

GERALD LEROY ANDERSON
Born: July 17, 1935 - Died: November 9, 1999
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Gerald Anderson

Gerald Leroy Anderson was born in Cass Lake, Minnesota on July 17, 1935 to Victor and Tilda (Peterson) Anderson. He attended schools in Cass Lake until the 10th grade when they moved to Chester, Montana where he graduated as Salutatorian of his class. He received a scholarship and attended the University of Montana in Missoula.

Anderson then went into the Air Force where he trained at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. In 1962, after his honorable discharge from the service, he married Cherie Wood and they had three children.

Gerald's career included working for Dunn and Bradstreet and then for AT&T in Fargo, North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, and finally as Vice President of Communications in Indianapolis, Indiana.

His education included obtaining a Master's Degree from Pace University. He retired in 1989 and moved back to Missoula.

On March 20, 1998 he married Luella (Lou) Kahler. They lived in Missoula, Indianapolis, and finally in Walker, Minnesota on Leech Lake.

Gerald (Jerry) was diagnosed with melanoma 5 years ago and recently had a recurrence. He underwent surgery and chemotherapy in Minnesota. He died on November 9, 1999 in the hospital in Brainerd, Minnesota.

Jerry was raised in the Lutheran faith. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, computers, investments, and bowling. Jerry was a kind and gentle man and will be missed by all that knew him.

Survivors include his wife Lou at their home in Walker; two daughters Nancy Anderson and friend Bill in Indianapolis, IN, daughter Julie and Craig Atwood and children Sarah and Madeline of Winston Salem, North Carolina; three sons: James Anderson of New York, New York, John Kahler, Robin Kahler; a sister Lois Schaub of Kalispell, Montana; and many nieces and nephews.

Nelson and Doran Funeral Home were in charge of cremation and funeral arrangements. Private family services were held Saturday November 13, 1999 in Walker, Minnesota, with services in Montana pending.

LOUISA R. STOTT ANDERSON
Born: July 5, 1904 - Died: May 2, 1999
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Louisa Anderson

Louisa R. Allen Anderson, age 94, passed away Sunday evening May 2, 1999 at Benefis East Medical Center in Great Falls.

She was born Louisa Rachel Stott on July 5, 1904 at the family homestead near East Butte, Montana. Her parents were Lester Stott and Nettie Alvord. She received her early education at country schools near the ranch. Her high school training was completed at Joplin and Great Falls.

Louisa married Ted Allen on November 29, 1923 at the Liberty Hall in Whittlash, Montana. In 1928 they took over the Whittlash General Store, which her father built in 1914. Louisa became the Whittlash Postmaster in 1928. In addition, she worked in the store and raised a family of four. Her husband died from a heat attack on February 14, 1946.

Louisa married her second spouse Fred Anderson, on March 16, 1947 at Shelby. They continued to live in Whittlash where she remained the Postmaster. Fred died on June 4, 1964.

Louisa served the public in the Whittlash Post Office for 46 years. When she retired in 1974 at age 70, she was recognized as the longest active Postmaster in the United States. She loved the Whittlash community, so she chose to spend her retirement years there. She lived in the apartment that was attached to the old General Store. Although the store had been closed for many years, she converted it to a free library and a hobby ceramic studio. Louisa lived alone and took care of herself, even into her 90s. Although her health remained good and she enjoyed her independence, she finally consented to allow a niece Fay Clark, to move in with her in November 1997.

Louisa was looking forward to bringing in the new Millennium. Unfortunately, she became ill several weeks ago and was hospitalized. Her condition deteriorated and she slept away this past Sunday.

Louisa was a lifelong member of the Whittlash Presbyterian Church, the church her parents helped build in those early years, and she served as church pianist for many years. She was also a charter member and active participant of the Whittlash Homemaker's Extension Club.

Louisa's hobbies were many. She enjoyed tatting and crocheting. She loved gardening; she had beautiful flowers every year and her friends always looked forward to the produce from her vegetable gardens. She liked to complete crossword and jigsaw puzzles. Louisa was an avid reader who "never quit learning." She enjoyed playing the piano, painting ceramics, and she loved to travel.

Louisa respected her fellow man. She was a friend to many and she had an undying love for her faith and her family.

Her survivors include three daughters Evelyn Aiken of Whittlash, Wini Barnett and husband Richard of Helena, and Golda Morrison and husband Alfred of Chester; one daughter-in-law Donna Allen of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one sister Ruth Davis of Whittlash; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Louisa was preceded in death not only by her husbands and parents, but also by her son Edwin Allen, a sister Ellen McGee, a brother Ray Stott, and a granddaughter Tedi Ann Laas.

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 6, 1999 at the Whittlash

Community Presbyterian Church with Rev. Ernest R. Doyle officiating. Prelude and postlude organ music was provided by Rev. Alfred Morrison. Iris White served as accompanist for Wayne Wardell, who sang "Rock of Ages," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "In the Garden." Ushers were Bob Thompson and Dan Kultgen. Pallbearers were Urban Kultgen, Buster Brown, Walter Stratton, Ron Wehr, Doug Demarest and Earl Thompson. Honorary bearers included Irvin Brown, Claude Demarest, Ed Hofer and Jim Wood. Following burial at the Whittlash Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the Liberty Hall. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

IRENE MAE ASPEVIG
Born: December 24, 1935 - Died: February 15, 1999
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Irene Aspevig

Irene Mae Aspevig, age 63 of Crookston, Minnesota (and formerly of Rudyard, Montana) died February 15, 1999 at her home after a long illness with cancer. Irene was born on December 24, 1935 at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, the daughter of Erwin C. and Edith (Feragen) Wetenkamp.

Irene lived with her parents in rural Red Lake Falls, and was a 1954 graduate of Lafayette High School, Red Lake Falls. From 1954 to 1958

she lived in Rudyard, Montana, where she worked for the Triangle Telephone Company, and the Farmers-Merchants Bank. Irene was baptized and confirmed in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

On June 30, 1957 she was united in marriage to Roger Aspevig at Rudyard. In 1958-59 the couple lived in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Irene was employed at the First National Bank. In 1959 they moved to Great Falls, Montana where Irene worked as an assistant cashier at the Citizens Bank of Montana. In 1967 they moved to Wahpeton, North Dakota and then to Crookston in 1970.

Loving family members include her husband Roger; a son and daughter-in-law James and Deb Aspevig of Helena, Montana; two grandsons Trevor and Marc; a brother and sister-in-law Erwin D. and Marilyn Wetenkamp of Red Lake Falls, Minnesota; a sister and brother-in-law Emma and Jack McKeever of Fargo, North Dakota; and several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Irene was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral was held Friday, February 19, 1999 in Crookston. Interment was in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota.

DONNA L. BANDOW
Born: December 21, 1937 - Died: October 22, 1999
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Donna Bandow

ISSAQUAH, WA—Donna L. Bandow, age 61 of Issaquah, Washington, died Friday in a Bellevue, Washington hospital of cancer.

Memorial service was Tuesday in Faith Lutheran Church in Redmond, Washington. Private graveside services followed. Memorials are suggested to National Childhood Cancer Fund, 440 E. Huntington Drive, Suite 300, Arcadia, California 91066-6012. Flintloft Funeral Home, Inc. handled arrangements.

Bandow was born December 21, 1937 in Havre. She was raised in Joplin and graduated from Joplin High School. She attended Concordia College in Minnesota, earning a teaching certificate.

Donna married Neal Bandow November 21, 1962 in Conrad, Montana. They moved to Valdez, Alaska in 1962 and eventually settled in Anchorage.

She taught at Central Lutheran Church Preschool in Anchorage for 14 years.

She retired December 28, 1990 and moved to Oak Harbor, Washington. They moved to Issaquah in October of 1997.

Survivors include her husband Neal of Issaquah; two daughters: Holly Danielson of Longmont, Colorado, and Zana Moore of Issaquah, Washington; a son Kerry Bandow of Sammamish, Washington; five sisters: Grace Prokop of Dallas, Oregon, Bernice Lyle of Great Falls, Doris Waldron of Santa Maria, California; Lois Rodgers of Brookings, Oregon, and Lofa Woods of Rogue River, Oregon; three brothers Sanford Ander-

son of Joplin, Donald Anderson of Great Falls, and Lowell Anderson of Steilacoom, Washington; and five great-grandchildren.

SAM W. BERGE

Born: December 28, 1916 - Died: December 15, 1999



Sam Berge

Sam W. Berge was born on his mother's homestead near Kennedy Coulee in the Goldstone community north of Rudyard, Montana on December 28, 1916. He was the only son of four children born to Eivind and Clara (Sanda) Berge. Sam grew up on the farm and attended the Center Country School nearby. He finished his formal education in Rudyard, then began farming. Prior to the outbreak of World War II, Sam leased the homestead of his uncle Ed Sanda, near Goldstone.

Sam enlisted in the US Army in 1942 and served in England, France, Germany, and Belgium. He attained the rank of 1st Lieutenant and was a member of the 909th Field Artillery Battalion of the 84th Division of RaitSplitters. He was active in several campaigns, most notably the "Battle of the Bulge." Following his honorable discharge in 1946 Sam returned to Montana. He transferred his military status to the Army Reserve Corps where he remained active until his second discharge in 1953.

While in the Army Sam met his wife-to-be, W. Inez Dent. They were married at Sherman, Texas on October 30, 1946. They moved to the Rudyard community where they farmed and raised their three daughters. They lived and worked on farms near Goldstone and Rudyard until 1984, when they retired and moved into town. Sam continued to stay active in the family farming operations, doing whatever he could

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to help out. Sam suffered from a chronic asthmatic condition that worsened as the years went by. Over the past three years he had numerous hospitalizations because of deteriorating health. Sam died peacefully on this past Wednesday morning December 15, 1999 at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He was just a few weeks shy of his 83rd birthday.

Sam appreciated his life-long role as a Montana farmer and the success it brought him. And he enjoyed sharing the 'fruits of his labor' with his family, his church, and his community.

Sam held memberships in the Lutheran churches at Goldstone and Our Savior's for many years. He was always a willing benefactor of Lutheran Social Services and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

Sam's community memberships included the Rudyard Commercial Club, the Rudyard Historical Society, and the Rudyard Senior Citizen's Center. In earlier years he was active in the Rudyard Farmer's Union Cooperative and he served on the GTA Elevator board. He was a proud Democrat and strong supporter of the Democratic platform and many local campaigns.

Sam loved Glacier National Park and the Flathead Valley. In 1990 he fulfilled a lifelong dream when he purchased some property on Flathead Lake. The Berge family have enjoyed this summer home and recreation during the past eight years.

Sam had many favorite charities. Some included the Hi-Line Health Foundation, the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, and the Rollins Volunteer Fire Department. Several years ago he donated the land for the new football field for Blue Sky High School in Rudyard. The field was recently dedicated and named 'Sam Berge Memorial Field.'

Sam's hobbies were many. He collected coins and stamps. He enjoyed playing cards, especially Whist. In his quiet time he loved to read, mainly travel publications, historicals, and geographics. Sam

loved his annual vegetable garden and strawberry patch.

Sam and Inez loved to travel; they made several memorable trips in their motorhome to Alaska and Texas, plus a trip-of-a-lifetime to Norway.

Sam was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was happy and content during his 53 years of married life with Inez.

In addition to his wife of Rudyard, Sam is survived by three daughters and spouses: Cheryl and Nolan Fladstol of Rudyard, Claire and John Wendland of Rudyard, and Ellen and Rod Wirshing of Midland, Texas; six grandchildren including Joel and Kira Fladstol, Erin and Jared Wendland, and Andrea and Cody Wirshing; one step-grandson Robbie Wirshing; three sisters: Hilda Ewald of Shelby, Montana, Lillian Ulmen and husband Cliff of Rudyard, and Evelyn Wanke of Rudyard; one brother-in-law G.W. Dent and wife Mildred of Sherman, Texas; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents and by two brothers-in-law Dan Ewald, and Harold Wanke.

Funeral services were 2:00 pm Tuesday December 21, 1999 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. The service was officiated by Rev. David Aaseng and Tim Hauge. Stanleigh Barbie served as organist and the congregation sang "Beautiful Savior," and "Now the Green Blade Riseth."

Vocalist Mary Dietz performed "In the Garden," "Rock of Ages," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "Beyond the Sunset."

Ushers were Dave Strissel and Mike Wendland. Sam's three sons-in-law and three grandsons were his pallbearers. Memorial bearers were listed as "all of his old friends." Burial was at the Rudyard Cemetery where military rites were provided by the Havre VFW Post #497. Tim Hauge served as bugler for "Taps." A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

STELLA (DeMARTIN) BRAFFORD
Born: May 20, 1913 - Died: May 12, 1999
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Stella Brafford

Stella (DeMartin) Brafford was born on the family homestead six miles north of Rudyard, Montana on May 20, 1913. She was one of three children born to Joseph and Claire (Edgar) DeMartin. Stella received her early education at the Prairie Ridge School near the farm. She finished her secondary education in Rudyard, graduating from high school in 1932. In the few years that followed, she remained in the Rudyard community and helped with the farming operations.

In 1940, Stella learned secretarial skills at the Seattle Business College. She moved to Anchorage, Alaska where she was employed as a secretary. She met William Brafford and they were married on September 4, 1942. They moved to Colorado where Stella became a homemaker.

In 1945 Stella moved back to Rudyard to raise her family of three. The Brafford's eventually divorced. Stella took a job as cook at the Rudyard School in 1949. She served

this job faithfully for 15 years. In 1964 she was convinced by a former school administrator to move to Baker, Montana to cook in the school system there. After a year in Baker, Stella came back to Rudyard to be near her family and good friends.

For the next 10 years she worked as the bookkeeper at the Sanvik Brothers store in Rudyard. She retired in 1975. Stella remained in Rudyard and enjoyed good health during her retirement years. This past February she developed some serious medical problems. Following a hospital stay in Chester Stella chose to transfer to Las Vegas to be near her youngest daughter. On May 9th she was admitted to the Nathan Adelson Hospice Center in Las Vegas. She died there on the afternoon of Wednesday May 12, 1999. She was 85 years old.

Stella had many hobbies. She enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening, reading, and cooking. Her cooking skills were well-known in Rudyard.

The students at Rudyard High School appreciated Stella's wonderful meals; in fact, the graduating class of 1961 dedicated their yearbook to her!

Other interests included watching and feeding birds and rabbits, attending local basketball games, and playing the piano by ear. Stella also enjoyed traveling and made several memorable trips in recent years (to Hawaii, the Caribbean, Alaska, and the New England states). She looked forward to her afternoon coffee get-togethers with local friends. And last, but not least, she had a strong Christian faith and was a loyal member of the Calvary Evangelical Church in Rudyard.

She is survived by two daughters and spouses Judy and Randy Froelich of Gillette, Wyoming, and Lois and Rick Slater of Las Vegas, Nevada; four grandchildren (including Kevin, Corey, Kaycee, and April); seven great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law Lillian DeMartin of Rudyard; numerous nephews and nieces. Stella was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Howard DeMartin, her sister Renee Huntley and grandson Kent Brafford.

Funeral services were 2:00 pm Tuesday May 18 at the Calvary Evangelical Church in Rudyard with Pastor Nolan Spenst officiating. At Stella's request Shirley Jackson sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Rachel Blake was the organist and the congregation sang "In the Garden," and "How Great Thou Art." Ushers were Roger and Joe Lincoln. Pallbearers were Kevin and Corey Brafford, Rick and Barry DeMartin, Tom Spatafore, and Duane Lincoln. A luncheon followed at the church.

Graveside services were 4:30 pm Tuesday at the Highland Cemetery in

Havre. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Calvary Church.

CORA IDA BRANDT

Born: September 19, 1924 - Died: December 24, 1999

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Cora Brandt

Cora Ida Brandt was born at Richardton, North Dakota on September 19, 1924. She was the 8th of ten children born to Louis and Laura (Krueger) Brandt, who came to Montana in 1930. Cora attended schools in Inverness and Rudyard; she graduated from Rudyard High School in 1943.

Cora and her mother owned and operated the Grand Hotel in Rudyard from 1944-1950. In addition Cora worked for Buttrey Foods. After ten years in Havre, Cora, her mother, and her brother Eugene moved to California. They settled in Van Nuys, where Cora was employed as Office Manager for the W.T. Grant Co. for 15 years. She then took a job for the Target Corporation as a sales auditor, a position she held until her retirement in 1988. She moved to Grass Valley, California to spend her retirement years.

Cora developed a heart condition, so she decided to come back to Montana. She moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester in 1996. She lived there until November of 1998, then transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home. Cora died at the Chester rest home on Christmas Eve Friday, December 24, 1999. She was 75 years old.

Cora was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith during her early years in Rudyard. After moving to Chester, she transferred her membership to Our Savior's Lutheran Church here. She was always sincere in her religious beliefs; she enjoyed reading her Bible and completing private Bible studies.

Cora never married. She was a loyal member of the Brandt family; she remained close to her siblings and loved her many nieces and nephews. At family gatherings she enjoyed playing cards, especially Pinochle and 'Demon.'

Her survivors include three brothers Edwin Brandt of Seattle, Washington, Elmer Brandt of Central Point, Oregon, and Eugene Brandt of Chester; three sisters Eunice Robertson of Pacifica, California, Lauretta "Sally" Wodarz of Chester, and Lydia Hansen of Rudyard; and numerous nieces and nephews. Cora was preceded in death by her parents, by two brothers Harold and George Brandt, and by one sister Ruth Nelson.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 28, 1999 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor Peter Erickson officiated. Iris White served as organist, and the congregation sang "Borning Cry." A vocal trio consisting of Leota Hansen, Doral Anderson and Marcus Jochim performed "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," and "There Will be Peace in the Valley." Pallbearers

were Don and Jody Hansen, Dan and Bruce Nelson, and Roy and Eric Wodarz. A luncheon followed the service in the fellowship hall.

Graveside services were 1:30 p.m. that afternoon at the Rudyard Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, or donor's choice.

VERNE W. BRESNAHAN
Born: December 20, 1903 - Died: September 15, 1999
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Verne Bresnahan

Verne W. Bresnahan, age 95, of 1621-18th Ave. S., Great Falls, Montana, died of natural causes Wednesday September 15, 1999.

A Vigil Service was at 5:00 pm Sunday at O'Connor Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass was 2:00 pm Monday September 20, 1999 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with burial in Mount Olive Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Holy Spirit Catholic School (formerly Blessed Trinity), or Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Verne was born December 20, 1903 in Stanton, Minnesota. He later moved to Casselton, North Dakota to work in the grain, feed, and coal business.

In 1930 he married Susanne A. Hogan in Fargo, North Dakota.

During his 30 years in Casselton, Bresnahan organized the first rural fire department in North Dakota and served as chief for a number of years. He was treasurer for the local Knights of Columbus, and financial secretary/treasurer of the Catholic Order of Foresters for many years. He and his brother also designed and helped complete the town's first golf course.

In 1954 Verne and his family moved to Chester, where he was an accountant for the Chester Implement Co., and Kolstad Enterprises and manager of their Lothair grain elevator.

Bresnahan was active in the Chester community, where he was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Rotary Club, and Knights of Columbus, serving as financial secretary and treasurer for several years.

Verne retired in 1980 and he and his wife moved to Great Falls to be near their youngest daughter.

He enjoyed golf and gardening.

Survivors include his wife Susanne Bresnahan of Great Falls; two sons Roger Bresnahan of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, and Robert Bresnahan of Dover, Delaware; three daughters Mary Saunders of Great Falls, Patricia Akins of Rancho Palos Verdes, California, and Colleen Rios of Sacramento, California; 18 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

ARDYCE KAY JENSEN BUECHLER
Born: October 5, 1948 - Died: March 15, 1999
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Ardyce Buechler

Ardyce Kay Jensen Buechler, age 50 of Joliet, Montana, died March 15, 1999 at her home after fighting with breast cancer. Funeral services will be Thursday March 18, 1999 at 2:00 pm at the Olcott Funeral Home, Red Lodge, with interment at the Joliet Cemetery.

Ardyce was born in Great Falls, Montana on October 5, 1948, but spent all of her childhood in the foothills of the Sweetgrass Hills along the Canadian border on the family ranch. She graduated from Chester High School, attended and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History, a Bachelor of Science in Sociology with Anthropology (Archaeology) and began a Master's program in Historic Archaeology at Montana State University-Bozeman. She worked as a field archaeologist with various consulting firms and was the Carbon County Preservation Officer. She was a member of the Joliet and Red Lodge Ambulance Services.

Ardyce married her true love Charlie, on March 9, 1999.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, and friend. She was a kind person who left this world too soon, and will always be missed by her loved ones and by anyone who knew her.

Ardyce is survived by her loved ones: Charles Buechler her husband; two sons, Kip Jens and Hans Knute Heintz; her parents Kathryn and Harold Jensen; her sister Connie (Jensen) Mathis and her husband Ted; her nephew James Gavin Mathis; her very dear friends Lorrie, Willie and Matthew Steerey, Linda, Bryan, and Dana Weatherford, Becky, Kendall, Joe and Kendra Kallevig; her parents-in-law Agnes and Roy Buechler; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her dear cousin Wesley Jeppesen, by her beloved uncles Harold Jeppesen and Ole and Leo Jensen, and her grandparents.

Ardyce ("Dyce," "Arda") we will always remember you, love you, and you will always be in our hearts.

Visitation is Wednesday March 17 from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm with Vigil Service at 7:00 pm at Olcott Funeral Home in Red Lodge.

Memorials can be made to the Billings Hospice, the Carbon County

Historical Society, or to the Joliet Ambulance Service. Arrangements by Olcott Funeral Home, Red Lodge.

MICHAEL AMBROSE BUELL
Born: December 8, 1972 - Died: November 5, 1999

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Michael Buell

Michael Ambrose Buell, age 26, died Friday November 5, 1999 at the Northern Montana Care Center from complications of C.O.P.D. Prayer Vigil Service was at 7:00 pm November 7 at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Chapel. Funeral services were 2:00 pm Monday November 8, 1999 at St. Jude's Catholic Church with Father Robert D. Grosch officiating. Memorials in Michael's honor may be made to the Montana Trapper's Association c/o Jim Buell, Box 133, Gildford, MT 59525. Arrangements by Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Michael was born December 8, 1972 in Havre. He is the son of Jim and Fran Buell and Laura McLaughlin. Michael attended grade school at St. Jude. In 1982 the family moved to Gildford, where Michael attended KG schools, graduating in 1992. Michael then attended Montana State University-Northern and studied computers.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, putting together 3-D jigsaw puzzles, reading science fiction novels, computers, the Internet — most especially the Star Gate website, and he was a devoted Trekkie.

Michael was a 4-H member and won many special awards in the dog project.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Ambrose Buell, and maternal grandparents.

Surviving family are his parents Jim and Fran Buell of Gildford, MT, Laura McLaughlin of Marrietta, ID; three sisters Traci Perryman, and Sandi Cress both of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Ann Marie Chvilicek of Havre, MT; two brothers Bill Albanito of Chaska, Minnesota, and James Albaritto of Hastings, Minnesota; paternal grandmother Marian Buell of Havre, MT; step-grandmother Ann Madsen of Havre, MT; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

RICHARD (DICK) BULMAN

Born: March 13, 1944 - Died: March 9, 1999

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RICHARD "DICK" BULMAN

KREMLIN — Richard P. "Dick" Bulman, 54, died Tuesday, March 9, 1999, at a Great Falls hospital of cancer.

Bulman was born March 13, 1944, at Havre. He attended school in Kremlin. He was in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., Alaska and Germany.

On March 12, 1966, he married Annie Felton. He worked for Northern Montana College, Abercrombie Pipeline for 15 years. Later he was employed as manager for United Landfill.

He was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous and enjoyed gardening, working on machinery, old cars and pickups, cooking, reading and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Bulman of Fresno; parents, Fred and Alice Harshaw of Havre; daughters, Dawn Bulman of Topeka, Kan., Alice Ulmen, of Fresno, and Pattie Durnell of Great Falls; sisters, Dee Ann Brese of Havre, Carolyn Weber of Great Falls, and Marilyn Kemper of Ashland, Ky.; a step-brother, Melvin Harshaw of Spanaway, Wash.; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Gift of Life or to the donor's choice.

O'Connor Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

GERALD ANTHONY (CHIRP) CHVILICEK
Born: June 8, 1943 – Died: August 10, 1999
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Gerald Chvilicek

Gerald Anthony "Chirp" Chvilicek was born at Havre, Montana on June 8, 1943. He was the youngest of eight children born to Marian Huestis and John Chvilicek, Sr. He grew up on the family farm north of Hingham and attended the Marianer Country School. The Chvilicek's moved to Havre so Gerald finished his education there, graduating from Central High School in 1961.

He began working in the Havre oil fields before moving to Alaska, where he worked on the North Slope. In 1964 he transferred to Oklahoma, where he has lived and worked in the oil well servicing industry for the past 35 years.

In 1984 Gerald married Sue Chvilicek. They divorced in 1992.

Several months ago his health failed. He was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and other complications. Gerald's untimely death was on Tuesday afternoon August 10, 1999 at his residence in Woodward, Oklahoma. He was 56 years old.

Gerald's hobbies included hunting, gardening and yardwork. He enjoyed Country-Western music and collecting coins. In recent years he liked to work at his computer. He loved animals and enjoyed the companionship of several pet dogs throughout the years. Gerald loved his family and friends, who affectionately referred to him by his nickname "Chirp."

Survivors include two brothers Lawrence Chvilicek of Pendleton, Oregon, and Robert Chvilicek of Tonopah, Nevada; one sister Alice Langel of Rudyard; and numerous nephews and nieces. Gerald was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers John, James, Leonard and Norbert.

Cremation and memorial services were held in Woodward, Oklahoma. Graveside prayers with burial of ashes will be held in the near future at the Hingham Cemetery. Local arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

TWIN BABIES LUCAS EDWARD & JOSEPH THOMAS DAHINDEN
Born: July 28, 1999 - Died: July 28, 1999
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Dahinden Infants

Steve and Jill (Engellant) Dahinden are saddened to announce the premature spontaneous delivery of their twin babies Lucas Edward and Joseph Thomas. The infants were born Wednesday, July 28, 1999 in

Great Falls, and died shortly after birth.

In addition to the parents of Joplin, the twins are survived by their sister Kristina; paternal grandparents Vern and Marjie Dahinden of Chester; maternal grandparents Francis and Blanche Engellant of Fort Benton; paternal great-grandmother Gertrude Gannon of Fresno, California; and many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Family graveside services were conducted by Father Oliver Doyle at 10:00 am Saturday, July 31, 1999 at the Joplin Cemetery.

Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

ANNIE NELL DIEMERT

Born: January 22, 1981 - Died: December 4, 1999



Annie Diemert

Annie Nell Diemert was born at Chester, Montana on January 22, 1981. She was the fourth of five children and only daughter born to Edward and Marcia (Freeman) Diemert. Annie grew up on the family farm near Lothair. She attended the Galata School for four years, then finished her education in Chester, graduating from Chester High School in May of 1999.

She enrolled at Sheridan College in Sheridan, Wyoming this past fall semester and began her studies in the Dental Hygiene program. Annie came back to Montana during Thanksgiving break to spend the holidays with family and friends. She spent Thanksgiving evening with friends in Chester, then headed home to the farm late that night. Driving alone in darkness, heavy fog, and slippery roads, Annie lost control of her car and she was ejected during the crash. She was initially taken to the Chester hospital, then transferred to Benefis East Medical Center in Great Falls. After three days in the Intensive Care Unit, Annie died from her injuries. She was just two months shy of her 19th birthday.

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Annie's young life had been busy with 4-H, school, and extra-curricular activities. Being the only girl in the family, she enjoyed the protective love of her brothers. During her high school years she developed a special friendship with her youngest sibling, Colt.

Annie loved children and enjoyed babysitting during her early teens. This past year brought the arrival of her nephew Clark, whom she loved to cuddle and play with. Her experiences with Clark this past summer sparked a renewed interest in becoming a nanny.

During her high school years, Annie worked parttime as a Dietary Aide at the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home. This past summer she worked full time as a Health Care Assistant at the nursing home. The residents and staff loved her bubbly personality and her excellent work ethic.

While growing up on the farm, Annie was always a willing and hard worker. She enjoyed talking, learning, and asking questions about the farming operations. She was a great help with the household duties as well; she could always get more done in the shortest amount of time than anyone else in the family!

Annie earned many awards during her years in 4-H. She won the Top Swine Herdsmanship trophy at the Marias Fair in 1992 and 1993. She took home the blue ribbon for the Best Decorated Cake in 1996, and she was also awarded as Junior Beef Showmanship Champion. Probably her most prized 4-H award was the Marias Fair Top Livestock Judge because she competed against some of the area's best young male ranchers, including a few of her brothers!

Annie's school activities were many. She was a Junior High Cheerleader, served on the Junior High Drill Team, held class offices during her high school years, and was a Student Council Representative. She was a member of "C" Club, Pep Club, VICA, and Girl Scouts. An honor roll student, she was

Academic All-State in 1998 and 1999. In addition, she was a Queen candidate for Homecoming and prom.

Annie loved competing in sports. She participated in basketball, volleyball, and track through Grades 7-12. Her basketball highlights during her senior year include team co-captain, All Conference player (Honorable Mention), and selection to play on the Northern C team at the Raddison All-Star Games in Billings. Annie lettered three years in basketball, attended the Lady Griz camp, participated in the Big Sky State Games, and was the local 1995 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Champion. Her special awards at Chester High School in

1998-99 included "Most Assists," and "Most Inspirational Player." A three-year letterman in volleyball, her Senior Highlights include team co-captain, All-Conference (2nd team), All-State Defensive Specialist (1st team), and invitation to play on the Class C team at the All-State Tournament in Lewistown. In 1996 Annie attended the Lady Griz Volleyball Camp, and was awarded the "Most Valuable Player." Her special awards at Chester High School included "Most Digs" and "Most Aces."

Annie lettered all four years in track. In 1996 she earned the "Most Improved Player" award. In 1997 she was recognized as "Most Valuable Player," and in 1999 she competed at the State Track Meet in the shotput event.

In addition to sports, Annie enjoyed swimming, walking, and hiking. She loved listening to all kinds of music and watching movies. Outdoor activities like gopher hunting and fishing were also fun for her. She loved animals and pets; her favorite was a cocker spaniel named 'Shelba.'

Annie is survived by her parents Ed and Marcia Diemert of Lothair; four brothers: Ace and wife Tara of Ledger, Dillon of Edina, Minnesota, Clay of Bozeman, and Colt of Lothair; her nephew Clark; maternal

grandmother Ann Freeman of Chester; paternal grandmother Nellie Diemert of Chester; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandfathers Bud Freeman and Clark Diemert, and by two cousins Willy Hunter and Magen Wickum.

Annie's life was celebrated at 2:00 pm Saturday December 4, 1999 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Peter Erickson. Eulogist was Brian Barrows and scripture readings were by Linda VanDyke and Dillon Diemert. A poem was read by Annie's college roommate Amber Jensen, and special remembrances were shared by her brother Dillon. Vocalist Bryan Oswood performed "Annie's Song" by John Denver. A vocal quartet of Julie Gagnon, Anne

Melton, Brian Barrows, and Glen Wolfe sang "Parable," and "You Are Mine." Karen Stack was the accompanist. Greeter was Don Forbes and the ushers were Bill Schlepp and Steve Hamel. Annie's four brothers served as pallbearers and her cousin Chad Wickum was recognized as a special bearer. Memorial bearers were her classmates, teammates, and many friends. Following the service a luncheon was held in the Fellowship Hall.

Cremation followed and private family burial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel. All undesignated memorial gifts will be placed in a special scholarship fund in Annie's memory.

ANNIE NELL DIEMERT

Entered Into Life: January 22, 1981
at Chester, Montana...
Entered Into Rest: November 29th, 1999
at Great Falls, Montana
Age: 18 years... 10 months... 7 days...

Personal thoughts from her parents:

Our daughter was a fighter. She looked at life as a challenge. The inner strength and spirit she had that drove her to work hard on everything... from her grades, to the court, to personal relationships... that spirit will always be with us.

Annie touched so many lives, by just being "Annie", and when we close our eyes and think of her, we will remember that smile... her beautiful smile.

Annie's Family: Parents, Ed and Marcia; brothers, Ace (and wife, Tara), Dillon, Clay, and Colt, nephew, Clark; grandmothers, Nellie and Ann; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Services: 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 4th,
at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester

Officiant: Reverend Peter Erickson...

Eulogist: Brian Barrows...

Scripture Readings: Linda VanDyke and Dillon Diemert...

Special Remembrances: Roommate, Amber Jensen...
Brothers, Ace, Dillon, and Clay...

Musicians: Pianist, Karen Stack... Vocal Quartet, Glen Wolfe,
Julie Gagnon, Brian Barrows, and Anne Melton... Soloist,
Bryan Oswood

Musical Tributes: Quartet: "Parable" and "You Are Mine" ...
Vocal: "Annie's Song" ... Postlude tape: "Smile"
by Lonestar

Ushers: Steve Hamel and Bill Schlepp...

Greeter: Don Forbes...

Pallbearers: Annie's four brothers, Ace, Dillon, Clay and
Colt...

Special Pallbearer: Cousin, Chad Wickum

Memorial Bearers: Annie's classmates, teammates, and
friends...

*...The service will end at the church.
A reception will follow in the fellowship hall...*

Arrangements: Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester

Memorial gifts will be used for a special scholarship fund in
Annie's memory

Final disposition will be cremation with private burial of her ashes.

CARL LYNN EDWARDS
Born: November 15, 1908 - Died: November 10, 1999
Liberty County Times
November 17, 1999

Carl Lynn Edwards

Carl Lynn Edwards, age 91, of Great Falls went to be with our Lord on November 10, 1999.

Lynn was born November 15, 1908 in Laddoria, Missouri. He married Celia Colbry November 21, 1930 in Shelby. They farmed north of Joplin, Montana for several years, then times were tough so they moved to Tillamook, Oregon and built an eight-unit motel. In 1948 they, and daughter Lynda, moved back to the farm and within a few years acquired more acreage. Celia passed away in 1957.

Lynn loved farming, being around nature, bowling, and playing pool. Being a self-educated man, he learned how to repair farm equipment, construct buildings, and master various other crafts.

Lynn was a Master Mason, Past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a life member of the Algeria Shrine Temple. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church north of Joplin, until retirement, then transferred to Eidsvold Lutheran in Somers.

He married Clara Martinson November 21, 1966 in Great Falls. They continued farming until 1974, then moved to Kalispell. He enjoyed sightseeing, fishing, their 5th-wheel camper, and many years of "wintering" in Mesa, AZ. In October 1996 they moved to Cambridge Place, a retirement community in Great Falls.

In addition to his wife Clara, he is survived by a daughter Lynda and husband Hap Pleas, Missoula; grandsons Dave Knoyle, Renton, Washington, Greg Knoyle, Missoula, Jerry Knoyle, Billings; a sister Neil West of Casa Grande, Arizona; stepsons Larry and Linda Martinson, Havre, Don and Rosalie Martinson, Helena; various other relatives and many friends.

Cremation has taken place at Croxford & Sons Funeral Home in Great Falls, Montana. A memorial service was held Saturday, November 13, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. at Croxford & Sons Funeral Home in Great Falls. Donations can be sent to: Shrine Hospital, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210-2472, or Montana Parkinson's Disease Association, 500-15th Ave. S, Great Falls, MT 59405, or to your favorite charity.

OSCAR NELS ERICKSON

Born: July 2, 1922 - Died: April 30, 1999

Liberty County Times

May 5, 1999



Oscar Erickson

Oscar Nels Erickson was born July 2, 1922 on the family homestead 16 miles south of Chester, Montana. He was one of eight children born to Fred and Emma Erickson, who homesteaded in Montana in 1913. Oscar received his early education at the Erickson and Pugsley country schools near the farm. He finished his education in Chester, graduating from high school in 1940.

In 1943 during World War II, Oscar was inducted into the US Army. Just a few days before leaving for active service in the military, Oscar married his sweetheart Esther M. Flesch on March 11, 1943 at Shelby. In the two years that followed, he served in Normandy, northern France, Rhineland, and central Europe as a member of the 302nd Signal Corps Battalion. When he was honorably discharged in 1945 he returned to Montana.

The Ericksons have lived and farmed in the Chester community since that time. Oscar would still be farming if not for his failing health a few years ago. He recently entered the Liberty County Hospital in Chester where he died from complications of myelodysplasia (anemia) on the morning of Friday, April 30, 1999. He was 76 years old.

Oscar had been an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church; he taught CCD classes for several years and was active in the Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the Chester VFW Post.

Oscar and Esther enjoyed playing Bridge; he eventually became a 'life master' in the American Contract Bridge League. During his quiet time at home he liked to read, especially "National Geographic," "Reader's Digest," and farm publications. In addition, he enjoyed working crossword puzzles.

Oscar's greatest enjoyment was his love for music and the community. Although he had very little training, he was an accomplished musician who could play violin, fiddle, guitar, harmonica, accordion, and spoons. He also played the piano by ear and enjoyed singing, too. In those early years he played with a band called the "Music Makers." In more recent years he liked to get together with friends to simply improvise and harmonize. They enjoyed traveling throughout the Golden Triangle community, where they played at nursing homes, lodges, and special events. Oscar's pleasing personality and good sense of humor fit his "folksy" musical style. Audiences enjoyed his good stories and jokes as much as they enjoyed his music!

Occasionally Oscar's daughter (Bonnie) traveled and played with the group. This common bond and time together solidified their special kinship and love for one another. On a related note: Oscar always enjoyed playing and singing with his four grandkids; he affectionately called this little band "King Oscar and his Little Sardines."

Oscar was a kind and caring man, always attentive to the needs of his family. He looked forward to those good quality times with the grandchildren. It's no wonder he earned their love and respect and a very special nickname "Papa."

Oscar is survived by his wife, Esther of Chester; daughter Bonnie Whalen of Havre; grandchildren Emily Gorham of Havre, Erick Wodarz of Missoula, Margie Wodarz of Havre, and Ivan Wodarz of Missoula; sister Mildred Hanson of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, by three sisters Erma, Alvina and Freda, and by three brothers George, Donald and Howard.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 3, 1999 at St. Mary's Catholic Church by Father Michael Guinan. Iris White was organist and the church choir sang "On Eagle's Wings," "How Great Thou Art," and "How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place." Lin Duffin served as greeter and eulogist. Altar server was Tom Osterman and Eucharistic minister was Marjie Dahinden. Scripture readings were shared by granddaughters Emily and Margie. The communion gifts were presented by daughter-

Bonnie and grandson Erick. Pallbearers were Roy Wodarz, Clifford Hanson, Stuart Erickson, Leroy Flesch, Leslie Pugsley and Kenneth Gagnon. At the end of the Mass, grandson Ivan played the guitar and sang a folk song in memory of his grandfather.

Burial services were conducted at the Chester Cemetery. Military taps were played and the veteran's flag was presented to the family by Ray Standiford. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

MARGARET HARRIET FITZGERALD
Born: August 6, 1918 - Died: October 30, 1999
Liberty County Times
November 17, 1999

Margaret Fitzgerald

A 1936 Washougal High School graduate, Margaret Harriet Fitzgerald, age 81, died Saturday, October 30, 1999 in Vancouver, Washington.

She was born August 6, 1918 in Chester, Montana and moved to Washougal in 1931. She worked at the Crown Zellerbach paper mill for 25 years.

After retiring she and her husband Ray joined the 49ers Trailer Club and traveled much of the Northwest. She liked cooking, flower arranging, dancing, decorating, and having parties and family gatherings.

Her husband Ray died in 1998 and her son Richard was killed in an accident the same day Mrs. Fitzgerald died.

There was a private graveside service at Washougal Memorial Cemetery. The casket was open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday at Straub's Funeral Home in Camas, Washington. A joint memorial service for Margaret and Richard Fitzgerald was Sunday at Bethel Community Church in Washougal.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law Don and Judy Fitzgerald of Vancouver, Washington; daughter Joy Fitzgerald of Portland, Oregon; grandchildren John, Jennifer and Shannon; brother and sister-in-law Raymond and Eva Nordstrom of Walnut Creek, California.

Pallbearers were relatives Earl Keith, John Knapp, Bud Knapp, Gannon Fitzgerald, John Fitzgerald and Jennifer Fitzgerald.

RICHARD FITZGERALD
Born: July 6, 1945 - Died: October 30, 1999
Liberty County Times
November 17, 1999

Richard Fitzgerald

Richard Fitzgerald died Saturday, October 30, 1999 in Baker City, Oregon after an all-terrain vehicle accident while on a hunting trip.

His mother, Margaret, also died October 30, 1999.

Mr. Fitzgerald was born July 6, 1945 in Vancouver, Washington. He graduated from Washougal High School in 1963 and from Whitworth College in 1968. He received a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Washington in 1970.

Richard moved to Tacoma in 1971 and worked at Fort Lewis as the Director of the Drug Rehabilitation Outpatient Facility. He was a Marriage and Family Therapist at Columbia River Mental Health in Vancouver where he was the manager of Elahan Place.

Mr. Fitzgerald loved the outdoors and was an avid hiker. He also liked woodworking, hunting, and all sports.

Survivors include his partner Ann Karpel, at home; one son Gannon Fitzgerald; one brother Don Fitzgerald of Vancouver; one sister Joy Fitzgerald of Portland, Oregon; and two grandsons.

A joint memorial service for Richard and his mother Margaret Fitzgerald was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday at Bethel Community Church in Washougal, Washington.

Memorial contributions may be made to the children's therapy unit at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Washington, or to POLC in care of Rosemary High School, 717 N. Killingsworth, Portland, OR 97217.

EVELYN L. FOURAGE

Born: October 20, 1920 - Died: December 16, 1999

Liberty County Times

December 22, 1999

Evelyn Fourage

Evelyn L. Fourage, 79 years of age, a resident of Havre, Montana, died on December 16, 1999 at a Havre hospital of natural causes.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm today, Wednesday, December 22, 1999 at Holland & Bonine Chapel in Havre with Rev. Walt Kirkegaard officiating. Burial will follow the service at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Memorials in her honor may be made to a donor's choice. Services and arrangements are by Holland & Bonine Funeral Home, Havre, Montana.

Evelyn was born October 20, 1920 north of Joplin, Montana; the daughter of Herbert and Effie (Branner) Mansfield. She attended the Grassy Butte Country School. Her family moved to Havre and she continued her education and graduated from Havre High School. Evie then attended Northern Montana College and graduated with a degree in teaching. She then taught school in Kremlin, Montana, and later at Box Elder, Montana.

On September 3, 1949 at Lovell, Wyoming, she married Joseph Fourage.

Evie then worked as a secretary for the United States Border Patrol in Havre for years. She retired in 1990.

Her hobbies were visiting with people and reading. Also she really enjoyed her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and by her husband on Dec. 5, 1999.

Evelyn is survived by one brother Lyle Mansfield of Joplin, Montana; sister-in-law Rosemary Mansfield also of Joplin; four nephews: Lyle A., Dean, Mike, and Bruce Mansfield; one niece Cheri Swank; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

JOSEPH NICHOLAS FOURAGE

Born: December 8, 1917 - Died: December 5, 1999

Liberty County Times

December 15, 1999

Joseph Fourage

Joseph Nicholas Fourage, age 81, Havre resident, died Sunday December 5, 1999 at his home, of natural causes. Funeral services and burial will be held in a private ceremony. Memorials in Joseph's honor may be made to the donor's choice.

Joseph was born December 8, 1917 to Joseph and Marion (Youso) Fourage. He completed high school and had three years of college at Northern Montana College.

Joseph married Evelyn L. Mansfield on September 3, 1949 in Lovell, Wyoming.

Fourage enjoyed music and played in a jazz band; he bowled in a league for many years. Joe worked for the Job Service until he retired. He also taught school in Kremlin and was a coach. Joseph also worked at Hellne's Service Station in Havre.

He was a member of the Elks Club, VFW, and American Legion.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ray.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn Fourage of Havre, Montana; brother-in-law Lyle and wife Rosemary Mansfield of Joplin, Montana; four nephews: Lyle A. Mansfield, Mike Mansfield, Bruce Mansfield, and Dean Mansfield; and one niece Cheri Swank.

NANCY L. GANNON FOX

Born: October 13, 1931 - Died: December 30, 1999

Liberty County Times

January 5, 2000

Nancy Fox

Nancy L. Gannon Fox was born October 13, 1931 in Shelby, Montana. She grew up and attended schools in Sunburst, graduating from high school in 1950. She then attended Arkansas State College on a music scholarship, and received an Associate Degree from the College of Great Falls in 1953. Nancy was a 5th grade teacher from 1953 to 1956 in Kevin, Montana, and was a homemaker and mother.

Nancy married Richard C. Fox on July 7, 1956 in Sunburst, Montana.

Nancy died on Thursday December 30, 1999 from complications of pneumonia, at a Great Falls hospital. She was 68 years old.

Nancy was a charter member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church and was very active with the parish. She helped write the history of the church's 25th anniversary.

Hobbies included shopping, antiques, reading, ceramics, and visiting her grandchildren.

Survivors include her mother Gertrude Gannon of Sanger, California; husband Richard of Great Falls; four sons: Bryan Fox of Great Falls, Barry Fox of Helena, Sean Fox of Seminole, Oklahoma, and Daniel Fox of Greeley, Colorado; one sister, Marje Dahinden of Chester; and one brother Jerry Gannon of Sanger, California; and six grandchildren.

Vigil Services was 7:00 pm Monday January 3, 2000, and Funeral Mass was 11:00 am Tuesday January 4 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Great Falls. Arrangements by O'Connor Funeral Home of Great Falls.

ANNA (PAULSON) FREEMAN

Born: December 28, 1911 - Died: July 26, 1999

Liberty County Times

August 4, 1999



Anna Freeman

Anna (Paulson) Freeman was born December 28, 1911 during a cold, raging blizzard in a two-room farmhouse northwest of Inverness, Montana. Her parents Amund and Josephine (Sundgaarten) Paulson were Norwegian immigrant homesteaders, and Anna was the eldest of two daughters. Anna was baptized and confirmed at the Lutheran church in Joplin. She received her education in Inverness, graduating from high school in 1931. At a dance during her senior year she met Harley Francis Freeman. Two years later on July 22, 1933 they were married in Joplin.

The Freeman's made their home in Inverness for the next 50 years. In addition to farming, they owned and operated the Freeman Garage. They lived in the house that Harley built and raised their family of three. Following their retirement in 1983, they sold their home in Inverness and moved to Great Falls. In 1986 they came to Chester to live at the Sweetgrass Lodge. After 56 years of married life together, Harley died on July 2, 1989. Anna remained at the Lodge until her recent health failure. She transferred to the Missouri River Nursing Home in Fort Benton this past June 16th. She died peacefully on Monday afternoon July 26, 1999. She was 87 years old.

Throughout her adult life, Anna was active in various organizations. She served as a 4-H leader, was active in the Inverness PTA, and was a charter member/officer of the Inverness Home Demonstration Club. Church

was an essential part of her life. She taught Sunday School at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin and served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-president, and Stewardship Secretary for the Lutheran church women's group. After moving to Chester Anna became active in Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the Lydia Circle.

Cards and board games were favorite pastimes. She also collected a few coins, mainly nickels and pennies. During her quiet time Anna enjoyed crocheting, poetry, and writing in her diaries. She loved her years at the Sweetgrass Lodge, especially her many travels and performances with the Chuckwagon Band (she played the 'teakettle').

Anna enjoyed baking ethnic Norwegian foods such as lefse and sandbakkels. She always baked large recipes of these and other favorite desserts, sharing them with neighbors, friends, and family.

Anna loved to travel. She never missed an opportunity to visit new places and meet new people. She was proud to have met and been photographed with President George Bush, and Vice-president Dan Quayle.

She had a great love for her family and friends, finding joy in helping out whenever she could. Anna cared deeply and touched the lives of many. Life was not always easy, as she struggled through several illnesses, but she was always strong in spirit and had a long, abiding faith in the Lord. She was always diligent in prayer for her family and friends.

Survivors include two daughters and their spouses, Darlene and Dean Lyle of Joplin, Montana, and Charlotte and Cliff DeMartini of Campbell, California; one daughter-in-law Linda Freeman of Portland, Oregon; 8 grandchildren: Clayton Lyle, Denita

Matthews, Kathy Friberg, Jean Kosht, David DeMartini, Lisa Robb, Craig DeMartini, and Nils Freeman; 8 great-grandchildren: Marc and Jonathan Matthews, Whitney and Kirsten Friberg, Dean Douglas Lyle, Brandon Kosht, Veronica Robb, Miranda DeMartini; her sister Gertrude Bulman of Havre; and several nephews and nieces. Anna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her son Douglas Harley Freeman in 1986.

Memorial services were held at 12:00 Noon Sunday, August 1, 1999

at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Rev. Peter Erickson officiating. Organist Iris White played for the congregation who sang "Beautiful Savior" and "Boning Cry." Vocalist Terry Stevenson performed "Amazing Grace," and "On Eagle's Wings." Two of Anna's favorite songs, "How Great Thou Art" and "Near the Cross" recorded as sung by Anna, were played. A poem written by Anna "Jesus My All," was read by granddaughter Kathy Friberg. Scripture readings were read by Greg Friberg. Memorial bearers selected by Anna included Robert Connor, Donald Meyer, Bob Woods, Allen Kolstad, Lloyd Wolery, and Tom Bangs. Following the service, a luncheon was held at the Fellowship Hall.

The family attended committal services with burial of the ashes at the Joplin Cemetery.

Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester, Montana.

RAYMOND FRITZ

Born: October 13, 1917 - Died: September 14, 1999

Liberty County Times
September 22, 1999



Raymond Fritz

Raymond Fritz was born October 13, 1917 on the family farm northwest of Tiber, Montana. He was one of five children born to Ila Widlowski and Joseph Fritz. Raymond received his education in Tiber and Chester.

Ray married Lillian Stubbe in Havre, Montana on November 8, 1941. They made their home on the Fritz farm and raised four children and offspring, including 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Raymond worked as a welder in the shipyards in California during World War II. After the war, he returned to Montana to farm and ranch. He raised registered Hereford cattle for many years and then began crossbreeding. He was a past member of the Marias Hereford Breeders and the American Hereford Association. He was proud to have lived out his life on the same land for almost 82 years.

His health has failed these past few years. Raymond died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the early morning of Tuesday September 14, 1999. He was 81 years old.

An honest, hard-working man, Ray enjoyed nothing more than working with his family, a bumper crop, and a

good set of calves. He was a man of his word, and his handshake was "as good as gold."

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Leonard, a sister Jean, and two granddaughters Karla and Amy.

He is survived by his wife Lillian "Stubbe" Fritz of Chester; two daughters and spouses Bonnie and Stan Johnson of Chester, and Donna and Robert Griffin of Chester; two sons and spouses John and Mary Fritz of Chester, and Robert and Norma Fritz of Chinook; 9 grandchildren including Kyle, Jack, Jennings, Wade, Whitney, Katie, Scott, Jennifer, and Angie; two great-grandchildren Robert Raymond, and Lillian Lena; two sisters Betty Struck of Mesa, Arizona, and Lillian Eggleston of Phoenix, Arizona; and numerous nephews and nieces.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 am Saturday September 18, 1999 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester by Father Joseph Diekhans. Scripture readings and the eulogy were shared by Mary Ann Fossen. Pianist, Karen Stack accompanied a choir of John Seidlitz, Jack Seidlitz, Pat Seidlitz, Anne Mellon, Loren Hawks, and Jim Fritz, who sang "You Are Mine," "Prayer of St. Francis," "Valley of Green," and "Ave Maria." A vocal selection by Anne was "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Loren and Jim sang "Home on the Range." Ushers were Mitch Capalbo, Dennis Diemert, and Pate Cole. Altar server was David Ghekiere, and Eucharistic Minister was Norma Fritz. The communion gifts were presented by granddaughters Angie, Katie, and Whitney Fritz. Raymond's grandsons Kyle Griffin, Jack Wagner, Jennings Johnson, Wade Johnson, and Scott Fritz, and a nephew Errol Fritz served as pallbearers. Memorial bearers were listed as his friends and neighbors. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was hosted at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

HAVREEN ELIZABETH HEYDON FRYDENLUND

Born: April 6, 1913 - Died: December 2, 1999

Liberty County Times

December 8, 1999



Havreen Frydenlund

Havreen Elizabeth Heydon Frydenlund was born on April 6, 1913 in a hotel at Havre, Montana. She was named by her father, who chose 'Havreen' after the city of Havre.

Havreen was the eldest of 10 children, a family of six boys and four girls. Her parents were Elmer Frank Heydon and Effie Taplin Heydon. She grew up on a farm located 15 miles North of Joplin, which at that time was on the old Bison Road. The Larry VanDessel family presently lives on the original Heydon farm. Havreen drove a horse and buggy to and from the Meldrum Country School during her first eight grades. She boarded in Joplin and finished her high school years there, graduating from Joplin High School in 1931.

Havreen married Russell 'Pat' Frydenlund in Havre on October 24, 1936. They moved to Devon in 1938 and spent the rest of their married life together there. Havreen worked as a bookkeeper at the Farmer's Union Oil Company in Devon for eight years. In 1954 she became the Postmaster at Devon, a job she held until her retirement in 1976. The Post Office was located in the Gardner Grocery Store, so Havreen also helped in the store during her time there.

Her husband Pat died on May 23, 1971. Havreen and her friend Ernest Gardner became companions and soul mates until his death in 1984. Havreen moved to Chester to the Sweetgrass Lodge in 1985. When her health began to fail in 1992, she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home. She died at the Chester rest home on the afternoon of Thursday December 2, 1999. She was 86 years old.

Although Havreen never had any children of her own, she enjoyed kids and volunteered as a 4-H leader in Devon for many years. She became a confirmed member of the Devon Lutheran Church in 1985.

She was an excellent seamstress and made her own clothing for many years. She also enjoyed embroidery and knitting. In her quiet time at home she was an avid letter-writer, especially during the holidays and special occasions.

Survivors include two sisters: Dorma Hadford of Chester, and Fern Keith of Grand Forks, North Dakota; one brother Ferroll Heydon of Dagoon, Arizona; and numerous nieces and nephews (whom Havreen always said were her 'adopted children'). She was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by six siblings: Cecil, Clyde, Franklin, Lloyd, and Lyle Heydon, and Lois Aspevig.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Scott Peterson at the Devon Lutheran Church at 11:00 am Monday December 6, 1999. Hazel Munson served as organist and the congregation sang "Beautiful Savior," and "How Great Thou Art." Vocalist Mary Sveum performed "In the Garden." Nephews who served as pallbearers included Gene Keith, Dean Heydon, Earl Heydon, Mark Aspevig, Leonard Heydon, and Ken

Heydon. Usher was Calvin Johnson. A luncheon followed at the church. Graveside services were 1:30 pm Monday, December 6th at the Valleyview Cemetery in Shelby, where Havreen was buried next to her husband. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to the American Heart Association.

FRANCES ELIZABETH FURNELL
Born: July 25, 1915 - Died: January 22, 1999
Liberty County Times
January 27, 1999



Frances Furnell

Frances Elizabeth Furnell was born at Great Falls, Montana on July 25, 1915. She was the eldest of two children born to Albert and Edna (Ellis) Furnell. She grew up on the family ranch in the Sweetgrass Hills. Frances attended the Strawberry School near Whitlash through Grade Eight. Following her formal education, she continued to live and work on the Furnell ranch. She also worked intermittently as a housekeeper for neighboring ranchers.

After her folks passed away the ranch was eventually sold. Frances moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in 1970. She was the first resident in the Personal Care Wing, where she lived for many years. She even assisted with a few simple housekeeping chores during her early years at the rest home. Frances' health remained relatively good until a few months ago. She died peacefully at the nursing home on Friday afternoon January 22, 1999. She was 83 years old.

Frances had fond memories of her life on the ranch. She loved being outdoors and working with horses. She had trained an Arabian horse named "Abe," who she loved and talked about all the time. Frances also loved dogs, and her favorite was a Border Collie named "Skipper."

Frances' main hobby at the nursing home was embroidery. She embroidered pillow cases for the annual bazaar and completed personal crafts for her friends and family. She enjoyed musical events at the nursing home and was also active in church and Bible study groups. In her quiet times she liked to read magazines, especially those dealing with nature and animals. She also enjoyed television; she was fond of Westerns and the older movies. Frances liked to visit with friends, especially when she could share stories about the people and events of those early days in the Sweetgrass Hills. She will be missed by her friends at the nursing home.

Frances never married. Her only survivor is her brother Matt Furnell and his wife Rosemary of Shelby, Montana. She was preceded in death by her parents.

For the past 30 years Frances' extended family has been the residents and staff at the Liberty

County Nursing Home. In her letters to Matt she always spoke highly of the care, love, and support that she received from the doctors, nursing staff, and friends there. Matt and Rosemary want to express their appreciation to you all by offering this humble supplication "May God bless each and every one of you."

Funeral services will be at 2:30 pm today, Wednesday January 27, 1999 at the Liberty County Nursing Home Activities Room. Rev. Kama Morton will officiate, Iris White will serve as pianist and Kama will sing "In the Garden," and "The Old Rugged Cross." Nursing home staff will assist as pallbearers and nursing home residents will be listed as honorary bearers.

Graveside services will be 4:30 pm Wednesday at the Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby, Montana where Frances will be buried with her folks.

Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

ESTEL DAVID FYALL
Born: August 30, 1922 - Died: September 11, 1999
Liberty County Times
October 13, 1999

Estel David Fyall

Estel David Fyall, age 77, passed away on Saturday September 11, 1999 at his home in Kalispell, Montana.

David was born on August 30, 1922 in Calvin, North Dakota to Catherine and Andrew Fyall. He attended school in Calvin, where he played basketball, and graduated from Calvin High School in 1940.

He worked in his father's auto shop before enlisting in the Navy in November of 1942. He served with the Amphibious Forces Boat Pool #131. While with the Navy he was required to drive over the Burma Road. He received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal.

David married Dorothy McDermott on December 29, 1944 in Seattle, Washington.

He attended trade school where he got his training in mechanics, working and making stained glass.

His hobbies were wood finishing, Bible study, recording sports and musical shows, and working with stained glass. He loved his old camper, truly enjoyed visiting with all kinds of people. His biggest enjoyment in life came from writing in his extensive journals. He had a big heart and a sweet tooth.

He married Coral Rude on June 28, 1981 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They had moved to Kalispell about 7 years ago.

He joined the sheet metal union in 1948, and had recently been given his 50-Year Pin. David was a member of the VFW, Christian Center Assembly of God Church, Bible Study Fellowship, and Sheet Metal Union. He had used his talents to build the church steeple at his church in Seattle.

He loved playing pinochle, dancing, and bowling. He loved his family and will be truly missed by all.

David was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Dorothy, a son Dennis, two brothers Tommy and Andy, and one sister Jessie.

He is survived by his wife Coral Rude Fyall of Kalispell; a son Bill and his wife Brigitt of Cupertino, California, son Jim and wife Lorraine of Seattle, Washington; daughter

Cathy and husband Craig Landon of Seattle; brother Bob and wife Jean of Whitefish; sister-in-law Marion Fyall of Seattle; stepchildren Neoma and her husband Phil Anderson of Kalispell, Craig and wife Wanda Rude of Cut Bank, Renae and husband Ken Solum of Kalispell; grandchildren Michael, and Katie Fyall, Adam Fyall, Erik and Corala Anderson, Kate and Kari Rude, Ryan and Sonya Solum; several nieces and nephews and cousins in Scotland.

Memorial services were at 1:00 pm. Thursday September 16, 1999 at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church with Rev. John Weaver officiating. David's ashes will be buried at the Washington Park Cemetery in Seattle, Washington. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

HELEN C. GANGNESS

Born: April 7, 1921 - Died: December 26, 1999

Liberty County Times

December 29, 1999

Helen Gangness

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday at 10 a.m., St. Raphael Catholic Church (Holy Spirit Chapel) for Helen C. Gangness, age 78, of Plymouth, Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Robert Swenson and

Arnold Gangness; her parents, Adam and Katherine Mangold; and 13 brothers and sisters. She is survived by two daughters, Vonnie Willenbring and husband Bede, and Vickie Gangness; her grandchildren, Rosemary, Joseph, and Andrew Willenbring and fiancée Rebecca; one sister, Barbara Schaefer of Chester, Montana; and other relatives and friends.

Interment was in the Gethsemane Cemetery. Kapala-Glodek Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM F. (BILL) GEHRKE
Born: December 24, 1903 - Died: April 24, 1999
Liberty County Times
April 28, 1999

Bill Gehrke

William F. "Bill" Gehrke was born at Centuria, Wisconsin on December 24, 1903. He was one of seven children born to Herman and Marie Gehrke. Bill was raised and educated in the Centuria and Nye communities in Wisconsin.

On June 9, 1925 he married Elsie May Stone at St. Paul, Minnesota. They lived and worked in many places during the next 20 years, but most of those years were spent in Centuria where they raised their family of five children.

Bill worked hard at various occupations, including farming, trucking, carpentry, and restaurant owner. The Gehrkes came to Chester in 1951 where they operated the old Grand Cafe for several years. Bill built several houses in Chester, which they eventually sold before moving to Lincoln in 1961. While in Lincoln, Bill worked at cutting posts, then at the landfill. He retired in the mid-1970s.

The Gehrkes came back to Chester in 1985 to live at the Sweetgrass Lodge. Elsie died here on April 14, 1988. Bill returned to Lincoln where he loved hunting and fishing and the great outdoors.

When his health began to fail, Bill moved to the Hillside Manor in Missoula. He passed away at the rest home on Saturday, April 24, 1999 at the age of 95 years.

Bill was affectionately called "Grandpa" by everyone who knew him. He loved little children who came to see him throughout his life.

He is survived by two sons Bill Gehrke of Seeley Lake and John Gehrke of Missoula; two daughters

Eldora Pitcher of Lone, California, and Betty Hemmer of Billings; one sister Elsie Wehrenberg of Liberty, Missouri; two grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; 21-great-great-grandchildren; many nephews and nieces; and a host of friends. Bill was preceded in death by his wife and parents, by a son Jerry, by three brothers Adolph, Herman and Emil; by two sisters Louise Wedlund and Alma Gursky, and by a grandson.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 28 (today) at the Blackfoot Valley Church in Lincoln, Montana. Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 29 at the Chester Cemetery in Chester, Montana. Memorials may be given to the Chester Volunteer Fire Department.

Arrangements by Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula and Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

ERNEST ANTHONY GEYER

Born: April 3, 1915 - Died: December 22, 1999

Liberty County Times

December 29, 1999

Ernest Geyer

Ernest Anthony "Ernie" Geyer, age 84, Big Sandy area farmer, died of natural causes on Wednesday morning December 22, 1999 at the Big Sandy Medical Center.

Ernest was born April 3, 1915 at Danvers, Minnesota. He was one of 12 children born to John and Lydia (Roediger) Geyer. Ernie grew up and received his education in Minnesota.

In 1932 he traveled to Montana on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle to visit an older brother, Clarence, at Big Sandy. He loved the area and made Big Sandy his home from that time on. Ernie initially farmed with his brother west of town on the Kenilworth Road before acquiring a small farm of his own. In 1944 he earned his private pilot's license. He started an aerial crop spraying business called Geyer's Air Spray in 1965; he operated this business until 1984. In addition he did custom harvesting in the Big Sandy area. Even through this past Fall, Ernie continued to remain active in the farming operations.

Ernest married Delyene Courtnege in 1938. The product of this marriage was two sons, Gary and Jack.

Ernie's second marriage was in 1972 to Judy Wigmore. Together they had a son Larry.

Ernie was a lifetime member of the Havre Elks Lodge, and was also a member of the Havre Eagles. Other memberships included the National Rifle Association, the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association, and the Montana Pilot's Association.

His hobbies included fishing, hunting, and gunsmithing. In earlier years he enjoyed mining for gold, and bowling in the local men's league. In his quiet time at home he enjoyed reading, especially nature and outdoors publications. He liked to

play the guitar and harmonica, and he was an avid fan of professional baseball—his favorite team was the Chicago Cubs. Ernie also enjoyed birdwatching and he loved his dogs. Even into his later years he remained a motorcycle enthusiast and he had an insatiable love for flying. He prided himself in his spraying skills and he always worked hard to ensure satisfied, repeat customers.

Ernie is survived by his wife Judy of Big Sandy; two sons, Gary and wife Sharon, and Larry, all of Big Sandy; one step-son Jim Anderson of Cottonwood, Arizona; one step-daughter Debi Larsen of Geraldine; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters Arlene Sibra of Big Sandy, and Hazel Vadnais of Grand Rapids, Minnesota; and numerous nephews and nieces. Ernie was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, and four sisters.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 27, 1999 at Christ Lutheran Church in Big Sandy, Montana, by Rev. Rich Jespersen. Vocal selections by Rusty Danreuther included "Wings of a Dove," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," and "Red River Valley." Pianist was Nona Danreuther, organist was Cherie Stiles, and the congregation sang "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." Ushers were Glen and Marshall Kulbeck. Pallbearers were Robin Hurd, Craig Guenther, John Cline, Kurtis Hansen, Jim Ray and Gary Gullickson. Memorial bearers were listed as "all of Ernie's many friends." Following the services, a luncheon was held in the church fellowship hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials will be given to the Big Sandy Medical Center or donor's choice.

LEONORE NANCY GIFFORD
Born: May 25, 1938 - Died: April 9, 1999
Great Falls Tribune
April 10, 1999

Leonore Nancy Gifford

Leonore Nancy (Berg) Gifford, 60, of 18 E. Country Lane, died Friday at her home of cancer.

Memorial services are 2 p.m. Monday at the Christian Life Center, 901 Ave. B N.W., with private graveside services at Red Butte Cemetery on Eden Route. Croxford & Sons Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Memorials are suggested to Gift of Life Foundation, P.O. Box 7008, Great Falls, MT 59406-7008;

Peace Hospice of Montana, 125 Northwest Bypass, Great Falls, MT 59404; or Christian Life Center Youth.

She was born May 25, 1938, in Morten, Wash., and attended Chester High School. In 1956 she married Glen G. Gifford at Thief River Falls, Minn.

Gifford was a homemaker, and worked with her husband in truck delivery and Intercontinental Truck Body at Brady.

She was a member of Christian Life Center and enjoyed cake decorating, painting, sewing, fishing, camping, yard work and interior decorating.

Surviving are her husband, her mother, Georgia Berg of Missoula; a daughter, Glenda Clum of Great Falls; sons, Thadd Gifford and Curt Gifford of Great Falls and Bryan Gifford of Helena; sisters, Willagene Brandt of Missoula and Jessalm Dilling of Kent, Wash.; brothers, Jim Berg of Longview, Wash. and George Berg of Grass Point Farms, Mich.; and 16 grandchildren.



Gifford

FLORENCE OLIVE HADER
Born: October 7, 1910 - Died: March 24, 1999
Liberty County Times
April 7, 1999

Florence Hader

Florence Olive Hader, age 88 of Columbia Falls, died Wednesday, March 24, 1999 at the residence of her son.

She was born October 7, 1910 in Alameda, Saskatchewan, to John P. and Ethel House Hutton. When she was three her family moved to Turner, where they homesteaded. She went to a country school for several years. In 1925 her family moved to Savoy where she attended school. She went to high school in Dodson.

On April 16, 1930 she married Sylvester E. "Bud" Hader in Chester where they farmed and had cattle and sheep. They moved to Newport, Washington in 1942. Her husband was an airplane mechanic in Spokane during the war. They moved to Kalispell in 1944, where they made their home.

They had five children. Her family was her life.

Florence enjoyed flowers and handicrafts. She was a homemaker

and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, S.E. "Bud" Hader in 1984; three children, Betty Lou Kenaston, Victoria "Vickie" Hader, and Milton "Mickey" Hader; sisters Sarah McMartin, and Velma Colberg; brother Jack P. Hutton; and her parents.

Florence is survived by one son Dick Hader of Kalispell; one daughter Dorothy Berger and husband Phil of Kalispell; one brother Lester Hutton of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday March 26, 1999 at 10:00 am at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial followed in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Flathead Industries for the Handicapped.

Arrangements were under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

AUDREY N. HAGEN
Born: April 13, 1905 - Died: July 1, 1999
Liberty County Times
July 6, 1999

Audrey N. Hagen

KALISPELL - Former northcentral Montana resident Audrey N. (Schwenke) Hagen, 94, of Kalispell, died Thursday at a Kalispell hospital.

Visitation is 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at the mortuary, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel Lutheran Home and Alert.

She was born April 13, 1905, in Casselton, N.D., and the family moved in 1909 to a homestead in Bainville. She attended Harvey Grade School and graduated in 1923 from Bainville High School.

In January 1925, she married John S. Hagen and they moved to Chester. In 1926, they moved to Zurich. They moved to Big Sandy in 1942. Her husband died in 1965 and she moved to Columbia Falls to be near family. She moved to Kalispell in 1995.

She was a longtime member of the women's auxiliaries of the VFW and American Legion, and was District 2 president in the American Legion auxiliary in 1965 and '66. She belonged to Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the Senior Citizens. She enjoyed sewing quilt tops for the Lutheran Church's World Relief program and for others who needed them. She also made Norwegian pastries and liked crocheting, puzzles, bingo, reading and letter-writing.

Surviving are her daughters, Virginia Doerschlag of Kalispell and Joyce Paliga of Libby; two sons, Clinton Hagen of Libby and Myron Hagen of Seattle; a brother, Chester Schwenke of Chinook; two sisters, Olga Hoerner and Thelma Westberg of Seattle; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Her husband; a son, Marvin Hagen; and a granddaughter have died.

MARTIN HULTIN HAUGEN

Born: December 29, 1908 - Died: March 15, 1999

Liberty County Times

March 24, 1999



Martin Haugen

Martin Hultin Haugen, age 91, died March 15, 1999 in Kalispell.

He was born December 29, 1908 in Hibbing, Minnesota the son of Anton Haugen and Nicolina Ingabritson, just three days after his mother arrived from Tjotta, Norway. He was the second of 16 children.

He grew up on a farm south of Mandan, North Dakota. Martin came to Chester, Montana in 1932 to work for his aunt Mrs. Iver Morkrid.

He met his wife-to-be in Havre and they were married October 10, 1936. Three children were born to them.

They moved to Chester in 1946 where Martin worked for the John Deere Co. until his retirement in 1973. He and his wife moved to Kalispell in 1986 to be near their daughter. Martin accepted the Lord as Savior in 1990.

He enjoyed fishing and playing his accordion in earlier years, then gardening and traveling took up his time.

Martin is survived by his wife Dorothy; three children: Donald Haugen and his wife Bonnie of Semmes, Alaska, Dorothy and Gary Jacobs of Kalispell, and Susan and Sam Phillips of Bumet, Texas; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister Ida Krejci of Havre; two brothers Clifford Haugen of Havre, and Andrew Haugen of Fort Benton; one half-brother Harold of Mandan, North Dakota; and many nieces and nephews.

Martin went to be with his Lord March 15, 1999 and will be greatly missed. Memorial services will be held April 1, 1999 at Rocky Mountain Baptist Church in Kalispell, with graveside services Friday April 2, 1999 at the Chester Cemetery.

DAN PHILIP HENDERSON
Born: May 4, 1929 - Died: March 31, 1999
Liberty County Times
April 14, 1999

Dan Henderson

Cut Bank resident, Dan Philip Henderson, died of a sudden heart attack in Mesquite, Nevada on Wednesday, March 31, 1999.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, April 7, 1999 at St. Margaret Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. Father Stan Popowski officiated. Cremation has taken place. Burial of ashes at Crown Hill Cemetery with military honors followed the service. Burns Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Henderson was born May 4, 1929 in Tiber, Montana. He moved to Cut Bank in 1936, where he grew up and graduated from high school in 1948. He served with the Marines in the Korean War in 1950. He was wounded and received the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged in 1952.

On May 16, 1953 he married Helen A. Ebert in Cut Bank.

Mr. Henderson was a contractor for 40 years and joined his son in farming in 1978. He retired from the Cut Bank Volunteer Fire Department after 20 years of service. He was a member of the Cut Bank Elks Lodge for 46 years. He also belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife Helen; a daughter Dani Renee Patten of Phoenix, Arizona; a son David L. Henderson of Cut Bank; a sister Nina Shephard of Bellingham, Washington; two brothers Jack of Sun City, Arizona and Pete of Loring; and two grandchildren Taylor and Tannor Patten of Phoenix, Arizona.

Honorary pallbearers are all of Dan's friends. Memorials are suggested to the Christmas Light Fund, P.O. Box 1243, Cut Bank, Montana 59427.

Dan Philip Henderson

CUT BANK - Dan Philip Henderson, 69, a Marine veteran and Purple Heart recipient, died Wednesday in Mesquite, Nev., of a heart attack.

A memorial service is 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Margaret Catholic Church in Cut Bank, with burial of ashes in Crown Hill Cemetery. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Burns Funeral Home of Cut Bank. Memorials are suggested to the Christmas Light Fund, P.O. Box 1243, Cut Bank, MT 59427.



Henderson was born May 4, 1929, in Tiber. He moved in 1936 to Cut Bank, where he graduated from high school in 1948. He was a Marine in the Korean War in 1950, when he was wounded. He received the Purple Heart and was honorably discharged in 1952.

On May 16, 1953, he married Helen A. Ebert in Cut Bank. He was a contractor for 40 years and joined his son in farming in 1978. He retired from the Cut Bank Fire Department after 20 years of service.

Henderson belonged to the Cut Bank Elks for 46 years as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Dani Renee Patten of Phoenix; a son, David L. Henderson of Cut Bank; a sister, Nina Shephard of Bellingham, Wash.; two brothers, Jack Hender-

son of Sun City, Ariz., and Pete Henderson of Loring; and two grandchildren.

SHERMAN AUBREY HILL
Born: May 27, 1923 - Died: September 4, 1999
Liberty County Times
September 22, 1999

Sherman Hill

Sherman Aubrey Hill, age 76, of 13150 State Hwy 200, Fort Shaw, Montana, a Marine Corps veteran, died of natural causes Saturday September 4, 1999 at his home.

Services took place Wednesday September 8. O'Connor Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Hill was born May 27, 1923 in Lothair, and worked on the family farm until entering the Marines during World War II. After his discharge he again worked on the family farm until 1959. He then worked for the FAA retiring in 1982.

In 1968 he married Anna Mae Schroyer in Reno, Nevada.

Sherman was a member of the Masonic Lodge-Euclid Lodge No. 58, Scottish Rite and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Hill enjoyed flying, hunting, fishing, woodworking, photography, gardening, rock collecting, and spending time at his cabin. He was also a Ham radio operator.

Survivors include his wife of Fort Shaw; daughter Cherie A. Achilles of Great Falls; four sons Sherman Hill of Moreno Valley, California, William Hill of Great Falls; Lauren L. Hill of Devon, and Warren A. Hill of Chester, and step-son Terry Aubrey of Cut Bank; a sister Leora Gibson; 16 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

ANNA MARIE HOISETH
Born: October 24, 1909 - Died: July 10, 1999
Liberty County Times
July 14, 1999

Anna Hoiseith

Anna Marie Hoiseith 89 years of age, a resident of Havre, died on July 10, 1999 at the Sweet Memorial Nursing Home of natural causes. A Prayer Vigil Service was held at 7:00 pm Tuesday July 13, 1999 at the Holland and Bonine Chapel in Havre. Funeral Mass was at 10:30 am Wednesday July 14 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Havre. Burial followed at the Highland Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Hill County Library or to the Sweet Nursing Home. Arrangements under the direction of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home, Havre.

Marie was born October 24, 1909 to Ole and Stella (Alstadt) Bjorgo at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Marie was educated in Minnesota. She married Oscar Hoiseith March 20, 1931 at Crookston, Minnesota. The couple moved to Gildford where they farmed until their move to Havre in 1968.

Marie was a member of the Eagle's Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, Northern Montana Hospital Auxiliary, Sons of Norway, Kiwanis, Home Demonstration Club, Altar Society, Catholic Daughters, and St. Jude Catholic Church. Her hobbies included baking, camping, volunteering at the

hospital, and visiting with friends at the Senior Citizen's Center.

Mrs. Hoiseith was preceded in death by her parents, husband Oscar in 1970, five brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her daughters Dorothy Doll, Havre, and Evelyn Wilson, Gildford, MT. Also surviving are sisters Eva Falkenreck of Seattle, Washington, Helen Jurchen of Crookston, Minnesota, and Dorothy Gregg of Fargo, North Dakota; brother Clifford Bjorgo of Lake Shore, Minnesota; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

EMMA (KRAMLICH) HOWSER
Born: October 14, 1914 - Died: July 9, 1999
Great Falls Tribune
July 7, 1999

Emma Howser

HAVRE — Emma (Kramlich) Howser, 84, died of natural causes Friday at a Great Falls hospital.

Her funeral is 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Van Orsdel United Methodist Church, with burial in Highland Cemetery. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

She was born Oct. 14, 1914, in Kulm, N.D., and was educated in North Dakota. She came to Montana to visit her sister in 1938, and met and married Harold Howser Nov. 27, 1938. They lived on a farm in Kremlin for 50 years, then moved to Havre in 1988.

She had been a member of the Kremlin Methodist Church and served on the communion and nominating committees. After moving to Havre, she became a member of the Havre Methodist Church.

She enjoyed gardening, canning, picking berries in the Bear Paws, camping, gospel and country-western music and reading the Bible.

Her husband died in 1998.

Survivors include a son, Gary Howser of St. Simon Island, Ga.; a daughter, Sharon Amor of Helena; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

RENEE (DEMARTIN) HUNTLEY
Born: August 15, 1909 - Died: April 5, 1999
Liberty County Times
April 14, 1999



Renee Huntley

Renee (DeMartin) Huntley was born in London, England on August 15, 1909. She was the eldest of three children born to Joseph and Claire (Edgar) DeMartin. At nine months of age she came to the United States to a family homestead six miles north of Rudyard, Montana.

Renee received her early education at the Prairie Ridge School near the farm. When she was just 12 years old her mother died, so she helped raise her two younger siblings. Even so, Renee finished her secondary education and graduated from Rudyard High School in 1927. She continued to work on the farm in the few years that followed.

Renee met a young farmer from Minnesota named Urvin Huntley. They were married in Havre, Montana on November 24, 1936. They lived in Minnesota until 1941 when they came back to Montana and began farming north of Rudyard. Renee worked diligently as a farm wife, homemaker, and mother of four.

The Huntleys retired from farming in 1979 and eventually moved into Rudyard. Urvin died in 1990. Renee continued to live in their Rudyard home until this past November when her health began to fail. During her recuperation following surgery, she lived at the Cambridge Court in Great Falls for several months. Recently she transferred to the Park Place Health Care Center for extended care. Renee passed away at the nursing home on Monday afternoon April 5,

1999. She was 89 years old.

She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Her hobbies included vegetable and flower gardening, knitting afghans, reading poetry, and working crossword puzzles and word games. Renee was a good cook and she enjoyed making family dinners. Although a very quiet and unpretentious lady, she loved her family and friends and enjoyed spending time with them.

She is survived by two daughters and their spouses, Linda and Tom Spatafore of Great Falls and Nancy and Chet Vohs of Culver, Oregon; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister Stella Brafford of Rudyard; and several nieces and nephews. Renee was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a daughter Joyce Vohs, a son Roger Huntley, and a brother Howard DeMartin.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Reverend Tim Hauge officiating. Sharon Spicher was organist and the congregation sang "Abide With Me." Special vocal music by Faye Johnson was "Morning Has Broken" and "The Lord's Prayer." A taped bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace" was also played. Ushers were Roland and Ross Ritter. Pallbearers included Joe DeMartin, Rick DeMartin, Lane Rigg, Fred Elling, Bob Wehr and Bill Gorder. Renee's friends and neighbors were listed as memorial bearers. Following burial at the Rudyard Cemetery a luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

IRENE ELIZABETH JACKSON

Born: January 24, 1909 - Died: December 29, 1999

Irene Jackson

Irene Elizabeth Jackson was born at Hillsboro, Oregon on January 24, 1909. She was one of six children born to Albert and Elizabeth (Haas) Lincoln. At age 3 Irene came to Montana with her family, who homesteaded in the Goldstone community 18 miles north of Rudyard. She attended the Oreana Country School, then finished her education in Rudyard, graduating from high school in 1927. She attended college at Dillon Normal School for a year.

Irene married Kenneth W. Jackson on July 25, 1928 in Havre. They farmed and ranched north of Rudyard in the years that followed. Irene worked as a farmwife, homemaker, and mother of two. Following her husband's death in 1958, Irene moved into Rudyard and lived there from that time on. Even though she developed diabetes and blindness 31 years ago, she was still able to maintain her own household. She enjoyed her independence and didn't want to be a burden on anyone. Recently, she suffered a few small strokes so she entered the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester on December 17. Irene died peacefully at the rest home on the early morning of Wednesday December 29, 1999. She was 90 years old.

Irene was a longtime member of Calvary Evangelical Church in Rudyard. Over the years she had served as the church pianist, as secretary-treasurer and as Sunday School teacher and superintendent. She loved the Bible and had memorized many scriptures. Her strong Christian faith and unflinching belief in God was an inspiration to her family and friends.

Irene was a charter member and past secretary-treasurer of the Sage Hens Demonstration Club. Many years ago she served as the Clerk of the school board for the Mariner School north of Hingham.

Her hobbies were many. She loved music, especially playing the piano and singing those beautiful 'hymns of faith.' After she became blind, she learned how to play the Omnichord; the sounds that she produced from this Omnichord were compared to the 'music of angels.'

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Irene has always loved horses and had a collection of horse figurines. During her school days she had a special pony named "Dan." Story has it that she rode Dan on that 18-mile trek into Rudyard every Monday morning. When they got to town, Irene would simply pat Dan on the back and he would head back to the farm. Irene would stay in town for school until Friday, when her folks would come to get her. Come Monday, she and Dan were back on the road again.

Irene enjoyed playing basketball during her high school and college days. She remained an avid basketball fan over the years and her favorite team was the Denver Nuggets.

Other interests included vegetable gardening and canning the produce. She enjoyed knitting, building puzzles, and playing Chinese Checkers. Irene loved to read, especially publications like "Reader's Digest," "Times," and "U.S. News." After her eyesight failed, she looked forward to the 'talking book' series.

Irene was a good homemaker and a gracious hostess. Coffee, tea, juice, and cookies were always available at her home. Friendships were important to her. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend.

Survivors include her daughter Dorla Cartwright and husband Wayne of Monarch, Montana; her son Richard Jackson and wife Shirley of Rudyard; two sisters Gladys Torgerson of Seattle, Washington, and Verda Warner of Great Falls, Montana; 12 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Irene was preceded in death by her parents and husband, by three brothers Edgar, Ervin, and Donald Lincoln; by a grandson Jerry Cartwright, and by two great-grandchildren Andrea Rice and Sharyl Wodrich.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 pm Sunday January 2, 2000 at Calvary Evangelical Church in Rudyard by Rev. Nolan Spent. Pallbearers were grandsons. Ushers were nephews Roger and Joe Lincoln. Scripture readings were shared by granddaughters. A special reading entitled "One Day at a Time" was shared by great-granddaughter Sharon Wodrich. A vocal duet by great-granddaughters Jennifer and Tiana Graff was "To All Who Are Thirsty." The congregation sang "Softly and Tenderly," Rachel Blake served as pianist. Carol Bangs sang "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and "Some Golden Daybreak." Following a luncheon at the church, graveside services were held at Grace Church Cemetery north of Rudyard. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to Calvary Church or donor's choice.

EARL HOWARD JACOBSON

Born: October 16, 1922 - Died: November 2, 1999

Liberty County Times
November 10, 1999



Earl Jacobson

Earl Howard Jacobson was born in Otter Tail County, Minnesota on October 16, 1922. He was one of five sons born to Rudolph and Julia (Schei) Jacobson. His early education was at Country School District 95. He graduated from Underwood (Minnesota) High School in 1942. In the years that followed, he worked on the family farm south of Underwood and was employed by Mark Construction at Fergus Falls.

Earl came to Montana in 1950 and took a job on the Garrish Ranch near Cut Bank. He also worked for Kimball Construction on various elevator projects at Cut Bank.

In 1953 Earl purchased a small farm located 15 miles west of Cut Bank. He farmed at Cut Bank until 1980, when he sold the place and retired. His health remained good until 1990, when he had a heart operation. Earl continued to live in Cut Bank until 1994, then moved to the Eagles Manor in Great Falls. After suffering a few minor strokes, he came to Chester in 1998 to be near his brother Swede. He lived in the personal care unit at the Liberty County Nursing Home until this past October, then transferred to the extended care wing. Earl died peacefully at the rest home on the early morning of Tuesday November 2, 1999. He was 77 years old.

Earl was baptized and confirmed at the Tordenskjold Lutheran Church near Underwood, Minnesota. He enjoyed getting the church newsletter and keeping in touch with family members and friends with ties to the church. During his 40+ years in Cut Bank, Earl held memberships in the Elks, Eagles, Moose, and Sons of Norway Lodges. He loved hunting and fishing and he enjoyed raising strawberries and tomatoes; and he was always generous in sharing his canned fish products and garden produce with his family and friends. At family gatherings he enjoyed play-

ing Cribbage and Pitch. During his quiet time at home he liked to play Solitaire. Until his health failed, Earl looked forward to his annual trip back to Minnesota to visit family and old friends. He also enjoyed Montana road trips, especially to Glacier Park and the surrounding area.

Earl never married. His only survivors are two brothers and spouses, Richard and DeLoris Jacobson of Underwood, Minnesota, and Ralph and Mabel Jacobson of Chester; one sister-in-law Lillian Jacobson of Underwood; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers John and Kenneth Jacobson.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 pm Monday November 8, 1999 at the Tordenskjold Free Lutheran Church near Underwood, Minnesota by Rev. David Skordahl. The organist was Susan Vukonich and the congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden." A vocal duet by Earl's grandnieces Mandy and Crystal Kugler was "Amazing Grace," accompanied by pianist Heidi Mortenson. Pallbearers were nephews including Gary Jeppesen, Scott Greer, Greg Kugler, Earl Seeba, John Jacobson, Jim Jacobson, Jason Jacobson, and Duane Aitken. Memorial bearers

were Earl's special friends in Montana and Minnesota. Following burial in the family plot of the Tordenskjold Church Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester, Montana. Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home or the Tordenskjold Church.

ANTHONY DANIEL (TONY) JOHNSON
Born: July 7, 1981 - Died: May 29, 1999
Liberty County Times
June 9, 1999



Anthony 'Tony' Johnson

Anthony Daniel "Tony" Johnson was born at Great Falls, Montana on July 7, 1981. He grew up on the family farm north of Chester with his two brothers Sean and Jeremiah, and his parents Arthur and Patricia (Corkery) Johnson. Tony received his education in the Joplin-Inverness school system and had just finished his Junior year at J-I High School.

This past weekend he was in Fairfield to attend the graduation ceremonies for a cousin. On Saturday evening May 29, 1999 Tony and two companions were traveling on Secondary Highway #408 when he lost control of the vehicle. The car rolled and ejected the occupants. Tony died instantly from crushing injuries. He was 17 years old.

In his younger days Tony enjoyed attending Vacation Bible School at Immanuel Lutheran Church, playing Little League baseball at Little Sage, and wrestling in the AAU program. He also liked to play Pinochle, chess, and other board games. He had a large collection of sports cards, and was a trivia "whiz" when it came to reciting professional sports stats.

During his high school years Tony participated in track, basketball and football. Football was by far his favorite sport. This past year he was recognized as an All-Conference linebacker, and All-State running

back, and a selected member of the Football Combine (to be held later this month in Bozeman). In addition, he was voted as J-I's MVP and "Most Inspirational" player for the 1998-99 season. Tony also played First-chair Trumpet in the J-I High School Band.

Other hobbies included big-game hunting, fishing, swimming, water-skiing, snowmobiling, softball and golfing. He enjoyed all kinds of music, but was partial to hard rock and "oldies." His favorite NFL team was the Atlanta Falcons. His favorite NFL player was Jamal Anderson. His favorite NBA team was the LA Lakers. He enjoyed watching professional wrestling and his favorite wrestler was Goldberg. His favorite automobile was his 1991 blue Camaro.

In his private time at home Tony enjoyed watching family videos, writing poetry, or watching movies. His all-time favorite movie was "Top Gun."

He loved to work on the farm, especially in recent years when he began working in the field with his dad. They communicated via CB radios, keeping each other alert to "wildlife" sightings and other interesting reports.

Publicly, Tony's spirituality was very reserved. But at home he often quoted special verses and Bible passages. In fact, his folks affectionately referred to him as their "little preacher."

Tony had good social skills and he loved to interact with people. He related to all age groups and made friends easily. There were no barriers in any of his relationships. He loved to compete, but always maintained good sportsmanship.

Tony's aspirations were to attend the University of Montana and play football as a "Grizzly." He also talked about pursuing a career as an eye doctor.

Tony is survived by his parents Art and Patty Johnson of Joplin; his brothers Sean and Jeremiah Johnson of Joplin; his "special sister" Stacy Schneider of Tucson, Arizona; paternal grandparents Paul and Evelyn Johnson of Shelby; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins. He was preceded in death by his

maternal grandparents.

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, 1999 at the Joplin-Inverness High School Gymnasium with Reverend Bart Coleman officiating. Tammy Duncan provided prelude and postlude music on the piano. Tony's cousin Rex Johnson began the service by lighting an Eternity Candle. Scripture readings were by Greg May. Many friends and family offered special readings and remembrances of Tony during this "Celebration of Life" service. Taped music included "Tears in Heaven" and "Go Rest High on That Mountain." Family friend Kim Haaland performed a keyboard rendition of "Funeral for a Friend." Ushers were Brett Spicher and Dustin Evans. Pallbearers included Colt Colfman, Preston Mathis, Jade VanWechel, Eric Sundgren, Curtis May and Chris Lincoln. Memorial bearers were listed as Tony's many friends and special buddies. J-I classmates and football players made personal tributes to Tony and his parents. Following burial at the Joplin Cemetery a luncheon was provided by community friends at the school.

Arrangement by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

JOHN KERMIT KOSSEL

Born: November 24, 1914 - Died: December 27, 1999

Liberty County Times

January 5, 2000



John Kossel

John Kermit Kossel was born at Omro, Wisconsin on November 24, 1914. He was one of three children born to George and Sarah (Hague) Kossel. The Kossel family came to Montana where George worked seasonal jobs in the lumber industry in the Flathead Valley. Young John lived with the Swickey family at Tiber, where he received his early education. He finished his schooling in Chester, graduating from high school in 1932.

John's dad passed away when John was still a teenager, so he was forced to fend for himself. He broke horses for hire, and delivered mail and freight by wagon & team of horses on the Chester to Whillash route. John also worked as a bartender at the old Grand Bar in Chester.

In 1931 he married Mae Frydenlund. The product of that marriage was two daughters.

John was inducted into the US Army in 1942. He served during World War II in the 3811th Quartermaster Truck Company and attained the rank of Technician 5. His notable military campaigns were at Normandy, Northern France, and Ardennes. Following his honorable discharge in 1945, John returned to Montana.

He began working for "Skinny" Wright at Laas' Bar in Chester. He eventually moved to Kalispell to work for a brother-in-law at the old Dixie Inn. While there he met Ila Myers Stearns and they were married April 19, 1952 in Conrad. They moved

back to Chester where John worked at the Grand Bar. From 1953-55 John and Ila managed the Golden West Bar & Cafe in Chester. In 1955 they purchased Sully's Bar in Galata. They lived in Galata and operated Sully's until 1994, when they sold the business and retired. They purchased a home in Chester and have lived there since.

John's health remained good over the years. On this past Monday afternoon December 27, 1999 he suddenly collapsed at home. An ambulance transferred him to the Chester hospital where resuscitative measures were to no avail. John was 85 years old.

He was a life member of the Chester VFW Post #3997. He was also a member of the Galata American Legion. John and Ila were very dedicated to their Galata business over the years, but they did enjoy their many trips to Nevada and the West Coast.

As a hobby John collected coins. He also enjoyed playing cards, especially Poker and Cribbage. John was actually a very quiet and private person, but he did enjoy people and liked to visit the customers who stopped by his saloon. After retiring to Chester, he kept busy with his yardwork and garden.

John was a self-educated man who enjoyed reading. He had a sharp mind and he always kept up on current events. His readings were always factual in nature, such as historicals, and geographics, and he easily retained what he read. During his quiet time at home he also enjoyed television—his favorite show was "Jeopardy."

John is survived by his wife of 47 years, Ila of Chester; two daughters Bonnie Aman and husband Newt of Beaverton, Oregon, and Donna Hellweg of Portland, Oregon; one step-daughter Ardith "Tinkey" Cushing of Chester; one brother Father Clifford Kossel of Spokane, Washington; 11 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister Lucille Wilmes.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 am Friday December 31, 1999 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester by Rev. Peter Erickson. Scripture readings were by Leslie Vaskey and a special "Grandpa" poem was read by Katie Boumans. Organist was Karen Stack and the congregation sang "How Great Thou Art." Vocalist Kama Morton performed "Shenandoah" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Dean Wolfe served as usher. The pallbearers were Allen Barbie, Vern Larson, Tim Campbell, John Troy, Dave Leck, Adam John Vaskey, and Kelly Vanek, Jr. Honorary bearers were Grant Flage, Bob Sisk, Jr, B.J.

Oswood, Ray Kinyon, Dalton Dahlke, and Robert Pugsley, Sr. The service ended with military "Taps" and the flag presentation. A tape-recording of "Home on the Range" was played. A luncheon followed in the church fellowship hall.

John was cremated per his request. His ashes will be buried in Kalispell at a later date. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

PAUL J. KOVACICH
Born: April 25, 1933 - Died: July 12, 1999
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Paul Kovacich

Paul J. Kovacich went to the loving arms of Jesus July 12, 1999 from his home in Anaconda after a lifetime struggle with MCTD.

He was born in Helena, April 25, 1933. Paul was raised in Anaconda by his mother and step-father Edward and Ann (Kovacich) Cyr. He attended school in Anaconda graduating in 1952. Some of his fondest childhood memories were living in Hidden Lake, and time spent at his grandparents cabin west of Anaconda.

He was married to Marie Guidon; they were later divorced. In 1966 he married Sherrill Ward in Gt. Falls, Montana.

Paul was a great outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing. After graduation he served two years in the army and was in the active reserves until 1993. After his discharge from active duty he went to work at the smelter as a carpenter. He was one of the last carpenters on the hill, retiring in 1983. He was a volunteer fireman in the West Valley for many years and also belonged to the Croatian Lodge Fraternal Union #84.

Paul looked forward to Sunday morning services and all the activities at the Community Church of Philipsburg.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers Blackie, Jerry, and John; his mother and father-in-law Gerald and Hazel Ward.

Survivors include his wife Sherrill of Anaconda; son Shawn Kovacich of Gt. Falls; daughter Kim Echman of Washougal, Washington; brothers and sisters Edward Cyr, Jr. (Rossie) Des Moines, Iowa, Ted (Bonnie) Cyr and TJ (Karri) Cyr, Anaconda, June Blodgett of Anaconda, Kathy (Joe) Neville of Billings; sisters-in-law Jan

Cyr of Enumclaw, Washington, Sonja Cyr of Missoula; step-brothers and sisters Bob Smith of Clatskanie, Oregon, David Smith of Helena, Dan Smith of Anaconda, Merit Hamell of Palm Desert, California; grandsons Nickolas and Michael Eckman of Washougal, Washington; and a special granddaughter Cheyenne Ward of Anaconda; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, sisters and brothers-in-law.

Friends paid their respects and visited the family at 2:00 pm Tuesday July 13 at the KT Riddle Funeral Home of Anaconda. A Vigil Services began at 7:00 pm Tuesday night, and funeral services were Thursday July 15, 1999 at 2:00 pm at the funeral home in Anaconda. Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery of Anaconda with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Paul's name may be sent to the Community Church of Philipsburg, or to Pintler Hospice.

CAROLE ELIZABETH KROOK

Born: August 1, 1936 - Died: September 27, 1999

Liberty County Times

October 6, 1999



Carole Krook

Carole Elizabeth Krook was born at Baker, Montana on August 1, 1936. She was one of two daughters born to William and Jennie (Probert) Ohlrich. She grew up on the family farm north of Plevna, Montana and attended country schools near there. Carole graduated from Plevna High School in 1953. She continued her education at Eastern Montana College in Billings, where she received an Associate Degree in teaching. During the next few years, she taught school at Livingston and Missoula, and continued her personal education at the University of Montana.

Carole married Marvin E. Krook on August 10, 1958 at Red Lodge. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from U of M in 1959. Carole and Marvin both taught school in Thompson Falls for several years before transferring to Las Vegas, New Mexico. While there she attended the New Mexico Highlands University where she was awarded her Master's degree in Elementary Education (with a minor in History) in 1963.

The Krooks came to Chester in 1963. Marvin accepted a position as science teacher at CHS and Carole worked as homemaker and mother to their three children. In addition, she served as a substitute teacher in the Chester school system.

In 1980 Carole and a friend Rena Mullette co-founded the Chester Pre-school system. She worked as a teacher at the Pre-school for the next nine years.

Carole was diagnosed with abdominal cancer in 1998. She had numerous treatments during the past year, but her health continued to deteriorate. She died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the afternoon of Monday September 27, 1999. She was 63 years old.

During her 36 years in Chester, Carole was an active member of the United Methodist Church. She served as the church treasurer for many years, she sang in the church choir, she taught Sunday School, she was past president of the UMW (United Methodist Women) and she was an active lay leader. She was also a member of several teachers' organizations, including the MEA and NEA.

Carole loved flowers and gardening; she was a past member of the Chester Garden Club. Because of her interest in the fine arts and music, she was an annual supporter of the Liberty Arts Council. Carole believed in a clean, natural environment, and she promoted her beliefs through her membership in the Northern Plains Resource Council.

She had many hobbies, including gardening, camping, hiking, birding, and sewing. She loved cats—two of her favorites were 'Corrie' and 'Tuna.' She also enjoyed reading, especially nature and religious publications. Carole was an excellent cook; some of her specialties were apple pies, bread & butter pickles, and her delicious salmon loafs. She enjoyed PBS and NPR television/radio programming. With her skills as both mother and teacher, her work at the Chester Pre-school could best be described as simply a "labor of love."

On a more personal note, Marvin was always envious of Carole's "terrific memory." But her most outstanding quality was her love of her family and her compassion for humanity; she always put the needs of others before her own.

Carole is survived by her husband of 41 years Marvin Krook of Chester; one son and his wife Carson Krook and Carol Sachs of Flagstaff, Arizona; two daughters Stephanie Krook of Costa Rica, Central America, and Holly Krook and her husband Alexander Lozano, of Portland, Oregon; one granddaughter, Carlee Sachs-Krook; one sister Ruth Gates of Florence, Montana; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held at the Chester United Methodist Church at 3:00 p.m. Friday October 1, 1999. Rev. Kama Hamilton-Morton officiated. Special vocal music by Mary Ann Zorn included "Borning Cry" and "On Eagle's Wings." Gail Cicon served as pianist and the congrega-

tion sang "Amazing Grace." Ushers were Darlene Skari and Harriet Marble. Margaret Novak served as Greeter. Honorary bearers were listed as "Carole's many friends and students." Following the service, a luncheon was provided at the church by the UMW.

Cremation followed per Carole's request. Her ashes will be scattered on the family farmstead near Baker. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

ALICE HELEN (MOOG) LAKEY

Born: August 22, 1921 - Died: February 8, 1999

Liberty County Times

February 17, 1999



Alice Lakey

Alice Helen (Moog) Lakey was born August 22, 1921 on the family homestead 1/2 mile Southeast of Inverness, Montana. She was the eldest of six children born to Otto and Irene (White) Moog. Alice received her elementary education at Inverness. She graduated from St. Thomas High School in Great Falls in 1939, then continued her studies at the Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing in Havre. She finished her nurse's training in 1943.

In the winter of 1943 Alice enlisted in the US Army. She was eager to serve during the war effort of World War II. She worked as an Army nurse in a general hospital in France during most of her military career. When she was honorably discharged in 1946, she returned to Montana.

Alice was united in marriage to Curtis R. Lakey on October 28, 1946 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. They made their home on the Lakey homestead 12 miles Northwest of Chester. In addition to being a farm wife, homemaker, and mother of 14 children, Alice worked

parttime as an RN at the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home in Chester for many years.

Following Curtis' death in 1984, Alice remained at home on the family farm. In 1995 she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester where

she has lived ever since. Alice developed chronic pulmonary disease about 20 years ago and her medical condition deteriorated these past few years. On this past Monday, February 8, 1999 she was admitted to the Chester hospital where she passed away that evening. She was 77 years old.

In her youth Alice was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Inverness. During their married years the Lakeys were active at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Their life together revolved around their family and farm. In their later years, they enjoyed frequent road trips together.

Alice loved to read; she kept up on current events and the weather. In her quiet time at home she enjoyed crossword puzzles, and bird-watching. Over the years she enjoyed bowling, playing Pinochle, and collecting rocks. When the Lakey children were growing up, Alice would make a big batch of bread every Friday; her delicious cinnamon rolls were always a treat! Alice also enjoyed television and was an avid spectator fan of Major League Baseball and the NFL, her favorite team was the Denver Broncos.

Even though her health had failed, she always maintained a good attitude. She loved her family and friends and always made time for a nice visit with a few good laughs. A dedicated mother and friend - she will be missed!

Survivors include her 14 children Mary Rasmussen of Reno, Nevada, Carole Schile of Great Falls, Beverly Perry of Spring, Texas, Ruth Joy of Boise, Idaho, Kay Lakey and Christine

Lakey, both of Seattle, Washington, Joanne Drake of Boise, Idaho, Greg Lakey of Loveland, Colorado, Nathan Lakey of Vancouver, Washington, Thalia Biglen of Evergreen, Colorado, Mark Lakey of Chester, Colette DeWit of Glasgow, Roger Lakey of Carlsbad, California, and Kelly Lakey of Kent, Washington; 26 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; one sister

Margaret Bailey of Las Vegas, Nevada; four brothers Otto "Bud" Moog of Great Falls, Robert Moog of Inverness, Vernon Moog of Inverness, and Leonard Moog of Littleton, Colorado; and numerous nieces and nephews. Alice was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a stillborn son.

Vigil Prayers were led by Natalie Ghekiera on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester.

At 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 13, 1999 the Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Gregory Burke at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chester. Iris White was accompanist and St. Mary's Church Choir sang "You Are Mine," "Valleys of Green," "Prayer of St. Francis," "Unless a Grain of Wheat," and "Flowing Like a River." Vocalist, Meghan Smith performed

"Ave Maria." Ushers were Tom Graff and John May. Altar Server was Nicholas Moog, and Eucharistic Minister was Vern Moog. Scripture readings were by Colette DeWit, Christine Lakey, and Colleen Overcast. A family presentation (Eulogy) was by Joanne Drake. Grandchildren presented the communion gifts. Pallbearers were Eric, Jeff and Scott Schile, Rich and Rob Moog, and Daris Drake.

Graveside services at Chester Cemetery included committal prayers by Father Burke; reading of "The Soldier's Poem" by Mary and Nathan; military taps and the flag presentation by Ethel Rasmussen; reading of a poem by granddaughter Dylan Drake; and a balloon ceremony by the 28 grandchildren.

A luncheon followed at St. Mary's Catholic Church hosted by the Altar Society. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

HELEN FRANCES (McCANN) LANGEL
Born: May 16, 1903 - Died: October 5, 1999
Liberty County Times
October 13, 1999



Helen Langel

Helen Frances (McCann) Langel was born at Bloomer, Wisconsin on May 16, 1903. She was one of ten children born to Stephen J. McCann and Ina B. Shipman. The McCann family came to Montana in 1913 and settled in the Goldstone community north of Rudyard. Helen received her formal education at Goldstone and Kalispell. At age 18 she began working at the Goldstone Post Office.

Helen married Arnold C. Langel on December 26, 1921 at Havre, Montana. They lived and farmed near Goldstone where they raised their family of ten children. They purchased the Langel farm in 1942 and spent the rest of their married life on this farm. Her husband died on December 28, 1974. Helen remained on the farm until 1994, when she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. She died peacefully at the rest home on the early morning of Tuesday October 5, 1999. She was 96 years old.

Helen attended the Goldstone Lutheran Church and was an active member of WELCA. She was a longtime member of the Minneota Home Demonstration Club and the Minneota Friendly Club.

Her hobbies were many. She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, gardening, cooking and canning. She collected plates, specifically those with different State emblems and insignias on them. She also enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, and cards. In her quiet time she liked to read romance magazines or watch television, especially the news/weather, game shows, and soap operas.

Helen was a busy mother and homemaker during those early years on the farm, yet she still found time to raise chickens, milk cows, and plant a big vegetable garden each year. She and Arnold always looked forward to their daily 'down-time,' when they would spend about an hour together over a hot cup of green tea. They loved company and their door was always open to guests. Helen loved her home and never traveled far from home. She was content with her role in life and was a dedicated mother and friend to all of her children.

Helen is survived by five daughters: Lucille Miller and husband Bill of Salem, Oregon, Lillian Frank of Lewistown, Audrey Kaercher and husband Lloyd of Havre, Katherine Brandt of Rudyard, and Dorothy Langel of Chester; three sons and their spouses Duaine and Ruby Langel of Missoula, Richard and Alberta Langel of Billings, and Stanley and Willy Langel of Rudyard; two daughters-in-law Alice Langel and Joann Langel, both of Rudyard; two brothers Jack McCann of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Steve McCann of Sidney; 40 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, husband, seven siblings: Neil, Clarence, Arnold, Blanch, Emily, Mary, and Laura; two sons Bud in 1968 and Gerry in 1998; and three grandchildren Jessica and Tim Langel, and Monty Miller.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Friday October 8, 1999 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard by Rev. Tim Hauge. Scripture readings were shared by Marilyn Henry, a poem entitled "Mother's Parable" was read by Katherine Brandt, and the eulogy was given by Marnetta Haaland. The congregation sang "Beyond the Sunset" accompanied by pianist Laurie Chvilicek. Vocalist Carol Bangs performed "In the Garden" and "Amazing Grace." Helen's grandsons served as ushers and pallbearers, and her grandchildren served as honorary bearers. Following burial at the Rudyard Cemetery, a luncheon was provided by the Goldstone WELCA. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home or donor's choice.

BERNADEAN MARTHA (HYLE) LAVALLEY
Born: April 12, 1907 - Died: August 28, 1999
Liberty County Times
September 1, 1999



***Bernadean
LaValley***

Bernadean Martha (Hyle) LaValley was born at Rugby, North Dakota on April 12, 1907. She was one of six children born to Thomas and Martha (Shank) Hyle. The Hyle family moved to Inverness, Montana where Bernadean grew up and received her formal education.

She married Arthur V. LaValley on June 16, 1923 at Fort Benton. They made their home in Joplin where Arthur had farming interests and operated an International dealership. Bernadean worked as homemaker and mother to their seven children.

They sold their farm in 1947 and moved to Kalispell. Art worked as a machinist for the General Electric Company in the Flathead Valley. His job took him to Rufus, Oregon where they retired in 1967. After 46 years of marriage, Art passed away on August 13, 1979. Bernadean remained in Oregon for two more years, then moved to Spokane to be near her children. In 1989 she came to Chester, Montana to live at the Sweetgrass Lodge. When her health

failed in 1992, she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. She died peacefully at the rest home on Saturday evening August 28, 1999. Bernadean was 92 years old.

She was baptized as an adult at the Bethel church in Joplin. She had been active in the Bethel Ladies Aide group and served as Sunday School Superintendent for several years. Additional memberships included the Joplin Eastern Star, the Joplin Royal Neighbors of America, and the Kalispell Garden Club.

Bernadean's hobbies were many. She enjoyed flower gardening, sewing and crocheting. She loved to go camping and huckleberry picking. She collected hundreds of recipes and was an excellent cook; her family will always remember her delicious homemade pies and chocolate cakes. Bernadean enjoyed traveling; one of their most interesting and memorable trips was to the Chicago World's Fair in the mid-1930s. In their later years, the LaValleys enjoyed the simplicity of a Sunday afternoon drive around the local countryside.

She is survived by two sons and their spouses: Arthur LaValley, Jr. and wife Karen of Spokane, Washington, and Terry LaValley and wife Madeline of Joplin; three daughters and spouses Betty Wolery and husband Wayne of Joplin, Elaine Lukes and husband Ray of Spokane, and LaVon Clements of Hermiston, Oregon; one son-in-law Tom Wood Sr. of Joplin; 21 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Bernadean was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by a son Earl LaValley, a daughter Fern Wood, two brothers Artura and Jerry, and three sisters Mildren, Irene and Josephine.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 4, 1999 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Burial will follow at the Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials will be given to the church.

GARNETT MAY (ADAMS) LaVALLEY
Born: April 10, 1919 - Died: June 15, 1999
Liberty County Times
June 23, 1999



Garnett LaValley

Garnett May (Adams) LaValley, age 80, was lifted up into the hands of our Lord on Tuesday evening June 15, 1999. She was recently diagnosed with a rare, invasive cancer of the hepatic system. She passed away at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester where she had been a patient for the past week.

Garnett was born on April 10, 1919 at the family homestead 30 miles north of Joplin, Montana. She was the youngest of five children born to Harvey and Katie (Higgins) Adams. When she was four-years-old, the Adams family moved to Portland, Oregon where she received her early education. Garnett loved music and became a talented violinist; in fact, she was privileged to be the youngest member of the Portland Junior Symphony. She played in the symphony at ages 10 and 14 in several performances at the Civic Auditorium in downtown Portland.

The Adams family returned to their Joplin area farm in the mid-1930s. Garnett finished her education in Joplin, graduating from Joplin High School in 1937. She met her husband-to-be, David J. LaValley, and they were married in Havre on October 23, 1941. During their 58 years of married life together, they have lived and farmed in the north Joplin community. They were blessed with four children: Barbara, Ron, Gary and Dave. During the kids' school years, they lived in Great Falls where Garnett worked

as a librarian for the Great Falls Public School District. The LaValleys returned to live on the farm full time in 1963 and have been there since.

Garnett became a community social worker. For the past 12 years she served on the Board of the HRDC for Liberty and Hill counties. In addition, she was a member of the local BPW organization.

When her children were young, she served as a 4-H leader for 16 years. She thoroughly enjoyed the 4-H program and attended several conferences in Hawaii, Alaska, and Washington, DC. She was also a member of a local Home Demonstration Club.

Garnett loved to cook and bake and try new recipes. Of interest was the fact that she won a 'Pillsbury Bake-off Contest' for her "Pretzel

Chicken" in 1971; she was awarded a trip to Maryland to demonstrate her inventive recipe. Her family remembers other recipes, too, including her cabbage burgers and delicious angelfood cakes.

Garnett enjoyed many hobbies. She loved music, especially classical and she played the violin and piano. She also liked to dance. She enjoyed working in her flower beds and she raised several 'exotic' varieties. Just for the fun of it she collected spoons and coins. Garnett loved to watch "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune" on television and she enjoyed listening to the radio (especially "Trade-10"). She had a passion for traveling; she always looked forward to her trips to Portland and the Oregon coast to renew childhood memories and friends.

Other than her love for her family, Garnett's greatest joy in her life was the family farm. She loved the sound of coyotes howling at night, the beauty of the Northern Lights, the antelope and deer grazing close by, the occasional elk, the singing birds, the blue sky and sunny days, the coziness of the house during the severe winter storms, the new green crops, and the wind blowing the golden grain

fields. Oftentimes she would comment on how much the wind-blown fields reminded her of the waves of the ocean.

Garnett had two "secret" vices—she enjoyed rattlesnake hunting and she loved to play the nickel slot-machines.

She is survived by her husband Dave of Joplin; one daughter Barbara LaValley of Portland, Oregon; three sons Ron LaValley of Spokane, Washington, Gary LaValley and wife Yvette of Havre, and Dave LaValley and wife Brenda of Milwaukie, Oregon; nine grandchildren including: Brett, Bradd, Blake, Jennifer, Lori, Rene, Breanna, Brooke, and David; three great-grandchildren including Courtney, Andrew, and Eric; three nieces and six nephews.

Garnett was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings (Charles, Ruby, Pearl, and Opal).

Funeral services were 11:00 am Saturday June 19, 1999 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Rev. Peter Erickson officiating. Iris White provided accompaniment to Terry Stevenson, who sang "Prayer of St. Francis" and "The Lord's Prayer." The congregation sang "Beyond the Sunset." Ushers were Susan Coffman and Randy LaValley. Pallbearers included Brett, Bradd, and Blake Schneider, Butch Tempel, Jim LaValley, and Merlin Wolery. Garnett's friends and neighbors were listed as memorial bearers. Following burial at the Joplin Cemetery, a luncheon was provided by WELCA at Kjos Hall. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home.

VERNE J. LYDERS
Born: July 21, 1913 - Died: May 27, 1999
Liberty County Times
June 9, 1999



Verne J. Lyders

Verne Lyders, 85, passed away May 27, 1999 in Ballard, Washington near Seattle. Verne was born July 21, 1913. He graduated from Chester

High School. He retired as Master Sergeant of the U.S. Army, and retired as a security guard from United Airlines. He was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Montana. He was also a member of the Swedish Culture Society and the N.W. Senior Citizens.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Lucille Kammerzell, Margaret Hendrickson and Eileen Lyders; and one brother, Dale.

Survivors include his wife Lila Lyders, daughter Barbara Lee Dillard and her husband Jerry of Redwood City, California; and a sister, Jean Briesacker of Los Alamitos, California.

A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, at Ballard First Lutheran Church in Seattle. Private inurnment with Full Military Honors will be held at Tahoma National Cemetery of Kent, Washington. Remembrances may be made to a favorite charity.

Wiggen & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

J. DAVID MADISON
Born: October 8, 1925 - Died: November 22, 1999

Liberty County Times

December 22, 1999

J. David Madison

David Madison, born October 8, 1925 in Fort Benton, Montana to Fred H. Madison and Rebecca LaLonde Madison, passed away peacefully at his home in Auburn, Washington on November 22, 1999 of cancer.

Dave grew up in Montana. Shortly after high school, he entered the Army and served in the European Theater during World War II. He attended the University of Washington and was employed by the Boeing Aircraft Co. until his retirement.

David's father was Superintendent of Schools at Chester in the early 40s.

Dave is survived by his daughter Katherine Madison of Kent, Washington; sisters Gertrude Young of Eugene, Oregon, and Ruth Keldrauk of Torrance, California; brothers Allen of Olympia, Washington, and Ted of Issaquah, Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Harold, and sister Lucy.

Interment was at Lane Memorial Cemetery in Eugene, Oregon.

BARBARA SCHWEITZER MANGOLD
Born: April 19, 1915 - Died: April 21, 1999
Liberty County Times
April 28, 1999



Barbara Mangold

Barbara Schweitzer Mangold passed away on Wednesday morning April 21, 1999 at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, just two days after her 84th birthday.

Barbara was born on April 19, 1915 at Goldstone, Montana. She was one of nine children born to Michael and Franciska Schwan Schweitzer, homesteaders in the north Inverness community. Barbara received her formal education at a country school in Goldstone.

She married Leon Mangold at Goldstone on September 21, 1939. They farmed, lived, and raised a family of six children southeast of Inverness during their life together. Leon died on November 22, 1975. Barbara remained on the family farm

until 1997, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. The following year her health began to fail, so she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home, where she lived until the time of her death.

Barbara was a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was active in the church circle. She enjoyed baking, sewing, quilting and knitting. She made many afghans for family members and her special gift to newborn nephews and nieces was a baby quilt. In addition, she was active in the local TOPS Club.

Barbara and Leon enjoyed bowling. They also enjoyed music, especially the Lawrence Welk variety. Barbara always looked forward to the Schweitzer family reunions. In her later years she felt blessed with the opportunity to spend time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons Ron Mangold and wife Ladene of Big Sandy, Dennis Mangold of Inverness, and Wayne Mangold and wife Mary of Plevna, Montana; two daughters Leonette Hiller and husband Jim of Spokane, Washington, and Kathy Mangold of Arlington Heights, Illinois; seven grandchildren including Larry, Mike, Tim, Mace, Colin, Kara and Jaida; two brothers Adam Schweitzer of Whitefish, and Frank Schweitzer of Reno, Nevada; one sister Frances Bull of Phoenix, Arizona; and numerous nephews and nieces. Barbara was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a

son Terry, a grandson Matt, three brothers Anton, Michael and Leo Schweitzer, and two sisters Amelia Mangold and Tracy Heck.

Vigil Prayers were led by sons Dennis and Wayne Mangold, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. The congregation sang "Be Not Afraid" and "For All the Saints." The grandchildren participated in a candle-lighting ceremony.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Michael Guinan at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the church. Greeters were Robert Spicher and Leander Schweitzer. Altar server was Nicholas Moog. Scripture readings were shared by sons Dennis and Wayne. Friends in the Altar Society presented the communion gifts and Una Moog served as Eucharistic Minister. Barbara's brother Adam was eulogist. Her grandchildren served as pallbearers. Iris White was organist. Marcus Jochim and members of Sacred Heart Choir performed "Ave Maria," "On This Day, Oh Beautiful Mother," "Just a Closer Walk With Thee," "Amazing Grace," "To Jesus' Heart all Burning," and "Alleluia, Alleluia."

Following a luncheon in the church basement, the procession went to Havre for graveside services at 2:00 p.m. at the Highland Cemetery. Committal prayers were led by Natalie Ghekiere. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to the "Gift of Life" Foundation.

ELIZABETH A. McCORMICK

Born: February 12, 1906 - Died: December 23, 1999

Liberty County Times

December 29, 1999

Elizabeth McCormick

Elizabeth A. McCormick, 93 years of age, died December 23, 1999 at her daughter's home in Hingham of natural causes.

Elizabeth was born February 12, 1906 in Havre, Montana to William Ball, a GN Railroad Engineer, and Jessie (Thackery) Ball, member of a Montana pioneer family.

Elizabeth played basketball, and attended elementary and high school in Havre. She was a CWA Paymaster and Project Register Clerk and also worked in WPA assistance women's work for Hill, Blaine, Daniels, Phillips, Sheridan and Valley Counties. She served as a clerk in the Hill County Clerk and Recorder's Office, and also as a Deputy Assessor. She was a Deputy Treasurer and also County Treasurer for Hill County.

Elizabeth was a member of the St. Jude Catholic Church; past affiliations have included Eagles Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, American Legion, and Hill County Democratic Women's Club.

In 1942 she married John McCormick in Great Falls, Montana. John was a World War II veteran who was raised in New York City, New York. Elizabeth was a World War II veteran having served in the WAC at the Seattle Port of Embarkation.

Elizabeth lived in New York City from 1945 until 1959, when her husband died, at which time she returned to Havre.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and two sisters.

Survivors include: one daughter Catherine (Bill) Mulvaney of Hingham, Montana; granddaughter Jacalyn Kannberg of Havre, grandson Jeffrey Lipp of Butte; and four great-grandchildren.

Vigil Service was at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 26, 1999 at Holland & Bonine Chapel in Havre, Montana. Funeral Mass was at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 27, 1999 at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fr. Joseph Diekhans officiating. Burial followed at the Highland Cemetery.

Ushers were Ed Lipp and Tom Sluiter. Pallbearers were Larry Horinek, Denny Kannberg, Tom Mulvaney and Jeff Lipp. Soloist Marc Jochim sang some special musical selections, accompanied by Iris White. Marc was also the Cantor. Altar servers were Conrad Wendland and Kelly Domire.

Memorials in Elizabeth's honor may be made to the Bear Paw Hospice, First Responders of Hingham, or Rudyard Ambulance. Services and arrangements under the direction of Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

EARL F. MCDANIEL
Born: October 11, 1934 – Died: July 13, 1999
Liberty County Times
August 4, 1999

Earl McDaniel

Earl F. McDaniel of Columbus, Montana, passed away at his home July 13, 1999.

Earl was born to Clarence and Margaret McDaniel on October 11, 1934; one of 11 children. He was raised in the Joplin and Gildford area, graduating from Gildford High School.

Earl married Elinor Flatness on February 18, 1956.

Survivors are his daughter Margaret Cleveland, her husband Bryan and grandson Joshua; son Duane McDaniel, his wife Loren, granddaughter Kaley and grandson Ryan; son Dennis McDaniel and his wife Cindy, grandsons Joseph and Michael, granddaughters Gabriela and Cheryl; three brothers Vern McDaniel of Joplin, James Wood of Galata, and Charles McDaniel of Havre; two sisters Olive Svenson of Joplin, and Joyce Tempel of Chester.

Memorials may be made to St. James Lutheran Church in Columbus, Montana or the charity of your choice.

HAROLD DEAN McFADDEN
Born: July 22, 1915 - Died: May 25, 1999
Liberty County Times
June 9, 1999

Harold Dean McFadden

Harold Dean McFadden, 83, died Tuesday, May 25, 1999, at his home in Lakeside, Montana after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born July 22, 1915, in Inverness, Montana. He was one of seven children born to George Emerson and Margaret Lafferty McFadden.

He grew up in the Inverness community and received his education there. He spent most of his adult life farming in the Inverness area. On March 29, 1940, he married LaVerna Struck of Rudyard. They raised three children.

He served on many community boards, including the Inverness School and St. John's Lutheran Church in Rudyard, as well as Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers.

In 1960 he was elected Hill County Commissioner and served until 1972. He held the position of chairman for 11 years.

He continued farming until he retired and later moved to the Lakeside area.

He enjoyed working in his shop at the farm as well as at the lake. He could fix and/or build most anything, especially if it was metal. Other enjoyments were dancing, visiting with anyone, and giving boat rides to family and neighbors.

He'll be remembered for his progressive leadership on the local and county levels. Because he was a people person he had the ability to communicate with anyone. His sense of humor was always present.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Teddy; his brothers Roy, Paul and Ira; and his sisters Faye and Ina.

He is survived by his wife, LaVerna, at the family home in Lakeside; two daughters, Betty Rae Mowen and husband, Tom, of Havre and Paulette McFadden of Kallispeil; five grandchildren, Angela, Shannon, Scott, Heather and Corey; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Neta Marolick of Coeur d'Alene; a sister-in-law, LaVern McFadden, of Great Falls; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorial services were held Saturday, May 29 at 1:00 p.m. at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, with the Rev. Wayne Pris officiating. Cremation will take place with burial later in Havre.

The family suggests a donation to the Lakeside QRU or the Memorial Fund at Eidsvold Lutheran Church.

Arrangements and cremation were by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

RUTH ATOSA (KONOPATZKE) MEYERS
Born: December 15, 1917 - Died: April 6, 1999
The Sentinel-Havre
April 14, 1999

RUTH MEYERS

EAST END, Saskatchewan — Ruth Atosa (Konopatzke) Meyers, 81, died Tuesday, April 6, 1999, at a Wolf Willow health center.

Meyers was born Dec. 15, 1917, to Rudolf and Emma Konopatzke in Marian, Wis. She grew up in North Dakota, and later settled in Havre. She graduated from Havre High School in 1936. She became a medical secretary for "Old Doc" McKenzie and later took a position with the Great Northern Railroad.

She married John A. Meyers in 1947. The couple resided in Inverness. The couple owned and operated a trucking company, a hotel and dining facility, and were in the farming industry. They farmed outside Inverness and Chinook. In 1965 they purchased land in Saskatchewan, Canada.

She enjoyed gardening, dancing, fishing, watching sports, and practical jokes. She also enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers, Leo and Vernon Konopatzke.

Survivors include sons, Phil and Scott Meyers of Seattle; a daughter, Jane Meyers Bowen also of Seattle; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews, including Sandy Staudinger of Havre.

Memorials may be made to the Wolf Willow Health Center, East End, Saskatchewan, the Boy Scouts of America, or to St. Paul Lutheran Church of Havre.

LESLIE JOE MLINAR
Born: July 30, 1923 - Died: June 16, 1999
Liberty County Times
June 23, 1999



Leslie Mlinar

Leslie Joe Mlinar was born July 30, 1923 on the family homestead in the Bison community 15 miles northwest of Joplin, Montana. He was one of six children born to Joseph and Mary (Matey) Mlinar. Les received his formal education at the Meldrum country school and Joplin High School. He studied airplane mechanics and welding at Helena Vo-Tech, then learned the skills of reading blueprints at a school in Albany, Oregon. Soon after, he began working at Boeing in Seattle, Washington.

During the outbreak of World War II, Les was inducted into the US Army. He served from 1943 to 1946 and attained the rank of Technical Sergeant in the 366th Bombardment Squadron. He served in campaigns at Rhineland and Central Europe. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Montana to work on the family farm.

Les met and married Laura Etta Ward on March 14, 1950 at Glasgow, Montana. They spent their 49 years of married life together on the Mlinar farm near Joplin. They retired from farming in 1985, but continued to live in their farm home.

Les' health remained good until this past year when he developed a vascular condition. Les and Etta had just recently returned from a motorhome rally in Washington when he became ill. He was admitted to Benefis East Medical Center in Great Falls where he died on the evening of Wednesday June 16, 1999. He was 75 years old.

Les was a lifetime member of the Chester VFW Post. Years ago he served on the Liberty County Draft Board, and the Liberty County Election Board.

The Mlinars loved to travel in their motorhome; they had visited most every state and province in the continental United States and Canada. They were members of several motorhome clubs, including FMCA, Good Sam Club, and the Foretravel Association of which Les had served as a national director. In addition to motorhoming, they enjoyed motorcycling and snowmobiling.

Les' hobbies were many. He enjoyed fishing, boating, bowling, baseball, softball, and dancing. He was an avid bowler; he maintained a 190 average and his best ever game was a 298. He fitted and drilled bowling balls in the 1970s for most every bowler on the Hi-Line, and he taught bowling technique to the Junior Leaguers. Les has always been a baseball fan; he enjoyed watching major league on television, he helped coach Little League, he loved to play in the town team leagues, and he served as an umpire in the local softball leagues for many years. In his quiet time at home Les enjoyed word games or simply feeding the pheasants, rabbits, and other animals around the farm. Although not a skilled musician, he did play the drums, violin, and button accordion. Les loved people and enjoyed visiting with friends.

On a personal note, Les was an

honest man and a true gentleman. His word was 'good as gold' and a handshake was as good as a written contract. During the 38 years that he farmed with his brother Ed, they never had any controversy or strife in their working relationship. Les was a perfectionist when it came to welding, farming, and other workmanship. He always said "If a job's worth doing, then do it right the first time." He took pride in ownership and care of his farm equipment, automobiles, motorhomes, etc. And last, but not least, Les has been a wonderful husband, a good provider, and a faithful friend to Etta during their 49 years together.

Survivors include his wife, Etta of Joplin; brother Edward of Joplin; sister-in-law Alyce Beck of Glasgow; brother-in-law Ralph Tyler of Hartford, South Dakota; niece Lori Ramberg and husband Ray of Joplin; and nephew David Mlinar of Oceanside, California. Also surviving is their pet poodle-mix "LeAnn."

Les was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters; Anna, Doris, Lorraine, and Dorothy; sister-in-law Kay Mlinar, and brother-in-law Theo Beck.

Funeral services were 2:00 pm Monday June 21, 1999 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Rev. Peter Erickson officiating. A special reading was by Lori Ramberg. Iris White played the organ and the congregation sang "In the Garden." Vocalist Terry Stevenson sang "The Old Rugged Cross," and "He Gave

Me Lord Jesus." Ushers were Sandy Anderson and Ellsworth Graff. Pallbearers included Kenneth Backen, Ed Tempel, Norbert VanDessel, P.J. Johnson, Victor Johnson, and Roy Wickum. Honorary bearers were Les' many friends, neighbors, and his motorhome family. Burial was at the Joplin Cemetery with military rites. Ray Standiford made the flag presentation. A luncheon followed at Kjos Hall, Joplin. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

SAMANTHA JO MOLENDAS
Born: February 12, 1983 - Died: October 1, 1999
Liberty County Times
October 6, 1999

Samantha Molenda

WHITEHALL—Samantha Jo Molenda, age 16 of Havre, passed away Friday October 1, 1999 at a hospital at Great Falls, Montana.

She was born February 12, 1983 at Butte, Montana to Joseph and Kimberly Molenda. Until the age of 5 she was raised in Cut Bank and then moved to Havre. Samantha was home schooled until attending her Freshman and Sophomore years at KG High School in Gildford, Montana.

She enjoyed and played the piano beautifully. She also enjoyed watching movies, playing games, and cooking. She enjoyed singing in choir and spending time with her family.

She was a faithful member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, Montana.

She is survived by her parents Joe and Kim Molenda of Havre; one brother Ben Molenda of Havre; grandparents Jim and Maxine Molenda, Don and Leona Fellows, all of Whitehall; beloved fiancé Trevor Stehman of Gildford; and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Fathers Frank Wiegenstein, Sarsfield O'Sullivan, and Joseph Finnegan, co-celebrated the Funeral Mass on Wednesday October 6, 1999 at 11:00 am at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Whitehall. Interment followed in the Whitehall Cemetery. A Parish Vigil Service was held Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Scott Funeral Home at Whitehall.

Memorials are preferred to the charity of the donor's choice.

HELEN F. MORRISSEY
Born: November 4, 1917 - Died: October 25, 1999
Liberty County Times
November 3, 1999

Helen Morrissey

Helen F. Morrissey, age 81, died Monday October 25, 1999 in Chester, Montana of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 10:00 am Thursday October 28 at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, Montana, with Father Joseph Diekhans officiating. Burial followed at the Highland Cemetery in Havre, Montana. Memorials in Helen's honor may be made to the Hingham Quick Response Unit.

Helen was born November 4, 1917 to Vincent E and Alice (Malone) Hornek in the Chester hospital. She attended schools in Hingham, graduating from Hingham High School in 1937. She attended the Chinook College of Beauty for two years and became a licensed beautician. She returned to Hingham to open her own business Helen's Beauty Shop, from 1939 to 1992.

Helen married John Morrissey on April 28, 1947 in Hingham, where the couple resided. Together they had two daughters.

She was a member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church and Altar Society.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband John in 1986, her parents, and two brothers.

She is survived by two daughters Colleen Higgins and husband Mitch of Sun River, Montana, and Katherine A Harrington and husband Robert of Casper, Wyoming; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

EMIL JOHN (JACK) NELSON

Born: January 16, 1930 - Died: November 10, 1999

Liberty County Times November 17, 1999



Emil J. Nelson

Emil John "Jack" Nelson was born at Havre, Montana on January 16, 1930. He was one of two sons born to Emil and Ina Ruth (McKay) Nelson. Jack grew up on the Nelson farm 22 miles north of Joplin, Montana. His early education was at the Tingdal Country School. He also received some schooling at Darby and Florence, Montana, where his mother served as a teacher for several years. Jack finished high school at Joplin, graduating in 1947.

He continued his education at Montana State University-Bozeman until 1951, when he enlisted in the US Air Force. He served during the Korean conflict in Guam. He attained the rank of Airman 1st Class, and worked as an airplane radio repairman. Following his honorable discharge in 1954, he returned to Montana and continued his schooling at MSU. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Engineering.

Jack worked for the SCS Office in Conrad for a few years before joining his father in Columbia Falls, Montana in the farming/ranching business. He lived and worked in the Flathead Valley for 10 years, then moved to Lacey, Washington to work in construction.

Jack married Doris James on December 26, 1969. They moved to the Joplin community where Jack owned and operated the Big Sky Husky service station for several years. Jack became father and friend to Doris' five children and they also had a daughter of their own, Jennifer. Joplin has been their home for the past 30 years. Jack has been engaged in farming with his brother-in-law Lysie James.

His health had been good until this past Monday evening when he became very ill. He was admitted to the Chester Hospital and diagnosed with an abdominal aortic aneurysm. Jack was transferred via helicopter to Benefis East Medical Center in Great Falls, where he had major surgery early Tuesday morning. His condition worsened, and he passed away on Wednesday morning November 10, 1999. He was 69 years old.

Jack was an active member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin; he served on the church council for many years and was active in Lutheran Brotherhood. Other memberships included the Joplin Masonic Lodge, Joplin Commercial Club, and Chester American Legion. In addition he had served on the Joplin Memorial Park Board, volunteered as a Joplin fireman for many years, and was a past member of the Liberty Leapers Horseshoe Club. Jack was very proud of the Joplin City Park, so he volunteered his time and energy as the park's caretaker these past several years.

Jack's hobbies were many. He enjoyed vegetable gardening and sharing his produce. He enjoyed family gatherings and playing cards, especially Pinochle and Whist. In his younger years he liked to hunt and fish. He enjoyed bowling and other sporting events. During his private hours at home Jack loved to read—he was fond of science fiction, scientific publications, and historicals. He was mechanically inclined and could fix most anything. He also enjoyed traveling.

Jack was generally a quiet and unassuming man. He had a genuine love of his fellow man and enjoyed helping others whenever he could. Although he wouldn't want special recognition or credit, it should be mentioned that he was once awarded a Red Cross Merit of Honor for saving a man's life (Jack was working on a pipeline project when the walls of a ditch collapsed onto his co-worker, Olaf Folden. Jack dug out Olaf by hand, found him unresponsive, gave him CPR, and brought him back to life).

Jack was known by the family and community simply as "Jack," and his grandchildren affectionately referred to him as "Papa Jack." A recent highlight of his life was their 25th wedding anniversary party sponsored by their children and the Caribbean cruise that followed.

Survivors include his wife Doris of Joplin; three sons Kenneth of Chinook, Larry of Chester, and Tracy of Joplin; three daughters Rhonda Nelson of Kirkland, Washington, Lonna Linnell of Spokane, Washington and Jennifer Nelson of San Francisco, California; two daughters-in-law Jan and Candy; one son-in-law Clayton Linnell; 10 grandchildren Allyson, Windy, Travis, Ryan, Michael, Kali, Darien, Matthew, Grant and Peri; three great-grandchildren McKenzie, Madison and Mariah; and several nephews and nieces. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, and brother Fred.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Peter Erickson at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 13, 1999 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Dawn Bjornstad shared the eulogy. Organ music was provided by Iris White, and a vocal number "On Eagle's Wings" was sung by Judy Lake. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art," "In the Garden," and "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee." Ushers were Bob Lake and Larry Olson. Pallbearers were sons and grandsons. Burial was at the Joplin Cemetery. Military "Taps" were played and the flag was presented to the family by Neil Shepherd. A luncheon followed at Kjos Hall in Joplin. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

EDWARD L. NICKOL

Born: August 6, 1916 - Died: December 7, 1999

Liberty County Times

December 15, 1999

Edward Nickol

Edward L. Nickol, age 83, long time Ledger area farmer, passed away Tuesday December 7, 1999 at Marias Medical Center in Shelby due to natural causes.

Vigil service was 7:00 pm Thursday December 9, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Conrad. Funeral Mass was at 10:30 am Friday at the church with burial in the Hillside Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Ed was born August 6, 1916 to George and Elizabeth Nickol on the family homestead east of Ledger. He was seventh of a family of ten. He received his education at the Ohholt School which is located on the land he farmed.

Ed entered the US Army in 1941 and was assigned as a cook for the 496th Medics. He served in Northern Ireland, Germany, Austria, and France being discharged in 1945. He then returned to the homestead where he built his own house and farmstead. Along with farming he was known for being a 'Jack of all Trades,' mechanic, electrician, and plumber, etc. and did a lot of work for his neighbors. He married Susanna "Susie" Hull October 9, 1952 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester.

Ed was a County Surveyor for the farm program, served as a trustee and Chairman of the Board of School District #23, board member of the Ledger Community Club, and a

member of the Toole County Museum.

Ed enjoyed playing cards, especially Pinochle, Whist, 66 and Bridge. He also enjoyed singing, playing accordion and piano.

Survivors include his wife Susie of Ledger; daughters Mary Louise Finlayson of Great Falls, and Cecelia Wall of Twin Falls, Idaho; sons Vernon Nickol of Lake Stevens, Washington, Thomas Nickol of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, Michael Nickol of Great Falls, and Kevin Nickol of Ledger; brothers Leo and Joe Nickol of Conrad, John Nickol of Ledger, and Frank Nickol of Columbia Falls; sisters Anna Nickol of Conrad, and Mary Spain of Monroe, Washington; 6 grandchildren Joshua, Joseph, Benjamin, Megan, and Melissa Nickol, and Spencer Wall; and one great-grand-child Desmond Nickol.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Fred Nickol, and sisters Sue Nickol, and Clara Hanson.

JULIA MARJORIE (JOHNSON) OLSON
Born: August 20, 1915 - Died: March 6, 1999

Liberty County Times

March 17, 1999



Julia Olson

Julia Marjorie (Johnson) Olson was born at Willow City, North Dakota on August 20, 1915. She was one of eight children born to Anius Johnson and Anna Svingen Haugen Johnson. The Johnson family came to Montana in 1915, arriving at their farm north of Joplin on Christmas Eve. Julia grew up on the farm and attended the Tingdahl country school. Her secondary education was completed in Chester and Joplin. During her school years in Chester, Julia worked for several local families, including the Bakers, Rays, and Macklers. She graduated from Joplin High School in 1934.

January 20, 1936 she married Albert Olson in Havre. They farmed on the Roveriet place northwest of Joplin, where Julia worked as a homemaker and mother of three children. In 1946 they purchased the Herb Rolph farm near Joplin. In 1964 their sons took over the farming operations, so Julia and Albert moved to a farm at Bracken, Saskatchewan. After eight years in Canada, they sold the farm, retired, and moved back to the Joplin community.

After 53 years of marriage, Albert died on September 4, 1989. Julia remained in her farm home until 1990, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. Her general health remained good with the exception of her 33-year battle with rheumatoid arthritis. About a month ago Julia developed some gastrointestinal problems, which required hospital treatment and surgery. She died at Benefis East Medical Center in Great Falls on Saturday evening March 6, 1999. She was 83 years old.

Julia was an active member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. She served as a Sunday School teacher for many years and was a dedicated member of Bible study groups and the Deborah Circle. In addition she was a past member of the Royal

Neighbors of America.

Julia's hobbies included gardening, sewing, and quilting. She also enjoyed traveling; after their retirement, the Olsons spent several winters in Arizona and shared many memorable trips together. Julia loved to play cards, especially Pinochle and cribbage, and she enjoyed watching television, especially history and discovery programs. In those earlier days, before her arthritis, she liked to paint. And just for the fun of it she collected spoons. Julia was a good cook; her family remembers her wonderful meals and her delicious homemade breads. Most of all, they remember her good sense of humor, her zest for life, and her unconditional love for each of them.

Survivors include her two sons and their wives Larry and Nancy Olson, and Leonard and Linda Olson, all of Joplin; one daughter and her husband Deanna and Ray Standiford of Chester; eight grandchildren including Scott, Todd, Heidi, Greg, Grant,

Chad, Jolene, and Adam; eight great-grandchildren; one brother Robert Johnson of Great Falls; two sisters Millie Aaberg of Great Falls, and Helen McKay of Creston, Washington; two sisters-in-law Florence Johnson and Dorna Hadford, both of Chester; and many nephews and nieces. Julia was preceded in death not only by her

husband and parents, but also by two brothers Paul and Alfred, two sisters Lorene and Loretta, and two half-sisters Clara and Olva.

Funeral services were 11:00 am Thursday March 11 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Rev. Peter Erickson officiated. Stanleigh Barbie served as organist and the congregation sang "In the Garden." Vocalist Brian Barrows performed "How Great Thou Art" and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee." Ushers were Dean Lyle and Rolph Foster. Julia's grandsons served as pallbearers. Interment was at the Joplin Cemetery. A luncheon followed at Kjos Hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to Bethel Church or the Arthritis Foundation.

TROY, LISA, AND TANNER OSTLIE

Troy-b: Sept. 30, 1965-Lisa-b:May 23,1965

Tanner-b: Apr. 10,1989 - Died : January 1, 1999

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January 13, 1999



Troy, Lisa, and Tanner Ostlie

Husband and wife, Troy and Lisa Ostlie (both 33 years old) and their oldest son Tanner Ostlie (age 9) were killed in an automobile-truck collision on Highway 36 near Viking, Alberta, Canada on Friday evening January 1, 1999. The Ostlies had been visiting family in Canada during the holidays and were enroute home to Montana when the accident occurred. Their youngest son Landon (age 18 months) survived the accident but received a broken leg and multiple bruises.

Troy Alyn Ostlie was born in Mayville, North Dakota on September 30, 1965. He was one of six children born to Robert and Audrey (Teie) Ostlie. Troy was baptized at Calvary Lutheran Church in Perham, Minnesota; his grandparents Arther and Agnes Ostlie were his godparents. After his family moved to Montana, Troy was confirmed at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Great Falls. He attended school at Bell and Simms, graduating from Simms High School in 1983. In the few years that followed, Troy worked for Wilbur-Ellis and Universal Sports & Courts in Great Falls. In 1988 he took a job with Federal Express; he worked as a transport driver for Fed Ex for the past 11 years.

Lisa Marie Pimley was born at Chester, Montana on May 23, 1965. Her parents were Donald and Priscilla (Amundson) Pimley and she was one of five children. Lisa was baptized as an infant at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin; her godparents were Erwin Carlson and Viola Carlson Ness. She grew up on the family farm near Joplin and received her formal education there. She graduated from J-I High School in 1983. Lisa continued her schooling at the Great Falls Vo-Tech where she earned an Associate Degree in Business. In addition, she took an Airlines correspondence course, which she completed at an intensive six-week classroom study in Florida. Lisa worked a few years for Hertz Rent-a-Car in Great Falls. In 1990 she began her employment at Fed Ex, where she had worked as a courier and dispatcher since that time.

On November 29, 1985 Troy and Lisa were married at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Great Falls. They eventually bought a home in Vaughn, where they have lived and raised their two sons.

Their first son Tanner Lyle Ostlie, was born in Great Falls on April 10, 1989. He was baptized that same year at Redeemer Lutheran Church; his godmothers were his aunts Renee (Pimley) Grove, and Trish (Ostlie) Sands. At the time of his death, Tanner was a 4th grader in the Vaughn public school system. He enjoyed Little League, wrestling, basketball, and Cub Scouts. He loved playing with his friends and his cousins, especially Nintendo and other video

games. Tanner collected feathers and rocks. He enjoyed the hunting and fishing trips with Dad and Grandpa and the many hours he spent playing with their three Bassett hounds "Mindy," "Molly," and "Mugsy." He loved to watch movies at home with Mom and Dad and always looked forward to times they went golling together.

In 1991 Lisa became gravely ill with kidney failure. The following year she received a kidney donation from her brother Jeffrey. She was told at that time that she probably couldn't have any more children. And that was the case until June 5, 1997 when she delivered their second son Landon Jeffrey Ostlie, whom they affectionately referred to as their "miracle baby."

During Lisa's high school years she was active in basketball (she was awarded All Conference and MVP awards), cheerleading and drill team, Pep Club, annual and paper staff, and drama. In addition to being an Honor Roll student, she held numerous class offices and was a Homecoming queen candidate. One of her fondest high school memories was being a member of the "Beautiful Bombers" Club. In recent years Lisa enjoyed cross-stitching; she made many beautiful pictorials for her family and friends. Her favorite hobby was collecting "Walt Disney" memorabilia and clothing; her home was decorated with a Disney flair.

During Troy's high school years, he enjoyed playing on the football team. He continued to be a football fan and his favorite NFL team was the New York Jets. He loved to hunt and fish with his father and children. He enjoyed working with his Bassett hounds and had taught them to chase and retrieve birds. In the past few summers Troy has helped with the T-ball and Little League programs in Vaughn. He liked to work in his yard and he enjoyed playing cards at family functions. Troy will be remembered most for his unique sense of humor, his willingness to help his family and friends, and the love he had for his wife and family. Troy and Lisa were both athletic people who enjoyed spending time together; some of their favorite activities were softball, volleyball, and golf.

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The Ostlies are survived by their son Landon. Troy's family includes his parents Robert and Audrey Ostlie of Great Falls; three sisters: Lisa Dunn and husband Dennis of Grand Forks, North Dakota, Tracy Gilbert and husband Greg of Great Falls, and Trish Sands and husband Jim of Glasgow, Montana; one brother Tom Ostlie of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Lisa's family includes her parents Donald and Priscilla Pimley of Joplin, Montana; two sisters Diana Carlstad and husband Ken of Great Falls, and Renee Grove and husband Miles of Lac La Bich, Alberta, Canada; one brother Jeffrey Pimley and wife Kathy of Joplin, Montana; her maternal grandmother Eva Amundson of Missoula, Montana; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Troy was preceded in death by a brother Timothy Scott Ostlie in 1976. Lisa was preceded in death by an infant sister Julie Ann Pimley.

Funeral services were 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 7, 1999 at the Great Falls Christian Center, 4114 N Park Trail, Great Falls, Montana. Reverend Robert B. Johnson officiated. Pianist Cindy Litzinger accompanied Rob Litzinger and Clara

Riggleman, who sang "Wings of a Dove," and "The Old Rugged Cross." A solo by Rachel Johnson was "Amazing Grace." Ushers were Sam Bertelson and Dennis Eckart. Pallbearers included Dennis Dunn, Greg Gilbert, Jim Sands, Ken Carlstad, Miles Grove, Scott Nicola, Pat Sands, Steven Nicola, Justin Gilbert, Brian May, Ross Beryl, and Brian Lindgren. Honorary bearers were fellow employees and friends at Federal Express. The service began with audio-visual taped selections by

the family. It ended with a recording of Troy and Lisa's favorite song "One Boy, One Girl" by Collin Raye. A reception followed at the Vaughn school.

The Ostlies were cremated and their ashes will be buried together at a later date. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester, Montana. Undesignated memorials will be directed to a trust fund for their surviving son Landon J. Ostlie, at the Golden Triangle Credit Union in Great Falls.

HOWARD C. (Oz) OSWOOD

Born: February 18, 1920 - Died: December 18, 1999

Liberty County Times

December 22, 1999

Howard Oswood

Howard C. "Oz" Oswood, age 79, resident of East Wenatchee, died Saturday December 18, 1999 at his home.

He was born February 18, 1920 in Chester, Montana to Louis H. and Ida M. (Johnson) Oswood. He grew up and received his early education in Chester, graduating from Chester High School in 1938.

Following his schooling, Mr. Oswood joined the United States Marine Corps in March of 1942. He served his country during World War II with the Marine Corps in the South Pacific and was discharged in March of 1946. Following his return in the fall of 1946, he moved to Juneau, Alaska. It was there he met and married Maxine Brown.

The two were married June 12, 1947. In the spring of 1948 they moved to Seattle, Washington, and it was there they owned and oper-

ated a grocery store. Howard then began work with a hardware store in Seattle and worked there for some 10 years. In the spring of 1960 he moved to Wenatchee, Washington where he owned and operated Ossie's Shell and U-Haul, a service station and U-Haul distributorship. In December of 1970 Maxine died, and Oz continued working with the business until his retirement in 1971.

On April 8, 1972 Howard married Betty Jane McKinlay in East Wenatchee. He went back to work operating his own construction business.

Oz was a member of the National Audubon Society and a member of the Nature Conservatory Group. He was an avid bird watcher and was a past member of the Wenatchee Elks Lodge.

He gave to his family love and caring; to the creatures of the earth, stewardship. He was a loving husband and father. He will be

greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife Betty Oswood of East Wenatchee; sons Mark W. Oswood of Wenatchee, James L. McKinlay of Seattle, Washington, and Philip R. McKinlay of Spokane, Washington; two daughters Elizabeth J. DeJong of Victor, Montana, and Christ A. Cope of Edmonds, Washington; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, by his first wife Maxine (1970), and by his two brothers Lloyd and Albert.

At Mr. Oswood's request, no funeral services were held. If desired, memorials may be made in his name to the Nature Conservatory and/or the Central Washington Hospital Home Health/Hospice program.

Arrangements are by Jones & Jones Funeral Directors of Wenatchee.

GENE A. PATRICK
Born: April 10, 1934 - Died: August 28, 1999
Liberty County Times
September 22, 1999

Gene Patrick

Gene A. Patrick was born in LaBelle, Missouri on April 10, 1934 to Anna L. Crandall and Harry A. Patrick.

Gene had grown up in the north Rudyard area, graduated from Rudyard High School in 1952, and went to Oregon to college where he met his wife Shaunny (Likens), and also took private flying lessons.

Gene started flying with Capitol Airlines, which later merged with United Airlines. He flew for United until he retired in 1994. Later that year he went with Nazarene Mission Air. He flew for the Mission in Swaziland, Africa, and later was based out of Johannesburg, South Africa.

In 1997 he and his wife moved to their home in Florida. They were spending part of the year in Florida and part of the year in Montana.

Gene was killed Saturday August 28, 1999 while flying from Billings to Choteau, Montana in the Big Snowy Mountains, along with his wife, his son Craig, and Craig's wife Jessica.

He is survived by two daughters Anemone and Colleen and their husbands; two sons Dennis and Steve and their wives; 12 grandchildren; his mother Anna L. Patrick; a brother Ralph H. Patrick; a sister Mary Ellen Solum of Rudyard; one uncle, and several aunts, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday September 3, 1999 at the Church of the Nazarene, in Elgin, Illinois. Burial was in Windridge Memorial Park, in Cary, Illinois. Funeral arrangements by Laird Funeral Home, Elgin, Illinois.

ANSON EDWARD PIMLEY
Born: June 20, 1918 - Died: August 12, 1999
Liberty County Times
August 18, 1999



Anson Pimley

Anson Edward Pimley was born June 20, 1918 on the family homestead 27 miles north of Joplin, Montana. He was the first born of nine children to Percy and Estella (Skonord) Pimley. He attended the Burke Country School near the farm, then finished his education at Joplin High School. He began working for the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Anson enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He served from 1940-44 and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. While stationed in California he met and married Sadie "Dee" Odo on March 2, 1942. Following his honorable discharge from the military, they moved to Seattle where Anson worked for Boeing.

The Pimley's returned to California. They had three sons together. They lived and worked in the communities of Chico, Mill Valley, and South Lake Tahoe. Anson owned and operated "Valley Roofing," a roofing and siding construction business. Following their divorce in 1973, Anson moved to Minden, Nevada.

When he retired in 1980, he returned to Montana. He lived near St. Mary's for a short time then bought a small home in Joplin. Anson did carpentry work around Joplin until 1987, when he was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. Following numerous hospitalizations in Great Falls, Fort Harrison and Chester, he eventually returned to his Joplin home where he has lived since. Anson's health failed again about three years ago, this time from heart and lung disease. He entered the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on June 26 and remained there until his death on this past Thursday morning August 12, 1999. He was 81 years old.

Anson was raised in the Lutheran faith. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and gardening. He enjoyed Western music and had a large collection of records and tapes. In his retirement years Anson enjoyed collecting old farm machinery and automobiles. He loved the simple things in life, for instance, he enjoyed watching the recent construction projects at the gymnasium, church and Post Office in Joplin. For the past three years he has enjoyed the company of his pet dog "Toby."

Survivors include his three sons Richard of Glenbrook, Nevada, Dennis of South Lake Tahoe, California, and Barry of Leggett, California; three grandchildren including Colt, Heather and McKinsey; two great-grandchildren; four brothers Vern of Joplin, Francis "Ike" of Londonberry, New Hampshire, Percy Jr. of Minden, Nevada, and Donald of Joplin; two sisters Joyce Easton of Helena, and Viola Ness of Hingham; and many nephews and nieces. Anson was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Orville and Jesse, and two infant siblings.

Arrangements and cremation by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Graveside services and burial of ashes will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 19 at the Joplin Cemetery with Rev. Bart Coleman officiating.

GERALDINE RAE (GERI) PORTER
Born: February 16, 1917 - Died: September 12, 1999
Liberty County Times
September 15, 1999



Geraldine Porter

Geraldine Rae "Gen" Porter was born at Alpina, South Dakota on February 16, 1917. She was one of four daughters born to Henry and Maraline (Gray) Hatch. Geri received her formal education at Highmore, South Dakota, graduating from high school in 1935.

The Hatch family moved to Harrison, Idaho in 1936. While living in Idaho, Geri met her husband-to-be W. Lee Porter. They were married at St. Maries, Idaho on October 28, 1938. Geri and Lee eventually moved to the Spokane Valley where they spent the rest of their married life together.

During the World War II years Geri worked at the Alcoa plant in Spokane. In addition to raising two daughters, she cared for 17 foster children in her homemaker years. After her children were grown, Geri worked at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Spokane until she retired in 1978. When her husband died in 1994, they had been married 56 years.

Geri continued to live in Spokane until 1998, when she moved to Chester, Montana to be near her daughter. Not long after arriving here her health failed, so she entered the Liberty County Nursing Home. She recently transferred to the Liberty County Hospital, where she died from complication of colon cancer on the

early morning of Sunday September 12, 1999. Geri was 82 years old.

Her Spokane memberships included the Carey Memorial Baptist Church and the AOUW Lodge (Ancient Order of United Workmen). Her hobbies were many, including fishing and camping, flower gardening, writing poetry, collecting bells, and working crossword puzzles. She also enjoyed playing Pinochle and Uno. She loved children; the feeling was mutual as evident by the love and respect of the neighborhood kids in Spokane who affectionately referred to her as "Grandma."

Geri is survived by two daughters: Laurel Styke of Chester, Montana and Lela Hess of Denton, Montana; eight grandchildren including Gerri Revell, Dan Inwood, Michael Porter, Kelli Highwood, Shelli Whitman, Linda Bersuch, Lois Wiley, and Loren Hess; 21 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by her three sisters Beverly Diede, Helen Howe, and Hollis Nielsen, and a great-granddaughter Tera Whitman.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 pm Tuesday September 14, 1999 at the Liberty County Nursing Home Activities Room. Rev. Edroy "Curt" Curtis officiated and sang "Amazing Grace" and "Peace in the Valley." Iris White served as pianist. Granddaughter Kelli Highwood read a poem entitled "My Love Is With Me" written by Geri. A coffee hour followed the service at the Liberty County Nursing Home.

Gravdside services will be today (Wednesday September 15, 1999) at 3:00 pm at the Fairmount Memorial Park Cemetery in Spokane, Washington. A taped musical selection by Colin Ray, "Love Me" will be played. Committal services will be led by Rlynn Rockman.

Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

HAZEL MARY REHAL
Born: August 9, 1914 - Died: September 8, 1999
Liberty County Times
October 13, 1999

Hazel Rehal

Hazel Mary Rehal died of cancer on September 8, 1999 at her home in Stevenson. She was 85.

Mrs. Rehal was born August 9, 1914 in Joplin, Montana to Kathryn (Rehal) and Samuel Obheid Shamcy. She grew up in Chester, Montana and graduated from the College of the Holy Names in Spokane, Washington, where she earned a music and teaching degree.

Music was her passion and she spent many leisure hours playing the piano and organ. She did post-graduate music studies and loved to entertain people with her music.

She and her husband Dr. J.R. Rehal moved to Stevenson in 1943. She worked as a receptionist for her husband when he first started his practice, then stayed home with her children.

For 20 years she taught third and fourth grades in the Stevenson and Carson Elementary Schools where she was a beloved musician and teacher. She was a member of Our Lady of Star of the Sea Catholic Church and was organist for over 50 years. Mrs. Rehal was also a member of the Altar Society.

She was involved in PTA and with the Stevenson High School senior class, opening her home for the girls' Senior Tea.

Survivors include her sisters: Rose

Joseph of Forest Grove, Oregon, and Lorraine Vie of Pasco, Washington; one son Thomas Rehal and daughter Julie Whitworth of Stevenson; and grandchildren Jennifer and Ryan Whitworth of Kirkland, Washington.

Services were held September 10 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church with burial September 11, 1999 at Wind River Cemetery in Carson.

Memorials may be given to Hospice of the Gorge or Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Gardner Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARVIN EDWARD RISHOFF
Born: March 6, 1915 - Died: October 7, 1999
Liberty County Times
October 13, 1999



Marvin Rishoff

Marvin Edward Rishoff was born at Gary Village, Minnesota on March 6, 1915. He was one of seven children born to Anton Edward Rishoff and Martha Holm Rishoff. The Rishoff family moved to a farm near Chester, Montana when Marvin was still a boy. He received his education through the 8th grade, then began working on neighboring farms.

In 1942 during World War II Marvin was inducted into the US Army. He served as a Private in Company G of the 334th Infantry. After a year in the military, he was honorably discharged when he was called home to manage the farm of an uncle who was crippled in an accident.

He married Irene Olson Broadhurst, a mother with two children Claude and Jean, on December 3, 1946.

Marvin purchased his uncle's farm north of Lothair in 1949. They built a new home on the farm and lived there until their retirement. In 1971 they moved the house into Chester and resided here for many years. They lived at the Sweetgrass Lodge for a short time, then moved to Kalispell in 1993 to be near their son,

Irene's health failed in 1996, so she moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home. The following year Marvin joined her as a resident at this Kalispell rest home. He died there on the morning of Thursday October 7, 1999. He was 84 years old.

In their early years on the farm the Rishoffs attended Trinity Lutheran Church north of Lothair. They were also members of the Moose Lodge.

Marvin's hobbies included hunting, gardening, and yardwork. He enjoyed watching the news and

weather on television. He was also a fan of professional football and his favorite team was the Minnesota Vikings.

Marvin is survived by his wife Irene of Kalispell; his son James Rishoff of Kalispell; a step-daughter Jean Harris of Diamond Springs, California; two grandchildren Marvin Rishoff of Eureka, California, and Cindy Rishoff of Kalispell; one brother Cyrus Rishoff of Big Fork; two sisters Hazel Standiford of Chester, and Lillian Berglund of Shelby; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a step-son Claude Broadhurst, and three sisters Margaret Janewski, Dorothy Thennis, and Eva Edmister.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Scott Peterson at 1:00 p.m. Monday October 11 at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Pallbearers were nephews Ray Standiford, Gary Standiford, Al Standiford Jr., Gordon Standiford, R.J. Burns, and Tracy Dumas. A coffee hour followed the services.

Graveside prayers with military rites were recited at 3:30 p.m. at the Mountainview Cemetery in Shelby. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

LEO SCHAUB
Born: February 27, 1927 - Died: June 13, 1999
Liberty County Times
June 16, 1999

Leo Schaub

Leo Schaub, age 72, died at his home in Kalispell, Montana Sunday June 13, 1999.

Memorial services will be Wednesday (today) June 16, 1999 at 1:00 pm at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Kalispell.

Leo was born February 27, 1927 in Great Falls, Montana to William and Violet (Thisselle) Schaub.

Leo moved with his family from a homestead south of Chester to Lake Leelanau, Michigan when he was a baby. He attended school there.

Leo joined the service in 1946 serving in Japan during World War II. He was honorably discharged from the 64th Field Artillery Battalion in 1947 and returned to Chester. He worked for his uncle Earl Thisselle and for Aden Ward on their farms; he married Lois Anderson December 3, 1953.

Leo began his own construction business, building several of the businesses and homes in the Chester area. After retirement and failing health, he moved to Kalispell to be near family. Leo enjoyed gardening, woodworking, fishing, and hunting. He was a member of the VFW.

Leo is survived by his wife Lois of Kalispell; one daughter LeAnn Howell and husband Jerry; one son Lon Schaub and wife Jere, all of Kalispell; three brothers his twin Leonard Schaub and wife Teresa, Arthur Schaub and wife Dena all of Lake Leelanau, Michigan, and Vern Schaub and wife Lorraine of North Branch, Michigan; three sisters Marie Schaub

and husband Mel of Sutton's Bay, Michigan, Josephine Gauthier and husband Mel of Traverse City, Michigan, and Marge Forton also of Traverse City; and many nieces and nephews.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister Johanna Peplinski.

The family suggests memorials be sent to: Home Care Hospice, 1280 Burns Way #3, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements and cremation under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory, Kalispell.

MARLEA A. SCHNEIDER
Born: November 4, 1918 - Died: October 16, 1999
Liberty County Times
October 20, 1999

Marlea Schneider

Marlea A. Schneider, age 80, resident of Havre, died Saturday October 16, at a Havre hospital of natural causes. Funeral services were at 11:00 am Wednesday October 20, 1999 at Van Orsdel United Methodist Church with Pastor Kathy Young officiating. Burial followed at the Chester Cemetery. Memorials in Marlea's honor may be made to Van Orsdel Methodist Church, Box 606, Havre, MT 59501. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Marlea was born November 4, 1918. She and her parents lived on a ranch south of Chester. She attended schools in Chester until 1932 when her father Fred Schneider passed away. Marlea and her

mother Alma then moved to Havre.

Marlea graduated from Havre High School in 1936. She began her career with Montana Dakota Utility in 1941 as a billing clerk, and also worked as a cashier. When Montana Power took over Montana Dakota Utility in 1954, she continued her service. She retired from Montana power in 1982 as senior bookkeeper. She had worked for 42 years in the same company.

Marlea was a devoted member of the Van Orsdel United Methodist Church; she served as treasurer of the church for many years. She was a life member of Soroptimist International of Havre, and a member of the Business & Professional Women. She enjoyed visiting with her many friends, and taking care of her friend Gladys Cross in the Care Center.

Marlea was preceded in death by her parents Fred (1932) and Alma (1962) Schneider.

She is remembered by all of her many friends.

EUGENE OKLE SCHROUDER
Born: July 23, 1909 - Died: October 21, 1999
Liberty County Times
October 27, 1999

Eugene Schrouder

Eugene Okle Schrouder was born on July 23, 1909 at Mohall, North Dakota. He was one of two sons born to James and Pearl (Sams) Schrouder, who came to Montana in 1913 to a homestead south of Rudyard. They farmed there until 1919, then moved to Missouri.

Eugene came back to the south Rudyard community in 1928 and began working for his uncle A.K. Schrouder. He met his wife-to-be Vivian V. Crofoot, and they were married at Fort Benton on October 24, 1934. In their early married years, Eugene worked parttime for Reinhold Bold.

In 1943 Eugene and Vivian moved north of the Marias River to the Phon Adams place, which is located 23 miles south of Rudyard. They made their home on this farm for the rest of their married life, even after their retirement in 1977.

When Eugene's health began to fail in early 1998 they moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester to be closer to medical facilities. Soon after, he transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. His wife Vivian, died on May 29, 1998. Eugene remained at the Chester rest home where he died peacefully on the morning of Thursday October 21, 1999. He was 90 years old.

Eugene loved his role as a Montana farmer and rancher. He was a

member of the American Hereford Association and served as a Director of the Bear Paw Hereford Association in Chinook. He raised registered Hereford cattle; he loved to show and sell his quality bulls at the chinook sales. After his retirement he enjoyed watching television and visiting with his neighbors. He was happily married to Vivian for 63-1/2 years.

Survivors include his two daughters Jean Fisher of Lewistown and Carolyn Shurvinton and husband Jim of Port Angeles, Washington; two grandchildren Robert Fisher of Lewistown, and Janelle Fisher of Havre; two great-granddaughters Jamie Docktor and Jackie Haley, both of Havre; two great-great-grandchildren Justin Docktor, and Jada Rice; two sisters-in-law Florence Ketterling of Big Sandy, and Hope Crofoot of Hamilton; and several nephews and nieces.

Eugene was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and brother Glenn Schrouder.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 pm Monday October 25, 1999 by Rev. Connie Cranston at the Big Sandy United Methodist Church. Pianist was Linda Ophus and "In the Garden" was sung by Bob Boettcher. Pallbearers were Don Hansen, Lawrence Bold, Barlow Haaland, Charles Siemens, John Bold, and Walter Bold. Following burial at the Big Sandy Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the Big Sandy Historical Museum. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials will be given to the Rudyard Historical Society, the Big Sandy Historical Society or donor's choice.

CARL F. SEEBAUM
Born: January 25, 1913 - Died: February 26, 1999
Liberty County Times
March 10, 1999



Carl Seebaum

POWELL, WY - At his request, there were no funeral services for Carl F. Seebaum, age 86, who died Friday February 26, 1999 at the Powell Hospital.

Mr. Seebaum had lived in Powell since 1976 when he moved here from Moorcroft.

He was born January 25, 1913 at

Craig, Colorado, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Seebaum.

Carl graduated from high school and married Theda Mae Green on October 14, 1933 in Craig.

Carl had retired from Texaco where he put in 41-1/2 years of service. He was a field foreman.

Mr. Seebaum was a member of the Masonic Order and enjoyed fishing, boating, and reading.

Survivors include his wife Theda Mae of Powell, Wyoming; three daughters: Jo Ann Simmons and husband Norm of Maybell, Colorado, Lois White and husband Herb of Hingham, Montana, and Alma Harris of Craig, Colorado; two brothers Ray Seebaum of Douglas, Wyoming, and Glen Seebaum and wife Charleen of Laguna Hills, California; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Cremation has taken place, and the cremains will be spread at a later date. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell, WY was in charge of arrangements.

FRED SIEFKE
Born: January 2, 1944 - Died: February 16, 1999
Liberty County Times
March 3, 1999

Fred Siefke

Former Libby resident Fred Siefke, age 55, died Tuesday, February 16, 1999 at Ninilchik, Alaska.

He was born January 2, 1944 at Enumclaw, Washington, to Floyd and Mary Siefke.

When Fred was an infant his family returned to Libby, where Fred was raised and educated.

He served with the US Army in Germany.

Following an honorable discharge, Fred returned to Libby to work as a logger. He also worked in construction in the Tacoma area.

Fred and his wife Marlis moved from Libby to the Kenai Peninsula of Alaska in 1995. Marlis died in 1997.

In addition to his wife, Fred was preceded in death by his father, two brothers Sam and Ron, and a sister Marlene.

Survivors include his four children Fred Siefke, Caroline Caudill, Jennifer Martens, and Lori Judkins, all of Libby; his mother Mary Siefke of Chester; sisters Mary Dickinson, and Darlene Breeze, both in Oregon, and

Linda Backen of Chester; six grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, February 21, 1999 at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel.

MARY ISABEL CUMMINGS SIEFKE

Born: June 5, 1924 - Died: December 3, 1999

Liberty County Times

December 8, 1999



Mary Siefke

Mary Isabel Cummings Siefke was born at Atchinson, Kansas on June 5, 1924. She was one of five children born to Elsworth Cummings and Mauve Belle Holmes. As a child Mary came with her family to Troy, Montana where she grew up and received her formal education.

She married Floyd L. Siefke on June 17, 1942 at Libby. They made their home in Libby where Mary worked diligently as a homemaker and mother to seven children.

Following Floyd's retirement in 1984, the Siefkes came to Lothair to be near their daughter Linda, and her family. They lived in the Lothair community until 1991, when they purchased a recreational vehicle and began traveling. They enjoyed their life in the motorhome for the next five years, then Floyd's health began to fail. They moved back to Libby where her husband died in 1997.

Mary moved back to the Hi-Line to be near Linda. She lived at the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester from that time on. She was diagnosed with breast cancer five years ago, and did fairly well until this past year. She had recently been staying at

Linda's home in Lothair and was receiving personal care from her three daughters. Mary died peacefully on the early morning of Friday December 3, 1999. She was 75 years old.

Mary's hobbies were many. She loved creative tasks, like quilting and embroidery, and she enjoyed making woven lawn chairs with Linda. She collected a lot of things, but most notably stamps. Favorite outdoor activities were fishing and camping. In her quiet time at home Mary enjoyed reading novels and historicals. She loved Country-Western music and her favorite performer was 'Box Car' Willie. Her family will remember her excellent homemaker skills and her wonderful homemade breads and pies. After moving to Chester, Mary enjoyed attending the Alliance Church.

Mary could best be described as a quiet and shy lady. Most of her social activities revolved around her family, whom she loved very much. Although the burden was great in the loss of four children, she tried to stay positive, and she remained content in her 55 years of married life.

Survivors include her three daughters and spouses: Darlene and Jack Brese of Gates, Oregon, Mary and Bob Dickinson of Florence, Oregon, and Linda and Steve Backen of Lothair; two sisters Ima Siefke and husband Robert of Great Falls, and Lois Shea and husband Don of Libby; one brother Edward "Bud" Cummings and wife, Dee of California; 21 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, by four children Marlene, Fred, Ronald, and Leonard, by a daughter-in-law Marliss, and by a young sister.

A memorial service will be 2:00 pm Thursday December 9, 1999 at the Alliance Church in Chester. Rev. Michael McConnell will officiate.

Readers will be Pastor Peter Erickson, Patty DeVries, and Laurie Lyders. The congregation will sing "What a Friend we Have in Jesus," and "When we all Get to Heaven." A vocal solo to be sung by Brian Barrows is "The Old Rugged Cross" accompanied by Karen Stack. Cremation and arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

Memorials are suggested to Gift of Life Housing, c/o Regional Cancer Center, P.O. Box 7008, Great Falls, MT 59406; or to the American Cancer Society.

LULU ELLA SLOAN

Born: August 25, 1917 - Died: September 14, 1999

Liberty County Times

September 22, 1999



Lulu Sloan

Lulu Ella Sloan was born August 25, 1917 on the family farm in Ree Township, Donnybrook, North Dakota. She was the only daughter of four children born to Edward and Amelia (Kuhfeld) Schwede. Lulu received her formal education at the Viola School District near the farm and was recognized for her perfect attendance through 8 years of school.

Lulu married Lyndon E. Sloan on November 12, 1937 at the Schwede farm home. They made their home on the Sloan farm at Tagus, North Dakota and began raising a family of three. They remained active in farming until 1959 when they moved to Chester, Montana to be near Schwede relatives.

In those early years in Chester, Lulu worked at several local restaurants (including the Tip Top, Grand, and Mint Cafe). She also worked as an attendant at the Liberty County Museum here. Lyndon died on November 25, 1971. Lulu remained in their Chester home until her health failed in 1992, when she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home. She died at the rest home on Tuesday evening September 14, 1999 from complications of diabetes. She was 82 years old.

Lulu was a confirmed member of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Tagus, North Dakota. She attended the Lutheran church in Chester during the 1960s and 70s. In more recent years, she enjoyed the fellowship at the Alliance Church in Chester. She was also a member of the Royal Neighbors of America.

Her hobbies included crocheting, embroidery, and gardening. Lulu also enjoyed traveling; she made many trips back to North Dakota and took a few special trips to Hawaii and North Carolina. She loved family gatherings and never missed an opportunity to visit with old friends, neighbors, and relatives.

Lulu is survived by two sons and their spouses: Duaine and Karen Sloan of Havre, and Curtis and Mary Sloan of Fort Benton; one daughter and spouse Linda and Thomas Ward of Raleigh, North Carolina; four grandchildren including Harlan, Duaine, Michael, and K'Lynn; one sister-in-law Valda Schwede of Berthold, North Dakota; and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and three brothers Floyd, Raymond, and DeForest Schwede.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 pm. Sunday September 19, 1999 at the Chester Alliance Church

with Rev. Michael McConnell officiating. Scripture readings were shared by daughter-in-law Karen Sloan. Lulu's granddaughter K'Lynn Sloan performed a clarinet solo. Iris White served as pianist and the congregation sang "What a Friend we Have in Jesus." Vocalist Garth Good sang "Amazing Grace," and "In the Garden." Ushers were Harold Scalese and Harold Miller. Pallbearers were Harlan, Michael, and Duaine A. Sloan, Albert Larson, Steve Layton, and Melvin Schwede. Honorary bearers were Delbert and Shirley Quigley, Martha Wright, Lil Mader, Arlene Hagen, Hazel Standiford, Olga Mattson, Betty Layton, and all of Lulu's other friends and neighbors. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a reception was held at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home.

HILDEGARDE MARIE (GEHLEN) SPICHER
Born: September 17, 1913 - Died: May 10, 1999
Liberty County Times
May 19, 1999



Hildegard Spicher

Hildegard Marie (Gehlen) Spicher was born on the family homestead north of Hingham, Montana on September 17, 1913. She was one of nine children born to William and Anna (Muller) Gehlen. She grew up in the Hingham community and received her education there. Following her graduation from Hingham High School in 1931, Hildegard began working as a waitress and hospital housekeeper in Hayre.

She married Rodney Spicher on December 27, 1934 at Hingham. They made their home in Hingham where Hildegard worked as a farm wife and mother of five. Rodney died in 1964. Hildegard remained in Hingham until 1976 when she moved to the Devonshire Townhouses in Great Falls. She enjoyed those many years of independent living in Great Falls. When her health began to fail in 1994, Hildegard moved to her daughter's home. She has lived with Gail and husband Darryl since that time (at 1324-1st Street S, Great Falls).

On this past March 29th she entered the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home for extended care. She died at the Chester hospital on the afternoon of Monday May 10, 1999. She was 85 years old.

Hildegard was a longtime member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham and had been active in the Altar Society. She had also been a member of the Hingham Rebekah Lodge and the Great Falls Elks Club.

She enjoyed bowling in the Rudyard and Great Falls leagues and golfing in Great Falls. In addition she enjoyed dancing and playing Bridge, Bingo and video poker machines. Hildegard was a good cook and her family will always remember her delicious breads.

Hildegard loved to travel and made many memorable trips during her life. In the past five years she has traveled some 56,000 miles in a motorhome with family members. She loved life to the fullest and always looked forward to each coming day.

She is survived by two daughters and spouses Charlene Bibler and John Diaz of Great Falls, and Gail Meyer and Darryl of Great Falls; two sons and spouses Daryl Spicher and Joyce of Hingham, and Bill Spicher and Sharon of Hingham; one brother Bill Gehlen of Great Falls; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Hildegard was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by a daughter Lynne in 1969, a grandson Joey in 1972, four sisters (Esther Murry, Clara Donovan, Monica Lindstrom, and Lorraine Doris), and three brothers (Alfred, Alphonse, and Ray Gehlen).

A "Celebration of Life" service was held at 7:00 pm Thursday May 13 at Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Chapel in Great Falls. The vigil services included music, readings, and a candle ceremony by Hildegard's

grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A coffee hour followed at the Eagles Manor in Great Falls.

The funeral mass was celebrated at 2:00 pm Friday at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham by Father Humphrey Courtney. Iris White was organist and Nick Alex sang "Ave Maria," and "The Lord's Prayer." The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art." Ushers were Joe Raunig and David Hones. Altar server was Dan Hybner, and Eucharistic minister was Jerry Hybner. The communion gifts were presented by the Robert Spicher family. Scripture readings were by Robert Spicher, and Eulogist was Ray Gehlen.

Hildegard's ashes were buried at the Hingham Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

Memorials will be given to the Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester, the "Gift of Life" in Great Falls, or Peace Hospital of Montana.

ERMA MARY (STROH) SPINLER
Born: April 21, 1923 - Died: April 4, 1999
Liberty County Times
April 14, 1999



Erma Spinler

Erma Mary Stroh Spinler, age 75, died at her home in Rudyard on the morning of Easter Sunday, April 4, 1999. She had been in ill-health the past few months.

Erma was born at Harlem, Montana on April 21, 1923. She was the only daughter of three children born to Michael Dodaro and Theresa Mazzuca. Erma grew up and received her education in Havre, graduating from Havre High School in 1941.

She married Raymond Stroh. The product of their marriage was six children. In addition to being a homemaker and mother, Erma worked various jobs in the Havre community over the years. She was an office assistant to Dr. McKenzie, a clerk at the J.C. Penney store, and a cook at St. Jude's School. In recent years she made her home near family in Rudyard.

Erma was an active member of the Catholic church and her community. She loved to visit with friends and relatives. She had an exceptional memory and was a good story-teller. In her quiet time at home she enjoyed watching television; she was especially fond of soap operas. As a hobby she collected salt-and-pepper shakers, business cards, and key chains from different states. Erma was a good cook and her family will always remember her delicious pies and homemade jellies.

She is survived by two sons and their spouses Ray and Sherry Stroh of Billings, and Mike and Pam Stroh of Kalispell; four daughters and spouses Sandy and Glen Sager of Bozeman, Barbara Domire of Rudyard, Margaret Rambo of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Teresa and Steve Schlauf of Helena; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother and his wife George and Mary Dodaro of Vancouver, Washington; numerous nephews and nieces; and her pet cat "Chubs." Erma was preceded in death by her parents and infant brother, a grandson Andrew Robert Stroh, a son-in-law Joe Domire, and an aunt Mary Piene.

Vigil Prayers were Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. The prayers were led by Erma's grandson Tim Rambo and his wife Tammy.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Joseph Retzel at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at the church in Hingham. Sharon Spicher was organist and the congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and "On Eagle's Wings." A family favorite "Ave Maria" was played during communion. Ushers were Craig Jensen and Jerry Hybner. Altar server was Conrad Wendland with assistance by Mike Wendland. Dan Hybner served as reader and Mary Lois Hybner was Eucharistic Minister. The communion gifts were presented by daughter Teresa Schlauch and family. The eulogy was given by Erma's oldest son Ray Stroh. Pallbearers were Tim Rambo, Kelly Domire, Randy Domire, Patrick Brinkman, Glen Sager and LaNay Kapperud. Honorary bearers were Chuck Cross, Donald Stark and Doug Langel. The service ended with a selected tape entitled "Holes in the Floor of Heaven."

A luncheon was provided for family and friends by the altar society. Graveside prayers were 1:00 p.m. Thursday at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

TREVOR GEORGE STEHMAN

Born: October 7, 1980 – Died: November 8, 1999

Liberty County Times

November 17, 1999

Trevor Stehman

Trevor George Stehman, age 19, died Monday November 8, 1999 north of Gildford, Montana.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 10, 1999 in the Gildford High School Gymnasium. Burial followed in the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Trevor was born October 7, 1980 in Havre. He was raised on the family farm north of Gildford and attended KG schools, graduating from high school with honors in 1999.

While in high school he participated in cross-country, track and field, and basketball. His cross-country team earned State Championship honors for three years.

He enjoyed winter sports, summer water sports, fishing, and collecting watches.

Trevor was a member of the Gildford Baptist Church and attended Gildford youth group. Survivors include his parents Phil and Jan Stehman of Gildford; a twin brother Travis Stehman of Eugene, Oregon; a sister Chelsie Stehman of Bozeman; maternal grandparents George and Thressa Kingma of Bozeman; paternal grandfather Robert Stehman of Gildford; and paternal grandmother Virginia Kallberg of Bellview, Washington. Cause of death was a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

CLIFFORD CLARENCE STRUCK
Born: March 14, 1949 - Died: July 8, 1999
Liberty County Times
July 14, 1999

Clifford Struck

Clifford "Cliff" Clarence Struck, age 50, died Thursday July 8, 1999 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in ICU.

Clifford was born March 14, 1949 in Kalispell, Montana to Clarence Carl and Irene (Aevermann) Struck.

Cliff graduated from Flathead High School and attended FVCC for 2-1/2 years. Clifford married Marlene Schroeder December 29, 1972 at St. Richards in Columbia Falls. He enjoyed attending auctions in eastern Montana and in his leisure time he enjoyed drinking coffee and socializing with friends in both Kalispell and Rudyard. Clifford served his country in the United States Navy. Cliff was born and raised in the timber industry and logged with his father until he became a self-employed logger and brush piler. Later on his interest turned toward farming. He owned farm land in both Ft. Benton and Rudyard, Montana. Although actively involved in farming, he also held a part-time job at the Rudyard cement plant.

Clifford was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Kalispell Council #1328. He served the Knights of Columbus as a First Degree team: Chancellor, Grand Knight, District Deputy, and a Fourth Degree officer. He also belonged to the Montana Logging Association.

He is preceded in death by his twin daughters and maternal and paternal grandparents.

He is survived by his wife Marlene; daughter Shelley; parents Irene and Clarence; brother Darvin and his wife Bonnie; two nephews Jared and Andy; and niece Jenny; aunt and uncle Bud and Shirley Struck; cousins Gary and his wife Debbie Struck and children Stephen and Stacy.

Visitation was from Noon to 6:00 pm on Monday July 12, 1999 and Tuesday July 13, 1999 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Johnson Mortuary.

A Wake Service was held Tuesday July 13, 1999 at 7:00 pm at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Dessert and coffee was served in the New Life Center directly afterwards. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday July 14, 1999 at 10:00 am at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. A committal service followed at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. An Honor Guard was provided by the Bishop Gilmore Assembly. A Military Honor Guard was provided by the Montana National Guard.

Arrangements under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory, Kalispell.

EDITH HARRIS SUDEN
Born: February 16, 1906 - Died: June 26, 1999
Liberty County Times
September 1, 1999

Edith Suden

Edith Harris Suden age 93, died of natural causes Saturday June 26, 1999 at a Lewistown nursing home.

Memorial graveside services were 1:00 pm Saturday August 21, 1999 in the Lewistown City Cemetery with Rev. Jed Cauffman officiating. Cloyd Funeral Home was in charge of cremation and arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the heart fund.

Suden was born February 16, 1906 in Westfield, Iowa and attended schools in Iowa and Winifred. She graduated from Winifred High School in 1923 and earned a teaching certificate from Normal School.

Edith married Arthur Donisthorpe February 15, 1924 in Lewistown. They lived and farmed in Christina and she taught in Winifred and Lewistown. After his death in 1948 she taught until being elected Superintendent of Schools.

Edith married Paul Suden; they later divorced.

Suden retired and continued to live in Lewistown, moving into the nursing home in 1983.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lewistown, and enjoyed bowling.

Survivors include a son Jack Donisthorpe of Christina; two brothers Parker Harris of Cody, Wyoming, and Wayne Harris of Anacortes, Washington; two sisters Helen Christenot of Chester, and Mona Depee of Spokane, Washington; three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

BEVERLY JEAN (BOBBI) SWANK

Born: July 18, 1924 - Died: October 1, 1999

Liberty County Times

October 6, 1999



Bobbi Swank

Beverly Jean "Bobbi" Swank was born at Conrad, Montana on July 18, 1924. She was one of two daughters born to Russell and Wilma (Kirkpatrick) Hays. Bobbi grew up in Conrad and received her education there. During her school years she played clarinet in the band, and excelled at spelling bees and penmanship. She graduated from Conrad High School in 1942.

Bobbi worked for her parents in a Conrad cafe. She also worked as a clerk and bookkeeper at the Pondera Drug. She was married three times: first to Jack Hadaway in 1943, and then to Everett Hicks in 1949; both marriages ended in divorce.

Then in 1962 Bobbi married Casey Swank of Chester. They made their home on the Swank farm northeast of Chester where Bobbi worked as a farmwife and mother. After Casey's untimely death in 1971, Bobbi remained active in the farming operation. She eventually retired and moved in to Chester in 1995.

Bobbi's health had deteriorated during the past few years, and she spent much of that time living with her daughters. In addition to personal care by family members, she received loving support of hospice nurses. Bobbi died peacefully at

Bobbi had been an active community volunteer during her entire adult life. A member of the Democratic Party since 1958, she first served as secretary of the Conrad Democratic Women's Club. She continued her membership in the Democratic Women's Club in Chester, serving as secretary and president for many years. A loyal attendee of state conventions, she also served as Congressional Committeewoman for 10+ years, served on the State Central Committee, and the Liberty County Central Committee, and served as chairman of the Democratic booth at the local Marias Fair. Not only did she work as coordinator for many Democratic election campaigns, Bobbi was a candidate for the Montana State Senate in 1978. A highlight of her partisan activities was serving 5 years on the State Board and Liberty County Board for the Miss Democrat Pageant; the pageant was always successful due in part to her ability to recruit and assist local contestants. Bobbi was honored in 1996 when she was chosen as Montana's Democratic Women's Club "Woman of the Year," an award bestowed on her for loyal service and dedication to the ideals of the Democratic Party.

Her other interests were many. In 1985 she served on the local Government Study Commission and on the Committee of Certified Cities & Towns. She helped organize and participated in the annual "Voice of Democracy" Speech Contest at the local schools. In addition she served as a reading volunteer at the Chester Elementary School. Bobbi had worked on the board of the Liberty County Combined Fund Drive, served as long-time secretary of the Swimming Pool Association, and was a member of the Broken Mountains Genealogical Society. Bobbi helped in the early organization of the Chester Girl Scout Troop #207. An active member of the United Methodist Church, she served as the funeral dinner chairman for several years.

She was also a member of the Chester Garden Club, and worked as a volunteer at the local Senior Citizen's Center.

Bobbi had been very active in the VFW Auxiliary, holding various offices and attending state-wide meetings. A patriotic person, she eagerly served as a civilian spotter/reporter of airplanes during those years of the Korean Conflict. In recent years, she was proud of her efforts in documenting information on local "Women in the Military" for the Memorial at Arlington Cemetery in Washington, DC. In addition, she wrote weekly features for the *Liberty County Times* on local women who served their country.

Even with her many community interests, Bobbi still found time for some personal hobbies. She enjoyed crocheting and embroidery, Solitaire, crossword puzzles, and 'soap operas.' She was an amateur pianist and she loved animals. She had a green thumb and a large collection of houseplants. During her quiet time at home, she enjoyed working on photo albums and scrapbooks. Bobbi collected old newspapers for the historical value, and has kept a daily journal of the major events in Liberty County for the past 20 years. Her contributions to the community have been appreciated and she will be sorely missed.

Bobbi is survived by three daughters and spouses; Pat and Darrol Groven of Kuna, Idaho, Micki and Arnie Lalum of Havre, and Renee and Wade Rolf of Havre; one sister Pat Holstine of Lincoln, Montana; five grandchildren including Lisa, Brad, Steve, Christeena, and Chase; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. In addition she claimed 3 "adopted grandchildren" from Sri Lanka including Indika, Milinda, and Shanaka Desilva. Bobbi was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a grandson Corey Groven.

Funeral services were 2:00 pm Tuesday October 5, 1999 at the Chester United Methodist Church. Rev. Kama Hamilton-Morton officiated. Bobbi's sons-in-law Darrol Groven and Arnold Lalum shared personal thoughts. The obituary was read by Darlene Skari. Iris White served as organist and the congregation sang "How Great Thou Art," and "He Touched Me." Ushers were Krys Cole and Pat Seidlitz. Pallbearers were Bobbi's grandsons: Steve Lalum, Brad Groven, Rick Ehni, and Dan Kale. Honorary bearers were all of her friends in the VFW Auxiliary. Burial was at the Chester Cemetery with graveside rites by the Auxiliary. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A luncheon followed at the church.

Memorials will be given to Habitat for Humanity, Chester Food Bank, or Women in the Military Memorial.

BEVERLY JEAN "BOBBI" (HAYS) SWANK

Born: July 18, 1924 at Conrad, Montana
Died: October 1, 1999 at Havre, Montana
Age: 75 years... 2 months... 13 days



*I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when the day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering down the ways
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
to dry before the sun
Of happy memories I leave behind
when the day is done.*

Services: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 5th,
United Methodist Church in Chester, Montana

Officiant: Reverend Kama Morton...

Obituary Reading: Darlene Skari...

Special Memories: Darrol Groven and Arnold Lalum...

Prelude Music/Pianist: Dan Kale...

Organist: Iris White...

Congregational Hymns: "He Touched Me" and
"How Great Thou Art"...

Pallbearers: Grandsons, Steve Lalum, Brad Groven, Rick
Ehni and Dan Kale...

Honorary Bearers: All of Bobbi's many friends in the
V.F.W. Auxiliary...

Ushers: Patricia Seidlitz and Krys Cole...

Interment: Chester Cemetery...

+Graveside Prayers: Pastor Morton...

+Military Rites: VFW Auxiliary...

... Luncheon to follow at the church ...

Bobbi's Family: Three daughters, Pat, Micki and Renee;
five grandchildren, Lisa, Brad, Steve, Christeena and
Chase; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Pat; and
many nieces and nephews

Arrangements: Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester

JOSEPH LESLIE TOBINESS

Born: January 4, 1948 - Died: November 26, 1999

Liberty County Times

December 8, 1999

Joseph Tobiness

Joseph Leslie Tobiness given Native American name Holy Thunder, age 51, died Friday November 26, 1999 at a Great Falls hospital due to kidney failure, with his family at his side. A wake was held Sunday November 28 with a Rosary service at 7:00 pm at the Rocky Boy Catholic Church. Funeral services were 10:00 am Monday November 29, 1999 at the Rocky Boy Catholic Church with Father Pete Guthneck officiating. Burial followed at the Rocky Boy Cemetery. Memorials in Joseph's honor may be made to the donor's choice. Arrangements under the direction of Holland & Bonine Funeral Home, Havre.

Joe was born Jan. 4, 1948 at the Crow Agency in Montana to Lavern Collins and Joseph L. Tobiness, Sr. He was an enrolled member of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy, Montana. He grew up in Rocky Boy with his grandparents Edward and Anna Collins. Joe enjoyed his boyhood in Rocky Boy with his many brothers and sisters. In 1966 he graduated from Great Falls High School. Joe served his country in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 serving as a member of the 101st Airborne Division. He received the Purple Heart and was honorably discharged

in 1968.

In Nov. 1969 he married Terry Best in Butte, Montana. Together they had two children, Carrie Ann and Joseph Anthony. Joe and Terry divorced in 1993. During his life he worked as a construction laborer and heavy equipment operator. He had completed welding and civil engineering school during this time. Joe also attended Montana Tech in Butte. For 15 years he was a chemical dependency counselor. He retired from the State of Montana in 1997.

Joe enjoyed participating in Native American dances. He was also a member of the Native American Church. Throughout his life he always enjoyed his family and working with the youth. He touched the lives of many young people through his work with the Wa-ni-lnee-Git youth group in Butte, and later as a counselor at Box Elder school. Joe found great joy in teaching young people traditional ways and how to love themselves.

Joe was a loving father, but most of all a very giving grandpa. He had many adopted grandchildren who loved to walk with him and play with him. His grandchildren will have many fond memories with their 'papa.'

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Edward and Anna Collins, his father Joseph L. Tobiness, step-father Tom Putra, and brothers Vernon Putra, Joseph Monteau, and sister Verna Monteau.

He is survived by his mother Laverne Putra of Butte, Montana; four children: daughters Carrie (Bucky) Lindstrand of Great Falls, Montana and Tonya Jo Falcon of Missoula, Montana; sons Joseph (Lynn) Tobiness of Butte, and Jeff (Tina) Lake of Eugene, OR. Five grandchildren: Tammy and Miranda Tobiness of Butte, William Cody and Measha Lindstrand of Great Falls, and Connor Lake of Eugene, OR.

Brothers: James Montes of Rocky Boy, Pete Putra of Nevada, Steve Putra of Butte, John, Bob, Ed, Daryl, and Mike Tobiness of California, Russell Tobiness of Minnesota, Robert Murie of Rocky Boy, Richard Monteau of Colorado, Harold Monteau of Kalispell, Montana, Curtis Monteau of Arizona, and John Monteau of Havre.

Sisters: Edwina Todd of Arizona, Valerie Putra of Washington, Linda Putra of Nevada, Miriam Putra of New Mexico, Debbie and Kathy Tobiness of California, Twila Jones of Texas, Sandra Murie of Rocky Boy, Jill Monteau of Rocky Boy, Carol Henderson of Rocky Boy, Judy Henderson of Kalispell, Donna Divenny of Missoula, Tracy Monteau of Washington, Pam Aloia of Hawaii, and Gwen Hill of South Dakota.

Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews. He was 'papa' to many other children in his life.

DOROTHY EILEEN (WILSON) ULMEN
Born: November 17, 1926 - Died: August 10, 1999
Liberty County Times
August 18, 1999

Dorothy Ulmen

Former Sandy, Oregon resident Dorothy Ulmen died in a Portland, Oregon hospital on August 10, 1999. She was 72.

A funeral service was held Friday, August 13, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sandy, Oregon. Private committal was at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Ulmen was born Dorothy Eileen Wilson on November 17, 1926 to Burle O. and Clara Haugen Wilson in Joplin, Montana. She was raised in Montana where she received her education. There she met Victor Benjamin Ulmen. Dorothy and Victor were later united in marriage in Berkeley, California on May 5, 1945. They lived in Montana until 1948 when moving to Sandy where they finished raising their family. Besides working as a homemaker and caring for their children, Dorothy was employed as a presser at Pendleton Woolen Mills for

10 years. In 1964 they moved to Milwaukie, Oregon but remained active in the Sandy community with friends and family. Dorothy was a great cook, did beautiful counted cross-stitch and was an avid reader and crossword puzzle fan. She also bowled and played in bunko group for 30 years.

Surviving is her husband Victor; sons Donald Ulmen of Sandy, Oregon, Gerald Ulmen of Great Falls, Montana, Larry Ulmen of Portland, Oregon, and Richard "Fritz" Ulmen of Sandy, Oregon; daughters Marla Jackson of Sandy, Oregon, and Vicki Picking also of Sandy; sisters Doris Welch of Hingham, Montana, Beryl Thomasson of Booneville, California, and Penny Taylor of Corbin, Kentucky; nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a special niece Ruth Leriche; and many other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother Donald, and sister Connie.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Mt. Hood Hospice.

Sandy Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

ARNOLD W. (SPIKE) UNTERSEHER
Born: April 11, 1925 - Died: May 26, 1999
Liberty County Times
June 9, 1999

**Arnold W. 'Spike'
Unterseher**

Arnold W. "Spike" Unterseher, age 74, a World War II veteran and Korean combat infantryman, died of cancer Wednesday, May 26, 1999 at the veterans' hospital in Fort Harrison, Montana.

Burial of ashes with military honors

took place at 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 4, 1999 at the Montana Veterans Cemetery in Helena.

Spike was born April 11, 1925 in Golden Valley, North Dakota.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Dickinson State University and a Master's in Education from Montana State University. He was an educator in North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana for many years.

Spike enjoyed fishing, hunting, trapping and gardening.

Survivors include his wife Gerry; children Debra Van Hemelryck of Hysham, Cindy Lamb of Havre, Peggy Unterseher of Fromberg, and David Unterseher of Butte; three sisters Martha Babick of Deer Park, Washington, Nelleye Chapman of Spokane, Washington, and Lorene Schield of Bismarck, North Dakota; a brother Oscar Unterseher of Metairie, Louisiana; and six grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association.

Hagler-Anderson Mortuary of Helena was in charge of arrangements.

RICHARD GEORGE VOSEN

Born: August 29, 1912 - Died: November 27, 1999

Liberty County Times

December 1, 1999

Richard Vosen

Richard George Vosen, age 87, died Saturday November 27, 1999 at a Havre, Montana care center of natural causes.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 am on Wednesday December 1 at the Holland & Bonine Chapel in Havre, with Pastor Tim Hauge officiating. Burial followed the service at Highland Cemetery, Havre. Memorials may be made to the Kremlin Lutheran Church, or a person's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Richard Vosen was born August 29, 1912 at Royalton, Minnesota to Conrad and Louise "Lucy" (Wischnewski) Vosen.

The family moved to Montana when Richard was 6 weeks old, to homestead north of Box Elder. He attended Lindstrom Country School and Kremlin School. He worked for an area farmer and also as a mechanic.

Richard married Nora Elvena Frey August 4, 1936.

He farmed south of Kremlin all of his life until illness forced him to retire. He enjoyed visiting with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, friends, camping, playing cards, dances, and most of all he enjoyed his farming. He was a member of the Eagles Club.

Survivors include his wife Nora of Kremlin, son John (Skip) Vosen of Pleasant Hill, Iowa; daughter

Lorraine Beck of Havre; 6 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, brother Ralph Vosen of Coleville, Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Olivia (Sister Louise), and Mabel Mowan; and brother Ray Vosen.

DIANE PAMELA (LALUM) WALKER

Born: April 6, 1951 - Died: May 19, 1999

Liberty County Times

June 2, 1999



Diane Walker

Diane Pamela (Lalum) Walker was lifted up into the hands of our Lord on May 19, 1999 in Tacoma, Washington.

Diane was born to Palmer and Dorothy Lalum in Havre, Montana April 6, 1951. She and her family moved to Whitefish, Montana for Diane's 6th grade year. Diane was a graduate of Whitefish High School.

After graduation Diane attended Pacific Lutheran University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education degree. She met and married Gary Walker of Tacoma, Washington on July 7, 1973.

Diane always knew she would become a teacher, as was her mother Dorothy. The cancer that Diane battled courageously for the last two years ended a dedicated 24-year career with the Bethel School District.

Diane earned her Master of Education degree from Pacific Lutheran University and worked as an adjunct Professor of Education with Pacific Lutheran, and Seattle Pacific University. She shared her love of children with many aspiring young educators.

Diane and Gary were blessed with two beautiful daughters Alysa Anne born August 17, 1979 and Annika Joy born June 9, 1984. Alysa and Annika were God's gifts to Diane and Gary. She was the consummate 'mom,' wife, friend, lover, coach, manager, and true woman of courage, faith, and endurance.

Diane shared her faith as a member of Spanaway Lutheran Church where she was a Sunday School teacher.

She leaves her mother Dorothy of Kalispell; her husband Gary of Tacoma; daughters Alysa and Annika of Tacoma; Andy her brother, his wife Gaylene, and their children-nephew Adam, nieces Andrea and Jessica Lalum of Bozeman, Montana; Annette Brown her sister-in-law of Tacoma and her son-nephew Matt of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Diane was laid to rest at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell with a celebration of communion on Sunday, May 23, 1999. The Rev. Dan Heskett of Northridge Lutheran Church conducted the service.

Dryer Mortuary of Tacoma and Johnson Funeral Home of Kalispell assisted with the final arrangements.

Memorials in the name of Diane Walker for the continuing education of Annika and Alysa may be made to: Rainer Pacific Credit Union, P.O. Box 11628, Tacoma, Washington 98411.

MERWIN KENDALL WARD
Born: October 30, 1912 - Died: January 24, 1999
Liberty County Times
February 10, 1999

Merwin Ward

Former Libby resident Merwin Kendall Ward, age 86, died on Sunday, January 24, 1999 in Longview, Washington.

He was born October 30, 1912 at LaCrosse, Wisconsin to John and Berdie Ward.

Merwin grew up in Wisconsin where he married Ruby Martell.

They moved to Chester, Montana, where Merwin farmed and worked as a mail carrier.

In 1945 the family moved to Libby, where Merwin was employed by J. Neils Lumber Company and St. Regis, retiring in 1976.

He continued to work with lumber products and was constructing portable picnic tables until the Fall of 1998, when his health began to fail.

Merwin also did excavation work and built Ward's Road, where he lived for many years.

An early member of Faith Bible Church in Libby, Merwin worshiped there for almost 40 years. While living with a daughter and son-in-law in Kalama, Washington for the

past four years, he attended a Community Church in Longview. He was a patient at Community Home Health and Hospice in Longview when he died.

Survivors include three sons: Forest and his wife Elaine of Kalispell; Kendall and his wife Betty, Terry and his wife Valerie, all of Libby; daughters Jean DeShazer and her husband Don of Kalama, Washington, and Doris Wilson and her husband Bob of Condon; 20 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews, and a host of friends. His home was opened to many other young people who were also part of his family.

He was preceded in death by Ruby, his beloved wife of 61 years, and two brothers Gerald and David.

A memorial service was conducted at 11:00 am Friday January 29, 1999 at Faith Bible Church with Pastor David Nelson officiating.

Memorials may be sent to Community Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 2067, Longview, Washington 98632-8189.

ROSANNE MARIE (MOOG) WASSON
Born: March 6, 1960 - Died: May 16, 1999
Liberty County Times
May 19, 1999



Rosanne Wasson

Rosanne Marie (Moog) Wasson, age 39, of Topeka, Kansas died Sunday May 16, 1999 at a Topeka hospital of cancer.

Rosanne was born March 6, 1960 in Chester, Montana She was one of 13 children born to Vernon and Beverly (Falla) Moog. She received her early education at Inverness, Montana and graduated from Inverness High School in 1978. After graduation she moved to Havre, Montana and worked in a retail clothing store.

In 1979 she started work for Burlington Northern in Havre, and lived in Havre until 1996 when she was transferred to Topeka, Kansas.

Rosanne married Randy Wasson on July 13, 1984 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They have three sons.

She enjoyed following boys sporting events and liked to garden, cross stitch, crochet, quilt, and walk for exercise. She was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Meriden, Kansas.

Rosanne is survived by her husband Randy; three sons Dustin, Cody and Taylor Wasson at home; parents Vernon and Beverly Moog of Inverness; five brothers Kenneth Moog of Great Falls, Montana, Joseph Moog of Joplin, Montana, Christopher Moog of Ft. Lewis, Washington, Anthony Moog and Nicholas Moog of Inverness; seven sisters including Patricia Burleson of Hill City, South Dakota, Verna McCollum of Dickinson, North Dakota, Rita Davis of Missoula, Montana, Lorraine Moog

of Inverness, Debra Moog of Havre, Angela Cantley of Great Falls, and Julie Moog of Inverness; and grandmother Eva Falla of Conrad, Montana.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 am Wednesday at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery in Meriden. Rosary and Prayer Service was recited at 7:00 pm at the church.

Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home in Topeka was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 1315 SW Arrowhead Rd, Topeka, KS 66604.

GLEND A MAE (HORALEK) WELCH
Born: March 14, 1936 - Died: June 19, 1999
Liberty County Times
June 30, 1999

Glenda Welch

Glenda Mae (Horalek) Welch, age 63, of 22 Cottonwood Ave in Stockett, MT died Saturday June 19 of natural causes at her home.

Cremation is by Croxford and Sons Funeral Home.

Glenda was born March 14, 1936 in Rushville, Nebraska. She was a homemaker and enjoyed knitting and needlepoint.

Survivors include two daughters Donna Noble of Great Falls, and Robin Assels of Kellogg, Idaho; two sons Terry Noble of Mesa, Arizona, and Mark Noble of Kellogg, Idaho; three sisters Elaine Campros of Chester, Peggy Noak of Lake Stevens, Washington, and Ellen Cooke of Chehalis,

Washington; and one brother Joseph Horalek of Lake Stevens, Washington; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Glenda was preceded in death by her parents.

The coroner has not determined the cause of death.

Funeral services will be this morning (Wednesday) June 30 at 11:00 at Blessed Sacrament in Great Falls.

VERNA C. WELCH

Born: May 1, 1943 - Died: April 12, 1999

Liberty County Times

April 21, 1999

Verna Welch

Verna C. Welch, age 55 of Missoula, died Monday, April 12, 1999 at St. Patrick Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer, with loving family and friends at her side.

Verna was born the first child of Elmer and Charlene Lehrman in Chester, Montana on May 1, 1943. She was raised 25 miles north of Chester on a farm. She attended grade school and high school in Chester, and graduated from Chester High School in 1962. Verna furthered her education by graduation from the Colorado Graduate School of Banking in Boulder, Colorado, and the Commercial Lending and Commercial Graduate School in Norman, Oklahoma.

Verna married Gerald Albright in 1958. From that union was born Kathy Albright and Kirby Albright. That marriage ended in divorce. She moved to Missoula in 1969; there she met her loving friend, fishing and dancing partner, Gale Welch. They were married on December 19, 1970. From that union was born Kyla Welch.

Verna began her banking career with the Bank of Montana System in 1966 in Chester. She transferred to Missoula Bank of Montana in 1969 and held various positions in the bank through many ownership changes. In her own humble words, "I worked for this banking system from 1969 through 1994 in all phases of banking, including Presidency." Verna was named the region's first woman bank President in 1985. In October 1994, she was hired to manage the new North Reserve Branch of First Interstate Bank. Her vast banking knowledge and customer following helped grow the bank well beyond projections in its first year. Due to her health, she resigned this position with the hopes of returning again and the understanding that a position in the bank would always be available to her.

Verna was a member of the King's Christian Church in Missoula. Her love and faith in the Lord carried her through many battles with cancer. Verna had a strong commitment to the well-being of the community. She was a member of the Missoula Kiwanis Club, she served as a board member on the St. Patrick's Hospital Development Council, and Friends to Youth board. She was a lifetime member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Verna was very instrumental in the relocation of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to Missoula. In 1990 she was honored by the YWCA as Business Woman of the Year. Verna's greatest love and commitment was to her family, extended family, and friends. Everyone was a welcomed guest at Verna and Gale's home and Seeley Lake place. Verna enjoyed hunting, fishing, water skiing, camping, dancing, and entertaining friends at Seeley Lake. She was an avid Grizzly fan.

Verna was preceded in death by her parents, by her beloved son Kirby Albright and her sister Wanda Larson. She is survived by her husband Gale, and her daughter Kyla Welch of Missoula; her daughter and son-in-law Kathy and Mark Duffy and granddaughter Marki Jo of Taylor Mill, Kentucky; her step-daughter Sandy Johns and her granddaughters Lauren and Jaycie of Missoula; her daughter-in-law Caroline Albright and her granddaughter Danielle Albright and grandson Brandon Albright of England; her brother Rick Lehrman and wife Trudy of Wenatchee, Washington; sister and brother-in-law Linda and Dick Weisgerber of Bridger,

Montana; sister Debbie Lehrman of Belfry, Montana; sister and brother-in-law Judy and Dennis Stores of Sumner, Washington; sister Jeanne Davis of Fields Landing, California; brother-in-law Hal Larson of Deer Lodge, Montana; numerous special nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Friday, April 16, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Charlie Couch officiating. A reception followed. Cremation and arrangements were under the direction and care of the Malletta Family of Funeral Homes, Missoula.

The family suggests memorials may be made in Verna's name to either the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, 221 W. Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802; Friends to Youth Inc., 1515 E. Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802; or to St. Patrick Hospital Cancer Center, 500 W. Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802.

Verna will be remembered for her devotion to her family and friends, for her caring and giving ways, for her courage and faith, and for her love for life. You were an inspiration to us, Verna. You will be missed and forever remembered.

MARY K. (KAY) WHITE
Born: June 19, 1907 - Died: August 2, 1999
Liberty County Times
August 4, 1999

Mary White

Mary K. "Kay" White, age 92, died of natural causes Monday in the Columbus hospital in Columbus, Montana.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services and burial of ashes were at 11:00 a.m. at the Rosebud Cemetery at Absarokee, Montana. Smith Funeral Chapel of Laurel was in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the Absarokee Ambulance Service, Absarokee, MT 59001.

Kay was born June 19, 1907 at Deltz, Wyoming, to James and Christine Weir. She grew up in Roundup, Montana, attended college at Billings Polytechnic and Dillon Normal School, and taught country school.

Kay married Lysle White on December 15, 1934 in Long Beach, California. They lived in Wyoming, California, and Chinook, Montana. Lysle worked for Richfield and AMAX oil companies. They retired to Inverness, Montana in 1966 and moved to Absarokee in 1978.

Kay enjoyed reading, cross-word puzzles, playing cards, and most of all family and friends.

Survivors include a daughter Sandra Friberg of Chester; grandchildren Greg Friberg of Vancouver, Washington, Debbie Lineweaver of Joplin, and Jon Friberg of Inverness; four great-grandchildren; a brother James Weir of Helena; and a sister Beverly Sankovich of Yakima, Washington.

Kay was preceded in death by her husband, and two sisters Elizabeth Merritt, and Georgia Edna Wold.

MAXINE CAROL WOLFE WIGEN

Born: December 10, 1929 - Died: February 18, 1999

Liberty County Times

February 24, 1999



Maxine Wiggen

Maxine Carol (Wolfe) Wiggen was born at Whitefish, Montana on December 10, 1929. She was the fourth of six children born to Daniel and Josephine (Steen) Wolfe. Maxine grew up on the family farm south of Chester and attended the Erickson School nearby. Her secondary education was completed in Chester where she graduated from Chester High School in 1946.

Maxine married Leo Edward Wiggen on May 17, 1947 at Shelby, Montana. They made their home in Chester from that time on. In addition to being a homemaker and mother of two sons, Maxine did the bookwork for the family business, Lee's Plumbing, which they owned and operated from 1950 to 1984. She also worked as a switchboard operator for a few years in the early 1960s at the old Chester Telephone Office.

Her husband Leo died on May 23, 1998. Maxine remained active in Chester until September of that year when she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Even with the many treatments and the severity of her disease, Maxine continued to live in her Chester home. She was recently

admitted to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, where she died on the evening of Thursday, February 18, 1999. She was 69 years old.

Maxine was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, where she served as a Sunday School teacher when her boys were young. She also held memberships in the Joplin Lodge of the Eastern Star and the Chester VFW Auxiliary.

Her hobbies were many. In her younger years she enjoyed movies, sports, and music. She also enjoyed quilting, refinishing furniture, and digging for sapphires. In her quiet time at home she loved to read. And just for the fun of it, she collected coins.

Maxine loved to be outside. She enjoyed her long walks around town. She spent countless hours working in her large vegetable garden; she loved to share the "fruits of her labor" with her family, friends, and neighbors. She always looked forward to her daily trips to the coffee shop.

Maxine has been a care-giver her entire life. She never wanted or expected much for herself, but was always willing to give of herself. During the past three years she had been totally dedicated to the care of three very important people in her life: her only sister Anna Mae, died of cancer in 1996, her husband of 51 years, died in the spring of 1998, and her elderly mother died at the local rest home in the fall of 1998.

Maxine is survived by her two sons, Lee and wife Prudence of Helena, and Dan of Salt Lake City, Utah; two grandsons, Joshua and Justin Wiggen of Helena; four brothers and their spouses Delmar and Gerry Wolfe, Kenneth and Betty Jeanne Wolfe, Dean and Fay Wolfe, and Roger and Fay Wolfe, all of Chester; one brother-in-law Albert Hanson of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. She

was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sister (Anna Mae Hanson).

Memorial services were 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 21, 1999 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with Rev. Peter Erickson officiating. Scripture readings were by Prudence Wiggen. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace," accompanied by Karen Stack. The vocal trio of Kendra Bruget,

JoAnne Rohrback, and Glenn Wolfe performed "You Are Mine," and "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled." The service ended with a taped rendition sung by Dan Wiggen to the tune "Danny Boy." A reception followed at the Fellowship Hall.

Maxine was cremated and her ashes will be buried at the Chester Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

EMERITUS FRANCIS (FRANK) E. YEAGER
Born: July 27, 1909 - Died: September 12, 1999
Liberty County Times
September 22, 1999

Francis Yeager

Professor Emeritus Francis "Frank" E. Yeager, age 90, passed away September 12, 1999 at Northern Montana Hospital of natural causes. The Vigil Service was followed by the Rosary at St. Jude Thaddeus Church on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. Father Robert D. Grosch officiated, and Regina C. Gabriel was cantor. Pallbearers were A.F. Burkhartsmeier, Mike Burkhartsmeier, Keith Yeager, Mark Yeager, Chris Yeager, Kyle Yeager, Jack McConwell, Sam McGeorge, and Don McBride. Usher was Joe Zygmund. Mass of Burial followed at the Highland Cemetery in Havre, Montana. Memorials in Frank's honor are suggested to the St. Jude Thaddeus School and to the Kevin Yeager Memorial Scholarship Fund at the University of Montana-Northern in Havre, Montana. Service and arrangements under the direction of Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Frank Yeager was born July 27, 1909 in Sparks, Nevada to Marjorie (Bines) Yeager and George W. Yeager. May 29, 1937 Francis and Katherine "Katy" Burkhartsmeier were married at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, Montana.

Yeager earned his Bachelor's Degree at Intermountain Union College (now Rocky Mountain College) in Billings, Montana in Education and Chemistry, and his Master's Degree at the University of Northern Colorado. He continued his Ph. D. work at Oregon State University and Montana State University. He began his teaching career in math and science in Hingham and taught in secondary schools at St. Regis, Montana, and Great Falls, Montana, and at Neah Bay, Washington. He returned to Hingham as

Superintendent of Schools, teaching math, and science, and coaching basketball. In the spring of 1952 Frank joined the faculty at Northern Montana College to teach science, math, and engineering courses. He was involved in the drama department as actor and director, and coached the 1969 golf team to the NAIA National Tournament. In 1985 the NMC Alumni Association named Francis E. Yeager as an Excellence Award recipient for his contributions to the growth and development of the Science, Athletic, and Drama Departments at NMC.

Frank was a World War II veteran, serving at Great Lakes Naval Training Center as a Radar Specialist. He enjoyed golf, bird hunting, fishing, drama, his family and friends, and the New York Yankees. He was a member of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church since 1952, and was a life member of the Knights of Columbus.

Yeager was preceded in death by his parents, two infant children, two grandchildren, four sisters, and one brother.

Frank is survived by his wife of 62 years; his son Jim and wife Marjorie of Seal Beach, California, and son Dennie and wife Ricki of Libby, Montana; daughter Joanne McConwell and husband Ken of Fallon, Nevada; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Christine Hanses, and brother-in-law Mike Burkhartsmeier both of Hingham, Montana and brother-in-law A.F. Burkhartsmeier of Chinook, Montana; numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

ESTELLE ROSE ZABEL
Born: May 3, 1907 - Died: September 13, 1999
Liberty County Times
September 29, 1999



Estelle Zabel

Estelle Rose Zabel, age 92, died September 13, 1999 in Beaverton, Oregon at an adult care home. She was born May 3, 1907 in Floyd, North Dakota. Her maiden name was Savage. She attended school in North Dakota.

Estelle Johnson Seel married Gust Zabel in Havre, Montana on December 24, 1937. They moved to Lebanon in 1948 and resided on Maple Street until about 12 years ago. At that time they moved to Albany and lived in several retire-

ment homes. The Zabels were married for 61 years when Gust died on July 21, 1999. At that time Estelle moved from Albany to Beaverton.

Mrs. Zabel was employed as a school teacher and taught grade 1-8 from 1935-1948 in Gildford, Havre, and Fairfield, Montana, and Marsing, Idaho. She received her B.A. from Oregon College of Education in Monmouth in 1949. She went on to teach elementary and junior high school in Lebanon, Oregon from 1948-1969. Estelle was a member of LEA, OEA, NEA, Business and Professional Women, Alpha Delta Kappa, and Albany First United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband Gust, Estelle was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers: Rose, Ruby, Bessie, Floyd, Arthur, James, Roe, and Raymond.

Estelle is survived by her sons Terry Zabel of Beaverton, Oregon and Gordon Johnson of Fresno, California; her brother Robert of Cupertino, California; and six grandchildren.

No service was held. Disposition was by cremation. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Family can be contacted at 820 SW 126th Ave, Beaverton, OR 97005.

GUST H. ZABEL
Born: November 25, 1907 - Died: July 21, 1999
Liberty County Times
July 28, 1999



Gust Zabel

Gust H. Zabel, age 91 of Albany, died Wednesday at Timberview Care Center on Wednesday July 21, 1999. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Mr. Zabel was born in Balfour, North Dakota on November 26, 1907, one of 12 children. His family homesteaded near Balfour and later near Havre, Montana.

Gust married Estelle R. Savage Seel on December 24, 1937 and she survives. They farmed in Gildford, Montana and Marsing, Idaho. In 1948 the Zabels moved to Lebanon, Oregon where Gust worked for US Plywood from 1950 to 1972. After retirement the couple spent winters in Mesa, Arizona, and summers in Lebanon.

During his years in Lebanon, Gust enjoyed repairing and painting cars, and built 5 homes including their own residences. In recent years, he derived much enjoyment from church activities, his cat, and listening to

music.

The Zabels moved to Albany, Oregon about 12 years ago, living in several retirement communities. He belonged to Albany First United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife Estelle; son Terry Zabel and wife Norma of Beaverton, Oregon; stepson Gordon Johnson and wife Frances of Fresno, California; sisters Helen Moody of Seattle, Washington, and Clara Wood of Chester, MT; grandchildren Kent Johnson, Scott Johnson, Sherri Johnson, Kristi Johnson, Patrick Zabel, and Taryn Zabel; special friends Sharon and Harry Yeager of Albany, Oregon.

Remembrances for Gust may be made to: Albany First United Church Member Care, 1115 SW-28th Ave, Albany, OR 97321.