

EMERY ADAMS
Born: March 16, 1912 - Died: September 22, 1994
Liberty County Times
October 12, 1994

Emery Adams

Emery Adams, 82, Pinehurst, Idaho, died Thursday, September 22, 1994 at Shoshone Medical Center. Funeral graveside services were held September 26 at Hunt Cemetery in Kingston with Rev. Rod Miller officiating.

Emery was born March 16, 1912 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the son of Charles and Axie Adams. He wed Ruth Zoerb on September 7, 1935 in Sandpoint and they came to this area in 1960 from Rudyard. Emery was a wheat farmer, retiring in 1960. While living in the area, he operated a backhoe and was a construction contractor.

Memberships included the Community Baptist Church in Pinehurst. He loved to farm and loved his family very much.

Survivors include his wife at the family home in Pinehurst; two daughters, Joan Schaffer, Haydenlake and Patsy Morrison, Kingston; six granddaughters, three great-grandchildren and several niece, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by six brothers and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Spokane. Arrangements are under the direction of Shoshone Funeral Service.

LILLA VOSEN ADAMSON
Born: ? 1901 - Died: April 9, 1994
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April 13, 1994

Lilla Adamson

Lilla Vosen Adamson, 93, who was born and raised in Montana passed away in LaVerne, California on April 9 after a long illness. She follows a sister Eva Vosen Turks who passed away April 2.

She married Joe Adamson and they spent much of their married life in Seattle, later moving to LaVerne, California. Joe is deceased. They had one daughter, Rose Marie Adamson Goalby, who survives.

Chris, Will, Sifrin, brothers and sisters Lena, Florence Holdorf, Eva Turks, Rose Cady preceded her in death along with parents.

Other relatives in the Hi-Line area are Cadys, Vosens, Holdorfs, Greens, McCormicks, Gillets, Corbitts, Eymans, Heggens, Ordways and the Turks family in Wisconsin.

The family address is: Rose Marie Goalby, 1317 Deventor Drive, LaVerne, California 91750. 1-909-593-6659.

ENOCH BILDEN ANDERSON
Born: February 28, 1914 - Died: April 16, 1994
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April 20, 1994



Enoch Anderson

Enoch Bilden Anderson was born at Joplin, Montana on February 28th, 1914. He was the second of four children born to Montana homesteaders, Simon and Ida (Bilden) Anderson. Enoch was raised on the family farm and received his formal education at Joplin, graduating from J.H.S. in 1931. Following the death of his father, Enoch took over the farming operations. After the outbreak of World War II, Enoch did not qualify for the draft, so he went to Seattle to work in the shipyards as part of the war effort. He married Margaret Tempel on December 17th, 1947 at Somers, Montana. In addition to farming at Joplin, Enoch ran an aerial spraying business in Liberty County for several years. He retired in 1973 and continued to live in the Joplin community. Because of failing health in 1989 Enoch moved to the Montana Home for the Aged in Lewistown, where he has lived since. On this past Saturday morning (April 16th, 1994), he died at the Central Montana Medical Center in Lewistown. He was 80 years old.

Enoch was baptized and confirmed at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. He maintained a private pilot's license for many years and enjoyed flying. He also liked to play whist and pinochle, and during his quiet hours at home he enjoyed reading. Before his health failed, Enoch enjoyed travelling between Joplin and Chester to visit with friends.

Survivors include his wife, Maggie of Joplin; three daughters, Mrs. Earl (Nancy) Elliot of Churchill, Tennessee, Mrs. Ted (Barbara) Turney of Phoenix, Arizona, and Mrs. Wade (Ena) Spiker of Lewiston, Idaho; one son and his wife, Delbert and Connie Anderson of Joplin; ten grandchildren; one brother, Richard "Bud" Anderson of Joplin; one sister, Hazel Freeland of Kallispell; and numerous nephews and nieces. Enoch was preceded in death by his parents, by an infant son (James), by a grandson

(Jonathan Jarrett), and by a sister (Marie Wilmes).

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. today (Wednesday, April 20th) at Bethel Lutheran church with Reverend Darrell Cousino officiating. Vocalist, Gaynell Tempel, will perform "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by organist, Susan Peterson. Pallbearers are Don Martinson, David Wilmes, Norman Nelson, Ted Tempel, Ed Tempel and John Tempel. Burial will follow in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A memorial luncheon will be held at Kios Hall.

NORMA LORRAINE BANGS
Born: October 17, 1921 - Died: June 5, 1994
Liberty County Time
June 15, 1994

Norma Bangs

Norma Lorraine Bangs, age 72, of Stevensville died on Sunday, June 5 as a result of an automobile accident in Missoula.

She was born on October 17, 1921 at Outlook, and was the daughter of Harry and Mary Wiseman-Prescott.

She attended elementary school in Montana, Iowa and South Dakota and graduated from high school in Outlook in 1939. She then spent two years at the University of Montana in Missoula. She married Kenneth Bangs in September 26, 1941 in Spokane.

The couple made their home on the family ranch North of Inverness from 1943-1983. Following retirement they moved to Stevensville.

Norma completed her work for a degree in Elementary Education in 1971. She taught for five years in rural one room schools and for five years in elementary classes in Inverness.

Her life long love of books and education culminated in 1991 with the opportunity for the Bangs' to purchase and donate the present building for the North Valley Library in Stevensville.

She also loved to play the piano and truly appreciated a wide variety of classical music. When she wasn't reading or listening to music she continued to expand her writing skills by attending writing workshops, writing

poetry and children's' short stories.

Her sense of community involvement and volunteerism included a lifelong participating in the Minneota Friendly Club, The Montana Farmers' Union, the Democratic Party and finally her long term volunteer work at the Deacons Workshop in Stevensville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Helen and a brother Dick Prescott.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Bangs of Stevensville, two daughters, Dorothy Leonard of Billings and Linda Dolar of Salem, Oregon; five sons, Collin, Dennis and Bill Bangs all of Missoula, Richard of Littleton, Colorado and Tom of Inverness. One brother Bob Prescott of Glendive, eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews and friends.

Norma took great pride of her family, children, grandchildren and accomplishments and personal attributes.

Memorial services will also be conducted on Monday, June 13 at Our Savior Lutheran Church at Rudyard at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jeff Olsgaard officiating.

Memorials are asked to Friends of the Library, % North Valley Library, 208 Main Street, Stevensville, Montana 59870 or to the Minneota Scholarship Fund % Pat Wolery at Rudyard, Montana 59540.

JESSEL JEROME BERG
Born: April 29, 1916 - Died: January 5, 1994
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January 12, 1994

Jess Berg

Jessel Jerome Berg was born April 29, 1916 at Pickert, North Dakota. He was one of twelve children born to Andrina Wickorn and Alfred Berg. Jess received his formal education in North Dakota; he grew up in the Annetta and Page communities. In his late teens he came to Harlem and began working at Riggins Motors. While there he met his wife-to-be, Georgia Granger, and they were married June 20, 1936 at Helena. They lived in Harlem and began raising their family. In 1949 they came to Chester where Jess worked with his brother, Emmers, at Berg Motors (which is now Chester Motors). In 1962 Jess moved to Conrad and worked as sales manager for Courtesy Ford for a number of years. He eventually retired from the automobile business and moved to Great Falls. During their years in Great Falls, they managed an apartment complex called the Cottonwood Condominiums. About three years ago Jess and Jo moved to Lewistown to be near their youngest daughter, and they have lived there since. Jess' health failed recently and he was admitted to the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls where he died on the morning of Wednesday (January 5, 1994). He was 77 years old.

Jess' life as an auto mechanic and salesman spanned 50 years in the Golden Triangle community. During his years in Chester, he was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Some of his hobbies included camping and fishing, playing the harmonica, and collecting coins. He enjoyed watching "trivia" games on television and was an avid fan of professional baseball. He loved the Atlanta Braves and kept up on player statistics and records. Jess enjoyed life, family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Jo of Lewistown; two sons, Jim of Longview, Washington and George of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan; three daughters, Nancy Gifford of Sand Coulee, Willa Gene Brandt of Missoula and Jessalin Dillings of Lewistown; 14 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, two brothers, Encel Berg of Livingston and Lyle Berg of Florence, Oregon; four sisters, Ardie Nelson of Mineral, Washington; Aronia Averill of Billings; Tudy Jacobson of Eugene, Oregon

and Dolly Hurd of Junction City, Oregon; and numerous nephews and nieces. Jess was preceded in death by his parents, by two sisters (Affel Kelly and one in infancy); and by three brothers (Lloyd, Emmers and Jadie).

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 7 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Rev. Tom Dunham officiating. Special music included a flute solo by daughter Nancy Gifford entitled "Softly and Tenderly"; vocal solos by granddaughter Brenda Lewis entitled "Don't Cry" and "His Eyes are on the Sparrow" and a vocal ensemble by granddaughters Brenda Lewis, Lori Garcia and Tanja Hutchin entitled "The Lord's Prayer". Juanita Wardell served as organist. Grandsons serving as pallbearers included Thadd, Bryan, Curt, Austin and Justin Gifford and Lyn Brandt. Bryan Gifford also read a special tribute to his grandpa. Interment followed in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A coffee hour for family and friends was given at the church.

BLANCHE EMMA (STIPP) BOYER
Born: May 12, 1911 - Died: January 13, 1994
Liberty County Times
January 19, 1994



Blanche Boyer

Blanche Emma Stipp was born on the family homestead southeast of Chester on May 12, 1911. She was the eldest of five daughters born to Minerva Hill and Arthur Stipp. Blanche received her education at a country school near Black Coulee, Joplin

School District and she graduated from Chester High School in 1930. She married William Boyer in Havre on February 14, 1931. They lived south of Inverness for a few years before moving to Oregon.

In addition to raising her family, Blanche worked in several canneries in Oregon. They lived in numerous Oregon communities, but mainly in Lafayette and Timber. Blanche's husband, Bill, died in Oregon in 1942. Blanche came back to Montana in 1955 and worked as a cook at the hospital in Chester for the next seven years. She returned to Toledo, Oregon in 1964 and worked at the hospital there for a few years. Blanche again came back to Chester to cook at the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home until her retirement in 1973. She made her home in Chester until '91, when she moved to Shelby to be near her church, the Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah's Witnesses. In fact, Blanche had been witnessing in the

community on Wednesday with plans to make a train trip to Oregon on Friday. On Thursday morning she awoke with pains and labored breathing. She was admitted to the Toole County Hospital in Shelby where she died later that morning January 13. She was 82 years old.

Blanche was an excellent cook; she enjoyed baking cookies and giving them away to her family and friends. She also liked gardening and canning. In her quiet hours at home she wrote personal poems and made numerous quilts as gifts to her grandchildren and friends. Blanche had a sweet-tooth for lemon drops. Although she led a very simple and frugal lifestyle, she gave of herself whenever she could.

Survivors include two sons, Loyd Boyer of Chester, and Delbert Boyer of Newport, Oregon; three daughters, Grace Chambers of Newport, Oregon; Lorena Peisley of Toledo, Oregon and Carol Jensen of Huntsville, Ontario; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-

grandchildren; three sisters, Gladys Bonneville of Lafayette, Oregon, Ethel Still of Harrison, Arkansas and Mary Rudolph of Chester and many nephews and nieces. Blanche was preceded in death by her husband, parents, son (Donald Boyer in 1958), sister (Ruth Eveland in 1989) and two grandchildren (Randy Zagelow and Juanita Boyer).

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, January 17th at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Shelby with Mr. Lloyd McLean, Jr. officiating. Special music was "Jehovah Is My Shepherd" and "A Song To Jehovah". Witness friends serving as pallbearers included Larry Huen, Cliff Harden, Ken Rhodes, David Broadhead, Curtis Kanning and Kemper Harden. Graveside services were held at 2:45 p.m. Monday at the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the R.N.A. Hall in Chester. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

HAROLD F. BRANDT

Born: September 2, 1912 - Died: December 17, 1994

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December 7, 1994

HAROLD F. BRANDT

RICHLAND, Wash. — Harold F. Brandt, 82, a former Rudyard, Mont. and Great Falls, Mont. resident, died Thursday of natural causes in Richland.

He was born Sept. 2, 1912, in Rudyard. He grew up in that area and was a wheat farmer there until 1982. He lived in Great Falls from 1983 until moving to Richland earlier this year.

He was a member of Methodist churches in Rudyard and Great Falls, a 50-year member of Joplin, Mont. Masonic Lodge AF & AM 114, and a member of the Scottish Rite and Shriners Club in Great Falls, Order of the Eastern Star 10 in Great Falls and OES 109 in Joplin. He served on the board of the Farmers-Merchants Bank in Rudyard, Hill County Electrical Cooperative and Farmers Union Oil Co. in Rudyard.

He enjoyed bookkeeping, gardening, travel and his family.

Surviving are his wife, Violet, of Richland; two daughters, Geraldine Cicon of Richland and Shirley Beresford in Australia; daughter-in-law, Ellene Brandt of Montclare, Pa.; three brothers, Edwin, Elmer and Eugene; four sisters, Eunice, Loretta, Cora and Lydia; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dale A. Brandt, in 1981; a brother, George and a sister, Ruth.

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ARTHUR JARVIS BREKKE

Born: September 3, 1921 - Died: September 11, 1994

Liberty County Times

September 14, 1994



Art Brekke

Arthur Jarvis Brekke was born at Crocker, South Dakota on September 3rd, 1921. He was one of five children born to Carl and Silla (Folkestad) Brekke. Art grew up near Bradley, South Dakota and attended the Thorp School, graduating from high school there in 1940. He began working on the family farm. On November 14, 1942 Art married Hazel Darling Bradley. They made their home in South Dakota for the next 13 years and began raising their family of six.

The Brekke's moved to Hingham, Montana in 1955 and Art began working at the Farmer's Elevator. In 1958 he transferred to the Farmer's Grain Exchange in Havre, so the family moved there for the next eight years. Art also worked for the Hill County road crew for awhile.

The Brekke's moved back to the Hi-Line and have made their home in Hingham since 1968. Art has been self-employed for the past 20 years; he did custom wheat-cutting, custom road-blading, and other construction projects. He enjoyed his work, especially when it came to operating

heavy equipment. Even after he developed lung cancer and received radiation treatments, Art still found the energy and enthusiasm to get on his grader and work on a road.

Art died at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls on the afternoon of Sunday, September 11. He was 73 years old.

Art was a cowboy before "cowboy's were cool", he enjoyed wearing cowboy hats, boots and western attire. He loved rodeos. In his quiet hours he enjoyed reading Western books, like those by Louis L'Amour. Other interests included hunting, dancing and playing the harmonica. Art loved to socialize with family and friends and he was a great one for telling jokes! On a personal note, he will be remembered for his love of coffee, chocolate candy and hand-rolled cigarettes. Art enjoyed his life on earth and was happy during those 52 years of marriage to Hazel.

In addition to his wife, Art is survived by four daughters and their husbands, including Shirley and Jim Muller of Rudyard (and their children Janet, Janice and John), Sue and Dick Hansen of Gildford (and their children Todd, Tracy and Troy), Sharon and Tony Watson of Havre (and their children Bryan and Casey), and Shelly and Mark Warren of Hingham (and their children Landon, Marshel and Tiarelle); two sons and their wives, including Gary and Kathy Brekke of Hingham and Dick and Joan Brekke of Hingham (and their children Becky, Amber, Brandi and Miranda Jo); one brother, Robert Brekke of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; one sister Clarice Baer of Orange, California; and numerous

nephews and nieces. In addition to the 15 grandchildren, Art is survived by two great grandsons (Justin and Kyla). Art was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Nordeen, and a sister, Mildred Macer.

A visitation and coffee hour for family and friends will be held at the Hingham Lutheran Church from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 1.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 15 at the Hingham Lutheran Church with Reverend Tim Hauge officiating. Vocal tributes will be by Terry Stevenson and Gayle Chvilicek.

Sharon Spicher will serve as accompanist. Pallbearers will be Art's grandchildren and ushers will be Lyle Twedt and Monty Borlaug. Honorary bearers will include Lloyd Harden, Chris Richter, Erwin Carlson, John Richter, Marlin Spicher, Art Rambo, Virgil Jurenka and all of Art's other good friends. Interment will be in the Hingham Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon will follow at the church for family and friends.

CARL BROWN
Born: December 15, 1901 - Died: December 26, 1994
Liberty County Times
January 4, 1995

Obituary

Carl Brown

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Croxford and Sons Rose Room in Great Falls, for Carl Brown.

Carl was born December 15, 1901 in Frank, Russia and died December 26, 1994 at a Great Falls Hospital. He came to the United States in 1906 with his mother and brother Fred. His early years were spent at Ritzville, Washington before moving to Chester, Montana where he attended Prairie

Rose and Chesters schools. He worked on the family homestead until he acquired his own farm and farmed in that area for 50 years. He was a member of the Rotary Club, Old Timers Club and the Meadowlark Country Club.

He is survived by a daughter, Katie Hatch of Great Falls.

He was preceded in death by both wives, sons Kenneth and Douglas Brown, grandson Dan Joseph Murphy and brothers Fred Brown and Mike Kammerzell.

ARLEY BRYANT

Born: August 31, 1912 - Died: November 11, 1994

Liberty County Times

November 16, 1994

Arley Bryant

Arley Bryant, 82 of Choteau died Friday, November 11 at the Teton County Nursing Home in Choteau. He was born August 31, 1912 in Adair County, Kentucky, the son of Shelby and Bessie Bryant. He attended schools in Kentucky and graduated from high school in the Adair County area. During the depression he took to riding the rails and came to Montana during that time. He began working as a ranch and farm hand in the Shelby-Chester area in the 30's. In the late 60's and early 70's he worked with the TV tower on Mount Baldy. He retired shortly after that. Arley was a man who loved children and always had a pocketful of change for his nieces and nephews. He is survived by one sister, Eula Boyd of Cincinnati, Ohio, a nephew, Robert Bryant of Choteau, two great nieces and one great nephew. At Arley's request no services will be held and cremation has taken place. Scattering of his ashes will take place privately by the family. Gorder Funeral Home, Choteau is in charge of arrangements.

JEREMY SEIDLITZ BULLOCK

Born: October 10, 1982 - Died: APRIL 12, 1994

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April 29, 1994

Tuesday, April 12th, a ten year old boy, following an argument with another student, fired a gun at the students as they lined up to enter their school. He missed his intended victim and struck Jeremy. Jeremy's head injury caused his death the following day.



Jeremy Seidlitz Bullock

Jeremy Michael Seidlitz Bullock was born October 10, 1982, in

Dayton, Ohio. He and his twin brother, Joshua moved to Butte as tiny babies. Jeremy, most often accompanied by twin Josh; lived each day fully and completely. He once described himself as kind, helpful, gentle and also relaxed. Jeremy participated in many sports: soccer, basketball, karate, hockey, skiing and swimming. He respected nature and the environment and loved rafting, fishing and camping with his family and friends. Jeremy loved coming to Chester. He had a lot of relatives he liked to see, and the family farm was a special place. Even when he was small the trucks, tractors and combine fascinated him. An avid reader, Jeremy was an enthusiastic and capable fifth grade student at Margaret Leary School. He enjoyed Scouting and was a member of Troop #8, achieving the second class rank.

Jeremy gave constant joy to his parents, Aden and C.J. Seidlitz of Great Falls, and Robin and Bill Bullock of Butte. He was amazingly patient and loving with his little brothers Sam, 3 and Max, 1.

He loved and was deeply loved by his large family including many grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. His grandparents are Raymond and Sharon Seidlitz of Chester, Montana, Rick and Patti Thornell of Ohio, Pat Thornell of Florida, Lee and Charlotte Allen of Palmer, Alaska, Jack and Penny Copps of Seeley Lake, and Mike Bullock of Helena. Great-grandparents are Aden and Maxine Ward and Elle Seidlitz, all of Chester, Charles Thornell of Springfield, Ohio, Floreine Clark of Wyoming, and Bill and Ruth Bullock of North Carolina.

For eleven years Jeremy was loved completely. He just wasn't here to love long enough!

Jeremy's love and concern continues on by the gift of his organs so that others may have the gift of life.

Memorials may be made to Jeremy Seidlitz Bullock Memorial Fund at the Margaret Leary School or to Jeremy Seidlitz Memorial at Norwest Bank, 213rd St. No., Great Falls, MT 59401.

TAMMY DENISE YOUNG BUTLER

Born: March 20, 1962 - Died: November 11, 1994

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Tammy Butler

Tammy Denise Young was born in Anaheim, California on March 20, 1962. She received her formal education in California and Washington. While living in Spokane, Tammy worked as a housekeeper/babysitter for Dan Butler. She later met Dan's brother, Rodney Butler, who was a school teacher in Chester. Tammy and Rod were married on December 31, 1986 and they made their home in Chester. Rod died from Cancer on June 19, 1987. Tammy has lived in Chester from that time on. In addition to raising her family, Tammy has worked as a nurse's aide at the Liberty County Nursing Home and also operated a pet-grooming business at her home. For the past four years she has shared her life with a loving companion, Myron Rocks.

On this past Friday evening, November 11, 1994 Tammy was alone in her car, eastbound on Highway #2 when she collided with a westbound vehicle near Joplin. She was pronounced dead at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. The death was

due to multiple traumatic injuries. Tammy was just 32 years old.

During her teenage years, Tammy participated in many sporting activities. She enjoyed fishing, camping and horseback riding. In more recent years she liked gardening, making ceramics and collecting windchimes. She also enjoyed playing darts. Tammy always had a special love for people and animals. She was a very compassionate and caring person, and will be missed by her family, friends, fellow workers and residents at the nursing home.

In addition to her companion, Myron Rocks, she is survived by four children, Amber and Heidi Butler, Tayla Overlie and Joel Rocks, all of Chester; her mother, Sharon Flatbush of Spokane, Washington; her father, Troy Young of Virginia; two brothers, Michael Thompson of Phoenix, Arizona and Danny Young of Deer Lodge; a half-brother and half-sister, Peter and Valerie Scaglione of Grants Pass, Oregon; her maternal grandmother, Hazel Lee Price of Rainier, Oregon; and two aunts and numerous cousins.

Public visitation/viewing was held at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. Private family graveside services were held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 15th. At 3 p.m. that afternoon, memorial services were conducted at Our Savior's Lutheran Church by Reverends Tom Dunham and Edroy Curtis. The congregation sang "Take My Hand" and "In the Garden", with accompaniment by Juanita Wardell. Memorial bearers were listed as Debbie Hill, Jeanne Larson, Brenda Hemminger (Delfenbaugh), Judy Taylor, Linde Danielson, Jody Ross, Laura Overlie, Karen Hadford, Rose Jones, LuAnn Prelwitz, Amber Brekke, Norma Layton and Tammy's other good friends. A coffee hour followed at the church. Memorial gifts will be used for special family needs.

VERNA LUCILLE (WOLF) CADY
Born: February 24, 1918 - Died: June 21, 1994
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June 25, 1994



Lucille Cady

Verna Lucille Cady was born at Joplin, Montana on February 24th, 1918. She was the eldest of eight children born to Irene Granger and Henry Wolf. Lucille grew up and received her education in Joplin, graduating from high school in 1936. For the next few years she worked in a store and restaurant in Joplin.

On September 24th, 1938 she married J. Elwin Cady at her family home in Joplin. They moved to Wallace, Idaho for a short time, then came back to the Cady farm north of Joplin, where they lived and worked the rest of their married lives. In 1956 they built a farm home that was designed by Lucille.

Elwin died in 1981. The following year Lucille moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester and has lived there since. Because of failing health due to cancer, she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home three weeks ago. She died there on the afternoon of Tuesday (June 21st, 1994). She was 76 years old. Lucille had been a longtime member of the Royal Neighbors and the Democratic Women's Club. She enjoyed playing bells in the "Chuckwagon Band" at the

Sweetgrass Lodge. Until recently she had been active in the Liberty County Hospital Auxiliary; she had served as the "cookie lady" for 30 years. Lucille and Elwin were confirmed together in 1939 at Bethel Lutheran church.

During her school years, Lucille enjoyed playing basketball. During her early married years, she enjoyed square-dancing and bowling. In addition she had a small collection of salt-and-pepper shakers and hummingbird jewelry. Many years ago Lucille took painting lessons, after which she completed about 20 oil paintings that are now being enjoyed by her family. Other hobbies included sewing, crossword puzzles and reading.

Lucille is survived by two sons and their spouses, Gary and Barbara of Joplin and James and Janet of Rhinelander, Wisconsin; five grandchildren, including Christopher, Jonathan, Crista, Jennifer and David; one brother, Robert Wolf of Crookston, Minnesota; four sisters, Eileen Wolery of Turner, Betty Van Dyke of Dunnellon, Florida, Gladys Leichner of Bremerton, Washington, and Leila Berg of Urbandale, Iowa; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two brothers (Donald and Gordon).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday (June 26th) at the Bethel Church in Joplin with Reverend Darrell Cousino officiating. Pianist, Tammy Duncan, accompanied the congregation, who sang "How Great Thou Art". Lucille's granddaughter, Crista Cady, sang "Amazing Grace". Ushers were Delmar Wolfe and Monte Kantorowicz. Pallbearers included Dean and Roger Wolfe, Albert Hanson, and Ron, Darryl and Loren Wolery. Memorial bearers were listed as "Lucille's friends at the Sweetgrass Lodge". Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at Kjos Hall. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to Bethel Church or Liberty County Hospital.

Verna Lucille Wolf Cady

CHESTER — Verna Lucille Wolf Cady, 76, a farm homemaker, died Tuesday at a Chester nursing home of cancer.

The funeral service is 2 p.m. Sunday at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin, with burial in Joplin Cemetery. Rockman Funeral Home of Chester is in charge.

Born Feb. 24, 1918, in Joplin, she graduating from high school there in 1936, then spent some time working in a store and restaurant. In 1938, she married Elwin Cady. They moved to Wallace, Idaho, then returned to the Cady farm north of Joplin. In 1956 they built a farm home that she designed.

Her husband died in 1981. She lived at the Sweetgrass Lodge since 1982, until her transfer a few weeks ago to a nursing home.

She enjoyed square-dancing, bowling, sewing and reading.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Cady of Joplin and James Cady of Rhinelander, Wis.; a brother, Robert Wolf of Crookston, Minn.; four sisters, Eileen Wolery of Turner, Betty Van Dyke of Dunnellon, Fla., Gladys Leichner of Bremerton, Wash., and Leila Berg of Urbandale, Iowa, and five grandchildren.

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SHANE CHADWICK
Born: January 4, 1965 - Died: September 7, 1994

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Shane Chadwick

Senior Patrol Officer Shane Russell Chadwick died on this past Wednesday, September 7, while performing his duties as a Great Falls Police Officer. He was just 29 years, 8 months and 3 days old.

He was born on January 4, 1965 in Great Falls, Montana. Shane was the only child born to Helen and Virgil Chadwick. He grew up in Chester and graduated from Chester High School in 1983. He attended Montana State University where he met his future wife, Terry Berg, through friends. He graduated from MSU in 1990 with a degree in biological science. He attended the Montana Law Enforcement Academy in Bozeman in 1992. On April 11th of that year, he and Terry married. They moved to Great Falls where Shane began his career at the police department.

This spring, Shane also completed courses in advanced accident investigation at the academy in Bozeman. He was also an instructor there.

• Shane enjoyed fishing, hunting and sports.

He is survived by his wife, Terry, of Great Falls, a four-year-old son, Justin Dean Eckhardt of Jefferson City, his parents, Virgil and Helen Chadwick of Chester, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 11, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. at the McLaughlin Memorial Center in Great Falls with Pastor Tom Dunham of Chester officiating. Organist was Pam Hart and soloist was Gary Hart, who sang "Wind Beneath My Wings" and a duet with Pam was "The River". The Flag Presentation was made by Great Falls Police Chief Bob Jones, the Helena Police Department acted as Color Guard and the Malmstrom Air

Force Base gave the gun salute. "Amazing Grace" was played by the Great Falls Bagpipe Band and "Taps" was played by John Gemberling.

Pallbearers included Brian James, Loren Hawks, Jason Wanken, Russell Wolfe, Scott Kimball and Larry Merriman. Honorary Pallbearers were Mike Sassano, Todd Wanken and all members and staff of the Great Falls Police Department.

Cremation followed the services. Funeral arrangements were made by The Chapel of Chimes.

Memorials may be given to the Shane Chadwick Memorial Fund in care of the Great Falls Police Department, P.O. 5021, Great Falls, MT 59403.

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Shane Chadwick killed

By Valorie Zach
Liberty County Times

Shane Chadwick, 29, the only son of Helen and Virgil Chadwick of Chester, and a member of the Great Falls Police Department, was shot to death while in the line of duty Wednesday morning, September 7. And he went out a hero, placing the lives of others ahead of his own.

After an 11 hour standoff, the man accused of killing Chadwick, Bobbie McDonald, was hospitalized in critical condition, with wounds which were inflicted by police snipers.

Chadwick, who had been a Great Falls Police Officer for the past two years, was sent to a disturbance call at 4:28 a.m. made by a woman concerned about a man feeding birds in the early hours of the morning, making a good deal of racket, behind the Leland Apartments at 726 1st Ave. North. Officer Chadwick arrived on the scene at 4:30 a.m. and found McDonald in the rear of the building. And by 4:31 a.m. Chadwick was radioing for an ambulance, stating, "I've been shot." Police investigations disclosed that he was shot nine times from a handgun at near point-blank range and apparently didn't have time to return fire.

Great Falls police officers and fire fighters spent the next 11 hours trying to apprehend the man that took Shane down.

After numerous attempts which included tear gas and finally gunshots fired by a police sniper, Jeff Cathell, who fired a .223 caliber rifle from a

nearby rooftop, the wounded suspect was taken away in an ambulance at about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. McDonald was apparently shot three times, underwent surgery and was listed in critical condition at Columbus Hospital. His condition has since been upgraded to serious.

McDonald is expected to be charged with deliberate homicide and possibly with two or three counts of attempted deliberate homicide for shooting at other police officers during the standoff.

According to police background checks, McDonald, 48, has a criminal record in Vancouver, British Columbia and in those incidents was found to be violent, combative and carrying multiple weapons. "He had been diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. We had a number of dealings with him here," said Anne Drennan, police spokeswoman in British Columbia. Cascade County Sheriff's investigators found 62 pieces of evidence and an arsenal of guns and ammunition in McDonald's apartment.

In this instance, McDonald was turned in by a woman tenant of the Leland Apartments, of which McDonald also resided. The woman complained that McDonald, known to his neighbors as the "Birdman" and who had a history of feeding the birds in the early morning hours, was disturbing her by spreading bird seed just outside her windows and cleaning up old seed with a shovel.

Chadwick's death was the first in the line of duty in 59 years in Great Falls. Police officers there wore black bands on their badges in mourning for Officer Chadwick on Thursday and on Sunday. Governor Marc Racicot ordered that all state facilities fly flags at half-staff until Shane's funeral.

Funeral services were held for Chadwick Sunday afternoon in the McLaughlin Memorial Center at the College of Great Falls. The service was attended by hundreds of men and women in uniform, officers who knew or worked with Shane; numerous city and state officials including Attorney General Joe Mazurek, former Lt. Gov. Allen Kolstad, Cascade County commissioners, County Attorney Pat Paul and former Great Falls Police Chief Jack Anderson and many residents of Chester, Chadwick's home town. It was estimated that more than 1,000 people attended the funeral. Police came from as far away as Lethbridge and Calgary, and eight members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police also came to pay their respects.

Pastor Tom Dunham, the minister of Chadwick's hometown church, Our Savior's Lutheran, conducted the services and a colorguard from the Helena Police Department presented the flag. All of the Great Falls officers and civilian staff members were

seated together at the funeral.

The service was preceded by a police procession at 1 p.m. of over 400 squad cars and various emergency vehicles from across the state and some from Canada, and which included local law enforcement officers, Liberty County Sheriff Richard Burrows and Deputy Tim Snyder. The procession began at city police headquarters downtown and traveled to River Drive South, past the flag at Broadwater Overlook to 10th Avenue South ending at the McLaughlin Center at the College of Great Falls.

Chadwick's remains were

cremated after the service. Funeral arrangements were made by The Chapel of Chimes.

He is survived by his wife Terry of Great Falls; a four-year-old son, Justin Dean Eckhardt of Jefferson City; and his parents, Helen and Virgil Chadwick of Chester.

A memorial has been established and the money will go to Chadwick's wife and family to help defray funeral and related expenses. Those wishing to make donations can do so to the Shane Chadwick Memorial Fund in care of the Great Falls Police Department, P.O. 5021, Great Falls, MT 59403.

HELEN C. CONRAD

Born: September 24, 1921 - Died: November 10, 1994

Liberty County Times

December 14, 1994

Helen Conrad

Helen C. Conrad, 73, formerly of Columbia Falls, died November 10 at the Helena Nursing Home. She was born September 24, 1921 in Chester to Michael and Ida Yurman. She was raised and educated in Chester, and attended Northern Montana College in Havre and the University of Montana in Missoula. She married Edwin C. Conrad in Chester in 1946. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1952. The Conrads owned the Canyon Bar in Columbia Falls for many years. Survivors include a sister, Martha

Stevens of Fort Benton; two sons, Edwin Conrad of Helena and John Conrad of Missoula; a daughter, Barbara Conrad of Minneapolis, Minnesota and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls with the Reverend Ray Davis of the United Methodist Church officiating. Burial followed in Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

VERNON LEROY CRAMER

Born: July 6, 1908 - Died: March 14, 1994

Liberty County Times

March 23, 1994



Vernon Cramer

Vernon Leroy Cramer was born at Hill, Montana on July 6th, 1908. he was the only son of three children born to Charles and Jane (Vielleux) Cramer. Vern grew up in the Chester community and received his education here. He went to Indiana and attended the Valpariso Telegraph School, then returned to Montana and worked as a Great Northern Railroad telegrapher for several years. In the 1930's Vern began farming with his step-father, Pete Smith, northwest of Tiber. On October 5th, 1935 he married Agnes Reid in Spokane, Washington. The following year Vern and Agnes began farming on their own north of Tiber. They lived and farmed in the Chester community until their retirement in 1982. They moved into town in 1991 and have resided at the Sweetgrass Lodge. Vern's health recently deteriorated. He died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the morning of Monday (March 14, 1994). He was 85 years old

Vern had been a longtime member of the Chester United Methodist Church and the Joplin Masonic Lodge. In his earlier years he enjoyed boating, fishing and bowling. He liked to play pinochle and during his quiet hours at home he enjoyed reading (especially "Reader's Digest" and "National Geographic"). Vern loved Montana; he never traveled far from home and always said: "Chester's good enough for me!" Vern and Agnes were mates-for-life as their last anniversary was their 58th together. After Agnes moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home two years ago, Vern's love and dedication for her never faltered. Day-in and day-out he visited the nursing home to provide personal care for her. Vern's loyalty and concern for family and friends is a tribute to his life...

In addition to his wife, Vern is survived by a daughter and her husband, Delores and Russell Violett of Tucson, Arizona; a son and his wife, Edwin and Bev Cramer of Chester; two sisters, Ethel Patterson of Belgrade and Hilda Gummer of Chester; eight grandchildren (including Kathy, Pamela, Tracey, Merri, Cari, Todd, Cristi and Mark); 13 great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces. Vern was preceded in death by his father, mother and step-father.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 18 at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Lyndon Kacick officiating.

Jan Christofferson served as pianist and Sue Violett sang "Abide With Me" and "In the Garden." Ushers were Tom Gummer and B.J. Oswood. Pallbearers included Todd Cramer, David Reid, Mark Cramer, Gary Violett, Terry Thielman and Ron Christofferson. Memorial bearers were listed as "all of Vern's old friends - past and present". Local Masons performed Masonic Rites at graveside. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Memorials will be given to the Methodist Church or Sweetgrass Lodge.

ROBERT VERNON DARLINGTON
Born: May 28, 1932 - Died: December 11, 1994
Liberty County Times
December 14, 1994



Robert Darlington

Robert Vernon ("Bob") Darlington was born at Big Sandy, Montana on May 28, 1932. He was the third of six children born to Rose Alma Chartier and Harley V. Darlington. Bob grew up on the family farm 17 miles south of Big Sandy and received his early education at the Sheep Coulee country school. He graduated from Big Sandy High School in 1952 where he was involved in all sporting activities, excelling in basketball. Bob was offered a basketball scholarship at M.S.U. with plans to become a teacher and basketball coach. At that same time he was given an opportunity to lease a ranch near Big Sandy. He opted for ranching.

Bob married Marlene Dyer on March 28, 1952 at Havre. They made their home on the ranch and began raising their family of four. They purchased the ranch the following year and operated it from that time on. Marlene died from cancer in August of 1989.

Bob married Diane Nahrgang on November 23, 1990 at Chester. They purchased a home at Columbia Falls and lived there for two years. Bob was

diagnosed with cancer in 1992. Following extensive treatments and declining health, they moved to Havre this past year to be closer to Bob's family and his ranch. Bob died peacefully at his Havre home on Sunday morning, December 11. He was 62 years old.

Bob was a past member of the Eagleton Country School Board. He

was a member of the Big Sandy Community Church of God, and it is a comfort to his family that Bob received Holy Baptism from Pastor Morden on Saturday, the day before his death.

Bob was an excellent cattleman; not only did he raise and market cattle, he worked as a cattle buyer for several years. He also enjoyed horses. Bob loved nature and the outdoors and seeing things blossom and grow. When it came to his ranch, he was an imaginative inventor in rebuilding/restoring his equipment and machinery.

On a personal note Bob loved little kids and old people, and was especially fond of his grandchildren. He remained an avid sports fan over the years; he loved to watch his kids in action! Bob was a visionary for his family; he always gave of himself rather than to himself. He enjoyed helping young people get a start in life by offering good sound advice or a little financial backing. His kind, caring and gently nature was a tribute to his life.

Bob is survived by his wife, Diane of Havre; two daughters, Cheryl Drummer and husband Greg of Big Sandy and Marlys Hanson and husband Hal of Havre; two sons, Russ of Big Sandy and Rick and wife Brenda of Big Sandy; his parents, Harley and Alma Darlington of Big Sandy; ten grandchildren; three step children, including Mike Nahrgang of Chester, John Nahrgang of Lewistown and Lisa Bickford of Havre; two sisters, Mary Marty and Nora Miner, both of Havre;

two brothers, Kenny and Gary Darlington, both of Big Sandy; and numerous nephews and nieces. Bob was preceded in death by his first wife Marlene and a brother Bill.

Memorials will be given to the "Gift of Life", the Big Sandy Gymnasium Floor Fund or donor's choice.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the High School Gymnasium in Big Sandy with Reverend John Morden officiating. Interment will follow in the Big Sandy Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

There was viewing for friends and family at the Community Church of God on Tuesday from 2-6 p.m. and Wednesday from 9-noon.

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GERALD H. DEMARTIN

Born: September 15, 1940 - Died: January 6, 1994

**Liberty County Times
January 26, 1994**

Gerald DeMartin

Gerald H. DeMartin, 53, a resident of Chelan and a local insurance agent, died Thursday, January 6 in Lake Chelan Community Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born September 15, 1940 to Howard and Lillian (Sanvik) DeMartin at Rudyard. He attended school at Rudyard and graduated from Rudyard High School in 1958. He then attended Montana State University for three years.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1962 and was stationed in Korea. Following his discharge in 1965, he returned to Montana where he was seasonally employed on the family farm and during the rest of the year, worked at the Boeing Co. in Seattle. In 1968, he began employment with Western Pacific Insurance Co., which later became American States Insurance Co.

Mr. DeMartin moved to Chelan in 1978 and joined the Slaugenhaupt Agency. He purchased the business in 1985 and operated it as the DeMartin Agency. Mr. DeMartin was a chartered property and casualty underwriter.

He married Debra K. Strutzel on March 15, 1982 at Reno, Nevada.

Mr. DeMartin was a member and past president of Rotary and a charter member of the Riviera Tennis Club.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; two daughters, Danielle and Lindsay, both of the home; his mother, of Rudyard; two brothers, Joe of Rudyard and Rick of Toston; and a sister, Jan Hanson of Roswell, New Mexico. He was preceded in death by his father.

Arrangements are by Precht Rose Chapel, Chelan.

DELORES ENDRESON
Born: June 1, 1930 - Died: January 3, 1994
Liberty County Times
January 12, 1994

Delores Endreson

Delores Endreson, 63, a Columbia Falls resident, passed away January 3 in Yuma, Arizona, as a result of complications from Progressive Supranuclear Palsy.

She was born in Barrett, Minnesota, the daughter of Helmer and Helen (Olson) Skare on June 1, 1930. Delores was raised and attended schools in Barrett and graduated from high school there in 1948.

November 12, 1949 she married Harris W. Endreson at the Lincoln Lutheran Church in Minnesota. They lived in Parshall, North Dakota until September of 1952, then moved to Chester, where they resided until 1956 when they moved to Bchi. In 1962, they moved to Columbia Falls and have resided there since.

Delores worked for Dr. Buker in Chester and for Dr. Buchanan in Columbia Falls as a receptionist/bookkeeper. She also worked for Glacier National Bank until she retired due to illness.

She was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary and a member of Our Savior's

Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

[Delores was preceded in death by her parents.]

She is survived by her husband, Harris W. Endreson in Columbia Falls; a daughter, Pamela Jones in Columbia Falls; a son, Mark Endreson in Eureka, California; two grandchildren, McKenzie and Morgan Jones in Columbia Falls; two brothers, Orin Skare in Columbia Falls and LuVerne Skare in Kensington, Minnesota; a sister, Verna Grove in Evansville, Minnesota and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 11 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with Reverend Tom Gopp officiating. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with Columbia Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests that memorials can be made to the Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, Inc. P.O. Box 730, 388 Parkview Drive, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076-0730 or to Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

BEVERLY JEAN ERGENBRIGHT
Born: April 25, 1934 - Died: July 16, 1994
Liberty County Times
July 20, 1994

**Beverly
Ergenbright**

Beverly Jean Ergenbright, age 60, died on this past Saturday, July 16, at her daughter's home in Mesa, Arizona following a lengthy illness.

She was born on April 25, 1934 at Los Angeles, California. Beverly was the only daughter of three children born to Dora Beth Bagley and Bert Evenson. She grew up in California and graduated from Alhambra High School in 1952, then attended John Muir College in Pasadena for a while. On a trip to Montana, Beverly met her husband-to-be, Dale S. Ergenbright. They were married in Rudyard on June 30, 1954. In the years that followed they farmed and raised poultry north of Rudyard. In 1967 Dale was killed in a pickup/train accident near Hingham.

Shortly thereafter, Beverly and the children moved to Cut Bank where they resided for the next five years. In 1972 she moved to Mesa, Arizona and has lived there since. Beverly retired in 1989, although her health began failing several years before.

During her married years in Rudyard, Beverly was a member of the Calvary EUB Church (presently named the E.C.N.A.), taught Sunday School and served in the D.E.W., and was active in the Rudyard "Good News Club". In Arizona she served in the "Daughters of the American Revolution" and worked as a volunteer for the "one-on-one reading program" in the Mesa Public

School system.

Beverly enjoyed many of the simple pleasures of life, like reading, playing board games, working crossword puzzles, and singing. She was a wonderful cook and will be remembered for her delicious homemade apple pies. She had also done some oil paintings and had been active in a bowling league in Mesa. Beverly loved her family and always looked forward to their summer trips together.

She is survived by three children, including Bert Ergenbright of Hingham, Bill Ergenbright of Mesa and Becki Purinton of Mesa; five grandchildren, including Andrew, Nathan, Reid, Dale and Kaitlyn; and several nephews and nieces. Beverly was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and two brothers, Ernest and Douglas Evenson.

Beverly requested cremation services. It was also her preference that in lieu of flowers, memorials be given to Gideon Bibles, The American Cancer Society, Hospices or the Phoenix Children's Hospital.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 19 at the Henderson Colonial Funeral Home in Mesa. Beverly's daughter-in-law, Stacey Ergenbright, sang "Amazing Grace" and "Goodbye My Friend."

A graveside service with burial of ashes will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 25 at the Rudyard Cemetery. Graveside prayer will be conducted. Local arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

CLIFFORD ARTHUR FEY, SR.
Born: November 28, 1915 - Died: February 26, 1994
Great Falls Tribune
February 28, 1994

Clifford Arthur Fey, Sr.

Clifford Arthur Fey, Sr., 78, a retired farmer, died Saturday at a local hospital of natural causes.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Croxford and Sons Rose Room. Burial will be in the Highland Gemetery with military honors.



Fey

Croxford and Sons Funeral Home is in charge.

Fey was born Nov. 28, 1915, in Great Falls. He grew up on a ranch in the Sweet Grass Hills and was educated there.

He worked on ranches around Augusta and Valier until he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. Military service included many flying missions while serving with the 95th Bomber Squadron over Sicily, Tunisia, and France in the liberation of Europe, flying B-17s and B-26s.

He received the EAME Theater ribbon with one Silver Star and two Bronze Stars, a Presidential Citation Award, four overseas bars and good-conduct medals. He served from 1942 to 1945. After his discharge he moved back to the Toole County area, where he flew his plane and worked at various places.

In 1949 he married Ida Nymark in Shelby. They ranched and farmed north of Devon. In 1972 they moved to Great Falls.

He enjoyed traveling, helping family and friends, and telling adventure stories.

Surviving are his wife of Great Falls; three sons, Clifford Fey, Jr., of Shelby, Victor Fey of Cut Bank; and Pete Fey of Cut Bank; three daughters, Randi Meehan and Mary Bates, both of Great Falls, and Anita Barker of Lyons, Texas; four sisters, Virginia Kinyon of Devon, Francis Fowler of Santa Ana, Calif., Majorie Moe of Sacramento, Calif., and Bonnie Casper of Herber, Utah, 19 grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

LEONARD FRITZ
Born: October 12, 1916 - Died: January 20, 1994
Liberty County Times
January 26, 1994



Leonard Fritz

Leonard Fritz was born at a farm house near Lothair, Montana on October 12th, 1916. He was the eldest of five children born to Illa Widlowski and Joseph Fritz. Leonard grew up on the family homestead northwest of Tiber and received his formal education at Lothair, Tiber and Chester. He worked with his father and eventually began farming on his own. On March 1, 1941 Leonard married Lillie Jane Borske. In addition to raising two children, they farmed and ranched together the rest of their married lives. Leonard was diagnosed with lung cancer in April of 1993. He had numerous hospitalizations since that time; he died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the afternoon of Thursday, January 20, 1994. He was 77 years old.

Leonard had been a lifelong member of St. Mary's Parish in Chester. Other memberships included the Marias Hereford Association, National Cattleman's Association and Montana Stockgrower's.

In those early years on the farm Leonard milked cows and sold dairy products, raised and sold sheep and kept a few hogs and chickens. In 1949 he began raising pure-bred (registered) Hereford cattle, so he has remained busy in cattle and farming operations since. Leonard was also a loyal supporter and steady worker in his son's business, "Fritz Auctions".

Leonard enjoyed the simple things in life, like fishing with Lillie or hunting coyotes and other varmints. He enjoyed reading farm publications and keeping up on the daily news and weather. He loved attending rodeos, especially the National Finals. But probably his favorite hobby was "work". He loved driving tractor and combine, and took great pride in his machinery. He enjoyed driving his pick-up around the farm -- to check on the cattle, look over the crops, or simply appreciate his life in Montana. He also loved to spend time with his grandchildren.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Lillie of Chester; son and daughter-in-law, Errol and Julie Fritz of Chester; daughter and son-in-law, Loreta and Lyle Aklestad of Big Fork; brother, Raymond Fritz of Chester; sisters, Betty Struck of Mesa, Arizona and Lillian Eggleston of Phoenix, Arizona; six grandchildren, including Carrie, Debbie, Joe, Bret, Jim and Connie;

four great-grandchildren including Jane, Michael, Eric and Jake; and numerous nephews and nieces. Leonard was preceded in death by his parents and a sister (Genevieve).

Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester or to the "Gift of Life" at Columbus Hospital in Great Falls.

Rosary prayers were held at 7 p.m. Monday, January 24 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. The funeral mass was celebrated at the church at 11 a.m. Tuesday by Father Tom Harney. St. Mary's choir sang "On Eagle's Wings" and "One Day at a Time." A special vocal number by Loren Hawks was "The Green, Green Grass of Home". Readers included Dena and Heidi Fritz and Rlynn Rockman. Communion gifts were presented by Carrie Reynolds and Connie Fritz and altar servers were Wade Johnson and Dave Ghekiere. Ushers were Tom Gummer and Dennis Diemert. Friends serving as pallbearers included Bill Skinner, Herb Fenger, Dennis Ghekiere, Jim Carter, Bill Cole and Jerry Ghekiere. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A memorial luncheon followed at the church. *Jan 26 - 1994*

RAY FUNK
Born: December 26, 1922 - Died: December 15, 1994
Liberty County Times
January 25, 1995

Ray Funk

Ray Funk passed away December 15, 1994 from lung cancer at the Federal Way Convalescent Center in Federal Way, Washington.

Ray was born to Waldo and Venora Funk in Joplin, Montana on December 26, 1922. He attended schools in Joplin and graduated in 1942. In August of 1942 he joined the U.S. Navy and served on the Battleship Iowa during World War II. He received an honorable discharge in 1946.

In May of 1946 Ray married Nanette (Corrine) Miller in Kalispell. They divorced in 1976.

He married Laura Beaman December 26, 1979, who resides at their home in Seattle, Washington. He retired from Van Waters and Rogers.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters. He is survived by four sisters: Ruth Dailey, Ronan; Elsie Brown, Dayton; Irene Wathen, Kalispell; and Dorothy Rollis, Cambridge, Idaho; three stepchildren, eight step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

GEORGE B. GASS
Born: November 11, 1909 - Died: April 11, 1994
Liberty County Times
April 20, 1994

George B. Gass

George B. Gass, 84, of Hamilton, Montana, died Monday, April 11th of natural causes in Hamilton at the Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital.

He was born November 11, 1909 in Kibby, Oklahoma, the son of the late Ezra and Ada Drake Gass. He was raised and educated in Buffalo, Oklahoma, and began ranching and farming as a young man. He entered the U.S. Army in April 1942 and served in the Aleutian Island, the Pacific and European Theatres, being discharged in September 1945.

January 19, 1945 he married Bessie Anderson in San Diego, California, moving to Tacoma, Washington, then in 1946 to Joplin, Montana where he farmed until 1974 when the couple moved to Whitefish. In 1980 they moved to Kansas and then in 1985 returned to Whitefish. In 1991 they moved to Hamilton.

George was a member of the Joplin Lutheran Church and attended the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. He was also a member of the Chester V.F.W.

Survivors include his wife Bessie of Hamilton; son and daughter-in-law, John and Karen Gass of Lolo, Montana; daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Richard Bruce of Turah, Montana; two sisters, Wilma Trimpa of Sublette, Kansas and Lilla Mae St. Pierre of Enominee, Michigan; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Friday at 1:00 p.m. at the Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalspell with Rev. John Bent officiating with arrangements by the Daly-Leach Chapel of Hamilton.

The family suggests memorials to the Marcus Daly Hospice of the Bitterroot, 1200 Westwood Dr., Hamilton, Montana 59840.

MATHEA LOUISE HANSON
Born: September 24, 1900 – Died: May 15, 1994
Liberty County Times
May 18, 1994



Mathea Hanson

Mathea Louise Hanson, age 93, died early Sunday morning (May 15th, 1994) at the Pondera Pioneer Nursing Home in Conrad. In 1987 she was proud to be part of Westby's 75th Anniversary Parade and was recognized as the town's "oldest original resident."

Mathea Louise Olesen was born on September 24, 1900 on her parent's farm home near Heatwall, Minnesota, McCone County. She was one of seven children born to Anton and Kristine (Johnson) Olesen. After a tornado destroyed their farm home in 1906, the Olesen family moved to a Danish community (later named "Daneville") located seven miles south of Westby. Mathea received her formal education near and in Westby, and then began working at the Nelson-Sannerud Merchandise Store to help support the family.

Mathea married Hans O. Hanson on June 20, 1926. After living in Minneapolis for a year, they returned to Westby and purchased a creamery business and home on Main Street (and began raising their family of five). In the 1940's Mathea worked part-time at Thorpe's General Store. Following Hans' death in 1954, Mathea lived and worked in Westby and Plentywood at Ben Franklin, The Vogue and Kitzenberg's.

In 1979 Mathea moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester and in 1990 she moved to the Horizon Lodge in Conrad; both moves were to be nearer her children. Because of failing health due to cancer, she transferred to the nursing home in Conrad on March 8th and remained there until her death.

Mathea was a charter member of the Daneville Lutheran Church. The church was built in 1907, but prior to that the services were held in her parent's homestead house. Mathea was a member of the first Sunday school class and the first confirmation class. She began the Sewing Circle for young girls and was also married in the church. The original church building now stands in Heritage Park at Crosby, North Dakota as a tribute to those early pioneers.

Mathea was also a member of the First Lutheran Church in Westby and the Ladies Aid. She was still a member of the Westby Birthday Circle.

During those early years in Westby, Mathea and Hans took in many boarders (mainly teachers and students). Mathea loved to have folks drop in for a visit. She always had the coffee pot on and she liked to serve her homemade breads and Danish "krum-kake". She loved to travel and before her stroke she spent many winters in California. Her hobbies were crocheting, tatting and knitting and she made many afghans for family and friends. She also made cloth dolls and lovely quilts. Mathea took up oil painting in her 70's and was an excellent artist. Other interests included reading, playing whist, and she loved music and "sing-a-longs". Mathea had a fantastic memory and has left her family with an excellent 50-year history of life on the homestead and the early days in Daneville and Westby.

Mathea is survived by three daughters, Marcia Larson of Missoula,

Orlene Stiles of Anaheim, California and Merna Kolstad of Lothair; two sons, Odgen Hanson of Conrad and Hardy Hanson of Billings; two sisters, Grace Smith Andersen of Plentywood and Lenora Hoff Thon of Minot, North Dakota; 16 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. Mathea was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by two brothers (Alton and infant Harold), two sisters (Alice and May), and a great-grandchild, Amy Ferraro.

Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 18th at the original site of the Daneville Lutheran Church with Pastor Barbara Westhoff officiating. Burial will follow in the Daneville Cemetery. Visitation/viewing will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby. NOTE: The Immanuel Lutheran Church will be the alternate location for services if the weather is inclement. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

LEONARD M. HEINTZ
Born: June 22, 1929 - Died : January 14, 1994
Liberty County Times
February 2, 1994

Leonard Heintz

Leonard M. Heintz, 64, of Bozeman, passed away peacefully January 14, 1994 at home after a long bout with throat cancer.

He was born June 22, 1929, in Rudyard, the son of Carl and Margaret (Mottaz) Heintz. He attended grade school in Rudyard.

In 1944, his family moved from Rudyard to a farm they purchased west of Moccasin, Montana. Leonard attended high school in Moccasin. He belonged to the boxing club in Lewistown and fought Golden Gloves. Following high school he worked as a ranch hand, truck driver, painting contractor and insurance claims adjuster.

In 1960, he established the Rocky Mountain General Insurance Agency with his spouse June (Peters) Heintz in Billings. They sold the General Agency in 1972. Mr. Heintz had lifelong ties with agriculture. Over the years he owned and operated ranches at Bridger, Joliet and Clyde Park. He raised Hereford and registered red Angus cattle.

Leonard enjoyed big game hunting, camping and fishing. Upland bird and waterfowl hunting was his passion.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl; mother, Margaret and brothers, Robert and Marvin Heintz.

He is survived by June Heintz of

Bozeman and their children, daughters Margie Heintz of Reno, Nevada and Vicky Heintz of Canby, Oregon; sons Tom Heintz and Shane Heintz of Bozeman; sister Carol Ann Heintz of Reno, Nevada; brothers Lloyd Heintz of Lewistown, Jim Heintz of Spokane, Washington; Howard Heintz of Quincy, Washington; Fred Heintz of Winnemucca, Nevada and Bill Heintz of Sonoma, California; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, January 18 at 1 p.m. at Christ The King Lutheran Church in Bozeman. Burial will follow at Sunset Hills Cemetery. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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JOHN N. HULTIN
Born: September 12, 1918 - Died: June 23, 1994
Liberty County Times
June 29, 1994

John Hultin

John N. Hultin, age 75, of Shelby died Thursday, June 23, 1994 of heart problems in a Great Falls hospital.

He was born September 12, 1918 at Alma, Montana. He graduated from Big Sandy High School in 1938. He served in World War II and after his discharge he returned to Hingham, Montana where he operated a grain elevator. In 1955 he married Marian Ford in Joplin, Montana. In 1977 he moved to Shelby continuing to work for Harvest States (formerly GTA) until 1983 when he retired. He had been a member of the Shelby VFW, St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Shelby and the Marias Valley Country Club.

Survivors include his wife, Marian, of Shelby; daughters, Caroline McConville of Great Falls, and Kathy Preeshl of Gildford; son Pat Hultin of Fort Benton; four sisters, Eva Amundson of Missoula, Alice J. Craig of Tacoma, Washington, Selma Sonntag of Arcada, California, and Ruth Downing of Mill Valley, California; four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 27th at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby. Cremation has taken place. O'Connor Funeral Home of Great Falls and Whitted Funeral Home of Shelby were in charge of arrangements.

PEARL MARIE JACKSON
Born: December 4, 1910 - Died : June 23, 1994
Liberty County Times
June 29, 1994

Pearl Jackson

Pearl Marie Jackson of Elliston, formerly of Loma and Gildford, died Thursday, June 23rd, in a four-wheeler/horse accident, her two greatest loves.

A memorial service was held Monday, June 27th at 2:00 p.m. at the Retz Chapel in Helena with Rev. Bob Richards officiating. Interment of remains will be in Rudyard.

Pearl was born December 4, 1910

to Harvey and Bell Slater in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The family moved to Gildford in the early 1900s. She attended school in Kremlin. She married Alfred Jackson on July 8, 1929 in Havre. They farmed south of Gildford. They moved to Loma in 1936 where they ran a service station and store and farmed. In 1950 they moved to Elliston where they ranched.

She was preceded in death by two sons and her husband Alfred on August 22, 1991. Survivors include a daughter, Lily Mae Myers of Hingham, and a son, Bill Jackson, of Elliston; three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials will go to Western Montana College or Montana Tech.

WALTER FREDERICK JENSEN

Born: June 27, 1904 - Died: May 23, 1994

Liberty County Times

May 25, 1994



Walter Jensen

Walter Frederick Jensen was born in Kenmare, North Dakota on June 27th, 1904. He was one of eight children born to Elise "Sophia" Pedersen and Peter Jensen. Age 6 he came to Montana with his parents, who homesteaded north of Joplin. Walt received his formal education in Joplin, then began farming and working on the county road crew. On December 15th, 1934 he married Edris Graham in Joplin. They made their home in Chester and raised their family of four. In 1935 Walt began working at the Chester Public Schools as custodian, a position he held for 37 years. In addition to his school employment, Walt worked various part time jobs, including Kolstad Implement, Shamey's Grocery, Liberty County Hospital, the Chester clinic, Liberty County Bank and A.S.C.S. Office. After he retired from the school in 1973, he continued to perform janitorial duties and grounds maintenance at the A.S.C.S. Office and the Bank of Montana, Chester. He had planned to retire from these jobs next month at the time of his 90th birthday. However, while visiting with friends in the A.S.C.S. Office this past week, Walt suddenly collapsed. He was initially taken to the Chester Hospital, then transferred to Great Falls where he died at the Deaconess Hospital on the morning of Monday, May 23, 1994. He was 89 years old.

Walt had been a loyal member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester and the Lutheran Brotherhood. He was a past-master of the Joplin Masonic Lodge and received a 50-year pin from the lodge a few years ago. Walt had also served on the Liberty County Selective Service Board, the Chester City Council and had worked as a janitor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church for over 30 years. More recently, he had been active at the Senior Citizen's Center. During his tenure in the school system, Walt remained a dedicated, hard-working employee. Although he was firm with the students in his demands for cleanliness, he gained their respect and affection.

Walt's hobbies included gardening and fishing. His favorite card games were pinochle, whist, solitaire, rummy, hearts and pan. He enjoyed his quiet hours at home, when he could tinker in his shop or work in the yard. Walt's yearly Christmas displays were always exceptional and he had won numerous awards from the Lions Club for his efforts. Walt enjoyed being with friends,

telling stories from the past or discussing current events.

Walt loved sports, especially basketball. Of interest was the fact that he played basketball in his younger days and was nicknamed "Race Horse Jensen."

Several memorable events included the celebration of Walt and Edris' 50th wedding anniversary with their entire family in Hawaii and a trip to Albuquerque when Walt took a hot-air balloon ride at age 75.

Walt's survivors include his wife, Edris of Chester; two daughters, Marilyn Whelchel of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Arletta Nicholson of Havre, two sons, Gary and Carmen Jensen, both of Chester; one sister, Marie Anderson of Olympia, Washington; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, by three brothers, Vego, Harold and Victor, by three sisters, Alice, Esther and Valborg and by a grandson, Douglas Walter Jensen.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 26th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Reverend Tom Dunham officiating. Vocal music by Wayne Wardell will be "In the Garden" and "Just a Closer Walk with Thee". The congregation will sing "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by organist, Juanita Wardell. Ushers will be Irvin Hutchison and Allen Kolstad. Pallbearers will include Jack Seidlitz, Cliff Hanson, Robert Matson, Mike Walstad, Bob Nordstrom, Cliff Leighton, George Braun and Dr. Richard Buker. Interment will be in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon will follow at the church.

Memorials will be given to O.S.L.C. Building Fund or the Hi-Line Health Service Foundation.

MAGNHILD OLINE JEPPESEN
Born: May 5, 1897 - Died: October, 1994
Liberty County Times
Ocyober 24, 1994

Magnhild Jeppesen

Magnhild Oline Jeppesen died Tuesday at the Shelby Nursing Home after an extended illness. Born on May 5, 1897 in Fredrikstad, Norway to Christian and Agnethe Forseth, she came to Montana with her mother and two brothers and a sister where they homesteaded in the Grandview area north of Galata. She attended elementary school at grandview. On September 29, 1912 she was confirmed by Pastor Haugland at the Grandview Lutheran Church. She attended high school in Kalispell and later lived in Great Falls for a time where she was a seamstress and made clothes for Charlie Russell's wife.

On June 10, 1922 she married Ingolf Jeppesen in Liberty County and lived on his homestead that was located just northeast of Grandview. To this union was born four sons, Arnold, Harris, Randolph and Marvin. She was a charter member of Trinity Lutheran Church and served as Sunday School Teacher and member of the Trinity Ladies Aid. They lived on the farm until 1948 at which time they bought a house in Shelby. However, they continued to farm until 1955 when illness forced them to move into town. She continued to take care of her husband until his death on May 14, 1977.

She was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, WELCA and the Army Mothers Group. Survivors include her four sons, Arnold and Marvin of Shelby, Harris of Charlo, Montana and Randolph of Missoula; 18 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby on October 22, with Reverend Joe Haugestuen officiating. Pallbearers were Lori Cummings, Mike Jeppesen, Murray Taylor, Patricia Flores, Gary Jeppesen and Nancy Sovocool. Honorary Pallbearers were all of the grandchildren. Interment was at the Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby.

Music was provided by Rock Svønnungsen accompanied by Laila Lindberg.

ARTHUR RAYMOND KAISER
Born: July 30, 1935 - Died: August 21, 1994
Liberty County Times
August 24, 1994



Art Kaiser

Arthur Raymond Kaiser, Jr. was born in Havre on July 30, 1935. He was one of five children born to Mary M. Linn and Arthur R. Kaiser. Art grew up in Big Sandy and received his education there, graduating from Big Sandy High School in 1955. In the few years that followed, he worked in Big Sandy and learned the meat-cutting trade at Mikkelson's Grocery.

Art enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1958. He served as Private 1st Class in active duty for two years, then finished his military service with four years in the reserves. He was honorably discharged in 1964.

Art returned to Montana. He worked at Smith Grocery and Meats for awhile, then took a job at a store in Brady. On December 5, 1965 he married Dorothy Farley at Big Sandy. They made their home in Chester where Art worked for Charlie and Helen Baker at the Chester Trading Company.

In 1968 Art and Dorothy began managing Laas Bar in Chester. A few years later they opened and operated the Wagon Wheel Steak House in conjunction with the bar, and they ran both businesses until 1980.

Art moved to Minnesota for a short time, then came back to Chester and has lived here since. He has worked as a restaurant cook at the Wagon Wheel Steak House, Ye Old Tastee Freez, and more recently, D.J.'s Golden Harvest Cafe.

Art had not been feeling well recently and was being treated for hypertension. He died at his apartment in Chester on the early morning of Sunday, August 21. He was 59 years old.

Art was the former Chester Jaycee Chapter President, past Commander of the Chester American Legion Post #88, past Commander of the Montana American Legion District #2, and a past member of the Big Sandy Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed playing horseshoes and had been involved in the Liberty Leapers Club for a few years. Hobbies in earlier years included hunting, fishing, and bowling. Art collected decorative bottles (his best collection was the Lewis and Clark and Jim Beam varieties). In his quiet hours at home Art enjoyed watching old Western movies.

Art had always been a good community person. He assisted with many dinners and functions over the past 30 years here in Chester. He was a conscientious worker, loyal friend and all-around nice fellow.

Art is survived by two sons, Gary of Chester and Brian of Great Falls; one brother, Edwin of Long Beach, California; two sisters, Irene Williams of Butte and Sandra Elligfritt of Portland, Oregon; three grandchildren and several aunts, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister

(Clara).

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, August 25 at the United Methodist Church in Chester with Reverend Lyndon Kacick officiating. Gail Cicon will serve as organist and vocalist Tammy Enghusen will perform "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross". Friends serving as pallbearers will be Dennis Snyder, Duane Gjesdal, Bob Aitken, John Sheldon, Larry Lappe and Bill Gunderson. Usher will be Quannah Bailey. A luncheon will follow at the church. Graveside services with military rites by the Big Sandy VFW and American Legion will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Big Sandy Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. The family prefers memorials in lieu of flowers.

RYAN DAVID KEITH
Born: January 2, 1994 - Died: January 2, 1994
Great Falls Tribune
January 4, 1994

Ryan David Keith

Ryan David Keith, infant son of Teri and David Keith of 4000 6th Ave. N., was stillborn Sunday at a local hospital.

His funeral is 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Central Assembly of God Church, with private burial in the Chester Cemetery. O'Connor Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

He was one of twins; his sister, Annisa Keith, survives. Also surviving are his parents of Great Falls; another sister, April Keith of Great Falls; a brother, Robert Keith of Kalispell; a stepbrother, Jimmy Vance of North Pole, Alaska, and his grandparents, Bob and Ethel Darnall of Chester, Gerry and Mary Ryan of Helena and Eleanor Vorderburgenn of Duluth, Minn.

GEORGE MATTSON

Born: September 6, 1918 - Died: November 9, 1994

Liberty County Times
November 16, 1994



George Mattson

George Mattson was born on September 6, 1918 on the family homestead located 17 miles north of Chester. His parents were Minnie Johnson and Andrew Mattson, and he was one of three sons. George attended the Fairview Country School and finished his education in Chester, where he lived with the Walden family and worked at Walden Brothers Hardware Store. He graduated from Chester High School in 1937 and began farming with his father and two brothers, Allen and Jennings. In addition, George worked at the Conoco Station in Chester.

At the onset of World War II, George was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served in the Mediterranean Theatre as a member of the 835th Engineer Aviation Battalion and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. His unit was headed to the Pacific when the war ended, so George was honorably discharged in 1945. He returned to Montana where he purchased the Bill Raabe homestead and continued to farm with his brothers.

On September 24, 1949 George married Mary E. Plank at Great Falls. They moved to the Raabe homestead and developed what was to become George Mattson Farms.

Although George never officially retired from farming, he slowed down

some following a serious truck accident in 1969. He moved from the farm to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester in July of 1993 and has lived there since. On this past Wednesday, November 9, 1994, he died peacefully in his sleep at his apartment. He was 76 years old.

George was involved in many community projects throughout the years. Most of these projects were organized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, like the development of Tiber Dam as a recreational area (such as the boat houses that were destroyed in the flood of 1964, construction of the V.F.W. Park at the lake, and promotion of the Labor Day "Water Frolics" in the 1960's).

In addition, George had assisted in the development of a golf course at Tiber Dam, even though he had never golfed. George also served on the Liberty County Cemetery Board and had been instrumental in getting the irrigation system installed at the cemetery.

George was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, local Elks and Lions Clubs, and was a loyal participant of Alcoholics Anonymous. But his main interest over the years was his involvement in the V.F.W. Not only had he served as State Commander of the V.F.W., he also received appointments to many national committees. Locally, he was always available to assist with Memorial/Veterans Day programs or serve on funeral color guards.

George loved to be with people, tell jokes, play Bingo and eat (he was especially fond of sweets). He will be remembered for his "deadpan" humor and his unique comic delivery of stories and speeches.

Because George and his two children were graduates of Chester High School, the family will give all undesignated memorial gifts to the C.H. S. Alumni Scholarship Fund.

George is survived by Mary Mattson of Helena, a son, Carl (and his wife Janice) of Chester; a daughter, Jodi Hill (and husband Al) of Helena, a

brother, Allen of Chester; five grandchildren including Vince and Megan Mattson, Mary Lee and Lindsay Tuckerman and Erin Hill; a longtime friend, Doris Sorenson of Rudyard; and numerous nephews, nieces and grandnephews/nieces. George was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Jennings.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, November 13 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with Reverend Tom Dunham officiating. A special vocal tribute, "The Lord's Prayer", was performed by George's daughter Jodi. The congregation sang "In the Garden" and "Faith of Our Fathers" accompanied by Juanita Wardell. Pallbearers were Al Hill, Vince Mattson, Bob Mattson, Dave Mattson, Mike Mattson and Dale Gunderson. Ushers were Bill Hunt and Darby O'Brien. Memorial bearers were listed as George's friends in the Chester V.F.W. Post and Alcoholics Anonymous. Interment with military rites followed at the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon for family and friends was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

LILLIAN VENA MCCOLLOCH
Born: June 19, 1914 - Died: July 20, 1994
Liberty County Times
August 17, 1994

Lillian McCulloch

Private services were recently held for Lillian Vena McCulloch.

McCulloch, 80, died July 20 in Juneau. She was born to Laura and Les Ward on June 19, 1914 in Chester. In 1939 McCulloch came to Petersburg with her first husband. In 1952, she moved to Kalispell with her children.

She married E. Angus McCulloch on May 19, 1953 in Montana. The McCullochs lived in various towns before settling in Garden Grove, California where they stayed for 30 years. About four years ago, the couple moved to Juneau to be closer to her family.

McCulloch was preceded in death by her sister, Stella Thisselle.

She leaves her husband of Juneau, sons and daughters-in-law Robert and Dorothy Reid, Leslie and Janet Reid, Dale and Janie Reid, all of Juneau and Gordon "Kelly" and Jennie Reid of Prescott Valley, Arizona; daughters and sons-in-law Beulah and Donald Luhr of Petersburg and Claudia and Brian Russel of Juneau; sister Edna Laas of Chester; brothers Aden Ward of Chester, Walter of Fairfield and Arizona and Larry Ward of Kalispell; as well as 19 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

RUTH A. MCDERMOTT
Born: May 27, 1897 - Died: April, 1994
Havre Sentinel
May 4, 1994

RUTH A. McDERMOTT

FERDIG — Ruth A. McDermott, 96, a former postmaster at the small community of West Butte in the Sweetgrass Hills, died Wednesday at a Shelby hospital of natural causes.

She was born May 27, 1897, in Gold Butte, where she was raised and educated. She attended Great Falls Business College.

In 1915, she married Peter McDermott in Great Falls; he died in 1953. They worked a coal mine in Gold Butte and did cattle ranching.

She was the postmaster in West Butte several years.

She enjoyed sewing and playing cards. She was a member of the Methodist Church and Prairie Homemakers Club, and served on the Toole County Election Board many years.

Surviving include four sons, Rodney McDermott of Belfair, Wash., Henry McDermott of Oilmont, Peter "Guy" McDermott of Ferdig and Kenneth McDermott of Fairfield; three daughters, Beverly Nash of Cut Bank, Helen Dolezal of Chinook and Dixie Swenson of Great Falls; 30 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and 51 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five children, infants Rose Mary, Patrick and Elnora Lammerding, Betty Zell and William McDermott.

JULIA MARY (KANTOROWICZ) MCINTYRE
Born: April 7, 1915 - Died: August 5, 1994
Liberty County Times
August 31, 1994



Julia McIntyre

Julia Mary (Kantorowicz) McIntyre was born at Hay Coulee on April 7, 1915. She was one of fifteen children born to Katherine (Lapata) and Stanley Kantorowicz. She lived with her parents, sisters and brothers on the family homestead south east of Chester. Places of employment in Montana included: the John Dalemata family and Claude Walden family of Chester; Lewis Ranch; Johnson family of Shelby and the Buttrey family of Havre.

Julia moved to Spokane, Washington in 1947. After she and

her husband separated, Julia continued to manage the 120 acre farm with her six children. In 1964, she sold the farm and moved her family into Spokane, Washington. Farming still being an interest of hers, she tended a nice garden in town and enjoyed sharing the fruit of her labor with others.

Julia's children describe her as loyal, generous, religious, hard working and very independent. She loved gardening, maintaining her home, movies and was an avid baseball fan. She devoted her life to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

On the evening of August 4, Julia was admitted to a Spokane Hospital after suffering a coronary. She died on the morning of August 5 at the age of 79. She had suffered from heart disease for many years.

Julia's survivors include six children: Darlene Louis Hughes; John, Francis, Gary and Lawrence McIntyre all of Spokane, Mary Lou Colliver of Sitka, Alaska; 15 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; eight brothers and sisters; Catherine (Bessie) Wanken and Josephine Bubnash and husband Nick of Chester; Sister Susanne, Santa Maria, California; Carl Kantorowicz and wife Loretta,

Highwood Route, Great Falls; Ruth Corbett, Kalispell; Mary Ennis, Spokane, Washington; Alfred Biggs and wife, Jo, Tonasket, Washington; Bernice McCabe and husband Tom, Muskogee, Oklahoma; sister-in-law, Mildred Kantorowicz, Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews. Julia was preceded in death by her parents, brothers (John, Frank, Chester) and sisters (Anna Manchak, Sophis Lalum and Agnes Kantorowicz).

Funeral services were held in Spokane, Washington on August 8 at the St. Charles Catholic Church. Interment was in the Holy Cross Cemetery. Casket bearers were Terry, Francis, Lawrence, John and Gary McIntyre and Tommy Louis. Hazen and Jaeger Funeral Home, Spokane, was in charge of arrangements.

HELEN MCLENNAN
Born: October 5, 1911 - Died: December 8, 1994
Liberty County Times
December 21, 1994

Helen McLennan

Helen C. McLennan, 83, of Las Vegas, Nevada died Thursday, December 8 in a Las Vegas hospital.

She was born October 5, 1911 in Yugoslavia.

She is survived by one sister, Ann Duffy of Hamilton and one brother Lawrence Kalafatich of Butte.

Helen lived in Joplin a number of years. She ran a cafe and her husband ran the Farmer's Union Oil Station.

Palm Mortuary 1600 S. Jones in Las Vegas handled arrangements.

The family suggests donations to the Arthritis Foundation Nevada Chapter, 3850 W. Desert Inn Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109.

RUTH NELSON
Born: March 31, 1923 - Died: October 15, 1994
Liberty County Times
October 24, 1994

Ruth Nelson

Ruth B. Nelson, 71, a resident of Havre, died on Saturday, October 15 at a Havre hospital of natural causes.

Services for Mrs. Nelson were held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, Havre, on Tuesday, October 18 at 2 p.m. with the Reverend Will Olsen officiating. Burial was at the Highland Cemetery.

Ruth was born March 31, 1923 at Richardton, North Dakota to Louis and Laura (Krueger) Brandt. Ruth's family moved to New England, North Dakota where she attended school. The family later moved to Inverness where she attended school at Inverness and Rudyard. She graduated from the Rudyard High School in 1940. On February 18, 1950 at Great Falls, Montana she married Robert D. Nelson. After their marriage they lived at Glasgow for one year and then moved to Havre where they continued to make their home.

Mrs. Nelson was employed as a clerk at the Buttrey's Store and also a clerk at the Krezelak Meat market. She was a deputy assessor at the Hill

County Courthouse and later worked at the Citizen's Bank until retiring in 1985 and a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Nelson was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 1977 and one brother George Brandt.

She is survived by two sons, Danny and Bruce Nelson both of Havre; four sisters, Eunice Robertson, Pacifica, California, Laretta (Sally) Wodarz, Havre, Cora Brandt, Grass Valley, California and Lydia Hansen, Rudyard. Four brothers also survive, Harold Brandt, Richland, Washington, Edwin Brandt, Seattle, Washington, Eimer Brandt, Central Point, Oregon and Eugene Brandt, Grass Valley, California; and one aunt, Lydia Krueger of Rudyard.

The organist was Ruth Carlson. The soloist was Dave Rice who sang Beyond the Sunset and Children of the Heavenly Father. The congregational hymn was "Beautiful Savior". The pallbearers were Don Hanson, Jody Hanson, Jerry Engleson, Roy Wodarz, Greg Feig and Clyde Bryant.

Memorials are suggested to a person's choice.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

CLARA MAE NOVAK
Born: March 8, 1931 - Died: August 28, 1994
Liberty County Times
September 7, 1994

Clara Mae Novak

Clara Mae Novak, 63, died on the morning of August 28 following a brief struggle with ovarian cancer.

Clara was born March 8, 1931, to Joseph and Florence Rezek in Racine, Wisconsin. On June 17, 1950 she married Stanley Novak. They moved from Racine to their farm outside of Shepherd in August of 1960.

Clara's Catholic faith was the foundation of her life and of her actions. Her faith saw her through times of trouble as well as times of joy. As a Eucharistic minister, she considered it a privilege to bring Holy Communion to the sick and disabled. A highlight of Clara's life was her trip to Calgary when Pope John Paul II visited.

Clara's character was one of integrity, simplicity and self-effacing humor. She put others before herself. She was self-sacrificing in her relationships, notably with her

husband, children, grandchildren, and even strangers in need. Her untold acts of kindness were pure and unconditional, from her heart, and often anonymous.

Clara pursued a huge spectrum of interests, from gardening to politics. At home, she loved caring for her flower garden and her houseplants. She spent many enjoyable hours quilting and using her amazing creative talents. She was a great cook, and her family enjoyed all her specialties, from sauerkraut and ribs to kringle at Christmas time. In later years, after her children left home, she doted on her cat, Cato, and her dog, Barney. During the past decade, she and Stan worked together to develop their registered polled Hereford herd. Clara found her work for the Democratic Party both stimulating and rewarding.

Clara is survived by her husband, Stan of the family home; her seven children, Mike and Margaret Novak of Chester; Linda Novak and Steve

Oswald of Thompson Falls, Martin and Jerri Novak of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mary Jane and Gary DeYoung of Missoula, Larry and Jill Novak of Salt Lake City, Utah; Marilyn and Mike Marnin of Belle Fourche, South Dakota; and Mauri Novak of Chester. Other survivors include her mother, Florence Tedwick and her sister, Mary Pratt of San Leandro, California and her precious grandchildren, Tristan, Erin, Nicholas, Schuyler, John, Thomas, Timothy, Amy, Adam, Mason, William and Andrea.

The vigil service was held at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 226 Wicks Lane at 7 p.m. Monday, August 29. Funeral mass was celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. Ashes were interred at the Shepherd cemetery at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Memorials may be sent to St. Vincent Hospital, 1233 N. 30th St., Billings, Montana 59101. Neuhardt-Happ Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

REV. CHARLES A. NOWLEN, JR.

Born: May 23, 1928 - Died: October 5, 1994

Liberty County Times

October 12, 1994

The Rev.

Charles Nowlen Jr.

The Reverend Charles A. Nowlen Jr., 66, of Lake Mary Ronan, a retired Yellowstone Conference United Methodist minister, died Wednesday at his home in Lake Mary Ronan of heart failure.

A memorial service was held Monday at First United Methodist Church in Missoula. Squire Simmons and Carr Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Memorials are suggested to Charles A., Melva O. and Charles A. Nowlen Jr. scholarship fund at Iliff School of Theology in Denver.

Nowlen was born May 23, 1928. He graduated from the University of Wyoming and Iliff School of Theology. In 1949 he married Phyllis Hladek.

In 1956 he was ordained. He was a pastor in Carpenter, Burns and Hillsdale, Wyoming; Lyons and Rinn, Colorado and Townsend, Radersburg, Tosten, East Helena, Dutton, Brady, Collins, Great Falls, Butte, Kalispell, Chester and Inverness, retiring in 1993.

He served the Yellowstone Conference as a district superintendent in Missoula, was coordinator of the Council on Ministries and was a missionary to Wasilla, Willow, Trapper Creek and Anchorage, Alaska.

He served in the Army Transportation Corps during the Korean War.

He was a member of the General Board of Discipleship, trustee of the Iliff School of Theology and a founding member of the Montana Association of Churches, Western Jurisdiction Conference of Council Directors.

Surviving are his wife of Lake Mary Ronan; two daughters, Becky Lande of Huson and Judy Miller of Santa Maria, California; four sons, Andy Nowlen of Salem, Oregon; Bill Nowlen of Missoula, Peter Nowlen of Sacramento, California and Jeremy Nowlen of Lolo; a sister, Barbara Beye of Louisville, Nebraska and 13 grandchildren.

JOANN PAMELA PEEBLER
Born: April 25, 1943 - Died : January 23, 1994
Liberty County Times
February 2, 1994



JoAnn Peebler

JoAnn Pamela Hamilton was born in Salina, Kansas on April 25th, 1943. She was one of two daughters born to Evangeline Gamache and Ray Hamilton. Her family came to Montana when JoAnn was a child, and she grew up in the Kalispell community. Following her graduation from Flathead High School in 1961, she attended Northern Montana College in Havre. JoAnn returned to the Flathead valley and began working in the medical records department at Kalispell General Hospital. She met her husband-to-be, Larry G. Peebler, and they were married in Kalispell on September 12, 1964. From that time on they made their home on the Peebler farm south of Rudyard and raised their two daughters. JoAnn was diagnosed with cancer in July of 1990. She died at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls on this past Sunday evening, January 23, 1994. She was 50 years old.

JoAnn was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard and had served as church secretary for several years. She enjoyed the social activities of the Rudyard Hobby and Birthday Clubs. In the 1970's she and Joann Langel operated a little gift shop in Rudyard called "The Cellar". In more recent years, she worked part-time at the Vestal Frame Shop in Rudyard. JoAnn loved her role as homemaker and was well-known for her art in sewing and handicrafts. During the past few years she had a booth at the Victorian Christmas Bazaar in Great Falls, and most all of her friends have samples of her handiwork in their homes. JoAnn enjoyed bowling in the Rudyard ladies league. As a hobby she collected cream pitchers. She was a very unselfish person who always put her family and friends first.

JoAnn is survived by her husband, Larry of Rudyard; two daughters, Mrs. Jack (Jody) Murray of Great Falls and Jill Peebler of San Francisco, California; a granddaughter, Miranda Jo Murray; her mother, Van Hamilton of Kalispell; a sister, Tami Lammers of Hardin; and several nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her father.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 29th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiating. Stanleigh Barbie served as pianist and the congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." Ushers were Glen Willing and Brad Anderson. Memorial bearers were listed as "All of JoAnn's girlfriends in the Hobby and Birthday

Clubs." Following the services a memorial luncheon was held at the Rudyard Catholic Youth Center. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

Feb 2-1994

CORINNE "CORI" (SPICHER) PETERSON
Born: October 15, 1949 – Died: June 25, 1994
Great Falls Tribune
June 27, 1994

Cori Peterson

WHITEFISH — Cori Peterson, 44, died Saturday at her residence of cancer.

The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. Burial will be in the Whitefish Cemetery. Memorials in lieu of flowers are suggested to the Whitefish Lake Golf Course for Memorial Garden. Austin Funeral Home is in charge.

Peterson was born Oct. 15, 1949, in Havre. She graduated from Hingham High and later attended the University of Montana. In 1977 she married Dick Peterson in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. She worked for Dr. Herb Peschel until her health required her to quit.

Surviving are her husband of Whitefish; two sisters, Kim Spicher of Whitefish and Georgia Bailey of Spokane; and her parents, Richard and Emily Spicher of Whitefish.

CLARA ELVINA PETRICK
Born: October 24, 1892 - Died: January 20, 1994
Liberty County Times
January 26, 1994



Clara Petrick

Clara Elvina Petrick was born at Strout, Minnesota on October 24th, 1892. She was one of thirteen children born to Anna Peterson and Hans Olson. Her family farmed near Litchfield, Minnesota, so Clara grew up and received her formal education there. In 1915 she came to Montana to work for her oldest sister, who was living on a farm north of Havre. Not long after she took a job as maid for the Rovreit family in Hingham, and while there Clara met her husband-to-be, Albert Robert Petrick. They were married in Litchfield on August 4th, 1917. They made their home on Al's homestead south of Rudyard for several years before moving to Hingham, where they raised their family of three sons and one daughter. Al died in 1953. Clara remained in Hingham until 1979, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. A few years later her health began to fail, so she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home and has lived there since. On this past Thursday evening,

January 20, Clara died at the Chester Hospital. She was 101 years old.

Clara had been an active member of the Hingham Lutheran Church and sang in the church choirs. She was a busy homemaker and enjoyed flower gardening. Her hobbies included embroidery, crocheting, ceramics and handicrafts.

Clara is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Margaret Petrick of Hingham, Terry Petrick of Rapid City, South Dakota and Bruce Petrick of Sunnysdale, California; one granddaughter, Barbara Petrick of Oswego Lake, Oregon; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Laura Klein of Chicago City, Minnesota; and numerous nephews and nieces (including her niece, Donna Kapperud of Gildford). She was preceded in death by her husband and parents, by two sons (Alvin in 1935 and Gene in 1978), and by 11 siblings.

Memorials are suggested to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester, the Hingham Lutheran Church, or charitable organization of donor's preference.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 24th at the Hingham Lutheran Church with Reverend Tim Hauge officiating. Special vocal music by Terry Stevenson included "In the Garden" and "Amazing Grace". Stanleigh Barbie served as organist and the congregation sang "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less". Jana Wolery interpreted the service with sign language. Ushers were Ron Kapperud and Bob Rathbun. Pallbearers included Ron, Ray and Terry Petrick; Norman and LaNay Kapperud and Lowell Twedt. Interment was in the Hingham Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. A luncheon followed at the church. *Jan 26-1994*

Clara Petrick

In last week's *Times*, there was an omission in the names of Clara Petrick's survivors in the obituary.

Clara is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Margaret Petrick of Hingham; a daughter, Clarice Petrick of Chester; four grandsons, Ron Petrick and his wife Debra of Hingham, Ray Petrick of Hingham, Terry Petrick of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Bruce Petrick of Sunnysdale, California; one granddaughter, Barbara Petrick of Oswego Lake, Oregon; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Laura Klein of Chisago City, Minnesota; and numerous nephews and nieces (including her niece, Donna Kapperud of Gildford).

The *Times* sincerely apologizes to the family for the error.

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ERVIN JAMES PIERSON
Born: August 27, 1934 - Died: December 15, 1994
Liberty County Times
December 21, 1994

Ervin Pierson

Ervin James Pierson, 60, Kalispell, passed away December 15 in Helena at Fort Harrison, V.A. Center. He was born August 27, 1934 in Bottineau, North Dakota to Frank and Elma Pierson. He was raised on a farm in Deering, North Dakota. Ervin entered the Army in 1955, serving in the Korean Conflict. He was Honorably discharged in 1957. He was married to Vivian Hime on April 27, 1957. They moved to Havre in 1959 where he was employed as an Auto Mechanic. Ervin worked as an auto mechanic in Chinook, Chester and in 1977 he moved to the Flathead Valley. He worked in Whitefish and Kalispell, last employed at 3D Auto Tech in Kalispell.

Ervin married Betty Peterson on December 24, 1973. He loved hunting, fishing and camping. Ervin will be remembered by his family for his willingness to help in any way he could. He touched many hearts and will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Vivian, his sons; Jefferey and Ervin Jr., a sister Lorraine and his parents. Surviving Ervin are his wife Betty at the family home in Kalispell, daughter Cynthia Skramstad, Kalispell, three step—daughters, Linda Erickson, Chester; Susan Peterson, Missoula, Catherine Peterson, Missoula, three step-sons, Michael Norlander, Bruce Norlander, both of Kalispell, Jeff Peterson, Kalispell; three brothers, Robert Pierson, Stanley Pierson, both of Minot, North Dakota; Lawrence Pierson, Houston, Texas; four sisters, Francis Keading, Myrtle

Lyson, Hazel Frye, Shirley Neumiller, all of Minot, North Dakota; eight grandchildren, Jason, David, Nickolas, Jefferey, Heather, Tyler, Ashlee and Andrea, numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held today at 2 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Reverend Bob Nielson of Calvary Lutheran Church officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

LAWRENCE RUSSELL RAMBERG
Born: March 9, 1917 - Died: October 22, 1994
Liberty County Times
November 2, 1994

Lawrence Ramberg

Lawrence Russell Ramberg, 77, a resident of Houston, Texas died of heart failure on Saturday, October 22 at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital Texas Heart Institute. Mr. Ramberg was born on March 9, 1917 the son of Carl J. and Albertina Ramberg of Minnesota and Havre. Lawrence was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII. He also worked for many years as a superintendent and project manager on industrial and commercial projects overseas and in the United States. He retired ten years ago and has lived in Houston since.

Cremation has taken place. Private interment of the ashes will be at the Highland Cemetery, Havre. Friends and relatives are invited to stop by for a visit between 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday, November 4 at 217 4th St. Havre.

He is survived by his wife, Doris (Brecker) Ramberg of Houston, Texas; daughter Nancy L. and son-in-law James Campbell and grandson Brian of Augusta, Georgia; brothers; Clifford and wife Gladys Ramberg of Pilot Rock, Oregon, Clarence and his wife Marietta Ramberg of Joplin, Montana, Harold and his wife Harriet Ramberg of Havre; one sister, Ethel Jurenka of Havre; also numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Ramberg was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials are suggested to the Texas Heart Institute P.O. Box 20345 MC3-117 Houston, Texas. 77225-0345.

FREDA CHRISTINA THIELMAN RASCH
Born: November 27, 1900 - Died: February 20, 1994
Liberty County Times
February 23, 1994



Freda Rasch

Freda Christina Thielman was born in Buffalo Lake, Minnesota on November 27th, 1900. She was the eldest of seven children born to Louise Swanbeck and Otto Edward Thielman.

Freda grew up and received her formal education at Gardena, North Dakota. The Thielman family came to Montana in 1916 and homesteaded north of Tiber. Freda worked as a cook for several area farmers, including Brad Skinner. She also worked as a housekeeper for the Soren Hanson and F.A. Buttrey families in Havre. Freda met her first husband, Fred Harris, when he ran the livery stable at Tiber. Following their marriage on October 13, 1932 they moved to Leola, South Dakota, where they owned a veterinary clinic. Fred died in 1955. On December 29, 1958 Freda married her second husband, Gottlieb Dockter, and they made their home in Ellendale, North Dakota. Gottlieb died in 1976. On November 29, 1977 Freda married her third husband, Emmanuel Rasch, who had been a longtime widower friend to her and Gottlieb. The Rasch's

made their home together in Ellendale from that time on. Because of debilitation due to aging, both Freda and Emmanuel have lived at the Ellendale Nursing Center (Freda moved there in September of 1993). Freda recently suffered a stroke and died at the hospital in Oakes, North Dakota on this past Sunday morning, February 20, 1994. She was 93 years old.

Freda had been a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Ellendale. Her hobbies included embroidery, sewing, gardening, baking and canning. She also enjoyed playing cards and visiting with family and friends. Freda never had any children of her own, but enjoyed correspondence with her many nephews and nieces.

Other survivors include her husband, Emmanuel Rasch of Ellendale; three

step-children, two sisters-in-law, Margaret Thielman of Joplin and Mina Thielman of Chester; and one brother-in-law, Fred Stitch of Chester. Freda was preceded in death by her parents and all of her siblings (including three sisters, Marjorie Thielman, Mildred Greer and Gertie Stitch; and three brothers, George, Ed and Harold Thielman).

It had always been Freda's wish to be buried with her family here in Montana. Funeral services will be Thursday, February 24th at 2 p.m. Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Tom Dunham will officiate. Vocalist/guitarist, Carole Hanson, will perform "Amazing Grace" and "In the Garden". Pallbearers will be nephews Gale, Terry, Jim and Charlie Thielman; Wayne and Todd Willman; and Kent Lybeck. Interment will follow in the Chester Cemetery.

ZACHARY NEAL RICHTER
Born: April 10, 1994 - Died: April 10, 1994
Liberty County Times
April 13, 1994

**Graveside services
for Richter Baby:**

Zachary Neal Richter, infant son of David and Judy Richter of Hingham, died at birth on this past Sunday (April 10th, 1994) at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre. In addition to his parents, Zachary is survived by a brother, Christopher of Hingham; paternal grandparents, Chris and Pearl Richter of Hingham; maternal grandparents, Mike and Anna Mae Woldtvedt of Shelby; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Private family graveside services are tentatively scheduled for Saturday (April 16th) at the Inverness Cemetery with Reverend Tim Hauge officiating. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. *April 13-1994*

TERRY LLOYD ROCKMAN
Born: August 28, 1944 - Died : March 15, 1994
Liberty County Times
March 23, 1994



Terry Rockman

Terry Lloyd Rockman was born in Chester, on August 28, 1944. He was the eldest of four sons born to Lloyd and Betty (Brandvold) Rockman. Terry grew up and received his formal education in Chester, graduating from C.H.S. in 1962. For the next two years he attended college at U of M in Missoula and Northern in Havre. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1965 and served in Viet Nam. Terry enjoyed military life and decided to make it his career. For the next 20 years he served as a dedicated U.S. soldier and attained the rank of Master Sergeant E-8. He was based at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Washington during his enlistment period except for three separate tours in Germany.

Terry married Layna McCorkle in 1970. Although the marriage eventually ended in divorce, they did have a son, Shay (who is presently serving in the Army stationed at Ft. Lewis).

Terry met his second wife, Virginia Groseclose in Tacoma. They were married at Ft. Lewis on April 14, 1984. They made their home in Tacoma and raised their son Shay from that time on.

Terry worked for the Army as a "career counselor" until 1985, when he was forced to retire because of failing health. He suffered from a genetic ailment called "Fabre's Disease", which afflicts the kidneys and other major organs. Terry refused to quit working and managed to get a civil service job at Ft. Lewis. He worked in the "finance and processing" department there from 1986 until January of 1993, when his health finally got the best of him. He has been on dialysis for the past two years and had several hospitalizations with additional complications. On this last Tuesday afternoon, March 15, 1994 Terry died peacefully at his home in Tacoma. He was 49 years old.

Terry always regretted not finishing college before entering the military.

JENNIEMAE ARNOLD RUMERFIELD
Born: July 19, 1905 - Died: October 21, 1994
Liberty County Times
October 26, 1994



Jennie Rumerfield

Jenniemaë Arnold was born at Perry, Iowa on July 19, 1905. She was the only child of Richard and Marguerite (Bloughier) Arnold. The Arnold family moved to a homestead at Coburg (near Dodson, Montana) where Jennie grew up and received her formal education.

In September of 1926 she married Floyd Hader at Chinook. They moved to the Chester community and began raising their family. They worked for various Liberty County farmers before Floyd eventually took a job for the county. Floyd died in 1971.

Jennie returned to Perry, Iowa to care for her aging parents. Several years later, following the death of her folks, Jennie came back to Montana.

In 1976 Jennie married a childhood friend, William Zimmer of Whitefish. They made their home in Whitefish. Bill died in 1981.

Two years later Jennie married her present husband, Philip Rumerfield of Whitefish, and continued to live in the Flathead Valley.

In recent months Jennie has suffered from congestive heart failure. She collapsed at her home on the early morning of Friday, October 21. She was taken to the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish where resuscitative measures were to no avail. She lived to the age of 89 years.

During her years in Chester, Jennie had been active in the local Women's Club, she worked as an aide at the Liberty County Nursing Home, and she managed a bakery in town for Bob Wigen. In later years she was active in the Moose Lodge in Whitefish.

Jennie had many hobbies. She enjoyed music, dancing and playing the piano. She was an avid reader, and especially fond of Zane Gray books. She collected clowns and various knick-knacks over the years. Jennie loved animals and always had two or three house-pets at any given time. She was an excellent cook and will be remembered for her delicious homemade breads. Her greatest achievement was fulfillment of her lifelong goal: to be a dedicated homemaker and mother. Although her physical body wore out, her sharp mind and enthusiasm for life remained strong to the end.

Jennie is survived by her husband, Philip of Whitefish; two daughters, Mrs. Cliff (Shirley) Lybeck of Chester and Mrs. John (Margaret) Woods of Loon Lake, Washington; 15 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death not only by her parents and two husbands, but also by a daughter (Roberta Beals), by three infant sons and by one grandson.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, October 26 at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Tom Dunham of Our Savior's Lutheran Church will officiate. Jennie's granddaughter Jenne Watkins will sing "Amazing Grace". Friend of the family, Pete Woods, will sing "The Rose." A coffee hour for family and friends will follow at the church basement. Jennie's ashes will be buried in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

SELMER SANVIK
Born: January 15, 1908 - Died: October 2, 1994
Liberty County Times
October 12, 1994



Selmer Sanvik

Selmer Sanvik was born on January 15, 1908 at Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He was one of seven children born to Carolina Berge and Ole Sanvik. The Sanvik family moved to a homestead north of Gildford, Montana. Selmer received his early education at the Lilac School near the farm, then finished his formal schooling in Havre. After attending a mechanic's school in Fargo, North Dakota, Selmer returned to Montana. He met his wife-to-be, Margaret Obosky, and they were married at Harlem on November 26, 1927. Selmer operated a garage in Hogeland until 1929, then moved to Rudyard to join his father in the Sanvik Store there. Selmer and Margaret lived and worked in the Rudyard Community the rest of their married lives, retiring in 1973. They spent the next nine summers in the Bigfork/Lakeside community.

Selmer's health had been relatively good over the years. He died peacefully at home in Rudyard on this past Sunday evening (October 2, 1994). He was 86 years old.

Selmer had been active in community affairs. Various memberships included the Rudyard Commercial Club, the Rudyard Water Board, and the Rudyard Trap Club. Selmer had served as a director and

past-president of the Montana Hardware and Implement Association, member of the Hill County Council on Aging, and director on the Farmers-Merchant's Bank Board in Rudyard for 25 years. In addition, he was an instigator in getting the Senior Citizen's Center opened in Rudyard.

Selmer had many hobbies. He was an avid fisherman who enjoyed tying flies and making leaded hooks. He liked to hunt and was active in trap shooting. He enjoyed going to the Senior Center and playing pool with his friends. In addition, Selmer enjoyed playing cards, gardening and reading. He was an avid high school basketball fan and attended most of the local games throughout the years.

Selmer is survived by his wife of 66 years, Margaret of Rudyard; a daughter, Betty Strissel of Rudyard; one brother, Bob Sanvik of Mesa,

Arizona; two sisters, Lillian DeMartin of Rudyard and Norma LaFrance of Kallispell; two grandchildren Lowell Strissel (and wife, Denise) of Hingham and Karla VanTreese (and husband, Steve) of Monte Vista, Colorado; three great-granddaughters, including Dionne, Davilyn and Natalie; and numerous nephews and nieces. Selmer was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers (Orris and Obert), and one sister (Agnes).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday (October 6th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiating. Vocal tributes by Terry Stevenson included "In The Garden" and "The Lord's Prayer". Organist was Juanita Wardell and the congregation sang "Amazing Grace". Pallbearers were Charles Cross, Chris Richter, Joe DeMartin, Rick DeMartin, Ken Boucher, and Charles Brekke. Ushers were Ron Kinder and Don Blake. Memorial bearers were listed as "all of Selmer's old friends". Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon followed at the church.

ANDREW (ANDY) SCHWAN

Born: November 19, 1911 - Died: December 17, 1994

Liberty County Times

December 21, 1994



Andrew Schwan

Andrew ("Andy") Schwan was born on November 19, 1911 at Berwick, North Dakota. He was the eldest of 16 children born to Anton and Juliana Schwan. He grew up on the family homestead north of Rudyard in the Goldstone community and received his education there. He farmed and ranched in the years that followed.

Andy was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1942 during World War II. After three years of service he was honorably discharged, and he returned to the Goldstone community to the farming operations.

Andy remained a bachelor to age 50, when he married Loretta P. Dorn in Havre on June 14, 1962. Loretta died on September 2, 1990.

Andy continued to live and work on the farm until his health failed this past August, when he was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home in Chester. He died at the nursing home on Saturday evening, December 17, at the age of 83 years.

In those early years the Schwan family were members of the St. Wenceslaus Church of Goldstone. Andy was a true Montana cowboy in

the fact that his entire life was dedicated to ranching activities. He loved working with animals and was good at it (reportedly, he could take a spoiled horse and have it tamed in no time!). Although he and Loretta never had any children, they loved and raised many house pets over the years.

Andy always felt it was important to keep an open chain of communication between the rural and city folks. That's probably why he was always so generous to passers-by and hunters all those years.

Andy enjoyed playing cards (be it whist, pinochle or solitaire). During those early years of bachelorhood he got to be a pretty good cook, and his specialty was ham and bean soup. In his quiet hours at home, he enjoyed reading.

He is survived by three brothers, Antone Schwan of Havre, Frank Schwan of Lothair, and Paul Schwan of Havre; five sisters, Eva Falla of Conrad, Julia Schwan of Havre, Agatha Sherman of Ronan, Pauline Laeupple of Havre and Theresa Houim of Spokane and numerous nephews and nieces. Andy was preceded in death by his wife and parents, by four brothers, Jack, Joseph, Bernard and Infant Paul and by three sisters, Mary Hall, Sister Antonita and Tillie Miller.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. today at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. The mass will be celebrated by Father Joseph Marmion. Special music will be provided by organist Iris White and vocalist Marcus Jochim. Nephews and neighbors will serve as pallbearers and ushers. Burial will follow in the Rudyard Cemetery with funeral arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

DR. CARL J. SHEALY
Born: ?, 1927 - Died: May 28, 1994
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October 26, 1994

Dr. Carl Shealy

Dr. Carl J. Shealy, 67, died Saturday, May 28.

The funeral was held at Holy Trinity Lutheran church with Pastors E. Armand Shealy and E. Ray Mohrmann officiating.

Dr. Shealy, a native of Lexington County, lived in North August for 40 years, where he was in private practice for 18 years. He practiced with the Veterans Administration Medical Center, August, for 15 years until his retirement in August 1988. He was currently associated with the Margaret J. Weston Rural Health Center. He served Locum Tenens in Colorado, Montana and Tennessee. He was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran

Church, where he was former president of the church council, served on various church committees and taught catechetical classes. He served as a member of the Aiken county School Board from 1971 to 1979.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret T. Shealy; four sons, Stuart E. Shealy, Farragut, Tennessee; Arthur H. Shealy, North August, Christopher T. Shealy, Columbia and Carl Jon Shealy, M.D., Lake Murray and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Organ Fund, 1002 Carolina Avenue, North August 29841, or Margaret J. Weston Rural Health Center, P.O. Box 277, Clearwater, S.C., 29822.

MAUDE EVA HODGES VANDESSEL SKARI
Born: February 9, 1906 - Died : January 19, 1994
Liberty County Times
January 26, 1994

Maude Skari

Maude Eva Hodges was born in Oquawka, Illinois on February 9th, 1906. She was the only daughter of six children born to James and Catherine (Johns) Hodges. When Maude was a child the family moved to High River, Alberta, then they came to a homestead 19 miles north of Joplin. She attended the South Tingdahl country school near the farm and worked at the Alma Post Office. On December 8th, 1925 Maude married Julius VanDessel at Hingham. They farmed 26 miles north of Joplin where they raised their family of five. They retired in 1958 and moved to Havre. In 1971 they came to Chester where Julius died the following year. Maude married Oliver Skari in January of 1979. They lived at the Sweetgrass Lodge until Oliver's health failed. He died in 1988. Maude moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in 1989 and has lived there since. On this past Wednesday morning (January 19) Maude died at the Liberty County Hospital. She was 87 years old.

Maude's hobbies over the years included cooking, dancing, sewing, crocheting and embroidery. She enjoyed playing pinochle and whist. In her quiet hours at home she loved to read (especially women's magazines dealing with recipes and patterns).

Maude's survivors include three sons, Norbert VanDessel of Joplin, Robert VanDessel of Joplin and Donald VanDessel of Chester; two daughters, Kay Alley of Joplin and Elva VanDessel of Havre; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one brother, Eugene Hodges of Kalispell; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her parents and husbands, but also by four brothers (James, Harold, William and Donald Hodges) and a granddaughter (Judy Alley).

Memorial services were held at 9 a.m. Friday, January 21st at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester with Reverend Lyndon Kacick officiating. Special vocal music by Naomi Hodges included "How Great Thou Art" and "It is Well With My Soul", accompanied by Leon Hicks.

All of Maude's grandchildren served as memorial bearers. Burial of her ashes followed at the Chester Cemetery. A coffee hour for family and friends was held at the Chester Methodist Church. Memorial gifts will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home. *Jan 26 - 1994*

ALIDA E. (ARICK) SNUFFER
Born: February 13, 1898 - Died : May 21, 1994
Liberty County Times
May 25, 1994



Alida Snuffer

Alida E. (Arick) Snuffer was born on February 13, 1898 at Kunda, Estonia. She was one of eight children born to Mili Simka and Alexander Arick. Alida received her early education in Estonia, then immigrated to Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada with her family in 1909 and finished her schooling there. Her father filed a Montana homestead in 1911 north of Tiber. The Arick family moved to the Montana farm in 1914. Alida met her husband-to-be, Benjamin H. Snuffer, who had homesteaded north of Lothair. They were married on December 26, 1915 and made their

home on the Snuffer farm. In 1926 they moved into Lothair where they lived from that time on. Benjamin died in 1950. Alida remained in Lothair, however, she wintered in Arizona and Washington during the years 1951 to 1981.

Because of failing health she was transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester in March of 1993. She died at the Liberty County Hospital on the early morning of Saturday, May 21, 1994. She was 96 years old and one of Liberty County's oldest residents.

Alida has been a longtime member of the Chester Assembly of God Church and the Galata American Legion Auxiliary. Her favorite hobby was flower gardening. In addition, she loved to sing and dance. Alida was a dedicated mother, grandmother and friend, and she remained loyal to her strong Christian beliefs.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Ona Mae and Frank Schwan of Lothair; a son and daughter-in-law Darwin and Doris Snuffer of Galata; a son-in-law, Jay Budgett of Chehalis, Washington; a sister, Emily Balzer of Spokane, Washington; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces. Alida was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a son (Ewart "Roy" Snuffer), by a daughter (Elsie Budgett), and by six siblings (Mary, Anna, Annette, Elvina, Martin and William).

Funeral services will be Friday, May 27th at 11 a.m. at the Rockman Funeral

Chapel in Chester. Reverend Edroy "Curt" Curtis of the Assembly of God Church will officiate. Dorothy Burnham will serve as pianist. Special vocal tributes will include "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" by Curt Curtis and "Each Step I Take" by Brenda Hux.

Family members will serve as pallbearers. Following the services there will be a luncheon for family and friends at the R.N.A. Hall in Chester. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at the family plot in the Mountainview Cemetery at Shelby. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

WARD STORES
Born: ?, 1912 - Died : March 13, 1994
Great Falls Tribune
March 16, 1994

Ward Stores

SHELBY — Ward Stores, 82, who owned an oil field construction company, died Sunday at a nursing home in Shelby of natural causes.

Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the St. William's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Mountain View Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel of Shelby is in charge.

Stores was was born in Chester and attended schools there and in Great Falls. In the early 1940s he married Lorine Stores. She died in 1991.

He worked for the T.P. Strobe Ranch in Sweetgrass Hills, in the construction of the Going to the Sun road in Glacier Park, and the Alaska highway. He then worked for Dr. Steven Adaskavich on his farm. He had been a welder in Kevin. Later he owned and operated an oil field construction business operating heavy equipment. He retired in 1987.

He was a charter member of the Moose Lodge, and St. William's Catholic Church.

Survivors include a son, Cal Stores of Shelby; daughters Jackie Eide of Galata, Elaine Johannes of Cape Coral, Fla., and Marie Englund of Havre; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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GAYETTA BLANCHE HAYES STRISSEL
Born: December 17, 1897 - Died: August 7, 1994
Liberty County Times
August 10, 1994



Gayetta Strissel

Gayetta Blanche Hayes was born on December 17, 1897 at Easton, Illinois. She was the only child of Mary Collins and Joseph Hayes. Gayetta received her early education at Weir City, Kansas and Lakota, North Dakota. In 1913 the Hayes family homesteaded north of Gildford so she finished her education at Gildford High School.

Gayetta married John Fried in Havre on June 6, 1916. They made their home in Gildford where they raised their son Jay.

Gayetta's second marriage was to Victor Strissel in Chester on November 8, 1930. They made their home on Vic's farm in the Rudyard community. To this union was born Gayetta's second son, Roger. After Victor's death in 1962 Gayetta continued to live in the Rudyard area except for several winters in California.

In 1983 she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester, until failing health took her to the Liberty County Nursing Home in 1991. Gayetta died on this past Sunday morning, August 7, at the Chester Hospital. She was 96 years old.

In the earlier years Gayetta was active in the Eastern Star and the Order of Rainbow Girls in Joplin. She was also a member of the White Shrine of El Centro, California. Gayetta was baptized and raised in the Methodist faith and her church affiliations included the Inverness Methodist Parish, the El Centro First Christian Church and the Chester Assembly of God. Gayetta was a proud "Gold Star" Mother of the American Legion Auxilliary (because her son Jay was killed in action during WWII). In addition, she was an early member of the Hi-Line Chuckwagon Band in Chester and was affectionately called "Chuckwagon Queen" by fellow band members because of her age, enthusiasm and elegance.

In her youth Gayetta was best described as a "tomboy" because she did a lot of hunting, fishing, camping, horseback riding and other outdoor activities with her father. Also in her younger days she enjoyed playing the piano and dancing. Gayetta liked flower and vegetable gardening, and did a fair amount of canning and baking over the years. Other hobbies included crocheting, sewing and latch-hooking. For entertainment she enjoyed visiting or playing cards, she was especially fond of pinochle and whist. In her quiet hours at home she liked to read novels and religious material. Gayetta enjoyed traveling during her life and had visited almost every state in the union. Of interest was the fact that she attended the Chicago World's Fair in the 1930's and that she traveled alone in her own car from Montana to California when she was 87 years old.

Gayetta's survivors include two daughters-in-law, Virginia Toner of Gildford and Marla Strissel of Hamilton; grandchildren including John Fried, Janice Funk, Lynn Heydon, Gayla Janskovitch, Kaylin Gunderson and Chad Strissel (Gayetta also considered the five Toner children as her grandkids); and numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Gayetta was preceded in death by her parents, husband and both sons.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, August 10 at the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. Reverend Curt Curtis will conduct the funeral. Gayetta's favorite hymns, "In the Garden", "Beyond the Sunset", "When the Saints Go Marching In" and others will be shared by vocalist Jerry Toner and the Chuckwagon Band. Accompanists will be Jan Christofferson and Iris White. Kaylin Gunderson will give the eulogy. Relatives serving as pallbearers will be Chad Strissel, Dave Toner, Lowell Strissel, Mike Gunderson, Allan Strissel and Tony Janskovitch. A coffee hour will follow the services at the Lodge. Graveside services are scheduled for 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Rudyard Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

TERESA MARY (DIDIER) STUCKSLAGER
Born: November 15, 1931 - Died: October 23, 1994
Liberty County Times
October 26, 1994



Teresa Stuckslager

Teresa Mary (Didier) Stuckslager passed away at her home on October 23 following a long illness with brain cancer. Teresa was born on November 15, 1931 during a raging blizzard. She graduated from Chester High School in 1947, she also graduated from Northern Montana College in Havre. She then moved to Great Falls where she worked as a model at Beckman's and was a department manager at the Paris as well as Great Falls First Television Hostess on the first television show "Around the Town with Tess" which was a broadcast of KFBB from 1954 to 1956.

Teresa's interests were as diverse as the 1968 presidential election. The preservation of Sun River's National Historic Adam's Stone Barn, as well as the executive secretary of the Smith and Wesson Collector's Association. She was also a charter member of the Weapons Collector's Society of Montana.

She had an admirable gift of organizing without pushing, of making things happen apparently effortlessly. All of this was accomplished with her beautiful smile and famous humor.

While living in Illinois she not only raised a family, she was also a production associate for a medical publication, in between she found time for assisting in political campaigns. In 1973 she married Michael Stuckslager and returned to Great Falls. She helped establish Montana Gun Works and was office manager for a Montana Corporation for ten years. Using her organizational skills she restructured the Great Falls Mercy Home. Later she became copywriter for KMON radio for five years, where she received a Montana Broadcasting award for her copywriting.

Teresa was the beloved wife of Michael Stuckslager. She was the adored mom of Walli Kay Osborn, Todd Osborn, Mary Osborn-Dixon (all of Seattle) and Katherine Wynn Osborn of Great Falls. A sister Joan Watson of Augusta, Montana. She was the loving stepmom to Jess, Tres and Darcy Osborn and the doting grandmother of Tess Stewart and Michaela Dixon.

Services will be held at Croxford and Sons Thursday at 2 p.m. with a reception afterward at Paris Gibson Square.

OLIVE V. SWINNEY
Born: March 30, 1903 - Died: May 9, 1994
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May 18-1994
Olive Swinney

Olive V. Swinney, 91 years of age, a retired bookkeeper and a resident of Havre, and formerly of Gildford, died Monday, May 9 at a Havre Hospital of natural causes.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 12 at the First Baptist Church in Havre with Rev. Eddie Fallo officiating. Burial was at the Highland Cemetery.

The soloist was James Rogers who sang, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Amazing Grace". The organist was Nancy Peterson. Congregational hymns were "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Because He Lives".

Pallbearers were Bob Swinney, Mike Swinney, Alfred K. Hanson, Charles Griffith, Richard E. Hansen and Tom Swinney.

Olive was born March 30, 1903 at Listowell, Ontario Canada the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Griffith) McIlroy. She graduated from High School in Canada. She also attended a business university in Canada. She worked as a telephone operator, secretary and bookkeeper. In 1922 she moved to Biggar, Saskatchewan, Canada. In 1923 she married Leslie Swinney. The couple farmed in Canada for a short period of time, then moved to Marsing, Idaho where they farmed and both drove a school bus for several years. The couple adopted Betty Marjorie Botts in 1929. The couple moved to Gildford and farmed 12 1/2 miles north of Gildford. In 1937 the couple moved to Marsing, Idaho and managed a service station and both drove school buses. Olive also worked in the Marsing

Post Office. In 1946 they moved to Worley, Idaho and managed the Worley Meat and Grocery Store. In 1948 the couple moved to Spokane, Washington where they owned and managed two apartment houses. In 1950 they sold the apartments houses and moved back to Gildford and managed the F.M. Wilson Store until it was sold. Then the couple were managers of the Bert Twedt Store in Gildford. In 1951 the couple moved to Cut Bank, and ran a small grocery store and later converted it into two small apartments. Mr. Swinney also worked at Buttrey's in Cut Bank. In 1952 the couple moved to Gildford and managed the Farmers Co-op at Gildford until they retired. Olive was a member of the Jolly Janes Demonstration Club of Gildford, the

Montana Hospital Guild which is now the Northern Montana Hospital Guild. She was also a former Sunday School teacher and treasurer also a member of the First Baptist Church of Gildford.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband on July 1, 1986 and 11 siblings.

She is survived by one daughter, Betty Marjorie Botts of Havre; two grandsons, James and Alfred Hanson; four great-grandsons, Eric David, Eric James, Robert Jr. and Michael; two great-granddaughters, Heather and Amber, also numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials in Mrs. Swinney's honor may be made to the First Baptist Church in Gildford or to a church of the donor's choice.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

EVA (PAT) VOSEN TURKS
Born: ?, 1899 - Died: April 2, 1994
Liberty County Times
April 6, 1994

Obituary

Eva Turks

Eva (Pat) Vosen Turks, 95, born and raised in Montana, suffered a stroke March 31 and passed away April 2 at her home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where she spent most of her life with her husband Max Turks. He owned a construction business. They raised six children, Wayne, Georgetta, Doris, Jean, Joyce and Donna, all of whom survive along with numerous grand and great-grandchildren and many nephews and nieces in the Montana and Hi-Line area.

Chris, Will, Sifrin, brothers and sisters Florence Haldorf and Rose Cady preceded her in death, along with their parents Maggie and George Vosen and husband, Max.

Eva, Rose and Flo were nurses and will be remembered for their care of flu patients in 1918 along with many years of nursing, thereafter, which they all dearly loved.

Lilla Adamson, youngest sister has been ill for some time and is at present in the hospital in LaVerne, California. She is the last surviving sister and is 93 years old. Other relatives are Cadys, Vosens, Haldorfs, Greens, Adamsons and Corbitts.

I. DONALD TWEDT
Born: September 29, 1920 - Died: August 25, 1994
Liberty County Times
August 31, 1994

Donald Twedt

I. Donald Twedt, 73, of Missoula died of natural causes Thursday, August 25th at Village Health Center in Missoula.

Don was born September 29, 1920 to Swen and Minnie Twedt in Hingham, Montana. He was educated at the old Een School south of Rudyard and graduated from

Hingham High School in 1938. He also went to welding school in Butte.

He owned and operated Don's Garage in Rudyard from 1943 to 1960. He then moved to the west coast of Washington State where he continued his career as a top-notch mechanic. Don and his wife, Sylvia, retired in 1981 and returned to Montana. They recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Survivors include his wife Sylvia, children, Irwin and his wife Virginia, Montesano, Washington, Dawn and her husband Ted Maki, Missoula, Randy and his wife Sherri, Port Angeles, Washington, Denise and her husband Myron Spokane, Washington; three brothers and their wives, Gordon and Lorine Twedt, Great Falls, Montana, Harold and Joan Twedt and Allen and Helen Twedt of Rudyard, Montana; 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Twedt was preceded in death by his parents and a baby son.

Graveside services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, August 29th at the Rudyard Cemetery with Rev. Jeff Oisgaard officiating.

Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula.

STERLING VILLETT
Born: December 24, 1913 - Died: August 6, 1994
Liberty County Times
August 10, 1994



Sterling Villett

Sterling Russell Villett was born at Drake, Saskatchewan on December 24, 1913. He was one of five children born to Louis and Elizabeth (Brandon) Villett. Sterling received his early education in Canada, then finished his schooling north of Havre after his family came to Montana in 1926. Age age 15 he started working in the coal mines near Havre. In addition to farming, Sterl worked as a miner for the next 16 years; he worked at the Sargent Mine near Chinook, Frames Mine at Big Sandy, Blue Pony Mine at Box Elder, and the copper mines in Butte.

Sterling married Louise C. Haas in Havre on January 10, 1938. They moved from Butte to Hingham in 1944 and began farming/ranching for Mike Haas. Sterling also worked on the section crew of the Great Northern Railroad for a while. In addition he took employment on a construction crew that built elevators in Hingham, Shelby, Flaxville and other communities.

Sterling eventually took a job with the Farmer's Elevator in Hingham and later worked as a machinist for Carlson and Sons. He was a farm hand for Lloyd Twedt for five years throughout

as a mechanic in Hingham for Lipp Motors until his retirement in 1976.

Although his emphysema was slowly getting the best of him, Sterl continued to work. For the next 10 years he ran an automotive and small engine repair shop out of his quonset near his home in Hingham.

On the early morning of Saturday, August 6 Sterling died peacefully in his sleep at home. He was 80 years old.

He is survived by his wife, Louise of Hingham, two sons and their wives, Russell and Betty of Havre and Lloyd and Carol of Ventura, California; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, one sister, Norma Wattam of Kirkland, Washington; and numerous nephews and nieces. Sterling was preceded in death by his parents, sisters (Josie and Winifred) brother (Normand) and daughter (Laurel).

Funeral services will be held in Hingham at the Lutheran Church later in the week. Date and time of services will be announced pending notification of a son, who is on a camping vacation in Canada and cannot be located. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

SR. LOUISE MARIE VOSEN
Born: December 3, 1898 - Died: November 14, 1994
Liberty County Times
December 14, 1994

Sr. Louise Vosen

Mass of Christian Burial for former Deer Lodge teacher Sister Louise Vosen, 95, was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 16 at Ross Chapel of the Sisters of Charity Mother House in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Interment was in Mount Olivet cemetery on the Mother House grounds.

Sister Vosen died last Monday at the Mother House.

Olivia Marie Vosen was born December 3, 1898 at Royalton, Minnesota to Conrad and Louise Wischnewski Vosen. She received her early education in Minnesota public

schools and St. Mary's Academy in Leavenworth.

In 1924 she entered the religious community of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. As Sister Louise, she made her profession of vows in 1925.

She received a bachelor's degree from St. Mary College in Leavenworth and attended Carroll College.

From 1969 to 1971, she taught at St. Mary's Academy in Deer Lodge. She also taught in schools in several other states.

In May 1981, she retired from active ministry and was the assistant in the Arts and Crafts Department at the Mother House. In 1983, she retired to Ross Hall, located at the Mother House.

Survivors include a sister, Mabel Vosen Mowan of Royalton, Minnesota and two brothers, Richard Vosen of Kremlin and Ralph Vosen of Colville, Washington.

Eva Turks and Lilla Adamson who passed away in April were first cousins. Many relatives live in and around Kremlin.

AUDREY WHITE WAITE
Born: September 24, 1932 - Died: February 8, 1994
Liberty County Times
March 23, 1994

Audrey White Waite

Audrey Waite, 61, of Great Falls, died of cancer February 8, 1994 at a Great Falls nursing home.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 Friday, February 11, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Entombment took place at the Hillcrest Mausoleum.

Born September 24, 1932 in Inverness, she attended St. Thomas School in Great Falls and graduated from Inverness High School. In 1953 she married Alfred Waite in Choteau. She was a homemaker and also enjoyed bingo. She lived in Great Falls since 1957 and was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Surviving are her husband of Great Falls; three daughters, Julia Kriedeman of Helena, Norma Waite and Wanda Banks of Great Falls; four sons, Duane, Timothy and Ronald Waite of Great Falls and Alvin Waite of Havre; five sisters, Rose Gehl of Great Falls, Cecelia Jeppesen of Charlo, Donna Minnick of Havre, Leona Peske of Monroe, Louisiana, and Mary Vollmar of Camarillo, California; five brothers, Jerry and Carl White of Great Falls, James and Herbert White of Hingham and Edward White of Billings; ten grandchildren and mother Iris White of Inverness.

URSULA CAROL BROWN WALDON
Born: ?, 1918 - Died: March 24, 1994
Liberty County Times
May 4, 1994



URSULA CAROL BROWN WALDON—on her 75th birthday September 10, 1993 with her children (left to right) Steve, Vicky, Sylvia and David, at a picnic in a park in Stockton, California.

Carol Waldon

Graveside services were held March 28, 1994 for Carol Waldon at Rural Cemetery in Stockton, California. Rev. Archie Marston officiated.

Wife of the late Alex Waldon, Carol was the mother of David Waldon, Victoria Waldon, both of Stockton; Steven Brown of Gardnerville, Nevada and Sylvia Winters of Carson City, Nevada. She is survived by five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ursula Carol Brown Waldon was a resident of Liberty County for many years. She and her parents, Walter and Alice M. Brown and brother Walter R. Brown lived at Hill, Montana. They owned the Bournie-Hamilton Ranch now owned by Harold and Kathryn Jensen. She visited in this area in July 1985.

She passed away in Stockton March 24.

HAZEL KATHLEEN WARD
Born: September 3, 1916 - Died: February 2, 1994
Liberty County Times
February 9, 1994



Hazel Ward

Hazel Kathleen Ward, 77, of Laurel, formerly of Chester, passed away Wednesday, February 2nd at her home from a lengthy illness.

She was born September 3, 1916 at Goosebill to Albert and Eva (Warehime) Fisher, one of four children. She married Gerald M. Ward October 23, 1933 at Chester and raised a family of eight. He died July 1, 1992.

In 1966 Gerald accepted a job with the Steward Ranches, and for the next 19 years they lived and worked in Arizona, Texas and California.

They retired and moved back to Chester in 1983 living in the Sweetgrass Lodge for two years before moving to Laurel to live with a daughter Karen.

Hazel was very talented as a seamstress, painter, writer, and was well known for her quick humor. She was a very devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church at Laurel and active in the Christian Women's Club.

Survivors include: two sons, Ted (and Judy) Ward of Billings, and Monte (and Lyn) Ward of Anaconda; five daughters, Mrs. Pete (Kathleen) Schumacher of Chester, Mrs. Phill (Lynda) McKinney of Libby, Karen Gehrke of Laurel, Mrs. Bob (Birdie) Lawson of Kissimmee, Florida and Mrs. Paul (Sherrill) Kovacich of Anaconda; one daughter-in-law, Billy Dee Ward of Missoula, 21

grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson; brother, Marshall and wife Winnie Fisher of Fort Benton. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son David, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two sisters, Gertrude and Delia.

Funeral services were Monday, February 7th at 2 p.m. from the Chester Alliance Church with burial in the Chester Cemetery. Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester was in charge of arrangements. Memorials to Big Sky Hospice. Feb 9-1994

VIOLA RAE WICHMANN

Born: March 5, 1910 - Died: May 9, 1994

Liberty County Times

May 11, 1994



Viola Wichmann

Viola Rae Wichmann was born at Poplar, Montana on March 5, 1910. She was one of four children born to Leonard and Minerva (Miller) Geringer. Viola grew up in the Vida community and received her elementary education there. She finished her secondary education through correspondence, then attended Northern Montana College in Havre and received a teaching certificate. She began teaching school north of Havre, where she met her first husband, Walter Hess. They had a daughter, May, but the marriage ended in divorce.

Viola moved to the Rudyard/Inverness community and taught at rural schools north of there. She met and married her second husband, Clarence (C.W.) Wichmann, a north Inverness farmer. The product of that marriage was a son, Lyle. The Wichmanns continued to farm, but moved into Rudyard during those years the children attended school. They moved back to the farm in 1968 and C.W. died in 1976. Viola remained on the farm until 1990, when her health began to fail. She lived with her son in Rudyard until 1992, when she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. She died at the nursing home on this past Sunday morning, "Mother's day" May 9, 1994 at the age of 84 years.

Viola was a longtime member of the Sixth Avenue Christian Church in Havre. She also belonged to several home demonstration clubs, including Welfare of the Sage, Pioneer Homemaker's Club and Minneota

Friendly Club. Before her health failed, she had been a loyal participant of "Women's Week" in Bozeman. She was also active in the Montana and Liberty County Cattlewomen's organizations. Viola was involved in many clubs, but her major dedication was to "4-H". She served as a 4-H leader in the "Chirping Meadowlarks Club" for many years and served on the 4-H Council in Hill County. She worked as the assistant superintendent of the 4-H Ag Building at the Hill County Fair under Adeline Seuser, then became superintendent following Adeline's death. A local county agent was quoted as saying: "Viola was a born volunteer"; she was always available to review record books, judge projects, or discuss procedural matters related to 4-H.

In her quiet hours at home, Viola enjoyed working in her garden, sewing and handicrafts, crossword puzzles, and reading (she liked mysteries and romances). As a hobby she collected various knick-knacks. In addition she had a beautiful singing voice, affectionately compared to the "chirping meadowlarks".

Viola is survived by her daughter, May Wilson of Great Falls; her son, Lyle Wichmann of Rudyard; four grandchildren (including Ramona, Rony, Roger and Deanna); three great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, a sister, (Zerma), and two brothers (Lauren and Corwin).

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 12th, at Our

Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiating. Special vocal music by the duet of Rick and Susan Rogge will be "In the Garden" and "Precious Memories". Pallbearers are Olyn Wolery, Melvin Kops, Tom Bangs, Merlin Wolery, Joe Lincoln and Lloyd Wolery. Honorary bearers are Ken Bangs and Bert Wicks and ushers are Joe Domire and Leroy Wolery. A coffee hour for family and friends will follow at the church. Graveside services will be 4 p.m. at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

MARVIN D. WICKLUND
Born: ? 1930 - Died: September 24, 1994
Liberty County Times
October 19, 1994



Marvin Wicklund

Marvin D. Wicklund died at his home in Teko, Washington from a fall off of his garage roof on September 24, at the age of 64 years. He was born in Great Falls to Phillip and Vivian (Harrison) Wicklund. He was baptized into the Lutheran faith in Great Falls

and was confirmed at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin.

Marvin was raised north of Joplin and attended the country school of Minneota, north of Inverness. He graduated from Joplin High School.

He worked for several farmers during his teen age years before joining the Air Force at Malstrom Air Base in Great Falls. After his honorable discharge from the air force he moved to Havre where he worked for the Great Northern and later transferred to the Havre Police Force.

Marvin with his family moved to the Flathead Valley where he managed his folks' "Our Point of View" motel at Bigfork and he also worked at the Anaconda Aluminum Plant at Columbia Falls. He later worked in the woods.

In the late 60's he moved to the Spokane, Washington area and he and his wife helped manage a motel

land gas station for a brother-in-law. From this area he moved to Tekoa, Washington where he has resided since and worked on various construction jobs around the Spokane area until his retirement.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, a son and an infant brother and sister and two brothers-in-law.

He is survived by his wife Joan (Jo) at Tekoa, two daughters, Linda G. of Havre, Tina K. Powell and husband, Jessie of Tekoa and three children, a daughter-in-law Betty Wicklund of Casper, Wyoming and two children, granddaughter Patricia England of Spokane. His sister, E. Virginia Ramsfield and brother Glenden P. Wicklund both of Kallispell, his stepchildren, Tana Jo Hathaway and husband, William T. and three children of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Michele Clay and son of Whitefish; Clarence (Timmy) Albright and wife

Bernice and two children of Anchorage, Alaska; Thomas (Tom) Albright and wife Connie and three children of Elk, Washington and Denise (Deede) Schilling and husband Chris and three children of Spokane. Marvin is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and great-nieces and great-nephews, and great-grandchildren and an uncle and three aunts.

His remains were cremated and buried next to his son, at the Goldenrod Cemetery with military rites at Tekoa. The Kramer Funeral Home of Tekoa handled the memorial service on September 30. The Reverend Gary Moore of Fairfield, Washington was the minister for the services.

Marvin was quoted recently as saying "I'm a man of many talents but master of none." He enjoyed hunting and fishing and all of his family members.

BERTRAM WICKS

Born: December 24, 1919 - Died: November 20, 1994

Liberty County Times
November 30, 1994



Bertram Wicks 11-30-94

Bertram E. Wicks was born on the family homestead near Alma, Montana north of Joplin on December 24, 1919. He was the fourth of five children born to Florence Bell ("Flossie") Evans and John Jewel Wicks. Bert received his education in northern Montana; he attended the Swift Country School (where he was taught by his older sister) and schools in Inverness, Havre and Rudyard. In 1938 he graduated from Rudyard High School, where he had participated in basketball and track. In the few years that followed, he worked on various farms in the Hi-Line Community.

In 1941 Bert enlisted in the U.S. Army. Most of his service time was spent in Alaska and he later qualified for Bombardier School. He attained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and was honorably discharged in 1945. Bert returned to Montana and remained in the Air Force reserve Corps until 1965.

When he came back to Montana, Bert began farming on the family homestead. He met Margaret (Peggy) Anderson and they were married on July 20, 1948 at Elko, Nevada. That same year they purchased a farm near Eureka, Montana where they lived and worked until 1953. They came back to the north Joplin community and farmed there from that time on. In 1983 they moved to Rudyard and have lived there since.

Bert had suffered from hay-fever and breathing difficulties his entire life. On this past Sunday morning, November 20, he died peacefully in his sleep at home in Rudyard. He was 74 years old.

Bert was a Past-Master of the Joplin Masonic Lodge and served in Masonry for 45 years. He was a past chairman

of the local Farmer's Union and served as secretary for that organization for 24 years. In addition he had served on the Grassy Butte School Board, the Sage Creek Water Board, and was a State Brand Inspector for many years. When his children were attending Joplin Schools, Bert drove school bus and served as school librarian for a short time period. Since moving to Rudyard, Bert has been active at the Senior Citizens Center.

Bert had many hobbies, including hunting, fishing, playing pool and playing cards (he loved all card games, but was especially fond of Bridge). He enjoyed socializing with people, so it's not surprising why he was an avid attendee at auction sales. Bert excelled at mathematics and record keeping, so he enjoyed clerking for Wolery Auctions, cashiering at 4-H food booths, and serving in secretarial duties for various organizations. He loved farming, raising cattle and fixing things. In his quiet hours at home, Bert enjoyed reading Western histories and working crossword puzzles.

Bert is survived by his wife Peggy of Rudyard; seven daughters and spouses, including Barbara and Gary Cady of Joplin, Charlene and Lloyd Mandeville of Bozeman, Roxy and Wayne Gillespie of Kevin, Cindy and Phillip Davis of Faribault, Minnesota, Susan and Gary McDonald of Kalispell, Rhonda Thompson of Belgrade, and Sharon and Randy Reed of Chinook; two sons, including Norman and Joan Wicks of Twin Bridges and Mark Wicks of Lulea, Sweden; 18 grandchildren (with special mention of a grandson, Kelly, whom Bert and Peggy helped

raise); one brother, Watt Wicks of Chester; and numerous nephews and niece. Bert was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Norma Jean, a sister Adeline Seuser and two brothers Norman and Hubert Wicks.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. November 26 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiating. Christy Fossen served as organist and Wayne Wardell sang "He Gave Me Lord Jesus" and "How Great Thou Art". Ushers were Sterling and Wayne Wolery. Pallbearers included Roger Evans, Dave LaValley, Leroy Wolery, John May, Merlin Wolery and Justine VandeSandt. Special memories were shared by Bert's youngest child, Mark. Fellow-Masons provided Masonic prayers. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery with military rites. The flag

presentation was made by Butch Tempel. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

JANE C. (GARVEY) WIESKE
Born: September 16, 1917 - Died: November 27, 1994
Liberty County Times
February 9, 1995

Jane Wieske

Jane C. (Garvey) Wieske, 76, of 400 Monroe Plaza, Green Bay, passed away Saturday, November 27 at a Green Bay nursing home. She was born on September 16, 1917 in Pearson, Wisconsin to Joseph and Ann (Monette) Garvey. She married Joseph Wieske on May 5, 1944. Jane was an active member of St. Willebrord

Catholic Church.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Joseph and Mary Ellen Wieske, Green Bay; Mary (Wieske) and Charles Lee, Lahore, Pakistan; Daniel and Karen Wieske, Green Bay; six grandchildren, J.P. (Dawn) Wieske, Green Bay; Steven Wieske, Green Bay; Christian Lee, Jessica Lee, Anna Lee, Melinda Lee, Lahore, Pakistan; one brother, Lloyd and Dorothy Garvey, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; four sisters, Mary Lou and Don Pacourek, Green Bay, Esther and Murry Trudell, St. Cloud, Minnesota, June and Ken Vanden Wymelenberg, Madison, Valerie Thomas, Green Bay.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband and one sister, Josephine Maltby, two brothers-in-law, Eugene Maltby and Larry Thomas.

Jane was a housekeeper for Father Hoffman, the priest of the Catholic Church in Chester, a number of years ago; following that she worked with the school lunch program at Inverness and then J-I.

AMELIA (KOTH) WILL

Born: January 20, 1903 - Died: November 26, 1994

Liberty County Times

November 30, 1994



Amelia Will 11-30-94

Amelia (Koth) Will was born on January 20, 1903 at Zealand, North Dakota. Her parents were Fredericks Ost and Henry Koth and she was one of three children. Amelia received her formal education at Greenway, South Dakota.

On December 7, 1921 Amelia married William Will at Ashley, North Dakota. They farmed in North Dakota until 1946, when they moved to Richey, Montana. Her husband, Bill, worked in the grain elevator business, and they transferred to Outlook (Montana) in 1957. Their last employment move was to Macon, near Wolf Point in 1965. When Bill retired in 1975, they moved back to Richey.

The Will's had several children living in Liberty County, so they came to Chester in 1980 and moved into the Liberty County Nursing Home. Bill died in 1985. Amelia continued to live at the nursing home until her death on Saturday morning, November 26. She was 91 years old.

Amelia was saved through baptism in 1915 at age 12. She maintained a strong Christian faith throughout the years and enjoyed reading her Bible.

The Will's raised a large family, so Amelia's life was busy in the home. Each year she grew a big vegetable garden and was always cooking, canning or baking something special for her family.

In her quiet hours Amelia enjoyed crocheting, tatting and embroidery. Her children have received most of her handwork and will cherish these

keepsakes in the years to come.

Amelia is survived by five daughters, LaVina Mitzel of Prosser, Washington; Lucille McDaniel of Joplin, Laura Johnston of Richey, Leona Westman of Inverness and Dyann McCrory of Outlook; four sons, Earl of Sequim, Washington, Harley of Wolf Point, Harold of Billings and Arden of Hardin; one sister Pauline Strobel of Glendive; 27 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Amelia was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother (Walter), children, (including sons Victor and David and two infants) and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 30 at the Chester Alliance Church with Reverend Mike McConnell officiating. Special music will include vocals by Beth McConnell "Finally Home" and Marla Forbes "Safe in the Arms of Jesus", a congregational hymn "Amazing Grace", a flute solo by Kris Eveland "Oh That Will Be Glory" and pianist will be Karen Stack.

Grandsons serving as pallbearers will be Greg Johnston, Terry Will, Myron Johnston, Dave McCrory, Marlin Johnson and Jess Will. Interment will be in the Chester Cemetery and a memorial luncheon will follow at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

LYLE R. WISE

Born: August 31, 1915 - Died: December 13, 1994

Liberty County Times

December 21, 1994



Lyle Wise

Lyle R. Wise was born at Gildford on August 31, 1915. He was the only son of two children born to Alma Landers and Frank Wise. Lyle grew up on the family farm and received his formal education at Gildford.

On November 24, 1938 he married Clara M. Welsh at Hingham. They lived and farmed north of Gildford in the years that followed. In 1967 they moved to Hingham and have lived there since. Lyle retired from farming in 1976. During their retirement they wintered in California and Arizona.

Lyle was recently diagnosed with cancer. He died at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre on the afternoon of December 13. He was 79 years old.

Lyle was a member of the Hingham Lutheran Parish and had served on the church council. He was also a member of the "Sons of Norway" in Havre and had served on the town council in Hingham for several years. Lyle enjoyed playing cards; he played Bridge at the Rudyard Senior Citizen's Center and Whist at the Sons of Norway. He also enjoyed gardening and fishing.

Lyle and Clara did a lot of traveling throughout their 56 years of married life together. Although they never had children of their own, they were caring partners and loyal friends to their nephews and nieces.

Lyle is survived by his wife, Clara of Hingham; his sister, Frances Knutson of Gildford; his foster-sister, Betty Jolly Bentley of Spokane, Washington; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two nieces and one nephew.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 16 at the First

Lutheran Church in Havre. The services were officiated by Reverend Tim Hauge of Hingham. Vocal music by Terry Stevenson included "The Lord's Prayer", "In the Garden" and "Good Night and Good Morning". Sharon Spicher was organist and the congregation sang "Away in the Manger". Ushers were Bill Spicher and David Jones. Friends listed as memorial bearers included Donald Swinney, Eugene Aageson, Russell Dolph, Vic Jones, Leif Kapperud and Harold Wanke. A coffee hour for family and friends followed at the church. Private burial of Lyle's remains with graveside prayers was held at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials will be given to donor's choice.

CURTIS WOOD
Born: December 11, 1905 - Died: April 30, 1994
Liberty County Times
June 1, 1994



Curtis Wood

Curtis Wood, 89, of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, passed away April 30 at Bayard New Mexico Hospital of natural causes.

He was born December 11, 1905 in Morrison, Tennessee. He moved with his family to Kremlin, Montana at an early age. In 1931 he married Frieda Beecher. For many years he sold shoes throughout Montana.

In 1962 he married Rose Eib and they lived in El Paso, Texas, serving as missionaries in Mexico. They later retired in Truth or Consequences.

He is survived by four sons, Clarence Wood, Great Falls; Louis Wood of Kingsville, Texas, Kenneth Wood of Hooker, Oklahoma, and Richard Wood of Brighton, Michigan; three daughters, Margaret VandeSandt of Gildford, Dorothy Williams of Kremlin and Virginia Jones of Sweetgrass; 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Frieda and by an infant daughter, Florence and second wife, Rose.

Graveside services were held at Fort Bayard, New Mexico on May 5th. Funeral arrangements were made by Baca's Funeral Home of Silver City, New Mexico.

A memorial service was held Monday, May 16th at the Full Gospel Tabernacle in the evening at Truth or Consequences, New Mexico with Reverend Mike Skidmore officiating in honor of Curtis and Rose.

ROSE WOOD
Born: September 16, 1907 - Died: May 13, 1994
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Rose Wood

Rose Wood, 85, wife of Curtis Wood of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, passed away May 13th in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. She was born September 16, 1907 in Mishawaka, Indiana, and married Curtis Wood, February 1962 in Modesto, California.

Later she moved to El Paso, Texas and served as a missionary in Mexico along with her husband. They retired in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. She passed away in a local hospital there of a heart attack. She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Wood on April 30th, 1994.

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BILLY ALAN YACKLEY
Born: June 30, 1926 - Died: February 13, 1994
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Bill Yackley

Billy Alan Yackley was born in Elliot, North Dakota on June 30, 1926. He was one of seven children born to Carl and Mabel (McElhoe) Yackley. Bill grew up in Ransom County, North Dakota and received his formal education there. He helped on the family farm near Lisbon following the death of his father. In 1946 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during the end of World War II. Following his honorable discharge in 1948, Bill returned to Lisbon, North Dakota where he farmed and worked as a mechanic. On June 23, 1950 he married Mary Jean Johnson at Lisbon. They moved to Rudyard in 1955 where Bill worked as a mechanic at Phillips Chevrolet. In 1962 they came to Chester where Bill took employment at Thielman Implement. In 1973 Bill purchased the Standard Oil bulk fuel business in Chester, and from that time on it became known as "Yackley's Fuel Supply". He operated this business until 1993, when he retired and sold to Charlie Hanson. Bill's wife, Mary, died in Chester on April 18, 1990. Bill continued to make Chester his home. He suffered numerous health problems the past few years. He was recently admitted to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, where he died from heart complications on Sunday morning, February 13. He was 67 years old.

Bill had many hobbies, including fishing, hunting, dancing, bowling, and softball. In addition he had a large coin collection. In his younger years Bill maintained a private pilot's license. Because of his interest in aviation, he has served as chairman of the Liberty County Airport Commission for many years.

Bill has been a loyal Mason. He was not only Past-Master, but also served as secretary of the Joplin Masonic Lodge for many years. In addition, he had served as secretary of the Montana Masonic Welfare Association and as president of the North Central Masonic Welfare Association. Other memberships included the Scottish Rite and Shriners, and Bill had been awarded the "Grand Cross of Colors" for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Locally, Bill was an active member of the Chester Lions Club. He held most offices in the Lions Club at one time or another, and presently was serving as club treasurer. Bill was instrumental in the development of the "Lion's Park" on Highway 2 in Chester and has continued to be a loyal volunteer in maintenance and upkeep at the park. He attended Lions Club meetings on a regular basis and was a dedicated worker at all Lions fund-raising projects.

Bill is survived by two sons, Steven of Great Falls and Mark (and wife, Kelley) of Seattle, Washington; one brother, John of Hillsboro, Oregon; two sisters, June Owen of Kirkland,

Washington and Esther Anderson of Forest Grove, Oregon; special friend, Maureen Cicon and numerous nephews and nieces. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, his eldest son (James in 1974), and by three brothers (Calvin, C.D., and Robert).

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 17 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverends Tom Dunham and Charlie Hanson will officiate. Karen Stack will be the organist and Wayne Wardell will sing "Beyond the Sunset" and "He Gave Me Lord Jesus". Ushers will be Dave Matson and Kevin Cicon. Pallbearers will be Terry Thielman, Bob Mattson, Tom Gummer, Shawn Campeau, Tom Ludwig and Ross O'Neil. Honorary bearers will be Bill's many friends in the Masons. Memorial bearers will be the Chester Lions. The service will be interpreted in sign language by Jana Wolery. Burial with military rites will follow at the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon given by Lionettes and other friends will be held at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.