in the Hi-Line community. He further recognized the sense of family that develops in rural communities among friends and how this was so true in Louise's life.

In addition to her "community and 4-H family" she is survived by her sister, Laura Richardson, her brother-in-law Steve Richardson, two nephews Michael and Jon Richardson all of Renton, Washington; her uncles Bert Wicks and family of Rudyard, Walt Wicks and family of Chester; cousin Sterling Wardell and family of Chester; and numerous cousins and relatives from other areas.

Laura's address is: 17212 - 161st Ave. S.E., Renton, Washington 98055.

In Memory Of
DELORIS LOUISE SEUSER

BORN:
NOVEMBER 13, 1938
HAVRE, MONTANA

DIED:
AUGUST 5, 1993
INVERNESS, MONTANA

FUNERAL SERVICES:
OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1993
11:00 A.M.

OFFICIANT:
REV. JEFF OLSGAARD

ORGANIST:
STANLEIGH BARBIE

SOLOISTS:
WAYNE WARDELL KAREN HAUGHEY

BURY:
RUDYARD CEMETERY

IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS:
HOLLAND & BONINE FUNERAL HOME
Kenneth Axel Shaw

Kenneth Axel Shaw, 78, of 4010 Oxbow Road, a longtime employee of the Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association, died Saturday at his home of cancer.

A joint memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Croxford and Sons Rose Room, for Shaw and his wife, Elizabeth B. Shaw. She died in 1990.

Burial of ashes will be in the Highland Cemetery with military honors. Memorials are suggested to Peace Hospice and Gifts of Life.

He was born Nov. 25, 1914, in Granville, N.D. He moved to Great Falls as a child in 1927 and attended schools there.

In 1943, he married Elizabeth B. Lewis.

He joined the Army in 1943 and served as a medic in the Philippines, Japan and New Guinea. He was discharged in 1946.

He retired from the grain terminal association after 30 years and then worked for Sears in the paint department.

He was an active member of the Elks and was past post commander.

He enjoyed bowling.

He is survived by two daughters, Carol Hutchinson of Yakima, Wash., and Suzanne Ordaz of Great Falls; two sons, Larry Shaw of Great Falls, and Russell Shaw of Fort Benton; two sisters, Edna Anfinson of Colville, Wash., and Vi Lohmeier of Lincoln, Neb.; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
Leo Shepherd

Leo Wayne Shepherd, age 66, 340 4th Ave. East, Apt. #C-1, Kalispell, passed away on Thursday, November 4, 1993 at Brendan House. Leo was a dedicated Montana educator, coach and administrator.

Leo was born June 20, 1927 on the family farm south of Chester. He was the youngest of five children born to Liberty County homesteaders, Glen and Lottie Mitchell Shepherd. He graduated from Chester High School in 1945. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy as a Seaman First Class, and returned to attend Northern Montana College at Havre, where he earned his Elementary Education diploma. After teaching and coaching for several years in Chester and Kalispell, Leo earned his B.A. in Secondary Education and his Masters Degree in Educational Administration in 1961 from the University of Montana. He was a longtime member of the University of Montana Alumni Association and an avid Grizzly fan.

"Mr. Shepherd" touched the lives of thousands of Montanans through his professional and personal life. He taught and coached boys' and girls' basketball in several Montana communities and served as Superintendent of Schools in Superior, Winnet and Rapelje.

In 1956, Leo was elected as Flathead County Supl. of Schools. Later he became the first Business manager and Registrar for Flathead Valley Community College. Leo was instrumental in establishing LASER (alternative high school) as the project's home school counselor. Governor Tim Babcock appointed him to the Montana Milk Control Board for a five year term. Leo was also employed as a Bank Loan Officer at First National Bank in Kalispell from 1964-1967.

Leo was always active and enjoyed helping others. He liked to visit, travel, camp, carpenter, dancer, play cards, shoot pool and most of all, spend time with his loving wife and family. Leo spent several years as a tour boat captain in Glacier Park and enjoyed many winters in Mesa, Arizona.

Leo is survived by his wife, Arlene Tutvedt Shepherd, his high school sweetheart, whom he married 45 years ago. Other survivors include a son, Glen and his wife, Debra of Kalispell; daughters Lottie and her husband Dan Eggen of Billings; and Lynda and her husband John Baker of Great Falls. Leo was the proud grandfather of seven grandchildren: Shawn and Dan Baker, Tara and Darci Eggen, and Josie, Jennie and Jamie Shepherd. Leo is also survived by his brother, Neil Shepherd of Chester, his stepmother, Ava Shepherd Siderius of Kalispell, two stepsisters, Mary Anna Zauner of Kalispell, and Dixie Tye of Duluth, Minnesota and numerous other relatives. Leo was blessed with many friends and a large, caring family.

At his request, cremation has taken place and no funeral services will be held. A memorial gathering will be in Chester at a later date. Memorials may be given to the school of your choice or to Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, #3, Kalispell, who, along with many others, gave loving support and care during his courageous battle with cancer.
Herbert J. Silberman

Born: March 31, 1905 - Died: May 3, 1993
Liberty County Times
May 5, 1993

Serving as a tank operator in the Army, he was discharged in 1944 and moved to the Reiquan Ranch near Collins where he managed and operated that dryland grain farm and cattle operation until 1988.

He was very active in the Collins Community Club and was an organizer of the Dutton Senior Citizens Center, a member of the Dutton American Legion, Montana Graziers, Montana Stockgrowers Association and Trinity Lutheran Church in Choteau. In 1922 he was interviewed by a representative of the Montana Historical Society about his life on a homestead and his career in agriculture. In 1988 Herb and Bessie were honored as King and Queen of the Choteau 4th of July parade. Always seeking more knowledge, Herb was an avid reader of news magazines and historical and economic books.

He enjoyed the history of America and politics and was well informed on current issues. His constant push for learning encouraged many young people to further their education, including all 16 of his step-grandchildren who have completed college.

Survivors include his wife Bessie, five step-children; Dr. C.W. Reiquam, Denver, CO; Eileen McMichael, Nampa, ID; Kathryn Shepherd, Helena; Doris Swenson, Mesa, AZ; and R.L. (Bob) Reiquam of Dutton; 18 step-grandchildren, and 21 step-great grandchildren. His brothers Alfred of Conrad, Otto and William also survive.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, May 8th at 11 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church at Choteau with Rev. Paul Birkeland officiating, assisted by the Dutton American Legion. Interment of the ashes was in the Veterans Plot at Choteau Cemetery.

Memorials are to be directed to Bob Reiquam, Gorder Funeral Home, Choteau is in charge of funeral arrangements.
BRUCE THOMAS SMH
Born: March 25, 1955 - Died: September 19, 1993
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September 23, 1993

Bruce Thomas Smith was born at Conrad, Montana on March 25th, 1955. He was one of three sons born to Vernonn and Frances (Flage) Smith. Bruce grew up in the Galata area and received his first eight years of education at the Galata School. He graduated in 1972 from Shelby High School. He earned a degree in Electronics and Diesel Repair from Helena Vo Tech and a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Montana College at Havre. He worked at the Shelby Radio and T.V. Clinic, Dib's West Side T.V. Clinic in Great Falls, and Ecklund's in Great Falls. He married Virginia Minor at the Lutheran Church in Shelby in July of 1976. They were divorced in 1984.

Bruce had been living in Great Falls, yet spending time quite often with his mother at Galata. He died Sunday, September 19th at his mother's home in Galata. Bruce had suffered with Hodgkin's Disease since age 9. He was just 38 years old.

He was a member of the Galata Lutheran Church and had been confirmed as a youth by Pastor Alfred Rosgaard.

He is survived by two brothers and their wives, Larry and Lucile Smith of Shelby and Gerald and Sue Smith of Galata; by his mother Frances Smith of Galata; by one nephew, Hank Smith of Seattle, Washington; by four nieces, Bonnie and Brenda Smith of Galata, Danna Pelletier of Cut Bank and Esther Smith of Valier. He was preceded in death by his father Vernonn Smith December 8th, 1992.

Funeral services will be held Friday, September 24th at 10:30 a.m. at the Galata Lutheran Church in Galata with Pastor Tom Hux officiating. Laila Lindberg will be the organist and Carole Hanson will be the vocalist.

Following burial in the Galata Cemetery, there will be a luncheon at the Galata Lutheran Church for friends and relatives. Viewing will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, September 23 at the Whithead Funeral Home in Shelby.
FRANK EDWIN SMITH
Born: January 27, 1960 - Died: May 5, 1993
Liberty County Times
May 12, 1993

Frank Edwin Smith, age 33, died Wednesday (May 5th) at his farm north of Chester. Frank was born on January 27, 1960 in Chester. He was the youngest of five children born to Charles and Monica (Rolph) Smith. He attended Joplin schools and graduated as salutatorian from Joplin High School in 1978. He then attended Montana Tech in Butte for two years. After working in the oil fields in Powell, Wyoming, Frank came back to the family farm north of Chester in 1984. In addition to farming he worked periodically for May Construction. He purchased the family farm in 1991. Frank had a great love for music, which he expressed as a member of a local band called “The Ditchriders.” The highlight of each week was his Tuesday night practices with the four other members of the band. Frank’s other interests included gardening, cooking, golfing and sports.

He is survived by his mother, Monica “Dolly” Smith of Chester; three sisters, Virginia Wood and husband Don of San Ramon, California, Barbara Hamburg and husband James of Helena, and Mary Mansfield and husband Lyle of Clinton, Maryland; one brother, John Smith and wife Lee of Chester; three nieces and six nephews; seven grand-nieces/nephews; and his special friend, Karen Hadford (and her two daughters, Chandra and Danita) of Joplin. Frank was preceded in death by his father in 1984.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8th, at the Joplin Community Hall. Services were conducted by Pastor Don Kelley of Chinook. Christy Fossen served as organist and special music was provided by “The Ditchriders” (Art Johnson, Elvin Sundgren, Jim Coffman and Kim Haaland) who sang “Let It Be”, “I’m Sorry”, “A Tribute to Frank” and “Funeral for a Friend.” Ushers were Steve Dahinden and Steve Stanberry. Pallbearers included Tracy Nelson, Greg May, Ron Johnson, Joe Farley, Tom Graff and Larry Wood. Memorial bearers were classmates of J.H.S. Class of 1978 and his four buddies in “The Ditchriders.” Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the Joplin Hall. Undesignated memorial gifts will be given to the Joplin Community Center.
CLEMENT RANKIN SPICHER
Born: February 12, 1909 - Died: November 12, 1993
Liberty County Times
November 17, 1993

Clement Spicher

Clement Rankin Spicher, 84, and a long-time Missoula resident, died Friday, November 12 in Helena following a short illness. In recent years, Clem and his wife Freda had spent their time between their homes in Missoula and Finley Point on Flathead Lake. They had lived at the Eagles Manor in Helena for about a year.

Clem was born February 21, 1909 in Thompsontown, Pennsylvania to Charles Roy and Florence Pearl Rankin Spicher. The Spichers moved to Montana in 1910, homesteading near Hingham on the Highline. Clem attended schools there, graduating valedictorian of his high school class.

He graduated from the University of Montana in 1934 and went on to work as an accountant for the Interstate Lumber Company in Missoula. In 1942 he enlisted in the Air Force, where he attained the rank of Captain.

In 1945 Clem married Fred Hendrickson in Pendleton, Oregon. The couple settled in Missoula in 1946 and they operated Spicher Accounting for more than 30 years.

Clem was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder and treasurer for 23 years; the Montana Mountaineers; Goodfellows Club; the Montana Public Accountants Assn., and the Elks Lodge #383. He was an Honorary Past Master of Masonic Lodge AF&AM #13; Past Commander of the York Rite Bodies; and active in the Algerian Shrine Temple, Jesters #5 and Immanuel Chapter #54 of Eastern Star.

He is survived by his wife, Freda of Helena; a son, Doug of Polson; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Russ Cravens and two grandsons Geoff Curtis and Scott Cravens, all of Helena; a sister, Fern Flanagan of Helena; a brother, Richard, of Whitefish; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Rodney, George and Robert.

Following a private family burial, a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, at the Squire, Simmons and Carr Funeral Home in Missoula. Memorial s may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, Washington, 99210-2472; or the Goodfellows Club, P.O. Box 7369, Missoula, 59807.
Melvin Stanberry

Melvin Charles Stanberry was born in Havre, Montana on December 9th, 1935. His parents were Minnie Geesey and Roy Stanberry, and he was one of four children. Melvin received his early education at the Minneota Country School north of Inverness and graduated from Rudyard High School in 1954. In the few years that followed, he worked on the family farm and on several ranches in the Sweetgrass Hills (Melvin worked for Claude Demarest and Bob and Earl Thompson). He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, but served just a short time; he was given an "honorable" medical discharge due to a back injury. He spent the rest of his life working and living in northwestern United States. He worked as a laborer in the sawmills in Oregon. He later lived in Seattle where he was employed as a factory worker for Boeing Aircraft, which manufactured parts for Boeing Aircraft. Some years later he moved to Thermopolis, Wyoming where he managed a motel. This past fall, Melvin bought a cabin near Orofino, Idaho and moved there a few months ago. He recently made a trip to Carpentersville, Illinois to spend time with a friend. He died while visiting there. Melvin had been missing for several days; he was found dead on this past Wednesday (June 30), the victim of an apparent accidental drowning. Melvin was 57 years old.

Melvin loved the great outdoors: the clear skies, the mountains and forests, the lakes and streams, and all the animals who lived there. He loved to hunt and fish and be a part of life's "natural" activities. It was Melvin's plan to convert his Idaho cabin into a "nature den" for visitors/tourists. In addition, Melvin enjoyed being with people and he befriended many unfortunates who needed help. His hobby was photography and he had taken thousands of scenic pictures over the years.

Melvin is survived by a son, Farron; a daughter, Peggy Sue; a sister, Mary Lois Hybner of Rudyard; four step-children, Cathy and Johnny Barker and Christie and Shelly Reed; and several aunts, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers (Elwin and Raymond Stanberry).

Memorial services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, July 5th, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Jeff Olsgaard of Rudyard officiated. Special vocal music by Jeff McClendon included "Be Not Afraid", "On Eagle's Wings". Organist was Iris White. Melvin's ashes were buried with his parents at the Highland Cemetery in Havre, where graveside prayers were recited at 4:30 p.m. by Pastor Olsgaard. Arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.
ADRIENNE HAMEL STANDIFORD
Born: October 5, 1944 - Died: July 12, 1993
Liberty County Times
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Adrienne Hamel Standiford
CHINOOK — Adrienne Hamel Standiford, 48, formerly of Canada, died Monday in a Havre hospital of cancer.

The funeral Mass will be 2 p.m. Friday in St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, with burial following in Kuper Memorial Cemetery of Chinook. Rosary will be 7 p.m. Thursday in Edwards Funeral Home Chapel.

Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the Gift of Life at Columbus Hospital in Great Falls.

She was born Oct. 5, 1944, in Ponteix, Sask. She attended schools in Frenchville, Sask.

She married Jules Gauthier there on July 28, 1964. He preceded her in death on June 1, 1979.

They lived in Seattle, Wash., Vancouver, B.C., Hardin and Havre, and moved to Chinook in 1978.

On May 13, 1989, she married Leland Standiford in Chinook.

Survivors include her husband of Chinook; a son, Mark Gauthier of Pocatello, Idaho; two daughters, Julianne Gauthier of Bozeman and Germanine Gauthier of Chinook; four stepchildren, Kathy Anderson of Fairfield, Lee Ann Standiford of Springlake, N.C., Leland Standiford, Jr., and Jamie Standiford, both of Chinook; seven brothers, Henry Hamel, Leo Hamel, Philias Hamel, Omer Hamel and Paul Hamel, all of British Columbia, and Donat Hamel and Roger Hamel, both of Saskatchewan; four sisters, Mary Ann Vermette, Laurette Hamel and Henriette Duquette, all of British Columbia, and Sister Annette Hamel of Ontario; and two grandchildren.
Glendon H. Standiford

Born: 7, 1904 - Died: May 17, 1993

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Glendon H. Standiford

Glendón Standiford, age 89, died Monday (May 17th) at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester.

At his request, no funeral services will be held. Cremation has taken place with Rockman Funeral Chapel handling details.

Glendón's survivors include his wife, Mabel; four daughters, Alta Tucker, Donna Nelson, Muriel Steever and Marion Wanken; two sisters, June McDowell and Barbara Backen; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Glendón was preceded in death by his parents, a brother (Gordon), and a sister (Buelah Wickum).
Melvin A. Steen

BELT — Melvin "Mel" A. Steen, 87, a machinist, died Saturday at a local hospital of natural causes. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home with burial in the Manchester Cemetery of Great Falls. Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

He was born on April 16, 1906, in Crosby, N.D. He moved to the Chester area in 1957.

On April 2, 1960, he married Elsie Krattiger in Chester. He then worked at various farm implement dealerships in the Chester and Fort Benton areas as a machinist. In 1967 they moved to the Great Falls area.

Survivors include his wife of Belt; a stepdaughter, Arla Thompson of Belt; a son, Robert Steen of Grand Forks, N.D.; three stepsons, Ronald Krattiger and Robert Krattiger, both of Great Falls, and Larry Krattiger of Emmett, Idaho; two sisters, Mae Weiler of Wolf Point and Hazel Barnaby of Florida; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.
Mary Ellen Sterry

Mary Ellen Cicon Sterry of 4216, 33rd Ave. West, Seattle, died suddenly May 5th in Harbor View Hospital of heart related problems.

Mary Ellen was born in Alder, Montana on December 17, 1913 and received her education in Dillon. She was an only child.

She was employed for many years by the Veteran's Department in Seattle, and retired in 1978. She married Norman Sterry in October 1940 in Fort Peck.

She is survived by her husband Norman. Burial was in the Calvary Cemetery in Seattle.

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Roger Strissel

Roger C. Strissel, 58 of Collins, Montana died Sunday, June 20 at his home from an apparent suicide attempt. He was born March 16, 1935, the son of Victor and Gayetta Hayes Strissel in Inverness, Montana. He was raised and attended schools in Rudyard. He married Helen May Wagner. He enjoyed hunting. He was a ranch hand for a Collins area ranch at the time of his death.

Helen May Strissel

Helen May Strissel, 49, of rural Collins, died June 20 near her home.

Born Aug. 29, 1943, in Snohomish County, Wash., she graduated from Snohomish High School. She worked most of her life as a restaurant cook or bank teller.

She married Roger C. Strissel in 1963 in Great Falls. The couple lived on a farm near Collins where her husband was employed.

She enjoyed animals and was particularly fond of cats.

Her husband also died June 20.

He was born and raised on the Hi-Line, and was buried in Rudyard.

Survivors of Mrs. Strissel include her mother, Roene Wagner of Everett, Wash.; daughters, Mary Green of Fort Myers, Fla., and Loretta Ford of Granite Falls, Wash.; a son, William Ford of Fort Myers, Fla.; sisters, Leona Wright of Camino Island, Wash. and Dorothy Wagner of Tacoma Wash.; and three grandchildren.
Karen Taylor

Karen R. Taylor, 51, a resident of Bigfork, died as a result of a vehicular accident near Polson on July 3.

A joint memorial service was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17 at the First Lutheran Church in Havre, with Reverend Walter Kirkegaard and Reverend Jack Rampelberg officiating. Cremation has taken place.

Karen was born on January 29, 1942 at Havre, the daughter of Marvin and Gladys (Patrick) Smith. She attended Havre Schools. She graduated from Northern Montana College in 1965 with a degree in Secondary Education. In May of 1965 at Great Falls, she married R. Duane Taylor. After their marriage the couple lived at Gildford where Karen taught school. Karen later received her Master Degree.

The couple moved to Fort Benton where they both taught school for 13 years. In 1983 the couple moved to Nulato, Alaska and taught school there for nine years. The couple moved to Huslia, Alaska where Karen was principal for one year. The couple retired from teaching and moved to Swan Lake. Karen loved horseback riding and was an outdoor person. She was the hostess for the Iditarod Run Contestant Susan Butcher.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1962 and her husband who was also killed in the accident.

She is survived by her mother Gladys Smith of Havre, one brother, Richard Smith of Havre, one sister, Maureen Dolan of Havre and four nephews.

A scholarship in the Taylor's honor may be made to the Northern Montana College Industrial Arts Department in their honor.

Hollard and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
R. Duane Taylor

R. Duane Taylor, a resident of Big Fork, died on July 3, 1993 near Polson, as the result of a two vehicular accident. His wife was also killed in the accident.

A joint memorial service was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7 at the First Lutheran Church in Havre with Reverend Walter Kirkegaard and Rev. Jack Rampelberg officiating. Cremation has taken place. Soloist was Terry Stevenson who sang "How Great Thou Art" and "In the Garden." The organist was Mary Stevens.

The pallbearers were Bob Brandon, Trevor Smith, Norman Witherbee, Dave Duncan, Harry Buckingham, Jon West, Gary Taylor, Harry Bean, Dennis Swensgar, Dave Parchen and Ron Joranovich. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Duane was born on June 25, 1941 at Glasgow, Montana, the son of Ralph G. and Cora (Brenden) Taylor. He attended school in Glasgow. He later graduated from Havre High School. He was a veteran of the military service. On May 7, 1965 at Great Falls he married the former Karen Smith. After their marriage the couple lived in Gildford where Karen taught school. Duane attended Northern Montana College in Havre and graduated with a degree in Secondary Education from Northern Montana College. The couple taught school in Fort Benton for thirteen years. In 1983 the couple moved to Nulato, Alaska and taught school for nine years. They then taught school in Huslia, Alaska for one year. The couple retired from teaching and moved to Swan Lake, Montana. Duane was a member of the Masons. He loved fishing and hunting and the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his mother, Cora Taylor of Havre, two sisters, Donna Mae Barlow of Great Falls and Marilyn
Gunhild Thompson

Gunhild Thompson, 83, passed away Tuesday morning in the Fort Benton Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, October 11 at 11 a.m. at the Benton Funeral Home. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery.

Gunhild was born in Norway on February 7, 1910, a daughter of Nils and Margaret Olstad. Gunhild and Harold Thompson were married in Norway on August 2, 1930. They came to Harold's families' ranch in 1931. They stayed there three or four years then moved to Loma where they farmed. Then they moved to Chester where they worked for Carl Brown for over twenty years. They then returned to Loma and later moved to Fort Benton in 1974. Harold preceded her in death in 1978. Gunhild moved into Sunrise Bluff Estates in 1983 where she lived until moving into the nursing home in February of 1993.

Survivors include three nieces Evelyn Warwick of Great Falls, Irene McFarland of Fort Benton and Adeline Hewlett of Missoula; two nephews, Ray Johnson of Great Falls and Emery Johnson of Great Falls; numerous great nieces and nephews, cousins and some relatives surviving in Norway.
GARRY LEE VERMELAND
Born: November 27, 1950 - Died: July 1, 1993
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Garry Vermeland
Garry Lee Vermeland was born on November 27, 1950 in Sandwich, Illinois. He and a sister were the only two children of Arlene Galor and LaVerne Vermeland. Garry grew up in Sandwich and graduated from high school there in 1968. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1970 and attained the rank of Sergeant E-4. He served in Vietnam in 1972-73. While stationed in Great Falls, Montana Garry met his wife-to-be, Annetta Witt. They were married on July 7, 1973 at Big Sky, Montana. They lived at Marquette, Michigan where Garry finished his military commitments at the I.I.Sawyer Air Force Base. Following his "honorable" discharge in 1974, they moved to White Sulphur Springs, Montana where Garry worked at a sawmill in the logging business. In 1980 he joined the Meagher County Sheriff's Office as a deputy and was eventually promoted to the position of undersheriff. In 1987 the Vermelands moved to Chester and Garry began working as a deputy for the Liberty County Sheriff's Office. He has also worked part-time for Neal Eveland Construction. On this past Thursday, July 1st Garry experienced severe chest pains and was subsequently admitted to the Chester Hospital. He died there that afternoon. He was just 42 years old.

Since living in Chester, Garry has held memberships in the V.F.W., Sweetgrass Archers, Montana Bowhunter's Association, and the Hi-Line Sportsman's Club. He recently assisted Liberty County 4-H'ers with their archery program. During his high school years he had been active in football & wrestling. Garry was an avid outdoorsman who loved camping, fishing, & hunting. He especially loved bow-hunting and had accumulated numerous varieties of bows & arrows. He also collected knives & pipes. During his quiet hours at home he enjoyed playing cribbage. Garry was proud to have been a Vietnam veteran and to have served in law enforcement these past 12 years. He was always ready & willing to help his family, friends, & neighbors whenever he could.

Survivors include his wife, Ann, and 3 daughters, Tiffany, Amanda, & Erika, all of Chester; his mother, Arlene of Sandwich, Illinois; his sister, Bonnie Anderson of Seneca, Illinois; his parents-in-law, Don & Caroline Witt of Belgrade; 3 brothers-in-law, Ron & Max Witt, both of Belgrade, Dan Anderson, of Seneca, Illinois; 1 sister-in-law, Diane Witt of Belgrade; 2 nieces, Wendy Witt & Danielle Anderson; and 3 nephews, Max Witt, Brett Anderson, & Luke Anderson. Garry is preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be today (Wednesday, July 7th) at 1:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Church in Chester. Reverend Tom Dunham will officiate. The congregation willsing "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by Juanita Wardell on the organ. Special taped music will include "Some Gave All" by Billy Ray Cyrus and "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston. Pallbearers will be Stan Huhtala, Dave Allen, Scott Elverud, John Hitchcock, Dennis Snyder, & Albert Larson. Don Hills will serve as usher. Honorary bearers will include special friends Charles Comp, Ray Phillips, Larry Bean, and Norman "Ducky" Zohntner. Following the church services, a luncheon for family & friends will be held in the basement. Graveside services will be held later in the day at 4:30 p.m. at the Mayn Cemetery in White Sulphur Springs with appropriate military rites. Funeral arrangements are by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Friends in White Sulphur Springs provided a coffee hour for the family at the V.F.W. Club there.
Ruby Ward

Ruby C. Ward, 81, a resident of Libby for the past 48 years, died Friday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby. She was born March 20, 1912 at Highland Township, Wisconsin, the daughter of Henry and Stella Martell and was raised and educated in the State of Wisconsin. She was united in marriage to Merwin Ward on November 19, 1932.

They had resided in Wisconsin until moving to Chester in 1933. They had lived in Chester until coming to Libby in 1945 where they have since resided. She had done some domestic work but spent most of her time taking care of her own family plus many other children. She had enjoyed spending many hours tending her yard and garden. She had belonged to the Farm Women's Club and Hobby Club. She also had been a long time member of Faith Bible Church where she was baptized on July 22, 1962; she had remained devoted to the Lord until she went home to be with Him.

She is survived by her husband Merwin at the family home in Libby; she is also survived by two daughters, Jean DeShazer, Kalama, Washington; Doris Wilson of Condon, Montana, three sons, Forest of Kalispell and Kendall and Terry both residing in Libby; two sisters, Carol Delaney, Libby and Dona Laas, Chester, 18 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Faith Bible Church with Pastor Gary Olson officiating. The family suggests memorials to Faith Bible Church.

Pallbearers were Rod Delaney, John Birkheimer, Joe Pomeroy, Jeff Grotjohn, Larry Davis and Dean Morris. Honorary Bearers were the grandsons of Ruby Ward.
Earl Robert Warnes Was born in Chester on May 27, 1920. He was one of ten children born to Nora Erickson and Einar Warnes. Bob was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He grew up and received his education in Chester, graduating from C.H.S. in 1939. He spent the next few years working in his father's garage in Chester, where he learned the mechanic trade. In 1941 Robert enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre during World War II. Following his "honorable" discharge in 1946, Bob went to Oakland, California where he worked as a mechanic for several years. He eventually returned to Montana. In the years that followed, Bob worked as a farm laborer and mechanic for the Kolstad and Laas farms in the Chester community. He retired at age 65. On Tuesday (November 1st) Bob suffered a stroke and was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital. He died there on the morning of Saturday, November 6, at the age of 73 years.

Robert was a member of the Chester V.F.W. Post and several national naval associations. In his younger days he enjoyed camping and fishing. During his time at home he liked to read, and was especially fond of westerns. Bob never married and preferred to live alone, but always stayed in close contact with his family and enjoyed spending time with his friends.

He is survived by two sisters, Ellen Viott of Lothair and Esther Meldrum of Joplin; two brothers, Chris Warnes of Portland, Oregon and Franklin Dee Warnes of Eureka, California; and numerous nephews and nieces. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, one sister (Ella Wigen) and three brothers (Edward, Richard and Erwin).

Memorial services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, November 11 at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Tom Dunham will officiate. Karen Stack will serve as organist and Sue Viott will sing "What A Day" and "The King is Coming". Bob was cremated and his ashes will be buried in the family plot at the Erickson Cemetery south of Chester.
HERBERT A. WHITE
Born: October 2, 1901 - Died: March 25, 1993
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March 31, 1993

Herbert A. White was born in Collis, Minnesota on October 2nd, 1901. He was one of six children born to Al and Rose (Mader) White. The family came to Montana in 1909 and filed a homestead claim east of Inverness. Herb "proved up" the White family homestead and made his home on the original farm in the years that followed.

On June 6th, 1928 Herb married Alta Stevens. Alta died on November 13th, 1944. Herb married his second wife Iris Ness, on January 4th, 1947. They lived and raised their family of eleven in the Inverness community from that time on. They retired from farming in 1982. Because of failing health, Herb moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester in July of 1987. He died at the Chester Hospital on the evening of Thursday, March 25th. He was 91 years old.

Herb had been a devoted member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. He received his education at Inverness and graduated from high school there. In addition to farming, Herb had worked on the Great Northern Railroad section crew and at "Mike Myer & Son Implement" in Inverness. In his younger days he enjoyed riding/breaking horses, fishing, and playing the piano for a local dance band. Other hobbies included reading, playing pinochle, and dancing. Herb's first love was his family; he loved his children and was thankful for Iris, his loyal companion for 46 years.

In addition to Iris, Herb is survived by 11 children, including Donna Minnick of Havre; Cecelia Jeppson of Charlo, Audrey Waite of Great Falls; Herb D. White of Hingham, James White of Hingham, Jerry White of Great Falls, Carl White of Great Falls, Rose Gehl of Great Falls, Mary Vollmar of Camarillo, California, Leona Peske of Monroe, Louisiana, and Ed White of Billings; 2 sisters, Irene Moog of Inverness and Violet Smith of Superior, Iowa; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Herb was preceded in death not only by his parents and first wife, but also by 2 sons (David and Joseph), and by 2 sisters (Margaret White and Helen Seidlitz), and by a brother (Bill).

Rosary Prayers were recited on Sunday evening (March 28th) at 8:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Inverness. The funeral mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Monday at the church by Father Tom Harney. Organist, Sharon Spicher; accompanied Sacred Heart choir, who sang "To Jesus' Heart All Burning", "Oh Lord I Am Not Worthy", "Oh God of Loveliness", and "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name". Vocal duets by Marcus Jochim and Jerome Lincoln included "Ave Maria" and "Ave Varum Corpus". Soloist, Judy Lake, performed "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Ushers were Robert and Vernon Moog. Servers were Chris and Tony Moog. Pallbearers included Robert Minnick, Allan Mangold, Alvin Waite, Doug White, Steve White, Wade Gehl, David White, and Kent White. All of Herb's grandchildren served as honorary bearers. Ed and Mollie White did scripture readings, and Ed served as eulogist. Granddaughters presenting the communion gifts included Christy Johnson, Carleen Dean, Cheryl White, and Cori White. Interment was in the Inverness Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the church. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home in Chester.
DEWEY WIGMORE
Born: September 23, 1898 - Died: May 22, 1993
Liberty County Times
May 26, 1993

Dewey Wigmore was born on September 23, 1898, at Twin Bridges, Montana. He was one of 13 children born to James and Lily (Richmond) Wigmore. Dewey grew up on his parents' farm at Twin Bridges and attended school there. Following his formal education, he farmed and ranched in the Twin Bridges and Redstone communities. He later took a job with Montana Dakota Utilities and was stationed in Glasgow and Billings. Dewey continued employment with Montana Power, where he worked at utilities in Forsyth, Choteau and Chester. He retired in 1964. In the years that followed he lived in Havre and Spokane, then moved to Big Sandy in 1976 to be near a daughter because of failing health. Dewey moved to the Big Sandy Extended Care Facility in 1984 and has lived there since. He died at the Big Sandy Medical Center on the evening of Saturday, May 22nd, at the age of 94 years.

Dewey was a life-member of the Joplin Masonic Lodge #116. His hobbies included gardening, fishing and watching baseball games.

Survivors include a son, James ("Lefty") Wigmore of Great Falls; two daughters, Judy Geyer of Big Sandy and Patricia Emsley of Billings; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. Dewey was preceded in death by his parents, a son (Frank), seven brothers and five sisters.

No services are planned. Cremation took place in Great Falls. Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester handled the disposition details. Any memorial gifts will be directed to the Big Sandy Medical Center.
Kenneth F. Wuerth


He was born on September 1, 1954, to Laurence Sr. and F. Joyce (Dawson) Wuerth in Olympia. He was married to Nancy Jo Bubnash on April 5, 1986 in Olympia Unity Church.

He graduated from Tumwater High School in 1972, Centralia College with an Associates of Arts degree in liberal arts and sciences. He received his teaching certificate from St. Martin's College in 1991.

He taught 4th grade at Bordeaux Elementary in the Shelton School District from 1991-1993, and chairing committees on Playground and Behaviour Management. With children he was like the Pied Piper. He was surrounded by children of various grades in his classroom before and after school. He previously worked for Localing Inc., TCI Cablevision, Kay Packaging, Timberline Truck Tops, and Sinclair Anderson Motors.

He enjoyed woodworking, playing guitar and basketball, working on the family farm with his father, antiques, shopping, traveling (trips to the East Coast, Hawaii, Virgin Islands, Canada, California, Nevada and Montana), and bicycling. He loved to read, draw, paint and cartooning. He wrote and illustrated children's books. He was very mechanically skilled and could fix or build anything. He also studied history and airplanes. He taught Bible study in the summer at his church.

Survivors include his wife Nancy Jo of Olympia, his parents of Olympia, brother of Tumwater, a brother and sister of Tenino, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The memorial service was held July 23 in the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Tammy Leiter officiated. Guitarists and friends Brian McGaughy and Dennis Workman played "Heart of Gold" and "Teach Your Children". Other music included "In the Presence of the Lord" by Eric Clapton and "Long May You Run" by Neil Young. Eulogies were given by Gary Limesand, Everett, WA and Duane De Bruyne, Gaithersburg, Maryland.
**Marion B. Zickman**

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**Born:** May 15, 1912  
**South Dakota**  
**Passed Away:** April 10, 1993  
**Las Vegas, Nevada**  
Marion wished no service be held  
but,  
out of remembrance, memorial  
donations would be appreciated to:  
National Wildlife Society  
1412 16th St.  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
She was a loving Mother,  
Grandmother, and  
Great Grandmother. She will be  
greatly missed by all.

Marion B. Hunt was born in Minor  
County, South Dakota May 15, 1912.  
She came to Hill County, Montana  
with her parents Alma B. and Wallace  
A. Hunt in October 1913. She attended  
country schools and graduated from  
Inverness High School with the class  
of 1930. She was a student at Northern  
Montana College. In 1936 she moved  
to Las Vegas, Nevada in the summer  
where she lived until her death April  
10, 1993.

She was preceded in death by her  
parents, a sister Winnie and brother  
Ray; two husbands, Abraham  
Vanderwindt and Richard Zickman;  
and son-in-law Ralph Trobiani.  
Survivors are daughter Deldalee  
Tobian; grandchildren Michael,  
Kathleen, Jeanna, Cheryl, Anthony  
and James; one step-grandson,  
Ralph; ten great-grandchildren, five  
step-great-grandchildren, sister Almira  
Brevick of Chester; nephews and  
many friends.