

DONNA MARIE (TIGHE) AFDAHL
Born: February 19, 1931 – Died: July 29, 2012
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Donna Afdahl

Donna Marie (Tighe) Afdahl was born on February 19th, 1931 in Havre, Montana. She was one of four children born to Gordon and Agnes (Chovanak) Tighe. Donna went to St. Jude's Catholic Church where she was baptized and confirmed. She remained a steadfast Catholic throughout her life. Donna received her formal education in Havre. She graduated in 1949 and married Alan Louis Lucke soon after.

They had three daughters together.

Donna trained for a career in nursing at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre and Columbus Hospital in Gt Falls. During this time her marriage to Alan ended in divorce. She was working as a Registered Nurse at Sacred Heart Hospital when she met Elmer E. Afdahl, who was working as the hospital's pharmacist. They were married on February 14th, 1956. Donna continued to work as an

RN until the birth of their son. She then stayed home with the children. Elmer continued to work at Sacred Heart until 1959, when they opened the Rudyard Pharmacy. Elmer also ran the Chester Clinic Pharmacy for a time. In 1966 Donna developed a thyroid problem that required surgery. A complication from the operation left her disabled.

Her loving husband, Elmer, was determined to care for her himself. He set up a speaker system that allowed him to hear her from the pharmacy. He would run back and forth between their house and the pharmacy. Later on, he sold the business and worked as a relief pharmacist. He decided to buy a dairy farm while working in Idaho. A period of low milk prices encouraged them to sell the dairy. The Afdahls then moved to Elgin, Oregon, where they owned a motel. When Donna required a medical procedure, they sold the motel and moved closer to Seattle where Elmer worked as a park attendant. Later they bought an acreage in Milton Freewater (OR), where their son still resides.

In 2005 they returned to Chester, where Donna entered the Liberty County Nursing Home. Elmer would spend many hours every day visiting and caring for her.

Donna died peacefully on this past Sunday afternoon (July 29, 2012). She was 81 years old.

As a child and young woman, Donna loved horses and was an excellent rider. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, embroidery, and tatting. She made many fancy jackets and articles of clothing. When she wasn't involved in one of these activities, she could often be found tending her garden and flowers, cooking in the kitchen, or relaxing with a book. She particularly liked westerns.

Donna will be remembered by those who loved her for her humorous wit, her strong spirit, and her great memory for names, places and events.

Donna is survived by her husband of 56 years, Elmer Afdahl of Chester, MT; her four children, Angel Lucke of Holly Pond, AL, Marie Woods (and husband Arnie) of Chester, MT, Marti Baird (and husband Jim Abernathy) of Riverside, AL, and Brian Afdahl (and wife Virginia) of Milton Freewater, OR. She also has a brother, Robert Tighe of Sequim, Wa. Her legacy includes 14 grandchildren, Coby Woods of Conrad, Gina (Jon) Kaftan of Havre, Edgar (Lori) Woods of Joplin, Monica (John) Sheldon of Worden, Bo (Joette) Woods of Chester, Charla

(Kyle) Terry of Sun Prairie, Preston (Jenny) Woods of Chester, Kathy (Brian) Gaddy of Fayetteville, NC, Scottie Woods of Joplin, Joline (Will) Taylor of Havre, Martin Norman of Billings, and Colt, Chance, & Cheyenne Afdahl of Milton Freewater, OR, and 33 great-grandchildren.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents and 2 brothers (Arthur and David Tighe).

A Memorial Mass was held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday (August 2nd) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Father Joseph Diekhans officiated. Pianist, Natalie Ghekiere, accompanied St. Mary's Choir, who sang "Come to Me", "These Alone Are Enough", and "O Loving God". Readers were Bo, Joette, Edgar, & Scottie Woods. The obituary was shared by Gina Kaftan. The communion gifts were presented by Caden & Ethan Woods, and the Eucharistic Minister was Marjie Dahinden. A special song, "In Christ Alone", was performed by Brianna, Genae (pianist), & Kaelyn Kaftan and Joey Sheldon. Honorary bearers were grandsons, Coby, Edgar, Bo, Preston, & Scottie Woods; Martin Norman; and Colt & Chance Afdahl. A special musical tribute, "Amazing Grace", was played on the violin by Kaelyn Kaftan at the end of the service. A coffee hour followed at the church.

KELLI (FINLEY) AITKEN
Born: November 20, 1962 -- Died: July 2, 2012
Liberty County Times
July 18, 2012



Kelli Aitken

On July 2, 2012 a golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best. Kelli Finley Aitken went to heaven when she passed away due to natural causes at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, WA with her family by her side.

Kelli was born November 20, 1962 in Havre, MT to Don and Pauline Finley. She worked as a dietary cook and

later as a CNA at the Chester Hospital. She was a very compassionate person and could often be seen comforting her patients who were all alone in the Chester Nursing Home. She would spend holidays with them and make them special treats. Kelli was an excellent cook and was well known for her love of spicy food. She loved her dogs and will be missed greatly by Spirit and Cosmo.

Kelli is survived by her parents Don and Pauline Finley; her husband Doug Aitken; Stepson Brandon Aitken; sister Paula Lamey; brother-in-law Kevin Lamey; Niece Alexa Lamey; Nephew Jace Lamey and numerous loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

At her request, no memorial service will be held and her ashes will be spread in the Pacific Ocean, Hawaii, at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be sent in Kelli's name to the Montana Hope Project at www.montanahope.org or to an animal shelter of your choice.

KAY BAUER ALBRIGHT

Born: October 16, 1919– Died: June 26, 2012

Great Falls Tribune

June 28, 2012

Kay Bauer Albright

Kay (Ugrin) Bauer Albright, 92, of Great Falls, died of natural causes Tuesday, June 26, at a local hospital.



Albright

Visitation is 4-6 p.m. today at O'Connor Funeral Home. Funeral liturgy is 11 a.m. Friday at Holy Family Catholic Church, with burial to follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Our beloved mother was born Oct. 16, 1919, in Lewistown, to Katie and George Ugrin and was the youngest of six children. She was raised in Black Eagle and graduated from St. Mary's High School.

In January 1949, Kay married Alphonse Bauer. They had three children. Upon Al's untimely death in 1963, she

faithfully took on the responsibility of raising her two daughters and one son. During this time, to help support her family, she worked at JC Penney, where she made many lifelong friends.

In September 1969, Kay married Robert Albright, who predeceased her in 1998. She helped Bob with his farm in Chester, and together they enjoyed many winters in Yuma, Ariz.

Throughout her life, Kay was always family oriented, loved to cook family dinners and was active in her church and the Great Falls community. She was a great seamstress, making clothes for herself and her children. She loved to fish and can fruits and vegetables from her garden. She was a member of the Senior Center and a regular at Friday night pinochle games.

Kay was intensely proud of her Croatian heritage. She could speak the language fluently, played in a Croatian tamburitza band and loved

singing her favorite Croatian songs.

Kay is survived by her daughters, Marlene (Randy) DeVoto of Kentfield, Calif., and Cheryl Bauer of Great Falls; son Dave (Tammy) Bauer of Clancy; grandchildren Anna (Sean) DeVoto Pailhe, Jenny DeVoto, Lisa DeVoto, Alyssa Bauer and Bryce Bauer; great-grandchildren Oliver and Chase Pailhe and several nieces and nephews. All were very fond of Grandma and Auntie Kay, who made everyone feel welcome.

Kay's daughter, Cheryl, was a companion and caregiver to her mother during the final years of her life.

Donations in remembrance of Kay may be made to the Ursuline Centre, 2300 Central Avenue, Great Falls, MT 59401.

Condolences may be posted online at www.oconnorfuneralhome.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

ARDIS L. AMUNDSON
Born: November 1, 1938 – Died: April 25, 2012
Liberty County Times
May 2, 2012



Missoula-Ardis L. Amundson, 73, passed away on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at Hillside Manor.

Ardis was born on November 1, 1938 in Havre Montana, to Leif and Eva (Hulton) Amundson. A few years later the family moved to Missoula where Ardis would become

one of the first five students of the Opportunity Resource School which would officially be named Opportunity Resources in 1951. Ardis thrived with Opportunity Resources and spent her working career there and enjoyed the many friends she had over the years. Ardis was very happy and

giving and loved little kids and doing crafts, she will be missed. She is survived by her mother Eva Amundson, Missoula, her sisters; Constance Cain (Donald), Volborg, Montana, Eleanor Sassen, Florida, and Priscilla Pimley (Donald), Chester, Montana. She is further survived by nu-

merous aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at Opportunity Resources at 2821 Russell St., a graveside service will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

ARMAND ANDERSON

Born: February 12, 1924 – Died: October 22, 2012

Liberty County Times

October 24, 2012

Armand Anderson

Armand Anderson passed

away at St. Vincent Healthcare on October 18, 2012. Born to Arthur and Palma Anderson on February 12, 1924, on a farm near Glenfield, ND, Armand was the oldest of four children.



He started school in 1930 in Glenfield and graduated from Sutton High School in Sutton, ND in 1942.

On November 19, 1944, Armand married the love of his life, Joyce Green, in Mabel Lutheran Church in Sutton. They continued to live in Sutton until they moved to Chester, MT in the fall of 1952, moving one more time to Billings in 1998.

As a young man, Armand farmed for a few years near Glenfield, ND and then bought a service station in Sutton. Eventually he went to work for the Griggs County Road Dept. In November of 1952, Armand, Joyce, and their two small children moved to Chester, MT where he worked in the Ford Garage as a mechanic and later as the service manager. From 1963 to 1967, Armand was the road foreman for the Liberty County Road Dept. In 1967, Armand finally got his dream job

and began farming near Chester, MT where he farmed until his retirement in 1990.

For about 20 years, Armand and Joyce wintered in Arizona and enjoyed traveling the country with friends. When Armand wasn't traveling, he enjoyed gardening and taking care of his yard as well as telling stories, playing cards, and working on jigsaw puzzles with friends and family. Armand was a talented wood worker who enjoyed making crosses, afghan racks, and cribbage boards. He spent many hours reading his cowboy poetry books and attending Cowboy Poetry Festivals.

Armand was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joyce, of 64 years; parents, sister Avis Lowe; brother Lois Anderson; and son-in-law David Smith.

He is survived by son Allen (Lynda) Anderson of Lake Havasu City, AZ; daughter Lois Smith of Billings; grandsons Aden (Sherri) Anderson, Pastor Darrell (Emily) Anderson, Dakota Smith and Colter Smith; four great-grandchildren: Levi, Elizabeth, Megan, and Jaime; sister Myrna (Harry) Camp; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to The Lutheran Center at P.O. Box 825, Billings, MT 59103 or to the charity of one's choice.

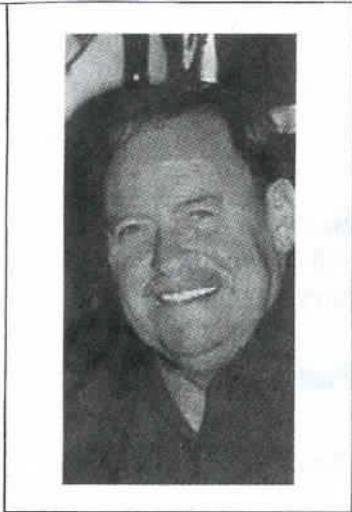
Funeral Services will be held at 9:30 a.m., Monday, October 22, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will follow at Mountview Cemetery. Remembrances may be shared with the family at www.michelottisawyers.com.

DONALD LOUIS ANDERSON

Born: December 21, 1937 – Died: March 2, 2012

Liberty County Times

March 7, 2012



Don Anderson

Donald Louis Anderson was born December 21, 1937 in Havre, Montana. He was one of twelve children born to Oscar and Elnora (Olson) Anderson. Don grew up and received his education in the Joplin community, graduating from Joplin High School in 1955. Later that fall he enrolled at the University of Montana in Missoula, where he studied liberal arts.

Two important events happened in Don's life in 1958. He married a Hi-Line girl, Meredith Swank, at the Chester United Methodist Church, and he enlisted into the U. S. Air Force. During his 4 years of military service, Don worked in auto mechanic repairs and attained the rank of Airman 2nd Class. After receiving his honorable discharge in 1961, he remained in the Air Force Reserve Corps for two additional years.

Don & Meredith made their home in Chester and raised their family of three sons. Don farmed near Chester and north of Zurich for over 30 years. In addition he stayed busy as part owner of Golden Chevrolet in Chester for several years; he drove truck for Don Fraser in Joplin; he worked as a sales rep for Buster Ness at the Ag Air of-

fice in Chester; and he was employed for Dick Irvin Trucking in Shelby. In the early 1980's, Don was one of several Hi-Line area friends who invested in the initial development of the Meadowlake Golf & Country Club in Columbia Falls.

In his post-farming years Don took a job with the U. S. Department of Agriculture as the County Director in Sidney, Mt. He later transferred to Bozeman, where he served as the State Director of the U.S.D.A. He finished his career with the Montana Department of Agriculture by serving as an Agricultural Specialist in Great Falls until his retirement.

Don was diagnosed with lung cancer in April of 2011. His condition gradually deteriorated and he was recently admitted to Peace Hospice for extended care. Don died peacefully at the Great Falls nursing facility on Friday eve-

ning (March 2, 2012) with Meredith at his bedside. He was 74 years old.

Don's memberships included the Chester Jaycees, the Chester American Legion, the Young Republicans, the National Republican Party. He had also served on the Chester School Board. In his youth Don was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. After his marriage, he attended the United Methodist Church in Chester.

During his school years Don participated in football, basketball, band, and chorus. His love for music continued throughout his life and he attended many Dixieland Jazz Festivals. He loved to sing with the Rex Rieke Trio at "On Broadway" in Helena. Don also enjoyed singing at Eddie's Supper Club

in Great Falls with Gary Walter, Rudy Priete, and Rita and Tommy Picos. In his younger days he enjoyed golf.

Don will be remembered by his family and friends as an honest, understanding, and compassionate man. He was an affectionate husband, a wise and caring father, a loving grandfather, and a loyal friend. Don will be truly missed by those who loved him.

He survived by his wife of 53 years, Meredith Anderson of Great Falls; 3 sons, Jeffrey Anderson (wife, Maria) of Omaha, NE, Scott Anderson of Phoenix, AZ, and Gregory Anderson (wife, Webb) of Missoula; 5 grandchildren, Austin, Emilio, Taylor, Danielle, & Alejandro; 2 brothers, Sanford Anderson of Joplin and Lowell Anderson of Lakewood, WA; 3 sisters, Bernice Lyle of Great Falls, Doris Waldron of Visalia, CA, and Lois Rodgers of Shady Cove, OR; numerous nephews & nieces; and Meredith's siblings, Terry & Monica Swank of Chinook and Sandy & Russ Meech of Ridge Crest, CA.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and 6 sisters (Louise, Grace, Olive, Marlys, Lola, and his twin, Donna).

Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday (March 10, 2012) at the Chester Cemetery. Pastor Grover Briggs will officiate. Two favorite hymns will be lead by friend, Kathy McKerrow. A reception will follow at the U.M.C. in Chester. Arrangements are by the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Public viewing will be Friday and Saturday at Rockman Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers & plants, the family prefers memorials to the Great Falls Food Bank or the Great Falls Rescue Mission.

DONALD LOUIS ANDERSON

Born: December 21, 1937
at Havre, Mt.

Died: March 2, 2012
at Great Falls, Mt.

Age: 74 years ...
2 months ... 10 days



GOD'S GARDEN

*God looked around His garden – And He found an empty place;
He then looked down upon His earth – And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you – And lifted you to rest;
God's garden must be beautiful – He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering – He knew you were in pain;
He knew that you would never – Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough – And the hills were hard
to climb;
So He closed your weary eyelids – And whispered "Peace be
Thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you – But you didn't go alone;
For part of us went with you – The day God called you Home.*

Don's loving family: Wife, Meredith; 3 sons, Jeffrey/Maria, Scott,
& Gregory/Webb; 5 grandchildren, Austin, Emilio, Taylor, Danielle,
& Alejandro; 2 brothers, Sanford & Lowell; 3 sisters, Bernice, Doris,
& Lois; and numerous nephews & nieces...

Graveside Services: 2:00 p.m.
Saturday (March 10th, 2012) at the
Chester Cemetery in Chester, Mt.

Officiant: Pastor Grover Briggs

Obituary: Son, Jeffrey Anderson

Selected Hymns: "In the Garden"
and "Amazing Grace"
(led by friend, Kathy McKerrow)

"Taps" and Flag Presentation:
Neighbor, Brad Livingston

Reception: To follow at the United
Methodist Church in Chester...

Memorials: Great Falls Food Bank
or Great Falls Rescue Mission

Arrangements: Rockman Funeral
Chapel in Chester, Montana

CANCER IS LIMITED...

It cannot cripple
love,

It cannot shatter
hope,

It cannot corrode
faith,

It cannot eat
away peace,

It cannot destroy
confidence,

It cannot shut out
memories,

It cannot silence
courage,

It cannot invade
the soul,

It cannot reduce
eternal life,

It cannot quench
the spirit,

It cannot lessen
the power of the
Resurrection.

KRISTY DRITSHULAS BAKKER
Born: Age: 45 – Died: June 27, 2012
Havre Daily News
July 6, 2012

Kristy Dritshulas Bakker

Kristy Dritshulas Bakker, 45, lost her battle with breast cancer and quietly slipped into God's loving arms on Wednesday, June 27, 2012. She was surrounded by her loving family, who tenderly saw her through her journey.

Kristy grew up in Havre, Mont., and attended Havre High School, where she graduated as the valedictorian of her class. She moved to Helena and attended Carroll College.

Kristy was a devoted mother and wife whose greatest love was her family. She adored her husband and children. Kristy had an exceptional gift of teaching and caring for young children, and at one time, ran a preschool out of her home. She was graceful, beautiful and touched everyone she met with her kindness and gentle nature.

Kristy married Joseph (Jody) Bakker on July 7, 1990, in Havre.

Later the Bakkers moved to the Flathead Valley. They made their home in Bigfork, where they raised their three children,



Kristy Bakker

Tia Nicolē Bakker, 20, who lives in Whitefish and works as a conductor for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, Joseph Wiley Dritshulas Bakker, 16, a junior at Bigfork High School and William Lavin Bakker, 15, a sophomore at Bigfork High School.

Kristy is survived by her father, William Dritshulas of Havre; her mother, Loretta Gallentine of Havre; her brothers, Clint Estell of Havre and Abraham Estell of Gillette, Wyo.; her sisters, Cindy Luke of Denver, Colo., and Teri Rae Horinek of Hingham; her uncle, Ron Koleman of Havre; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Kalispell at Swan Lake starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 21. There will be signs to follow and the family wishes for everyone to bring their children with them. The family also wishes that all female friends and others to take themselves to the doctor and get a mammogram. This would be an honor for the family.

KAREN MARIE (BURKSTRAND) BALSLEY

Born: May 11, 1935 – Died: July 14, 2012

Liberty County Times

July 25, 2012



Karen Balsley

Karen Marie (Burkstrand) Balsley was born May 11, 1935 at Milton, North Dakota. She was one of nine children born to John and Caroline (Meyer) Burkstrand. Karen received her early education in North Dakota.

Karen married her teenage sweetheart, Roy Phillard Balsley, on February 18, 1952 in Devils Lake. They lived in North Dakota until 1955, when they moved to Rudyard. Karen was a homemaker and mother during that time. In 1958 the family moved to Havre. After some time there, they purchased The Spur Tavern outside of town. Karen was able to raise her kids and work part time at The Spur, while Roy was at work for Montana Power. In 1965 Roy was transferred to Chester, and within 10 years they built their dream house and made Liberty County home.

After her children were all active in the local school system, Karen began working at the Tip Top Café. She later transferred her skills to the local Tastee Frezze, where she served as the restaurant manager for 10+ years. In 1984 Karen began working as a CNA at the

Liberty County Hospital. She loved taking care of people. She also loved her job at LCIH, but developed health problems and was forced to retire in 1997. She continued to be a friendly and positive person in the Chester community.

In 2004 Karen was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. Fortunately, her family provided personal care so she could remain in her own home throughout her long illness. Karen died peacefully at her residence with her family by her side on this past Saturday afternoon (July 14, 2012). She was 77 years old.

Karen was baptized in the Baptist faith in her youth and maintained a quiet spirituality in her adulthood. She loved the old-time country music and was an avid fan of Ernest Tubb. She enjoyed singing and humming around the house and loved dancing with her sons during their formative years. Karen was an awesome cook and baker, some of her favorite family specialties were her homemade chicken-&-noodle soup, turkey dressing, pies/crust, and candies. Her grandchildren will never forget her personalized "money cakes" at birthday celebrations. No matter the occasion, no one ever left the Balsley home hungry!

Karen enjoyed many hobbies, including crocheting, cross-stitching, sewing, flower gardening, craftwork, and painting. In addition, she loved gnome figurines, enjoyed making her own artificial floral arrangements, and collecting dimes. She loved trips to Oregon, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, and "getaways" to the fam-

ily cabin at Kalispell. Spending time with her family was her greatest joy. Karen appreciated life and always tried to make it exciting. She loved to play pranks/tricks on her family and friends and always enjoyed the ensuing laughter! An unassuming lady who never expected much for herself, Karen was always generous, compassionate, and loving to those in need. She will be dearly missed by those who loved her in return...

Karen was preceded in death by a son (Michael Balsley in 1995), a great-grandson (Michael Phillard Balsley), her parents, and a brother (Neil Burkstrand).

She is survived by the loves of her life, her husband of 60 years, Roy Balsley of Chester; 2 sons, Phil (Deb) Balsley of Helena and Fuzzy (Sherill) Balsley of Valier; 1 daughter, Marilyn Balsley Kealoha of Chester; daughter-in-law, Shelly Balsley of Helena; 12 grandchildren, inc. Kalena, Phill, Robert Roy, Jennifer, Cheyloh, Dustin, Danielle, Mikey, Shannon, Jamie, Elliot and Tara; 14 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, Marilyn, Bernard (Maryanne), and Roger Burkstrand, all of Great Falls; 4 sisters, Trudy (Bob) Pulst, Doris (Buster) Wheeler, LuAnne Meyer, and Cindy Burkstrand, all of Great Falls; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Karen was cremated per her request. A Memorial Service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday (July 21st) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Pastor Steve Nelson officiated. Scripture reading was done by Wendy Haas and the obituary

was shared by Kalena Kealoha. Ushers were Janice Meyers and Jason Jacobson. At Karen's request her granddaughters (Kalena, Danielle and Tara) sang a Collin Raye song, "Love Me." The congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Other special music included "My Angel" by Kellie Pickler and "The Old Rugged Cross" by Johnny Cash. Honorary Bearers were all of Karen's loving family. Following the services a reception was provided by friends at the Chester City Park. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester, MT.

ADRIENNE WANDA (RILEY) BARBON
Born: November 19, 1956 – Died: March 4, 2012
Liberty County Times
April 4, 2012



Adrienne Barbon

Adrienne Wanda (Riley) Barbon, a former resident of Inverness, passed away on March 4, 2012 in Tacoma, WA. She was born in Chester MT on November 19, 1956 to Hilarion "Larry" Riley and Annette May, the third of seven children. The family left Montana in the mid-60's and lived briefly in Arizona before mov-

ing to Washington state. In 1974 "Ade" graduated from Stadium High School in Tacoma. Soon after she married Henry Barbon and they were blessed with three beautiful children.

After the Barbon's divorced, Ade supported her family with an untraditional but rewarding job as a maintenance machinist. She worked at the City of Tacoma's Wastewater Treatment Plant, where she was also a member of the Local Union District Lodge #160. Ade was greatly admired and respected for her work as a civil rights activist, fighting hard for equal rights both in-&-out of the workplace. Later her focus was directed on health protection rights for city workers and she left a legacy of many positive changes. Unfortunately, her own health began to fail before she was able to complete her fight. Ade was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2001, which forced her into retirement by 2003 after serving the City for more than 20 years. During her tenure she also served as a computer analyst and in public relations promoting TAGRO (organic fertilized soil). She would work tirelessly at the TAGRO gardens, growing fresh vegetables for local food banks and for entrance

into Puyallup Fair judging, where they won many First Place ribbons.

In 2005 Ade was also diagnosed with CLL, a type of Leukemia, and suffered a series of infections and strokes over the next six years. Though she was a fighter, never giving up on any challenge, she did find the physical limitations left by her last stroke especially devastating. This recent stroke led to a rapid deterioration of her health and her will to survive. Ade often hid behind a tough and stubborn exterior, but she was actually a very tender soul with a "one of a kind" spirit. She was fiercely independent, passionately protective of loved ones, and devoted to work, family, & friends. Gardening, collecting antiques, playing cards, reading romance novels, and smoking all brought pleasure into her life, but NOTHING brought joy and sunshine into her world like spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Ade is survived by her children; Stephanie Hoverud (Thomas Burwell) of Tacoma, Brian (Tisha) Barbon of Tacoma, and Jason Barbon of Tukwila, WA; as well as her 6 grandchildren, Katrina, Tyler, Jasmine, Skylar, Damon, & Thomas. Also surviving is

her mother, Annette Riley of Inverness, MT; and siblings, Patrick (Jan) Riley of Tacoma, Joan (Len) Jager of Tacoma, Theresa (Richard) Williams of Tacoma, Lawrence Riley of Tacoma, Robert Riley of Lakewood, WA, and Pauline Riley of Spokane, WA. Ade also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and a variety of cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents (Conrad & Frances May), her father (Larry), and 2 grandchildren (Christopher & Maximo Barbon).

A memorial mass was held in Tacoma. Ade's ashes will be buried in the family plot at the Inverness Cemetery in July during the May/Evans family reunion. A confirmed date will be announced later by the Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

Life may end, but love never dies...ADE WILL REMAIN IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER!

ARTHUR MYRON BERG
Born: July 8, 1917 – Died: January 12, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
January 18, 2012

KREMLIN — Arthur Myron Berg, 94, a Kremlin farmer, master carpenter and woodworker and World War II veteran, died of natural causes Thursday, Jan. 12, at a Havre care center.



Berg

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Lutheran Church in Havre, with burial in Highland Cemetery. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is in charge of arrangements.

Art was born near Kremlin on the homestead of his parents, August Berg and Margith Skjoldhammer, on July 8, 1917. He was the eighth of 11 children. He was born in the bedroom he and his wife of 66 years, Vera "Pat" Berg, slept in until they moved to the care center in 2008.

Art was a lifelong member of Kremlin Lutheran Church. He was baptized in the church in 1917.

Art went to school in Havre, Fresno and Kremlin. When he started school, he spoke mostly Norwegian. He and his siblings went to school with a horse and buggy until November, when the family moved to Kremlin.

The family had dairy cows and a milk route in Kremlin. It was Art's job to deliver the milk before school and after supper, selling it for 10 cents per quart, delivered.

In the spring of 1935, Art started farming on his own after leasing a quarter-section. Slowly, he built up his leases and began to buy land.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II in 1941. He attended welding school in Illinois and was eventually sent to England, where he joined an air repair company. On his trip overseas, Art watched a torpedo narrowly miss his ship. Fewer than half the boats in his convoy made it across, and his was the only troop ship that survived. Art was stationed in England until the Allies stormed Normandy. He was then sent to France with his toolbox and a two-man staff. He went from one field to the next repairing planes that had been shot down.

Upon returning from the war in 1945, Art married Vera "Pat" Campbell Jolly, and they settled on the family homestead. Art returned to farming and took over his dad's land when his father retired, eventually buying the farm buildings and land from his father and his brother, Alfred.

In 1976, Art and Pat incorporated farms with their daughter, Marlene, and son-in-law, Charles Melby. Art and Pat continued to farm until they moved into the care center in June 2008. Even then, he always wanted a full report on the farm.

In September, Art helped his wife, Pat, celebrate her 100th birthday. He bought her two dozen roses. Even as he grew weaker the last few years, he remained her pillar of strength.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Alfred, Leon, Morris, Marvin and Vernon Berg; sisters Alice Mathews, Selma Berg, Helen Belland and Lillian Dove; sons-in-law Charles Melby and Gene Montgomery; and a great-grandson, Joshua Rambo.

He is survived by his wife; daughters Sarah Montgomery of Williamsport, Pa., Marlene Melby of Kremlin and Shirley Wattie of Warburg, Alberta; a sister, Margaret Throckmorton of Great Falls; sisters-in-law Delores Berg of Kremlin and Margaret Berg of Bozeman; 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be posted online at hollandbonine.com and/or gftribune.com/obituaries.

ELIZABETH 'BETH' BLEVINS

Born: January 29, 1922 - Died: November 1, 2012

Havre Daily News

November 2, 2012

Elizabeth Blevins

Elizabeth (Beth) Blevins, 90, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012, under the excellent care of Canyon Creek Memory Center in Billings, due to natural causes.

Beth was born Jan. 29, 1922, to Andrew and Elizabeth (Heck) Schaller. She married Cecil Patrick in 1940. They lived and raised their family on the farm north of Hingham, Mont. Cecil passed away Nov. 12, 1966. Beth moved into Havre in 1969. On Feb. 3, 1973, she married Lee Blevins.

Beth enjoyed sewing, traveling, interior decorating, and playing cards, especially bridge (duplicate and party). She enjoyed dancing. The polka and waltz were her favorites. She also loved her flower garden, bookkeeping and cooking. She was well known for her "Beth's Cookies." Beth's motto for life was: "Happiness is giving of oneself." She was a member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham and St. Jude Thaddeus Church in Havre and the PCCW, the Elks, and the Eagles and was a 4-H leader.



Elizabeth Blevins

Beth was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Cecil Patrick; son, Garry Patrick; one brother,

John Schaller; and one sister, Marian Schaller.

She is survived by her husband, Lee Blevins of Havre; sons, Dennis (Dee) Patrick of Seattle, Wash., Vernon (Crystle) Patrick of Durham, Calif., Keith Patrick of Redding, Calif.; daughters, Lynnette (Ron) Wagner of Boise, Idaho, Shirley McGee of Billings; stepsons,

Merritt Blevins of Havre, Merlin (Bonnie) Blevins of Havre, Leon Blevins of Missoula, Mont., and Robin (Wendy) Blevins of Columbia Falls, Mont.; stepdaughter, Sherrill (Earlan) Schmidt of Reno, Nev.; sisters, Magdlen Yorde of Fresno, Calif., and Dorothy Carbone of Seattle Wash.; 20 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and many beloved aieces and nephews.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements. Funeral services will be held Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, at 11 a.m. at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church, with Father Daniel Wathen officiating. Memorials in Beth's name may be made to the Havre Senior Center.

JIM H. BRAFFORD

Born: August 4, 1944 – Died: April 25, 2012

Great Falls Tribune

May 2, 2012

Jim H. Brafford

GREELEY, COLO. — Jim Brafford, 67, of Greeley, Colo., died of a heart attack Wednesday, April 25, at Hospice of Northern Colorado.



Brafford

Visitation is 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Stoddard Funeral

Home. His funeral is 11 a.m. Friday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, with interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Stoddard Funeral Home of Greeley is handling arrangements.

James H. Brafford was born Aug. 4, 1944, to James W. and Stella (DeMartin) Brafford in Denver.

Jim was raised and educated in Rudyard. He served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1966. Jim was a rancher for Howard and Aimee Finkle in Montana. He was married to JoAn Finkle, with whom he had four children, from 1962 to 1979. He worked at Amax Coal Company-Belaire in Gillette, Wyo., worked in the oil fields for many years and operated heavy equipment, which he loved doing. Jim was a strong man and a fighter. He fought hard until the very end when God called him home.

Jim was an avid NASCAR

and Dale Earnhardt Jr. fan. He was a good Christian man who always looked out for others. Jim had a good, yet ornery, sense of humor. He was a protective, loving and wise husband, father and grandfather. To Jim, family was everything. Jim enjoyed yard work, RC cars and model trains, and spending time with his four-legged buddies.

On March 20, 1999, Jim married Peggy Grossaint in Windsor, Colo.

Jim is survived by his wife, Peggy Brafford of Greeley; sons Korey Brafford of Gillette, Wyo., and Kevin Brafford (Karolyn) of Sumner, Wash.; daughter Kaycee Storck of Gillette, Wyo.; stepsons Jeff Grossaint (Matt Altevogt) of Denver, and Chad Grossaint (Devon Martinez) of Roy, Wash.; grandsons Christopher, Mitchell, Devan, Stefan, Gregory, Michael and Jason; great-grandson Jareth; a granddaughter on the way; sisters Lois Slater (Rick) of Las Vegas and Judy Froehlich (Randy) of Hurricane, Utah; father-in-law Bill George of Greeley; and sister-in-law Claudia Winter of Greeley.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son Kent Brafford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of Stoddard Funeral Home, 3205 W. 28th Street, Greeley, Colorado 80634.

Condolences may be posted online at www.stoddardsunset.com or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

DOROTHY MARIE (BLANCHARD) CADY
Born: May 16, 1920 – Died: September 5, 2012
Liberty County Times
September 12, 2012



Dorothy M. Cady

Dorothy Marie (Blanchard) Cady of Gildford, MT passed away in Billings, MT, September 5, 2012 of natural causes.

She was born in Chester, MT, May 16, 1920. After attending Northern Montana College she married Willis Cady, October 16, 1941. Willis preceded her in death December 5, 2005. They lived and farmed on the hi-line all their married life.

Services will be held Monday, September 10, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Hingham, MT at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church.

Dorothy is survived by four sons, Eugene (Myrna) Cady of Great Falls, Gary (Irene) Cady of Billings, Warren (Dena) Cady of Eagan, MN

and Charles "Chuck" Cady of Kent, WA. She is also survived by her five grandchildren and families: Chris (Lisa) Cady and children, Alex, Emily and Abbey of Belgrade, MT; Curt (Katie) Cady and children, Drew, Hunter, Peter and Rylie of Bismark, ND; Chad Cady and children, Michael, Samuel and Claire of Billings; Kevin (Jamie) Cady and four girls, Jenna, Lauren, Megan, and Olivia of Missoula, MT; and Letitia Marie Cady (Craig) Marr of Helena, MT.

Dorothy was a kind, gentle, devoted wife, mother and grandmother as well as

a woman of strong faith. She also worked as Postmaster in Gildford and retired July 31, 1987. She loved her family and community and remained active. She volunteered at the Northern Montana Health Care, enjoyed the Home Demonstration Club, ceramics, stained glass, quilting, crocheting, knitting, singing in the church choir, baking and decorating cakes and her collections. She loved playing cards daily with her community friends.

Dorothy and Willis both played sports themselves and of course having four boys

made sports a huge part of the Cady household!

A more detailed, cheerful and personal account of her wonderful life and contribution to our world will be read at her service on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to: Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church of Hingham, or a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are in the care of Dahl Funeral Chapel and memories may

be shared with the family at www.dahlfuneralchapel.com

KRYSTYNA 'KRY'S' ZOPHIA (MIERZWINSKI) COLE

Born: January 16, 1949 – Died: March 12, 2012

Liberty County Times

March 21, 2012



Krys Cole

Krystyna "Krys" Zophia Cole was born January 16, 1949 in Saussenberg, Germany. At that time her parents, Stanislaw Mierzwinski and Anna Olszewski, were living in a Polish displacement camp at Wayflakken. They were fortunate to immigrate to the United States when Krys was just an infant. The Mierzwinski's came to Montana to work on a farm near Fairfield. After establishing their residency, they moved to Great Falls where Krys' father took a job for Great Northern Railroad.

Krys grew up and received her education in Great Falls, graduating from Central Catholic High School in 1968. She continued her schooling at the College of Great Falls for two years, then transferred to M.S.U. in Bozeman where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Education. While attending college in Bozeman, Krys met her husband-to-be, William "Pete" Cole. They were married in Great Falls on June 16th, 1973.

Krys and Pete moved to the Cole farm north of Chester, where they raised their son, Ed. In addition to being a mother and farmwife, Krys worked as a teacher at the Chester Schools from 1974-1981 and at the Eagle Creek Colony from 1983-1988. In 1988 she was elected as the Liberty County Superintendent of Schools, a position she held for 16 years. Since 2004 Krys has served as the contractual Superintendent of Schools in Toole County. In fact, she was en route to a school board meeting in Galata on this past Monday afternoon (March 12, 2012) when her pickup was hit by a train at the Tiber crossing five miles west of Chester. Krys died from injuries at the scene. She was 63 years old.

Krys was raised in the Catholic faith and was a devout member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Altar Society in Chester. She was active in the Montana Democratic Women; throughout the years she served on many state committees and was presently the group's treasurer. In addition Krys served on the board of the Sweetgrass Lodge Retirement Home in Chester.

Krys enjoyed many hobbies over the years. She loved to attend garage sales and auctions, where she always found interesting antiques to add to her numerous collections (i.e., kerosene lamps and old sheet music, to name a few). She enjoyed bowling, flowers and gardening, and picnics. In her quiet time at home Krys loved to read, watch old movies, and play the piano. She loved all animals; the farmyard was

always "busy" with llamas, goats, rabbits, dogs, cats, and other creatures. In addition Krys enjoyed horses and trail rides, and she had many fond memories of several weeklong trips with friends into the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Krys loved history and heritage, so she thoroughly enjoyed two wonderful trips to Poland.

Krys was truly a special lady – always kind, polite, considerate, and compassionate. She loved her family and friends – unconditionally. Her four little grandkids provided new excitement and energy in her life, and she loved them dearly. Our community is saddened and has lost another good friend...

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Pete Cole of Chester; son and daughter-in-law, Ed & Joey Cole of Chester; 4 grandchildren, Rhiannon, Sadie, Hunter, and Osten; her mother, Anna Mierzwinski of Chester; brother, Teddy Mierzwinski of Shelby; her parents-in-law, Bill and Agnes Cole of Chester; and many nephews and nieces. Krys was preceded in death by her father (Stan Mierzwinski).

Vigil Prayers were led by Father Joseph Diekhans at 7:00 p.m. Friday (March 16th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church. A coffee hour followed in the youth center.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the church by Father Joe. Participants in the mass included Jake & Jack Fritz (Altar Servers); Gary Hejlik & Marty Lyders (Greeters); Pat Seidlitz & Caroline Hall (Scripture readers); Pat Ludwig, Marje Dahinden, & Ken

Gagnon (Eucharistic Ministers); Mary & John Fritz (Presentation of the Gifts); and Pat Seidlitz (Obituary). Accordian prelude music was provided by Great Falls friend, Doris Seaton. St. Mary's Choir & other community friends sang "The Old Rugged Cross", "Just As I Am", "O Living God", & "Just As I Am", accompanied by Marie Woods (pianist). A vocal tribute, "Ave Maria", was performed by Anne Melton. Lady pallbearers were Sue Fritz, Laurie Lyders, Marcia Diemert, Rhonda Pimley, Rose Campbell, Trina Thielman, & Doris Seaton. As part of the burial rites at the Chester Cemetery, the Eagle Creek ladies performed two musical tributes, Colleen Boucher read a special poem, and Krys' grandchildren offered a balloon release. A memorial luncheon followed at the church fellowship hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Mary's Altar Society, the Great Falls Rescue Mission, or donor's choice...

KRYSTYNA ZOPHIA "KRYZ" (MIERZWINSKI) COLE

Born: January 16, 1949 at Sausenberg, Germany

Died: March 12, 2012 at Tiber, Mt., Liberty Co.

Age: 63 years ... 1 month ... 25 days

A hundred years from now –
It will not matter what my bank account was,
The sort of house I lived in,
Or the kind of car I drove . . .
But the whole world may be different –
Because I was important in the life of a child!



KRYZ' LOVING FAMILY: Husband, Pete; son & daughter-in-law, Ed & Joey; 4 grandchildren, Rhiannon, Sadie, Hunter, and Osten; mother, Anna; brother, Teddy; parents-in-laws, Bill & Agnes; several nephews & nieces; and many good friends...

VIGIL PRAYERS: 7:00 p.m. Friday (March 16th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester, MT ... Prayers led by Father Joe

COFFEE HOUR: To follow in the Catholic Youth Center

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester, Mt.

MEMORIALS: St. Mary's Altar Society, Great Falls Rescue Mission, or donor's choice...

FUNERAL MASS: 11:00 a.m. Saturday (March 17th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester, Montana

CELEBRANT: Father Joseph Diekhans

ALTAR SERVERS: Jake & Jack Fritz

GREETERS: Gary Hejlik and Marty Lyders

SCRIPTURE READERS: **Old Testament** = Pat Seidlitz
New Testament = Caroline Hall

MUSICIANS: *Accordion Prelude* = Doris Seaton
Pianist = Marie Woods
Vocalist = Anne Seidlitz-Melton ("Ave Maria")
Mass Music = St. Mary's choir and community friends

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNION GIFTS: John & Mary Fritz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Marje Dahinden, Pat Ludwig, and Ken Gagnon

OBITUARY READING: Pat Seidlitz

PALLBEARERS: Sue Fritz, Laurie Lyders, Marcia Diemert, Rhonda Pimley, Rose Campbell, Trina Thielman, & Doris Seaton

HONORARY BEARERS: All of Krzys' friends and co-workers

INTERMENT: Chester Cemetery . . .
Committal prayers by Father Joe ... Musical tribute by the ladies of Eagle Creek Colony ... Balloon release by grandchildren

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT THE CHURCH

Woman dies in wreck

Train, car collide near Chester

BY KIMBALL BENNION
Tribune Staff Writer

A woman was killed after a train collided with a pickup she was driving Monday afternoon in Liberty County, according to a BNSF Railway spokesman.

Gus Melonas said the collision happened just west of Chester at about 3 p.m. The pickup and the train collided at an intersection of the BNSF Hi-Line route and Tiber Road when the woman tried to cross the tracks in a Ford F-150 pickup. The train was traveling at about 55 miles per hour.

"The result, unfortunately, was fatal to the lone occupant of the vehicle," Melonas said.

The Liberty County Sheriff's Office said the coroner would not release the woman's name Monday. She was pronounced dead at the scene. A trooper from the



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Montana Highway Patrol, who also investigated the collision, said the woman was likely from the Chester area.

Trooper Jim Humiston said the pickup was headed south on Tiber Road when it came in contact with the train.

"It looks as if possibly she wasn't paying attention," Humiston said.

Melonas said the intersection, about five miles west of Chester, was marked with railroad crossing signs and that the train was blowing its whistle as the vehicle crossed. There was minimal damage to

the train, which originated from Pasco, Wash. and was headed to Dilworth, Minn. The train had three locomotives and 70 rail cars — 22 of which were carrying freight, while the rest were empty.

No passengers were on board and the train's operators were not injured, Melonas said. Melonas said the line opened back up at about 5:45 p.m. Monday after inspectors looked over the train.

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JEROME FRANCIS CONRAD
Born: Age-93 – Died: January 20, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
January 23, 2012

Jerome Francis Conrad

CHINOOK — Jerome Francis Conrad, 93, a retired Chinook



Conrad

farmer and active golfer and woodworker, who enjoyed quality time with family and friends, died of natural causes Friday, Jan. 20, at Sweet Memorial Nursing Home in Chinook.

Rosary is 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, with his funeral there at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Interment after the funeral in Kuper Memorial Cemetery in Chinook, and a reception will follow.

Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge of arrangements.

Jerome is survived by three daughters, Sharon Rubino of Spokane, Wash., Peggy Kimball of Billings and Alice Shockley of Chinook; a sister, Barbara Kegel of Fort Benton; 10 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his spouses, Rose Ver-cruyssen Conrad and Pauline Jergeson Conrad, and one grandson.

DARLEENE COOK
Born: Age- 78 – Died: August 4, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
August 6, 2012

Darleene Cook

Darleene Cook, 78, of Great Falls, an assembly parts purchaser for Motorola, died of natural causes Saturday, Aug. 4, at a local care facility.



She is survived by daughter, Becky Mesaros of Cascade; sons, Rick Seidlitz of White Sulphur Springs, Mick Seidlitz of Great Falls, Randy Seidlitz of Brier, Wash., Bob Seidlitz of Millstaot, Ill., and Darin Cook of Mesa, Ariz.; 20 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

CLARA ANN COOKE
Born: Age 91 - Died: November 22, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
November 26, 2012

Clara Ann Cooke

BIG SANDY — Clara Ann Cooke, 91, of Big Sandy, died of natural causes Nov. 22, at Big Sandy Medical Center.



Cooke

Celebration of her life is 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 at Big Sandy Historical Museum. Cremation has taken place. Benton Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Clara was preceded in death by her husband Dudley A Cooke.

She is survived by daughter Carol Cooke of Bozeman; sons Duane A. Cooke of Big Sandy and James B. Cooke of Kennewick, Wash.; brothers Clifford Ulmen of Rudyard and Denny Ulmen of Havre; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

CHARLES E. CROSS

Born: October 19, 1924— Died: January 2, 2012

Liberty County Times
January 11, 2012



Charles Cross

Charles E. Cross was born October 19, 1924 in Rudyard, Mt. He was one of seven children born to Walter and Velma (Austin) Cross. He grew up and received his formal education in Rudyard, graduating from R.H.S. in 1942. Charles was his given name, but he was known simply as "Chuck" by his community friends.

Chuck entered the U. S. Army in 1944 during WWII and served as a member of the Burma Road Force in India. Following his honorable discharge in 1946, he returned to Montana.

He married Marie Magdalena Mangold on November 28, 1946 in Hingham, MT. Soon after, Chuck received training as a refrigerator repairman in Chicago, then began working for Sanvik Brothers in Rudyard. The Crosses made their home in Rudyard and raised a family of two. In the years that followed, Chuck worked independently in his own shop, The Hi-Line Service Center. He served the community as an electrician, repairman, and general handyman. In addition he owned and operated the Hi-Line Movie Theatre in Rudyard for many years.

The Crosses were married 41 years when Marie died on April 10, 1998. Chuck remained in Rudyard until 2002, when health challenges made it necessary for him to be closer to family, so he moved to Butte. He died peacefully at his daughter's home in Butte on Monday evening (January 2, 2012). He was 87 years old. Chuck was a member of "The Great Generation"; he learned well the lessons taught by the Great Depression. He was known as "Mr. Fix-It", as there were very few things that he couldn't fix or maintain (and often with parts that he adapted from other applications).

He was an avid reader, mainly of Louis L'Amour novels, as they spoke to his early years in Montana's outdoors.

Chuck loved to hunt, and fishing was probably his greatest passion. His second home was at Swan Lake where the family enjoyed a summer cabin. If he wasn't fishing on the lake, he could be found watching and/or teasing the neighborhood squirrels.

Chuck and Marie were longtime members of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. In later years they often attended church at St. Mary's in Chester.

Chuck's siblings affectionately called him "Bud". He will be remembered as a quiet man with a quick wit, and he will be dearly missed by those who loved him...

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Della and Rick Allen of Butte; his son and daughter-in-law, Marlin

and Margie Cross of Great Falls; 6 grandchildren, Melanie Langel Smith, Ryan Langel, Wil Allen, Anna Allen, Tara (Jason) Beam, and Jolene (Steve) Griessmer; 7 great-grand-children, Jaxon Smith, Dylan Smith, Brysen Smith, Katelyn Hilde, John Hilde, Dominik Griessmer, and Madeline Griessmer; 3 sisters, Velma Johnson of Great Falls, Margie (Norman) Gorder of Havre, and Norma Jewett of Des Moines, Wash.; 1 sister-in-law, Betty Cross of Great Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Chuck was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by a brother (Don Cross) and two sisters (Virginia Brandt and Florence Johnson).

A memorial service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Sunday (Jan. 8th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester by Father Joseph Diekhans. Scripture readings were done by Kristi Kline & Tara Beam, and the obituary was shared by Kelly Kline. Special music was provided by Sharon Spicher (pianist) and Marcus Jochim (vocalist), who sang "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" and "On Eagle's Wings". A 2-man military detail from Helena offered a special flag ceremony. Following "taps" the veterans flag was presented to the family by Rudyard friend, Robert Christenson. After the service, a reception was held at Spud's Café in Chester.

In accordance with Chuck's wishes he was cremated. The Axelson Cremation Service in Butte provided these services. His ashes will be buried next to his wife in the Rudyard Cemetery later this spring.

BEVERLY UNDERDAHL DAVIDSON
Born: Age: 93 - Died: November 11, 2012
Liberty County Times
November 18, 2012

**Beverly Underdahl
Davidson**

CHOTEAU — Beverly Underdahl Davidson, 93, of Choteau, died Nov. 11, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.



Davidson

Cremation has taken place. A private celebration of her life is at Choteau Cemetery in the spring.

Beverly graduated from Brady High School and attended Kinman Business School in Spokane, Wash. She married H. Ray Davidson on June 14, 1937. They had been married 62 years at the time of his death. They both shared a love of grandchildren, traveling and dancing. Beverly was an avid bridge player, golfer and bowler. She had a fondness for her pets. Beverly always made the Christmas holiday a magical time for her family. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by son Larry Davidson (Sandy) of Sequim, Wash.; daughter Linda Davidson Earl (Bill) of Chester; five grandchildren, Jeff Davidson (Kimber) of Winter Park, Colo., Eric Davidson (Nancy) of Winter Park, Colo., John Davidson (Tegan) of Santa Rosa, Calif., Dawn Earl Lints (Lloyd) of Seattle, Wash., and Brett Earl (Anna) of Chester; Beverly had six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions are encouraged to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 100 Adopt A Pet Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Beverly's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Beverly's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

GENE L. DONOVEN

Born: December 12, 1931 – Died: May 31, 2012

Havre Daily News

June 4, 2012

Gene L. Donoven

Gene L. Donoven, 80, of Havre, died Thursday evening, May 31, 2012, at the Transitional Care Unit at Benefis Health Care in Great Falls, Mont. His prayer vigil service will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at Holland & Bonine Chapel, with his funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 7, at St. Jude's Thaddeus Church, with Father

Daniel Wathen officiating. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery. A fellowship

luncheon will be held at St. Jude Parish Center immediately after the services at the graveside. Memorial contributions in Gene's honor may be made to St. Jude Parish Center or to Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen in Havre. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Gene was born Dec. 12, 1931,

in Havre, Mont., to Donald and Clara (Gehlen) Donoven. He was raised and educated in Kremlin, graduating from Kremlin High School. He attended Northern Montana College. He lived in Kremlin and eventually moved to Havre. He married Lorraine "Lori" Balucki on Jan. 19, 1985, in Havre. The couple made their home in Havre and enjoyed their time together.

Gene enjoyed farming, traveling the countryside to visit people, hunting, bowling, snowmobiling and traveling to Arizona in the winter. His wife Lori passed in 1998, and Gene continued to winter in Arizona. He was a kind, quiet and generous person.

He was a member of St. Jude Thaddeus Church and the Eagles and Elks.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lori Donoven; and his brother Wayne Donoven and his niece Carla Donoven.

Gene is survived by his sister, Donna (Arlene) Knutson of Forest Grove, Ore.; his brother, Lowell (Darlene) Donoven of Havre; sister-in-law, June Donoven of Kremlin; his aunt, Lola Holst of Havre; numerous nieces and nephews and extended family.



Gene L.
Donoven

WILBUR JESSE EVELAND

Born: January 9, 1915 – Died: July 8, 2012

Liberty County Times

July 11, 2012



Wilbur Eveland

Wilbur Jesse Eveland was born January 9, 1915 in Cable, Wisconsin. He was one of ten children born to Jesse and Lottie (Ingersol) Eveland. Wilbur grew up in Wisconsin and received his formal education at the Woodrow country school.

In those early years he worked for his Grandpa Eveland on the family farm. In the 1930's Wilbur travelled to Montana several times to see his brothers, Richard and Howard, who were working in the Chester area. While here, he met his wife-to-be, Ruth Delila Stipp, and they were married in Wisconsin on September 28, 1935. They lived in Wisconsin for a few years before returning to Chester, where they raised their family of six. After returning to Montana, Wilbur initially worked in a CCC camp at Glacier Park, then began share-cropping for area farmers ("Jimmy the Greek" Bozianos, Walt Widmer, and Carl Yurman, to name a few). In 1940 he took employment as a section hand for the Great Northern Railroad, which eventually became the BNR. He remained on this job until 1966, when his leg was amputated following surgical complications. At that time he

had an opportunity to become the local agent of the Montana State Liquor Store in Chester, a job Wilbur and Ruth worked together until their retirement in 1988.

The Evelands had been married 54 years when Ruth died on December 7, 1989. Wilbur remained active in the community and was fortunate to live independently until age 90. He moved to the Wheat Country Estates (assisted-living) in 2005, then transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in 2007. Wilbur died peacefully at the Chester nursing facility on Sunday morning (July 8, 2012). He was 97 years old.

Wilbur's memberships throughout the years included the United Methodist Church, the N.R.A., and the Chester Volunteer Fire Dept. In his retirement years he served as a volunteer driver for the Senior Center and enjoyed busing the "old folks" around town (ironically, most of them were younger than him!). In 1992 Wilbur was honored to be selected as the Liberty County and Area III "Senior Citizen of the Year".

Wilbur loved music and the joy of playing his guitar. He played in many local bands, including the "Lamplighters", "Transients", "Music Makers", and the Chuckwagon 'Kitchen' Band. His assorted musical troupes travelled to various venues (inc. hospitals and nursing homes) throughout the Golden Triangle for the pure enjoyment of entertaining those who wanted to listen.

His other hobbies included hunting, fishing, playing cards, and reading (especially,

Louie Lamour books). Wilbur also enjoyed his rock and insulator collections. He loved visiting with people and never missed an Eveland family reunion – the bigger the crowd, the funner the festival!

Wilbur instilled good work ethic, honesty, compassion, and love to his family – what a wonderful legacy to leave behind!

He is survived by 4 children, Joyce Burch of Portland, OR, Lyle Eveland (and wife, Linda) of Edmonds, WA, Wayne Eveland (and wife, Lyn) of Covington, WA, and Judith Ohrt (and husband, Bob) of Stanwood, WA; a grandson who was raised as a son, Steve Cameron of Chester; 16 grandchildren (inc. Steve, Tim, Jodi, Bonnie, Colin, Lisa, Chelli, Jeff, Brenda, Blaine, Robert, Kelly, Heidi, Dillon, Molly, and Logan); 47 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Wilbur was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by 2 children (Carol Cameron and Glen Eveland), 2 children-in-law (Lou Ellen Eveland and Russell Eastman); 5 grandchildren (Colleen, Kim, David, Glenn, and Derek); his 4 brothers (Richard, Howard, Martin, and Chester Eveland); and his 5 sisters (Alice Pettapiece, Bess Hoverman, Myrtle Owen, and infant twins, Orpha and Opal Eveland).

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday (July 11th) by Pastor Grover Briggs at the Chester United Methodist Church. Steve Cameron read the obituary and Lyn Eveland read Psalm 23. The congregation

sang "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by Holly Frederickson on the piano. Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, performed "How Great Thou Art". Two of Wilbur's favorite songs, "Church in the Wildwood" and "Daisy-A-Day", were played as special interludes. Ushers were Dale Lalum and Loyd Boyer. Pallbearers were Kent, Kyle, and David Rudolph; Neal and Garrett Eveland; and Jim Hoverman. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a reception was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials may be given to the Liberty Senior Center, Chester Volunteer Fire Dept., or donor's choice.

DOROTHY E. (WENDLAND) FERDA
Born: July 25, 1928 – Died: June 6, 2012
Liberty County Times
June 10, 2012

Dorothy E. Ferda

Dorothy E. (Wendland) Ferda, 83, a longtime High-



Ferda

wood resident and homemaker, died of natural causes Wednesday, June 6, at her residence. Visitation is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at O'Connor Funeral Home. Funeral liturgy is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1223 16th St., in Fort Benton, with Rite of Committal to follow at the Riverside Cemetery. Reception at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall will follow. O'Connor Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Dorothy was born July 25, 1928 to Margaretha and Andrew Wendland in Rudyard, the youngest of five children. Dorothy grew up on the family farm there, attending Rudyard schools and graduating in 1946.

She met Steve Ferda at a dance in Highwood and a romance began. She and Steve married January 25, 1947. Together, they lived and farmed on the Lyng place on the Highwood North Bench and raised seven children. They retired from the farm in 1978 and moved into the town of Highwood. In 2005, they moved to the Rainbow Retirement Center in Great Falls.

Dorothy was a member of the St. Jane Frances Catholic Church in Highwood, a member of the Ladies' Altar Society, and played the organ and

directed the choir at the church for some time. She also belonged to the Home Demonstration Club in Highwood.

She enjoyed visits from her grandchildren, putting together jigsaw puzzles, collecting stamps, working outdoors in her flower beds and playing cards.

Dorothy was a mother who was willing to sacrifice for her children, making sure they came first. She and Steve instilled in their children the importance of an education, honesty, hard work and family values. She is much loved and will be missed.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Kathleen (Cal) Nelson of Fort Benton, Pauline Merenz of Great Falls and Susan Sands of Littleton, Colo.; sons Timothy Ferda of Great Falls, Phillip (Laureen) Ferda of Highwood, Joseph Ferda of Highwood, and Leo Ferda of Ridgecrest, Calif.; sister Janet Lehman of Highwood; two sisters-in-law; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steve Ferda; parents Margaretha and Andrew Wendland; brothers Harlan and Phillip Wendland and sister Marieann Vavruska.

Memorials may be made to the Highwood Scholarship Fund or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be posted online at www.oconnorfuneralhome.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

IDA M. (NYMARK) FEY
Born: December 1, 1921 – Died: June 1, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
June 6, 2012

Ida M. Fey

Ida M. (Nymark) Fey, 90, of Great Falls, a retired child-care provider and homesteader, formerly of Shelby, died of natural causes Friday, June 1, at her residence.



Fey

Memorial services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Chapel, with burial of ashes to follow in Highland Cemetery. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Ida was born Dec. 1, 1921, in Borgund, Norway, to Gustav and Ragnhild Nymark. She was the third of eight children. As a teen, she remembered watching the Nazi Army as they came over the Norwegian mountains during World War II. After the war, she sailed to America. Speaking little or no English, she found refuge with Norwegian relatives in Minnesota and then traveled on to Montana to live on the horse ranch that her uncle Pete had written home about. However, when she arrived, she discovered that a fire had destroyed his home, and he was living in a house that was no more than a tarpapered shack, with a bedroom, living room, kitchen and a porch, where the oil burning stove warmed up the little home. All the farming was done by horses, and fields were watered by ditch irrigation.

Ida got a job at the Snack Shack in Shelby and she soon caught the eye of her future husband, Clifford Fey. She loved getting teased and loved dancing, and he loved teasing her and taking her dancing. He also played with a small band at the local school where neighbors gathered for dances. He was the son of a rancher and worked as a ranch hand. He had fought in WWII, and after the war he got his own airplane.

Cliff and Ida married on June 7, 1949. They lived first with her Uncle Pete, just north of Devon. Here their first child was born. When the Ekholt farm, which was about five miles north of Uncle Pete's place, nestled in the Sweetgrass Hills, became available, they moved their little family to their new home. Soon the little family turned into a family of eight. Life wasn't easy; there were very harsh winters, and there were summers with no rain and a hot sun that dried up the crops. Cliff was almost killed in a car accident in the late '50s and had to spend the summer recuperating. Neighbors helped with the farm operations and Ida helped to support the family through whatever means she could; the large garden she planted allowed her to can and freeze vegetables to keep the family supplied year round. Baking bread, milking cows and gathering eggs were daily chores. They continued farming and

ranching until 1969. They moved to Shelby, where she set up a daycare that became a 24-hour operation. We don't remember what her fees were, but she never turned a child away. She received the Good Samaritan of the Week award several times for her selfless contributions to those who needed her help.

In 1971, she moved to Great Falls, where she started working at a local motel, but it didn't take long before her home became a daycare once again. Many of the same families followed her to Great Falls. With her child care profession, she finished getting her kids through school and getting them into a vocational school.

Some time after Uncle Pete died and the children left home, they moved to a country home on five acres and they began raising a huge garden, surrounded by a shelter-belt. They always had the family over for holidays and had an open door for anyone. After Dad died in 1994, she sold the home in the country that she loved, and moved back to Shelby.

Later, she returned to Great Falls, where she once again established her immaculate lawn, always weed-free and freshly trimmed. Every year she had a bountiful garden harvest, which she then sent to her children. During the winter she spent the evenings knitting or baking cookies; she especially enjoyed it when her grandchildren would bake with her, thus ensuring the Norwegian tradi-

tion continued on. Of course, huge containers of cookies were always sent home with anyone who showed up.

Neighbors would always remark, "that woman is making us look bad – her sidewalks were shoveled – or that last dandelion was pulled before the newspaper was in the box!" She always made the best out of a bad situation, and turned it to good by working hard and never giving up.

To all who knew her – she was always known as "Grandma."

Ida is survived her sons, Clifford A. Fey Jr. (Barbara) of Shelby, Victor W. Fey of Cut Bank and Pete A. Fey (Ginger) of Cut Bank; daughters Randi G. Meehan of Great Falls, Anita G. Barker (Thomas) of Lyons, Texas, and Mary J. Bates of Great Falls; 26 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren. In addition to her children and grandchildren, she is survived by her brothers, Jon and Gunnar Nymark of Norway.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford A. Fey Sr.; a son-in-law, Timothy Meehan Sr. and two grandchildren.

A special thank you to the wonderful folks from Peace Hospice: Denny, Stacy, Linda, Bernadette and Natalie.

Condolences may be posted online at www.schniderfuneralhome.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

Neil Olaf FOLDEN
Born: December 10, 1937 – Died: May 21, 2012
Liberty County Times
June 13, 2012



Neil Olaf Folden, 74, passed away on May 21, 2012, in San Jose, CA. He was born on December 10, 1937, in Polson, MT, graduated from Joplin (MT) High School in 1956, and then resided in California after his tour of duty in the Navy. He retired after 31 years of service as a Federal employee. Neil was well known for his mechanical abilities, knowledge of history, and his sense of humor.

He is survived by his lov-

ing wife, Linda, of San Jose; daughters, Debbra (Mike) Desrosiers of St. Hubert, Quebec, Canada, and Kathi (Ken) Fetty of San Jose, grandchildren Michael Fuller, Nicholas and Nina Desrosiers, and Piper Fetty; sister Ann (Gale) Thielman of Great Falls, MT; niece, Tara Thielman of Conrad, MT; nephew Greg (Kate) Thielman and children Scott, Blaine, and Makayla of Sun River, MT; step-brother

Bruce (Patti) Wade and family of Helena, MT, and step-sister Diane (Don) Miller and family of Gildford, MT.

Neil was preceded in death by his son Larry, parents, Olaf and Nina Folden, step-mother Alvira Folden, step-brother Leslie Wade, and step-sister Belva Stratton.

A memorial service was held June 2nd in San Jose, CA. Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association.

JOSEPH PETER FOLK

Born: Age: 80 - Died: November 26, 2012

Great Falls Tribune

November 30, 2012

Joseph Peter Folk

HAVRE—Joseph “Joe” Peter Folk, 80, of Havre, a U.S. Navy veteran and college custodian who raised his family in Kremlin, died of natural causes Monday, Nov. 26, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.



Folk circa
1950s



Folk



His memorial Mass is 1 p.m. Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church. Burial with full military honors will follow in Highland Cemetery. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Maxine of Havre; chil-

dren Beth George of Fountain Hill, Ariz., Kathy Folk of Missoula and Tim Folk of Havre; sister Frances Paladie of Yakima, Wash.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by son Michael Folk.

BETTY JUNE (McNICHOLS) FREDERICKSON

Born: June 1, 1922 – Died: May 30, 2012

Liberty County Times

June 6, 2012



Betty Frederickson

Betty June (McNichols) Frederickson was born June 1, 1922 at Templeton, Pennsylvania. She was the eldest of two children born to Van and Blanche (Householder) McNichols. Betty grew up in Pennsylvania and graduated from Leechburg High School in 1939. She continued her education at Kittanning Commercial College, where she completed business and secretarial courses. Betty returned to Leechburg in 1940 to work in the offices of Alleghany-Ludlum Steel Company.

In the mid-1940's Betty met her husband-to-be, Lawrence C. Frederickson, a Montana farmer who was stationed in the Marine Corps in the South

Pacific. They met when Lawrence came to Pennsylvania on military leave with Betty's brother, Sam. The couple was married in Philadelphia on January 20, 1945. Following Lawrence's military discharge, they moved to the Frederickson farm northwest of Chester. Betty enjoyed her life in Montana as a farm wife, homemaker, and mother of two.

In 1979 the Fredericksons moved into Chester. Betty began working at the Liberty County Library and Lawrence continued to help with the farming operations until they retired in 1990. In the spring of 2000 they moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge. The couple was married 55 years when Lawrence passed away on August 17, 2000. Betty remained at the Lodge until 2007, then moved to Wheat Country Estates Assisted-Living. When her health continued to deteriorate, she transferred to Liberty Medical Center for extended care in 2011. Betty died peacefully at the Chester nursing facility on Wednesday afternoon (May 30, 2012). She was just two days shy of her 90th birthday.

Betty was baptized in the Presbyterian faith at age 19. After moving to Montana, she became active at the Trinity Lutheran Church north of Lothair, where she served as church treasurer and Sunday School super-intendent for many years. The Fredericksons eventually transferred their membership to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, where Betty continued to teach Sunday School. In addition she served on the Liberty County Museum board for 30+ years, as treasurer and volunteer tour guide, before resigning at age 85.

Betty was a gifted "counted cross-stitcher" who made hundreds of quilt squares over the years. She was also an avid reader and loved crossword puzzles. In addition, she enjoyed playing cards (mainly, pinochle).

An interesting tidbit about Betty: "She could kill a rattlesnake without hesitation, but was deathly afraid of a little mouse!"

Betty will be remembered as a dedicated mother and friend whose guidance and love will remain in our hearts forever...

Survivors are her two sons and spouses, Chris (Carolyn)

Frederickson of Tyler, Texas and Dan (Holly) Frederickson of Chester; 6 grandchildren and spouses, Shawn (Sarah) Frederickson, Cheri Frederickson, Clint (Starsha) Frederickson, Colt (Susie) Frederickson, Rob (Kaycee) Beall, and Chrissy (Aaron) Grimm; 8 great-grandchildren, Abigale, Selah, Lincoln, Prestan, Levi, Aria, Aidan, and Rydell; and several nephews and nieces.

Betty was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by her brother (Sam McNichols in 2004) and a granddaughter (Courtney Frederickson in 1996).

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday (June 2nd) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with Pastor John Fauerbach officiating. Holly Frederickson provided prelude and postlude music and accompanied the vocalists. The trio of Clint and Starsha Frederickson and Chrissy Grimm sang "It Is Well With My Soul". Soloist, Marla Forbes, performed "Blessed Assurance". Scripture readings were by Shawn Frederickson and Aaron Grimm. A poem entitled "Safely Home" was read by Rob Beall. A fam-

ily "thank you" letter to Betty was read by Cheri Frederickson. The obituary was read by Colt Frederickson. Ushers were Leroy Green and Claude Hawks. Betty's loving grandchildren served as pallbearers. Following the services, a luncheon was held at the church.

Betty was buried in the family plot at the Valleyview Cemetery in Shelby. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

BETTY JUNE (McNICHOLS) FREDERICKSON

Born: June 1, 1922 at Templeton, Pennsylvania

Died: May 30, 2012 at Chester, Montana

Age: 89 years ... 11 months ... 29 days

*God gives us each a gift of life
To cherish from our birth.
He gives us friends and those we love
To share our days on Earth.*

*He watches us with loving care
And takes us by the hand.
He blesses us with countless joys
And guides the lives we've planned.*

*Then, when our work on Earth is done,
He calls us to His side.
To live with Him in happiness
Where peace and love abide.*



BETTY'S LOVING FAMILY: 2 sons, Chris/Carolyn and Dan/Holly; 6 grandchildren, Shawn/Sarah, Cheri, Clint/Starsha, Colt/Susie, Rob/Kaycee, and Chrissy/Aaron; and 8 great-grandchildren, Abigale, Sclah, Lincoln, Prestan, Levi, Aria, Aidan, & Rydell...

FUNERAL SERVICES: 1:00 p.m.. Saturday (June 2nd, 2012) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Mt.

OFFICIANT: Pastor John Fauerbach

PIANIST: Holly Frederickson

VOCAL TRIO: Clint & Starsha Frederickson and Chrissy Grimm ... *"It Is Well With My Soul"*

SOLO: Marla Forbes ... *"Blessed Assurance"*

SPECIAL READINGS:

SCRIPTURES = Shawn Frederickson and Aaron Grimm

OBITUARY = Colt Frederickson

POETIC = Rob Beall ... *"Safety Home"*

LETTER = Cheri Frederickson ... *"Thanks to Mom"*

USHERS: Leroy Green and Claude Hawks

PALLBEARERS: Betty's loving grandchildren

RECEPTION to follow at the church fellowship hall...

GRAVESIDE SERVICES: 4:00 p.m. Saturday at the Valleyview Cemetery (west of Shelby, Montana)

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester

AURELIA FRANCES GATZEMEIER
Born: August 11, 1923– Died: June 27, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
July 1, 2012

Aurelia F. Gatzemeier

BILLINGS — Aurelia Frances Gatzemeier, 88, formerly of Rudyard, died of natural causes Wednesday, June 27, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.



Gatzemeier

A rosary service is 7 p.m. today at Our Lady of Ransom

Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial is 11 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church. Interment to follow in Highland Cemetery in Havre. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Aurelia was born on August 11, 1923, in Steger, Illinois, to Stephen and Louise (Seiter) Dunn. She grew up in Steger and attended Bloom Township High School in Chicago Heights, followed by a nursing degree from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Joliet. Aurelia worked as a registered nurse in Illinois during World War II.

She married Victor C. "Vic" Gatzemeier in 1949 in Steger, and the couple later moved to Rudyard. Their union was blessed with five sons, and

Aurelia spent the next several years working as a wife and mother. She continued her professional work by volunteering and supporting emergency services. Aurelia enjoyed arts and crafts; especially ceramics, macramé and crocheting. She was a formidable pinochle player who played to win. She served as the secretary and treasurer of the Rudyard Senior Center and was a member of the Holy Family Altar Society, the local EMS Board, and the VFW Ladies' Auxiliary.

Aurelia was preceded in death by her husband Vic; her parents; her sister Genevieve Lustig; and her brothers Leonard and Steve Dunn.

She is survived by her five sons, Paul (Barb Skelton) Gatzemeier of Billings, Chuck (Janine) Gatzemeier of Cut Bank, Tim (Gaynelle) Gatzemeier of Rudyard, Tom (Jill) Gatzemeier of Great Falls, and Don (Paula) Gatzemeier of Glendale, Ariz.; her 14 grandchildren; and her 12 great-grandchildren.

The family has requested that memorials be made in Aurelia's name to Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250.

Condolences may be posted online at hollandbonine.com and/or gftribune.com/obituaries.

DONALD RAY GOUCHENOUR, SR.
Born: May 6, 1929 – Died: March 13, 2012
Liberty County Times
March 21, 2012



Donald Gouchenour Sr.

LEDGER - Donald Ray Gouchenour Sr., 82, of Ledger, died of natural causes Tuesday, March 13, at a Great Falls hospital.

Donald was born May 6, 1929, to Raymond and Esther (Fenger) Gouchenour in Conrad. He grew up on the family homestead farm east of Ledger. He graduated from Conrad High School in 1947, and attended Coyne Electrical School in Chicago, Ill. He served as an Army cook when he was stationed in Germany for two years during the Korean War.

On June 30, 1954, he married Rosemary Powell Macbeth. He

farmed his entire life, raised 11 children and cared for 26 foster children.

For several years, he volunteered as a cook for Chatco-lab in Idaho, and Black Hills in South Dakota, cooked at Boy Scout camps, cooked for a trip for church youth group in New York, and volunteered much time to taking Scouts to activities. His main hobby was helping people, working, playing pinochle, fishing, hunting, horseback riding and swimming. He was active in church, where he taught classes, was president of Sunday school, served in the Bishopric and worked with the youth.

Donald is survived by his wife, Rosemary; daughters Esther (Mike) Wakkinen, Susan (John) Kulrgen, Rachel (David) Woodruff, Pauline (Doyle) Anderson and Bettine (Bob) Bleecker; sons Don (Deb), Clifford (Joan), Joseph (Eva), Chaz (Shelenc), Sam (Andrea) and Ray (Milagros); sisters Arlene (Pat) Conway and Elaine Nixon; 48 grandchildren; and 58 great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be posted online at www.croxfordfuneralhome.com and/or www.funbune.com/obituaries.

CARL LAUREN GREEN

Born: July 11, 1929– Died: January 28, 2012

Liberty County Times

February 8, 2012



Carl Lauren Green passed away peacefully on January 28, 2012 in Billings, where he and Susanne had recently moved to be near Jayme and Andrea and her family. As per his wish, cremation has taken place and although he requested no services, his family will have a local gathering on Saturday, February 18th at the Chester United Methodist Church at 11:00.

Carl was born at home on July 11, 1929, near Forks, Montana. He was the 5th of 8 children born to George and

Ethel (Quackinbush) Green. He went to grade school at Wagner and graduated high school at Malta. When he was 16, his parents were killed by a drunk driver, so he lived with his sister and her husband until finishing high school. He spent the summers "baching" with his brother and taught himself how to play the harmonica when he had breaks from farming. He was drafted into the Army during the Korean conflict and spent his service days in Korea and Japan. After his discharge, he married for the first time (later divorced) and had two daughters, Carla (deceased), who had two children and Ruth, who has three children. He tried a variety of careers, including farming, concrete work, plumbing, and law enforcement. In 1967 he was hired on the signal crew for Great Northern Railway, later becoming a signal maintainer. In 1971, he married the love of his life, Susanne Tyler, in Rapid City. They lived in several Montana locations before settling permanently in Chester in 1974. He built their home

there in 1976. They bought a camper and used it most every summer. In 1985, Carl, Susanne, their two children, Andrea and Jayme, Carl's sister Margaret, and her grandson took a once in a lifetime trip to Norway to meet his previously unknown relatives. In the late 80's, he and his good friend, Chet Eveland, bought the old "Green Store" building and spent many hours and weekends salvaging what they could. They found many old papers, postcards, and posters on and in the walls, along with numerous old bottles and cans filling the spaces. Carl used the wainscoting he salvaged to line the walls of his garage and shed. In 1990 he suffered a heart attack, resulting in bypass surgery. It was at that time he found out he had diabetes. In 1992, after a job related injury, he was medically retired from the railroad. Carl was a "jack-of-all-trades", able to fix anything around the house and garage. He especially enjoyed "fixing" broken motors, working in the yard, and doing crossword puzzles. Along with his

son, Jayme, he even built a 3-wheel motorcycle, starting with a Volkswagen motor. To keep busy while recuperating from his numerous diabetes related surgeries and illnesses, he created Christmas ornaments, lights, etc. with "beads and safety pins". For several years, he made sure the sprinkling system at the Methodist church stayed in working order, mowed the lawn, and cleared snow from the sidewalks.

Carl leaves behind Susanne, his wife of 41 years; daughter Andrea (Walt), their children, Carsten, Trevor, and Lauren; son Jayme; brothers, Donald, Roger, and Robert; sister, Mildred; numerous nieces and nephews; all his good friends and "coffee" buddies.

Suggested memorials are the Chester United Methodist Church, Chester Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Department, or RiverStone Health Inpatient Hospice House in Billings.

Rest in peace, gentle soul, your suffering is over. Till we meet again...

KATHRYN MAE (REHAL) GREEN
Born: March 1, 1927 – Died: May 5, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
May 11, 2012

Kathryn Mae Green



Green

BILLINGS — Kathryn Mae (Rehal) Green, 85, a retired banker, formerly of Great Falls, residing in Billings, died of natural causes Saturday, May 5, at a Billings care facility.

Visitation is 5 to 8 p.m. today at Schnider Funeral Home of Great Falls. Funeral services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Chapel, with burial to follow in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls.

Kathryn was born March 1, 1927, in Chester. She was raised and educated in Chester, graduating from Chester High School. She then attended Northern Montana College, studying business. Kathryn worked for her father in their confectionary store during high school. In 1947, she moved to Great Falls and started her banking career at Great Falls National as a messenger. She continued working in the banking indus-

try as the family moved following her husband's military career. Upon his retirement, they moved back to Great Falls where she worked the next 23 years for First Bank Systems. Upon her retirement in 1986, she became a member of RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and the Foster Grandparents Reading Program.

Kathryn enjoyed reading, gardening and playing her keyboard. Most importantly, she found great joy at family gatherings.

Kathryn is survived by her daughters, Charlotte Hoiland of Great Falls and Carolyn (Lyndon) Fehr of Morden, Manitoba; sons Steven (Renea) Green of Billings and Robert (Debra) Green of Spokane; nephew Marvin Sunderland; and brother-in-law Harold Prohoda; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Edward Green; parents Shebel and Sophie Rehal; four sisters; one brother; and a nephew.

Condolences may be posted online at www.schniderfuneralhome.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

MARILYNN JOYCE (ZORN) GUNDERSON

Born: January 9, 1939 – Died: June 6, 2012

Liberty County Times

June 13, 2012



Marilynn Gunderson

Marilynn Joyce (Zorn) Gunderson was born January 9, 1939 in Chester, Mt. She was the middle of seven children born to Ellen Skonard and Raymond Zorn Sr. Marilyn grew up on the family farm 12 miles north of Chester and received her formal education in town. While in high school, she accepted a blind date with a young railroad telegrapher, and this relationship soon blossomed into love and marriage. Marilyn and Wilfred "Bill" Gunderson were wed January 15, 1955 and remained best friends and companions from that time on. They made their home in Chester and raised a family of six. Sadly, their first-born child, a son named Gary, died unexpectedly of spinal meningitis at age four in 1959. The next five Gunderson children provided all kinds of exciting moments and memories in their lives in the years that followed.

In addition to being a homemaker and mother, Marilyn enjoyed several part time jobs in the Chester community. She worked as a waitress at the Mint, Grand, and Wagon Wheel cafes. She was also employed as a clerk at the Liberty Drug Store. In 1981 she quit

working outside of the home so that she could help care for her first grandchild, Amy.

After Bill retired in 1991, the Gundersons bought a motor home to visit their kids and other family members. Together, they enjoyed dancing, bowling, horseshoes, jigsaw puzzles, Cribbage, and camping.

Marilynn had suffered from disabling arthritis for many years. Still, she remained active and enjoyed a social life. During her retirement years, she stayed busy as the volunteer director of the hospital "U Shop" (a local thrift store that raises money for the Hospital Guild). In 2007 she was presented the President's Volunteer Service Award and in 2010 she was recognized as "Liberty County Senior of the Year". Marilyn also held memberships at St. Mary's Catholic Church and the VFW Auxiliary.

On the weekend of June 1st, the Gundersons travelled to Helena to celebrate a grandson's graduation. Marilyn became acutely ill on Sunday morning and was admitted to St. Peter's Hospital. After three days of intensive care, Marilyn died peacefully on the early morning of Wednesday (June 6, 2012). She was 73 years old.

Marilynn's hobbies were many. She loved to sew, quilt, and crochet. She enjoyed listening to music, reading, and watching her favorite television programs (like "The Young & the Restless" and polka shows). Marilyn was an excellent cook; her family will remember her delicious homemade pies, pancakes,

casseroles, and soups. In addition she liked to play BINGO. Last, but not least, she enjoyed her personal collections of salt-&-pepper shakers, cups-&-saucers, spoons, dolls, and birds.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Wilfred "Bill" Gunderson of Chester; 5 children and spouses, Diane Gunderson of East Helena, Mary Ellen (Bruce) Clark of Missoula, Brenda (Mark) Faure of Bozeman, Ken (Sonja) Gunderson of Renton, WA, and David (Sharyn) Gunderson of East Helena; 10 grandchildren (inc. Amy, Brent, Matthew, Mitchell, Chelsey, Kayla, Eric, Cory, Alyssa, and Michael); 2 great-grandchildren (inc. Eleace and Roscoe); 2 sisters, Alma Soper of Chester and Darlene (Duane) Fraser of Inverness; 2 brothers, Duane "Skip" Zorn of Shelby and Ted (Mary Ann) Zorn of Chester; and many nieces and nephews.

Marilynn was preceded in death by her parents, her son (Gary Allen), and 2 brothers (Raymond Jr. and Gordon Zorn).

A kind, dedicated, and loving lady has left us. She will be sorely missed, but never forgotten by those who loved her...

Vigil Prayers were 7:00 p.m. Sunday (June 10th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at the church at 11:00 a.m. Monday by Father Joseph Diekhans. Mass music was provided by St. Mary's choir with accompaniment by Marie Woods. Selected hymns were "On

Eagle's Wings", "Amazing Grace", & "How Great Thou Art". Readers were Natalie Ghekiere & Judy Tempel (scriptures), Sonja Gunderson ("Prayers of the Faithful"), and Mark Faure (obituary). Ushers were Dennis Synder & Quannah Bailey. Marilyn's grandsons served as pallbearers and her granddaughters presented the communion gifts. The Mass concluded with a special taped selection, "Precious Memories". Burial followed at the Chester Cemetery and a reception was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Memorials may be given to the Liberty County Hospital Guild or the Liberty County Senior Center.

MARILYNN JOYCE (ZORN) GUNDERSON

Born: January 9, 1939 at Chester, Montana

Died: June 6, 2012 at Helena, Montana

Age: 73 years ... 4 months ... 28 days

AS WE HONOR OUR MOTHER...

We will never forget our Mother's face,

The sound of her voice,

The gentleness of her touch ...

They let us know we are loved.

We will never forget the stories she told.

The traditions she handed down ...

They let us know who we are.

We will never forget the lessons she taught,

The things she stood for ...

They are her gift and our legacy.

We will never forget

And we will always know

That we honor you, Mom, everyday -

And how we live and who we are.



Dad & us kids
love you so
much
and will
greatly miss
you...

Marilynn's Family: Husband, Wilfred "Bill"; 5 children, Diane, Mary Ellen/Bruce, Brenda/Mark, Ken/Sonja, and David/Sharyn; 10 grandchildren, Amy, Brent, Matthew, Mitchell, Chelsey, Kayla, Eric, Cory, Alyssa, and Michael; 2 great-grandchildren, Eleace & Roscoe; 2 sisters, Alma & Darlene/Duane; 2 brothers, Duane & Ted/Mary Ann; and many nieces & nephews...

VIGIL PRAYERS: 7:00 p.m. Sunday (June 10th, 2012) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester... *Led by Father Joe*

FUNERAL MASS: 11:00 a.m. Monday (June 11th, 2012) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester, Montana

CELEBRANT: Father Joseph Diekhans

MASS MUSIC: St. Mary's Choir and pianist, Marie Woods

READERS:

Scriptures: Natalie Ghekiere & Judy Tempel

Prayers of the Faithful: Sonja Gunderson

●bituary: Mark Faure

USHERS: Quannah Bailey & Dennis Snyder

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: Granddaughters

PALLBEARERS: Grandsons

INTERMENT: Chester (Catholic) Cemetery

...Luncheon to follow at the church basement...

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester

MEMORIALS: Liberty Co. Hospital Guild or Liberty Senior Center

MARY ANN (WALDEN) HAMPTON
Born: January 18, 1932 – Died: October 26, 2012
Liberty County Times
November 7, 2012



Mary Ann Hampton

Mary Ann Hampton was born January 18, 1932 in Colorado, California to Anna Nelson Walden and Jasper Jotbam Walden. She enjoyed her childhood years on the California coast swimming, taking horseback riding lessons, riding the ferry to the mainland, and being a regular visitor at the San Diego Zoo. As the daughter of a career Navy officer, she was well versed in enemy military drills as she experienced the drama of WW II.

In her middle school years, she and her parents moved to Louisville, Kentucky. She later graduated from Okalona High school in 1949. While attending Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, she met the love of her life, Robert Wayne Hampton. She graduated in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in education. Mary Ann and Wayne were married on September 8, 1952 in Louisville, and began their life together on the Hampton Family farm in Bowling Green, then moved to Louisville where she taught school. Wayne's draft into the army brought them to Texas.

An offer from Mary Ann's uncle in Montana to try farming and take over her mother's homestead land brought the

family to a new life north of Geraldine, Montana where they raised a family of three. Not only was Mary Ann a devoted house wife, she often helped her husband with much of the farming, especially when air conditioned tractors became commonly used. She even had her own tractor – much to the surprise of everyone who knew Mary Ann as an only child with the “Shirley Temple curls” who was very much loved and “spoiled” by doting relatives. Mary Ann and Wayne were not only partners in marriage, but their life long, unselfish commitment, and love for each other carried them through parenting, farming, and retirement.

The Hampton family moved to Fort Benton for the winter months, and Mary Ann was a substitute teacher at Fort Benton Schools for many years. Her favorite hobby was reading. She was known to read several books a week as well as newspapers and magazines. With her love of reading, and knowledge of books, she served on the Chouteau County Library Board of Directors. During her term as Chairman of the board, she was instrumental in the construction of the addition that doubled the size of the Carnegie Library.

Mary Ann was a talented artist and calligrapher. She generously shared her talent with schools, churches, children, and family. She and Wayne partnered to create many projects from jewelry to antique cars, name plates, signs, and posters. They even collaborated on the home they built together. Mary Ann liked playing pinochle with friends, working crossword puzzles, but her favorite game was Scrabble. She belonged to a Scrabble club, and provided stiff competition to

any opponent.

Faith was a central theme in Mary Ann's life. She spent many volunteer hours in her church, teaching Sunday School, keeping church books, and participating in the United Methodist Women's many projects. Later she became active on the conference level, and was one of the first laypersons appointed to the Board of Ordained Ministries where she participated in the selection and ordination of ministers for the Yellowstone Conference (which included Wyoming and Montana).

Mary Ann and Wayne especially enjoyed following their grandchildren's activities, as well as traveling to places all over the United States and abroad to visit friends and family. After their retirement from farming in 1991, they became volunteers in Glacier National Park. For fifteen summers, they worked as campground hosts at Two Medicine Campground. These were truly memorable summers in their lives as they found fulfillment in meeting many new people, making friends, and sharing their love of Montana with the hundreds of tourists that visited the park.

When Mary Ann faced too many challenges in dealing with Alzheimer's disease, she moved to the Missouri River Medical Center in August, 2011. She died from complications of Alzheimer's at the Fort Benton care center on Friday afternoon (October 26, 2012). She was 80 years old.

Mary Ann will long be remembered for her classy style, her organizational skills, her compassion for others, and her willingness to volunteer whenever there was a need she could fill.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Wayne Hampton of Fort Benton; son,

Larry Hampton of Helena; daughters, Gail (Rudy) Cicon of Chester and Linda (Mark) Hendricksen of Spokane, WA.; six grandchildren, including James (Erica) Hampton; Heidi (Michael) Browne and Kyle Cicon; and Taylor, Hayley, and Hannah Hendricksen; and five great-grandchildren, including Zebulon, Samuel, Caleb, Isaac, and Morgan.

In lieu of flowers to honor Mary Ann, memorials may be directed to McLaughlin Research Institute (for Alzheimer's research) at 1520 - 23rd Street South, Great Falls, MT 59405 (e-mail address: mclaughlin-research.org) OR the United Methodist Church in Fort Benton.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday (Nov. 3rd) at the Fort Benton United Methodist Church. Pastor Grover Briggs of Chester and Pastor Ross Rettig of Fort Benton officiated. At the beginning of the service, Mary Ann's daughter and son-in-law, Gail & Rudy, performed a harp/guitar medley of “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” and “Amazing Grace”. Scripture readings were by Kris Honrud and the eulogy was shared by grandson, James Pianist, Michelle Danreuther accompanied the congregation who sang “I Was There To Hear Your Morning Cry” and “Here I Am Lord”. Vocalist, Karen Lippert, performed “Emanuel” and “Hymn of Promise”. A power point presentation was provided by the family. Ushers were Larry & Pam Lambott. Mary Ann's grandchildren & spouses served as pallbearers. Honorary bearers were all of her loving family and friends. At the graveside rites at the Riverside Cemetery in Fort Benton, a poem entitled “I'm Free” was read by grandson, Taylor, followed by the release of red helium balloons. A luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

JULIANN ALVINA (NIETING) HANSON
Born: November 12, 1952 – Died: June 14, 2012
Liberty County Times
June 20, 2012



Juliann Hanson

Juliann Alvina Nieting Hanson was born November 12, 1952, in Fort Dodge, Iowa. She was the youngest daughter of Henry and Julia (Krepel) Nieting. She was baptized December 14, 1952 and confirmed April 3, 1966 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pomeroy, Iowa. She attended Immanuel Lutheran School through 8th grade and Pomeroy High School in Pomeroy, Iowa and graduated in 1970. Following graduation, she attended a Medical Technical school in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

While in Minneapolis, she met her husband, Larry Hanson. The couple was married May 1, 1971 at Immanuel Lutheran in Pomeroy, Iowa. They lived in different places in Montana - Chester, Shelby, Havre & Wolf Point, along with Parkers Prairie, Minnesota before settling in Helena, MT. She worked as a nurse's aide in Wolf Point, Havre and Parkers Prairie. She retired in 2010 from Disability Determination Services in Helena after a 30 year career. During that time she was recognized by the Federal Government in 1999 for an Associates Commissioner Award.

Julie was a member of Our Redeemer's Lutheran and more recently First Lutheran Church in Helena, MT. Survivors include her husband Larry, son Ryan (Laurie) Hanson and grandsons, Augustus and Quinn Hanson of Helena; brother Donald (Terry) Nieting of Sacramento, CA; sister Norene (Jerry) Nelson of Salina, KS; brother-in-law Calvin (Linda) Hanson of Helena,

MT; sister-in-law Darlene (Mike) Abeln of Douglasville, GA; mother-in-law Ione Huston of Chester, MT, and numerous nieces and nephews. Julie was preceded in death by her parents, father-in-law Alfred Hanson, and brother-in-law Rodney Hanson.

Julie loved spending time with her grandsons and traveling. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed sharing that talent with family and friends; it was a gift of love. She enjoyed living in the mountains of the Montana City area. She will be missed by all who knew her. Her smile and love will be remembered always.

Visitation was noon on Friday, June 15, 2012 and the family received friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 3750 N. Montana Avenue. Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. today, June 16th at First Lutheran Church, 2231 E. Broadway Street. Her burial will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 18, 2012 at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery at Fort

Harrison. Memorials in Julie's name are suggested to the Cancer Treatment Center or Resource Center C/O St. Peter's Hospital 2475 Broadway Street Helena, Montana 59601. Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer the family condolences.

The family would like to thank St. Peter's nursing staff and doctors Weiner and Thomas. Memorials

can be made to the St. Peter's Cancer Center.

HELEN LOUISE (STORES) HARMON

Born: June 3, 1942– Died: May 26, 2012

Liberty County Times

May 30, 2012

Helen Harmon

Helen Louise (Stores) Harmon, 69, passed away at Immanuel Lutheran Home on May 26th, 2012.

Helen was born in Havre on June 3, 1942, to Donald and Dorothy Stores. She was raised at Tiber Dam, near Chester, where her father was



superintendent of the dam. In her youth, she overcame the hearing and vision impairments left by childhood illness to become an enthusiastic pianist, and a proof-reader for the Liberty County Times. Helen graduated as Class Salutatorian from Chester High School in 1960 and married her high school sweetheart, Daniel Harmon, on January 21, 1961. In 1966, not long after Helen was diagnosed with multiple sclero-

sis, the young family moved to Kalispell and built their home in Evergreen.

She was a devoted mother who raised her five children with home-made cooking, hand-sewn Christmas gifts, and home-grown preserves. She served as Cub Scout leader for her sons' troop. She loved to square dance and garden, until MS made those pursuits too difficult. She undauntingly planned and carried out adventures with her family, including camping near Dan's summer bridge construction jobs in Glacier Park and beyond, and driving to Arizona and Mexico over Christmas break. After her children were grown, and MS had stolen much of her independence and ended her marriage, Helen's motto was "Better to laugh than cry!". She continued to amaze her children and grandchildren

with her cheerful courage. We know Mom would want us to honor her memory with more laughter than tears.

She is survived by her children Danny (Danette) Harmon, of Post Falls, Idaho, Mike and Sandy Harmon, and Chuck and Darla Harmon, all of Kalispell, Vonda and Rod Garcia, of Whitefish, Matt and Pam Harmon, of Post Falls; grandchildren Zane (and Kate) Kimes of Phoenix, Miranda (and Larry) Lee, Hunter and Hali Harmon, all of Post Falls, Cody and Tessa Harmon, Logan and Lauren Harmon, all of Kalispell, and Sydney and Barrett Garcia, of Whitefish; great-grandson Xander Lee of Post Falls; siblings Robert Storrs and Pat Stores, of Eugene, Oregon, Donna McCaleb, of Camano Island, Washington, Margie Holmes, of Chester, and Sharon Stores, of Belle Fourche, SD, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The memorial service will be on Saturday, June 30th at 11:00 am in Chester, at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Montana MS Society or Immanuel Lutheran Home.

DOROTHY (NOVAK) HAUGEN
Born: March 16, 1916 – Died: February 15, 2012

Liberty County Times
March 7, 2012

Dorothy (Novak) Haugen

Dorothy (Novak) Haugen went to be with her Lord, February 15, 2012. She was born March 16, 1916 to Edward and Nellie (Jarvis) Novak. They came to Montana, to homestead south of Havre in 1917. She received all her schooling



in Havre, from grade school through college at Northern Montana College.

She married Martin Haugen, October 10, 1936. Three children were born from this union, Donald Haugen of Delray Beach, Florida; Dorothy (Gary) Jacobs of Kalispell, Montana; and Susan (Sam) Phillips of Burnet, Texas. They moved to Chester in 1946, where she worked in local grocery stores for 25 years until retirement. They moved to Kalispell to be near their daughter in 1986. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour and was an active member at Rocky Mt. Baptist Church till her death.

She loved doing puzzles, crosswords, knitting, crocheting, and artex crafts. She made sweaters, afghans, bedspreads, and over 100 pair of mittens each year for RSVP to give to area children. She still lived in her own home next door to her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin, of 63 years in 1999, her parents, all

four of her siblings and one daughter-in-law.

She is survived by her children, 5 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, 2 great great-grandchildren, three sister-in-laws, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held March 3rd at RMBC at 11:30 in Kalispell. Gravesite services will be held in Chester in the spring.

Donald Robert HELLINGER
Born: March 12, 1932 – Died: May 31, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
June 8, 2012

Donald Hellinger

Donald Robert "Bob" Hellinger, 80, of Devon, a long-time farmer and pilot, died of natural causes Thursday, May 31, at his farm.



Hellinger

Memorial services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at Whitted



Funeral Chapel in Shelby. Burial with military honors will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements.

Bob was born March 12, 1932, in Shelby to Donald F. and Jennie C. (Hebbard) Hellinger. Bob grew up on the farm north of Devon, attending schools in Devon and graduating from Shelby High School in 1950. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, and after spending four years in the service, he decided he wanted to spend the rest of his life farming. In 1957, he and his brother Dean formed the Hellinger Bros. Farm, which they operated for 41 years. When he retired, he and Dean leased the farm to the next generation of Hellinger Bros.

In 1959, Bob married Marie Dounley, the love of his life. They had sons Jim and Dou-

glas; grandson, Riley; and granddaughter, Madeline.

Bob owned and flew his own airplanes for over 53 years. He had received the Wright Bros. Master Pilot award in 2009 for 50 years of safe flying. Over the years, Bob gave a countless number of young people their first airplane ride, encouraging each of them to become interested in aviation.

Bob was president of the Devon Farmers Union Local, the Devon Farmers Union Oil Co., Secretary of the Toole County National Farmers' Organization, served on the Toole County Airport Board and as Toole County's representative on the Highway 2 Association. He was also secretary of the Galata County Water District for 16 years.

Bob was a proud supporter of all of the Shelby Coyote teams over the years, and so enjoyed all of his many friends. He was an avid golfer who got a hole in one in 2007 on the Marias Valley Golf Course.

Donald is survived by his wife, Marie; sons Jim and Doug; brother Dean and wife Patricia; his two grandkids, Riley and Madeline; and many cousins.

Condolences may be posted online at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

DOROTHY MARIE (TANGNEY) HEMMER
Born: June 28, 1923 – Died: March 26, 2012
Liberty County Times
April 4, 2012



Dorothy Hemmer

Dorothy Marie (Tangney) Hemmer passed away Monday evening, March 26, 2012, in Billings, following a short battle with cancer.

Mom was born in Seattle on June 28, 1923, to Tom and Gertrude Tangney, the oldest of five. She grew up a typical Irish-Catholic schoolgirl, attending Catholic schools through high school. Following graduation, she held different jobs in Seattle, including working for a local bus line and for the city. But that all changed when her friend and co-worker introduced her to her friend from Montana, Lawrence Hemmer. Mom and Dad had a long-distance romance for about a year and, on Oct. 15, 1955, they were married. Mom packed up her life in Seattle to begin a new one near Galata, Mont., where Dad farmed. It took a little while for this city girl to

soon she learned to love it. The farm became home, and that's where she raised her three kids. Mom and Dad stayed on the farm until 1995, when they moved to Billings.

Mom loved spending time with her family, whether it was at the family cabin near Kalispell, over a good home-cooked meal, or just sitting around visiting. She was very proud of her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids, never missing an opportunity to brag about them. Mom also loved to read — she loved mystery novels, People magazine and the local newspapers. She also loved to cook for her family. Mom was known around Galata for her cookies, and as the kids and grandkids moved away, Grandma's cookies got new followers, because she always sent enough to share.

Dorothy is survived by her three children, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren: Larry (and Jan) of Billings and children David, Dan, Laura and LeAnne; Teresa (and Kevin) Dosland of Whitehall, and children Colleen (David and daughters Rachel and Sarah), Kyle (Molly and daughter Natalie), and Keith; and Mike (and Shirley) of Federal Way, Wash., and children Jennifer, Eric, and Abby; her brother Jack Tangney of Tacoma, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her

husband, Lawrence; her sister, Jean; brothers Tom and Bob; and granddaughter Cassie Dosland.

We will miss Mom's laugh, her companionship and her love. We know she's in the loving arms of God, and together with Dad again. Mom, Grandma, Nana, Sis — we miss you, but we know we'll

see you again. We want to thank the staff of Riverstone Hospice — your compassion helped us and Mom through a very tough time.

A Rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Mass of the resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, April 2, at St. Pius X Church in Billings.

Memorials can be sent to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Remembrances may be shared with the family by visiting www.michelottisawyers.com.

DONNA B. (SILVERNALE) HOREL
Born: May 6, 1927– Died: January 21, 2012
Liberty County Times
January 25, 2012



Donna Horel

Donna Horel, age 84, a south Rudyard area farm wife. who loved antiques sewing, art, and gardening, died Saturday (Jan. 21, 2012) from respiratory problems at the Benefis East Medical Center in Great Falls.

Donna B. Silvernale was born May 6, 1927 at Big Sandy, Mt. She was one of three children born to Frank and Ollie (Campbell) Silvernale. Donna graduated from Box Elder High School in 1945, then continued her education at Northern Montana College in Havre. After receiving her teaching certificate, she began teaching at various country schools

in the Havre and Big Sandy communities.

Donna married Schuyler "Shy" Horel on March 18, 1949. They farmed and ranched south of Rudyard

and raised a family of two. The Horels were married 56 years when Shy died on June 9, 2005. Donna remained on the family farm and enjoyed relatively good health until her recent hospitalization.

She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by her sister (Mary Sanchez).

Survivors include her son,

Joe (Marsha) Horel of Rudyard; her daughter, Lynne (Gary) Thuesen of Columbia Falls; 4 grandchildren, Kim (Devin) Grammar of Chester, Jason (Sarah) Horel of Rudyard, Nick (Lindsay) Thuesen of New York, and Laurie (Dan) Grennan of New Zealand; 4 great-grandchildren, Trevin, Adam, Dane, & Kingslee; her brother, William Silvernale of Chinook; her special friend, Ken Han of Inverness; and several nephews and nieces.

At Donna's request, no

formal services will be held. Cremation is being finalized by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Private burial of ashes is being planned for a later date at the Big Sandy Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Liberty County Library in Chester or donor's choice...

DELORES (BEIGALKE) HORTSCH
Born: Age: 89 – Died: August 18, 2012
Liberty County Times
October 3, 2012



Delores Hortsch

Delores Beigalke Hortsch, 89, passed away August 18, 2012 in Portland, Oregon. She was born to Paul and Matilda Biegalke in 1923 and grew up on the family farm near Joplin. She attended Chester schools and graduated with the class of 1941. She left and found work at the shipyards in Portland, as did many during World War II.

Later she married Evrette Hortsch, also from Portland, where they lived and raised seven children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brothers Paul and Francis Biegalke and sister Rosemary Montayne. Besides her children, their spouses and her grandchildren.

She is survived by her two sisters Bernice Skierka of Chester, Montana and Madonna Lovelace of Reading, Pennsylvania.

AUDREY ALTA (ALCORN) HOWERY
Born: July 24, 1927 – Died: September 11, 2012
Liberty County Times
September 19, 2012



Audrey Howery

Audrey Alta (Alcorn) Howery, 85, passed away of natural causes on Tuesday (9-11-2012) at Marias Care Center in Shelby. Funeral mass will be celebrated Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at St. William Catholic Church in Shelby; rite of committal will follow at noon at Mountain View Cemetery.

Audrey was born July 24, 1927 to Wallace and Dolly (Steward) Alcorn at Conrad, Montana; she attended school and graduated from high school at Shelby. Following her graduation she worked at various jobs including employment as a telephone operator.

She married Alvin Howery on March 31, 1949, a marriage which lasted nearly 60 years until his death in 2009. They resided in various places including Devon, Cut Bank, Whitlash and Shelby while Alvin was employed by the Montana Power Company. Along with raising her 4 children, she also babysat many other children and took in those who needed a safe haven. Alvin's last transfer took them to Whitlash in 1968 where Audrey became involved in the community immediately by joining the county extension club and the Whitlash Presbyterian Church.

Audrey loved to crochet and knit, making many items for her children and grandchildren and many sought-after afghans for the church bazaar. In 1986, they retired and moved to Libby where they resided for ten years before returning to Shelby. Audrey was an avid reader and was a frequent patron of the Toole County Library; she also was a lifetime member of the Galata American Legion

Auxilliary and also served as treasurer of the local chapter of the Royal Neighbors of America. Audrey enjoyed her time as a resident of the Marias Heritage Center and cherished her many friends there along with her friends at the Marias Care Center.

Survivors include her son Wally (Marlene) Howery of Shelby; Betty Jean (Garth) McNair of Butte; and April (Leonard) Gordon of Cheyenne, WY; and son-in-law Larry French of Miles City. Also surviving are grandchildren Josh Howery of Belgrade; Daniel (Dixi) Howery of Van Vleck, TX; Jasainte (Mark) Dale, Jenny (Reece) Brown and Scott (Brandy) McNair, all of Fairfield; Crystal (Mike) Verellen of Olympia, WA; and Heather (Pat) Roos of Miles City; 14 great-grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, and brother-in-law Earl Howery of Henderson, NV; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were an infant son, daughter Mary Ellen French and brother Bob Alcorn. Online condolences may be made at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

ROSE MARIE (NEALY) ISH

Born: February 17, 1936 – Died: May 2, 2012

Liberty County Times

May 9, 2012



Rose Ish

Rose Marie (Nealy) Ish was born February 17, 1936 at Torrington, Wyoming. She was the 6th of nine children born to Mabel Frances Ashman and Leonard LaVerne Nealy, who lived and farmed near Henry, Nebraska. Rose attended country schools through grade six. In 1949 her family moved to Melbeta, where she finished her formal education. During her high school years Rose enjoyed volleyball and softball. She graduated from Melbeta High School in 1953 as class valedictorian.

That summer Rose came to Chester to catch up with her folks and siblings (Charlotte, Boyd, Monty, and Karen), who had moved here to work on the farm of an uncle, Earl McNutt. She initially worked at the Mint Café before taking a job as bank teller at Liberty Bank. Rose met a Chester man, Elwin "Bud" Ish, and they were married on March 14th, 1956. They made their home in Chester and began raising their family of two. The Ishes owned and operated the local movie hall, Liberty Theater, from 1959-1972. In 1970 they purchased the Sid and Olive Rockman farm north of Lothair and later bought grassland so their son, Ben, could raise cattle.

They stayed busy farming and ranching for 20+ years. In 1993 Rose's husband suffered a debilitating stroke. At the time of Bud's death (September 29, 1996), they had been married 40 years.

Rose continued to live and remain active in the Chester community. In 2004 she was diagnosed with colon cancer and after surgery remained cancer-free until January of 2010. The cancer reappeared in her lungs and she was receiving the recommended treatments. She recently developed pneumonia and was on the rebound. This past Tuesday evening she enjoyed a card night with friends. After returning home, she developed respiratory problems and called for assistance. Rose was admitted to the Chester Hospital, where she passed away on Wednesday (May 2, 2012). She was 76 years old.

Rose was a longtime member of the Chester United Methodist Church; she taught Sunday School, sang as an alto in the church choir, and held many church offices over the years (including past president of the U.M.W.). She was a past member of the R.N.A. (Royal Neighbors of America) and a present member on the board of the Sweetgrass Lodge Retirement Home. Rose loved musical productions, so she

maintained an annual membership in the Great Falls Symphony Association. In addition she was an active bowler in the Rudyard Women's Leagues and participated in many statewide tournaments. During her younger years in Chester, she enjoyed playing

"rover" in the women's softball leagues. Other hobbies included crossword and jigsaw puzzles, reading, and playing cards (especially, pinochle, cribbage, and "hand-&-foot"). Rose played the piano by ear and she was an excellent cook (her homemade pies were superb!). In her retirement years she enjoyed travelling with family and friends (especially her good friend, Marion Wanken). Some of her more memorable trips were to Hawaii, Germany, Alaska, Branson, Las Vegas, and North Dakota "HostaFests".

Rose was a cheerful, kind, and caring lady who was extremely loyal to her family and friends. For a past family reunion, her personal historical notes revealed that "she appreciated a full, busy, and happy life and was now enjoying the love of her two grandsons".

Rose was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a sister (Harriet Waters) and a brother (Leonard Nealy).

Survivors include her daughter, Tamie (Jerry) Blair of Great Falls; her son, Ben Ish of Chester; 2 grandsons, Jesse & Kendall Blair of Great Falls; 4 sisters, Evelyn (Bob) Henderson of Mitchell, NE, Marge (Junior) Cochran of Gering, NE, Charlotte (Cliff) Hanson of Chester, and Karen (Herb) Englehart of Ve-

neta, OR; 2 brothers, Boyd (Donna) Nealy of Chester and Monty (Beverly) Nealy of Billings; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Monday (May 7th) at the United Methodist Church in Chester. The services were conducted by Pastor Grover Briggs. Pianist, Holly Frederickson, accompanied the congregation, who sang "Amazing Grace". A vocal duet by Mary Ann Zorn & Stephani Wanken was "Fill My Cup, Lord". A special instrumental interlude by Rudy Cicon (guitarist) & Gail Cicon (harpist) was "By Thou My Vision". Ushers were Joe Ludwig and Todd Wanken; scriptures were read by Diane Elliot & Pat Seidlitz; and the obituary was shared by Jerry Blair. A reception followed at the church.

Rose was cremated and her ashes were buried privately in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery with graveside prayers by Pastor Briggs at 2:00 p.m. Monday. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials may be given to the United Methodist Church, the Sweetgrass Lodge, or the Hi-Line Health Foundation (all of Chester).

ROSE MARIE (NEALY) ISH

BORN: February 17, 1936 at
Torrington, Wyoming

DIED: May 2, 2012 at
Chester, Montana



THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND...

Whenever your life is out of tune—
And no melody soothes your soul,
Look to the Master whose gentle touch
Will bless you and make you whole.
Like an old violin with so little worth,
A life may be far less than grand—
But may be transformed in a moment, you see,
By “the touch of the Master’s Hand”. ...Ken Howard

DISPOSITION: Rose was cremated. Her ashes were buried in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery. Family graveside prayers were offered by Pastor Briggs on Monday at 2:00 p.m.

ROSE'S LOVING FAMILY: Daughter, Tamic/Jerry; son, Ben; 2 grandsons, Jesse & Kendall; 4 sisters, Evelyn/Bob, Marge/Junior, Charlotte/Cliff, and Karen/Herb; 2 brothers, Boyd/Donna and Monty/Beverly; numerous nieces/nephews; and a host of friends...

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester, Montana

MEMORIAL SERVICE: 3:00 p.m. Monday (May 7th) at
the United Methodist Church in Chester, Montana

OFFICIANT: Pastor Grover Briggs

READERS: *Scriptures* = Diane Elliot & Pat Seidlitz
Obituary = Jerry Blair

PIANIST: Holly Frederickson

VOCAL DUET: Mary Ann Zorn & Stephani Wanken
VOCAL TRIBUTE: “*Fill My Cup, Lord*”...

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE: Rudy Cicon (guitar
and Gail Cicon (harp)
INSTRUMENTAL TRIBUTE: “*Be Thou My Vision*”...

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: “*Amazing Grace*”...
Music by Holly (piano), Rudy (bowed psaltry), and Gail (harp).

USHERS: Joe Ludwig & Todd Wanken

HONORARY BEARERS: “All of Rose’s loving family
friends”...

RECEPTION: Immediately following in the fellowship hall

MEMORIALS: United Methodist Church, Sweetgrass Lod
or Hi-Line Health Foundation (all of Chest

SHIRLEY ANN (BENBERT) JACOBSON

Born: Age: 75 – Died: February 11, 2012

Great Falls Tribune

March 15, 2012

Shirley A. Jacobson

MALTA — Shirley Ann (Bengert) Jacobson, 75, a homemaker and former 4-H



Jacobson

leader who was considered by her family to be an amazing cook and seamstress and who loved gardening and crocheting, died

of natural causes Saturday, Feb. 11, in Malta.

A wake is 7 p.m. Thursday at Kirkwood Funeral Home in Malta. Funeral Mass is 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with burial in Malta Cemetery. Kirkwood Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Clarence Jacobson of Malta; daughters Roxane Shammel of Sheridan, Linda Schafer of Bozeman and Debra Heimbigner of Chester; a brother, Robert Bengert of Walla Walla, Wash.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

ARNOLD I. JEPPESEN

Born: February 17, 1923 – Died: May 18, 2012

Great Falls Tribune

May 21, 2012

Arnold I. Jeppesen



Jeppesen

SHELBY — Arnold I. Jeppesen, 89, of Shelby, died of natural causes Friday, May 18, at Marias Medical Center in Shelby.

Funeral services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Burial is at Mountain View Cemetery, with a reception following at the church.

Arnold was born February 17, 1923, in his grandmother's homestead shack near Grandview to Ingolf and Magnild (Forseth) Jeppesen, and he was raised on a farm north of Chester. He attended grade school at the Wickum School, a small country school located two miles north of where he lived. Later, he attended and graduated from Chester High School. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, north of Lothair.

Arnold continued to live and work on the family farm until 1970, when he and his

brother Harris sold the farm and purchased a dairy farm near Charlo. He resided there until moving to Shelby in 1989 to care for his mother. He remained at his home in Shelby until selling it in 2010 and moving into the Heritage Center, an assisted living facility, where he remained until the time of his death. He was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Harris.

He is survived by his brothers, Randolph Jeppesen and wife Rose of Missoula, and Marvin Jeppesen and wife Sandy of Shelby, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials in Arnold's memory may be made to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 222 2nd Ave. S., Shelby, MT 59474. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday and until noon Wednesday at the Whitted Funeral Chapel.

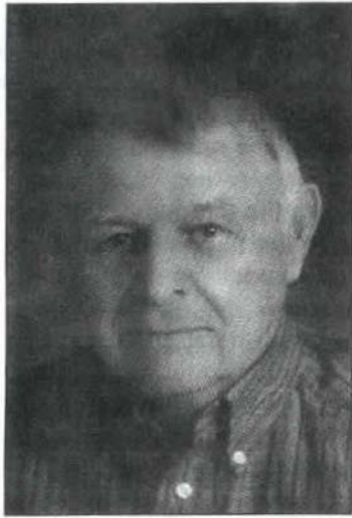
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SIGNE (TOLLEFSON) JOHNSON
Born: February 14, 1917 – Died: April 27, 2012
Liberty County Times
May 9, 2012



Signe Tollefson Johnson
Signe Tollefson Johnson, 95, passed away peacefully on April 27, 2012 in Lacey, Washington. She was born February 14, 1917 in Rudyard, Montana to Hans and Marget Tollefson. She married Oscar T. Johnson in 1938, lived most of her life in Montana, and moved to Olympia in 2007 to be close to her surviving son, Douglas Johnson. Graveside services will be held on Friday, May 18, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Highline Cemetery, 400 W. 9th St., Hill County Public Cemetery District, Havre, MT 59501. Please leave remembrances at www.FuneralAlternatives.org Arrangements are with [Funeral Alternatives of Washington](http://FuneralAlternatives.org) 360-753-1065.

STANLEY PAUL JOHNSON
Born: October 21, 1936– Died: March 4, 2012
Liberty County Times
March 14, 2012



Stanley Johnson

Stanley Paul Johnson was born October 21, 1936 in Chester, Mt. He grew up north of Joplin on the farm of his parents, Paul and Dorma (Heydon) Johnson, with his two brothers, Duane and Calvin, and his two sisters, Elva and Elaine. Stan attended school in Joplin where he participated in basketball, football, and baseball. He graduated from Joplin High School in 1955.

During his school years Stanley drove truck for Tommy Woods at Joplin. He later worked for John Deere dealerships in Chester and Phoenix, AZ. In 1957 he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force National Guard, where he worked as a machine operator and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Following his honorable discharge in 1962, Stan continued to serve in the Air Force Reserves until 1964.

Stanley returned to Chester to take a job for the State of Montana as a county appraiser. He would later become the Liberty County Assessor, a position he held for 27 years. On May 13, 1972 he married Bonnie R. Fritz; they made their home in Chester and raised a family of three sons.

During those years as the Assessor, Stan enjoyed working on the Fred Elling farm near Rudyard at harvest time. He eventually did his own farming on leased land from Joe Wilmeson a farm located between Chester and Joplin. Stanley continued to farm after retiring from the county, but had to give it up a few years later due to a lingering heart condition. He enjoyed his retirement years by visiting longtime friends and family around town and the surrounding area. Stanley looked forward to the daily "coffee hour" at the B n' W Store, where he could chat with his good friends and catch up on local news/happenings. In his quiet time at home, Stanley liked to "tinker" with his tools. He also enjoyed his collections of Greytak sketches and John Deere toys. Stan and Bonnie recently began wintering in Phoenix, AZ, where they became avid supporters of the Diamondbacks baseball team.

On the weekend of March 3rd and 4th, Stanley became ill and was admitted to the Paradise Valley Hospital in Phoenix. On Sunday evening (March 4, 2012) he died from complications of his heart condition. He was 75 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Bonnie of Chester, a daughter, Denise of Wyoming, 3 sons, Jack of Phoenix, Jennings (and wife, Kathleen) of Kalispell, and Wade of Deer Lodge; 2 grandchildren, Kate and Trevor of Kalispell; 2 sisters, Elva & Fred of Rudyard and Elaine & Dick of Nashua; 2 brothers, Duane & Jean of Joplin and Calvin & Candy of Missoula; and many nieces & nephews.

The family would like to

thank the people of Liberty County for being such good friends to Stan over the years and for offering your help and support through this time of loss. Stanley enjoyed his family and his community very much. All of us will truly miss his friendship, conversations, and support.

Vigil Prayers were lead by Father Joseph Diekhans Sunday evening (March 11th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Stan's funeral mass was celebrated by Father Joe at 11:00 a.m. Monday at the church. Pianist, Marie Woods, accompanied St. Mary's choir and community friends, who sang "Amazing Grace", "The Old Rugged Cross", "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", and "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Scriptures were read by Dale Fossen and the obituary was shared by Candy Johnson. Ushers were Dallas Denter & Don Raunig. Altar Servers were Jack & Jake Fritz. Eucharistic Ministers were Ken Gagnon, Mary Ann Fossen, and Pat Seidlitz. Pallbearers were Dean Heydon, Larry Olson, Wade Rigg, Lane Rigg, Kyle Griffin, & Scott Fritz.

Graveside services with military rites were held at the Chester Cemetery; the bugler was Jason Jacobson and the veteran's flag was presented to the family by Calvin Johnson.

A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials may be given to the Liberty County Ambulance Dept. or donor's choice.

STANLEY PAUL JOHNSON

Born: October 21, 1936 at Chester, Mt.

Died: March 4, 2012 at Phoenix, Arizona

Age: 75 years ... 4 months ... 12 days



GOOD CHARACTER

*A good character is the best tombstone.
Those who loved you and were helped
by you will remember you when those
"forget-me-nots" have withered. Carve
your name on hearts, not on marble.*

...Charles H. Spurgeon

Stanley's Loving Family: Wife, Bonnie; daughter, Denise; sons, Jack, Jennings/Kathleen, and Wade; grandchildren, Kate & Trevor; sisters, Elva/Fred and Elaine/Dick; brothers, Duane/Jean & Calvin/Candy; many nieces & nephews; and a host of friends...

VIGIL PRAYERS: 7:00 p.m. Sunday (March 11, 2012) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester ... Prayers led by Father Joe

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester

FUNERAL MASS: 11:00 a.m. Monday (March 12, 2012)
at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester

CELEBRANT: Father Joseph Diekhans

MUSICIANS: St. Mary's Choir & friends...
Pianist = Marie Woods

READERS: *Scriptures* = Dale Fossen
Obituary = Candy Johnson

USHERS: Don Raunig and Dallas Denter

ALTAR SERVERS: Jake & Jack Fritz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Pat Seidlitz, Mary Ann Fossen, and Ken Gagnon

PALLBEARERS: Kyle Griffin, Scott Fritz, Lane Rigg, Wade Rigg, Dean Heydon, and Larry Olson

INTERMENT: Chester Cemetery
Committal Prayers = Father Joe
Bugler ("Taps") = Jason Jacobson
Flag Presentation = Calvin Johnson

**...FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW AT
ST. MARY'S CHURCH...**

MEMORIALS: Liberty County Ambulance or donor's choice...

SHARON 'SHERI' (FURLONG) KETTUNEN

Born: - Died: December 1, 2012

Liberty County Times

December 19, 2012

Sheri Kettunen

Sharon "Sheri" Kettunen passed away Dec. 1, 2012 in Pueblo, Colorado following a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Tom of Pueblo; Brother Earl (Ann) Furlong of Great Falls, Sister Terrie (Ray) Clark of Billings, 5 neices and 1 nephew. Sheri was preceded in death by her parents Bing and Evelyn Furlong of Chester, MT. Sheri was a Graduate of Chester High School and MSU in Bozeman. She taught school

in Pubelo for 22 years. No services are planned. In lieu of flowers, plase make a donation to your favorite charity.

EVELYN M. (WOLFE) KINYON
Born: Age: 91 – Died: September 19, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
September 21, 2012

Evelyn M. Kinyon

SHELBY — Evelyn M. Wolfe Kinyon, 91, of Shelby, a retired farm wife, died of natural causes Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Marias Care Center in Shelby.



Kinyon

Private family funeral services will be held at the Whitted Funeral Chapel, with burial to follow in the Mountain View cemetery. Whitted Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Survivors include her sons, Harry Wolfe and Gary Wolfe of Shelby; stepdaughter Shirley Leck of Galata; and numerous grandchildren.

PAUL JACOB KLEINSASSER
Born: June 5, 1951 – Died: November 2, 2012
Liberty County Times
November 7, 2012

Paul Kleinsasser

Paul Jacob Kleinsasser, age 61, of the Sage Creek Colony north of Chester, died of natural causes Friday evening (Nov. 2, 2012) at the Montana State Hospital in Warm Springs, MT.

Paul was born in Choteau, Montana on June 5, 1951 to Jacob and Rebecca (Wipf) Kleinsasser. He was one of fourteen children. Paul received his formal education at the Sage Creek Colony. He worked diligently as a skilled carpenter at Sage Creek for 30 years. He also helped his brother, Jonathan, work at the colony chicken barn until his health failed due to depression these past few years.

Paul married Mary Wurtz on June 17, 1979 at Sage Creek. Although they had no children of their own, Paul was very fond of the colony kids, all of whom enjoyed his "happy-go-lucky" personality. In addition he was a very loving person and was always willing to help out whenever he could. Paul liked to read, especially carpentry magazines and his Gospel. He also enjoyed fishing, collecting antiques, and singing traditional German songs.

Survivors are his wife of 33 years, Mary Kleinsasser of Sage Creek; parents, Jacob & Re-

becca Kleinsasser of River View Colony; parents-in-law, Andy & Mary Wurtz of Sage Creek; 4 brothers, Jonathan (Susie) Kleinsasser of Sage Creek and Joe, Dan (Mary), & John (Susanna) Kleinsasser, all of River View Colony; and 6 sisters, Esther (Peter) Hofer & Sarah (John) Hofer of Sage Creek, Elizabeth (Tex) Hofer & Lydia (Peter) Hofer of River View Colony, Rebecca Wipf of Moose Jaw, Sask., and Judy (Jerry) Hofer of Raymond, Alberta; sister-in-law, Susie Kleinsasser of River View Colony; and many nephews & nieces. Paul was preceded in death by 1 brother (Jacob "Clyde" Kleinsasser) and 2 sisters (Susie and Mary Kleinsasser), all of River View Colony, and a brother-in-law (Joseph Wipf) of Moose Jaw, Sask.

Paul's funeral was held at 11:30 a.m. Monday (Nov. 5th) at the Sage Creek Colony Church. Burial followed at the Sage Creek Colony Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

The Kleinsasser family offers the following poem of comfort:

God didn't promise days without pain;

Laughter without sorrow or sun without rain.

But God did promise strength for the day,

Comfort for the tears, and a light for the way.

And for all who believe in His Kingdom above –

He answers their faith with everlasting love.

MARY J. KLEINSASSER

Born: May 31, 1970– Died: January 11, 2012

Liberty County Times

January 18, 2012

Mary Kleinsasser

Mary J. Kleinsasser, age 41, a precious daughter and sister, passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning (January 11, 2012) in her home at Riverview Colony south of Chester, where she was surrounded by her loving family. She died from complications of breast cancer.

Mary was born May 31, 1970 at Sage Creek Colony north of Chester. She was the youngest of 14 children born to Jacob and Rebecca (Wipf) Kleinsasser. She received her early schooling at Sage Creek Colony, then finished her education at Riverview after her family moved there in 1980. In the years that followed she assisted with the cooking and gardening chores at the colony.

Mary was very special to everyone at Riverview, especially the ladies. She was always loving and caring, and everyone loved her in return. Mary was fond of children, she had a special talent for teaching, and she had a "heart of gold", so it

was no wonder she became a role model to the kids at the colony. She will be truly missed.

Mary never married. Survivors include her parents, Jacob and Rebecca Kleinsasser; sisters, Elizabeth (Tex) Hofer & Lydia (Peter) Hofer; and sister-in-law, Susie Kleinsasser, all of Riverview Colony; sister, Rebecca Wipf of Moose Jaw, Sask.; sister, Judy (Jerry) Hofer of Raymond, Alberta; sisters, Esther (Peter) Hofer & Sarah (John) Hofer of Sage Creek Colony; brothers, Joe Kleinsasser, Dan (Mary) Kleinsasser, & John (Susanna) Kleinsasser of Riverview Colony; brothers, Paul (Mary) Kleinsasser & Jonathan (Susie) Kleinsasser of Sage Creek Colony; and numerous nieces & nephews. Mary will be greatly missed by one of her special nieces, Esther Hofer of Riverview Colony.

She was preceded in death by 2 siblings (sister, Susie, and brother, Jacob, both of Riverview) and a brother-in-law (Joe Wipf of Moose Jaw).

Funeral services were held at noon Friday (Jan. 13th) at the Riverview Colony Church. Reverend Paul Wipf officiated. Burial followed in the Riverview Colony Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Mary's family would like to thank Dr. Anna Earl, PA Dan Jans, the hospital staff, and the ambulance crew for their wonderful care and assistance at LMC this past year. A special "thank you" also goes out to Dr. Harrer & the staff at the Cancer Institute in Great Falls. Lastly, thanks to the Rockman's for their prompt & professional services at the time of Mary's passing.

The Kleinsasser family offers the following poem of comfort: "God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, or sun without rain. But God did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears, and a light for the way. And for all who believe in His Kingdom above, He answers their faith with everlasting love."

SANDRA RAE KLUTH

Born: October 7, 1953 – Died: September 13, 2012

Great Falls Tribune

September 25, 2012

Sandra Rae Kluth

SHELBY — Sandra Rae Kluth, 58, died Thursday, Sept. 13, in Pueblo West, Colo.



Kluth
Shelby.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service is 2 p.m. Thursday at Whitted Funeral Chapel in

Sandra was born Oct. 7, 1953, in Conrad to William and Irene Kluth. She grew up in Shelby and graduated from Shelby High School in 1971. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Montana and later a second degree as a paralegal from Yavapi College in Prescott, Ariz. Sandra had a mediator business in Sebastopol, Calif. Later she was a substitute teacher in Pueblo for five years. She volunteered her time to Hospice, CASA and as a mediator for the BBB in both Pueblo and Colorado Springs.

Sandra loved the outdoors. She enjoyed walking, hiking, gardening and landscaping as well as being a pianist and gourmet cook.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Stacy; and brothers, Sidney and Steven.

She is survived by her husband, Gary; son Wyatt (Mikea Rotolo); grandchild Morgan; brothers, Stanley and Scott; aunts Patricia Ann Hellinger, Devon, and Ellen McDermott of Fairfield; uncle Allen Sigurdson of Pah-rump, Nev.; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Condolences may be posted online at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

DANIEL MICHAEL KOSZUTA
Born: May 22, 1942 – Died: July 6, 2012
Havre, Daily News
July 10, 2012

Daniel Michael Koszuta

Daniel Michael Koszuta, 70, of Kremlin, Mont., passed away of natural causes on Friday, July 6, 2012, at Missouri River Manor in Great Falls, Mont.

No services are planned. Cremation has taken place. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Daniel Michael Koszuta was born May 22, 1942, in Chicago, to Joseph J. Koszuta and Stella Delores (Gorski) Koszuta. He graduated from Lane High School and went on to get his bachelor's degree at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. He then came to Bozeman, Mont., and attended Montana State University, where he received his master's degree in mechanical engineering. After finishing his education, he moved to Billings and began his engineering career with Smith, Smith and Rush, moving on to Sage



**Daniel Michael
Koszuta**

Engineers, which he eventually purchased as a sole owner. Dan eventually moved to Helena and worked for the State of Montana with the Bureau of Reclamation, helping to repair the lands of mining damage. He later relocated to Alaska, where he became the city engineer for Petersburg. Dan's final endeavor was at Montana State University-Northern in Havre, Mont., as a professor of engineering, a job he cherished.

He loved the outdoors, where he spent many days of his life, hunting, fishing and hiking. It was his love of the outdoors that drew him to Wrangell, Alaska, where he purchased property and a fishing boat, which brought him countless hours of fulfillment.

He is survived by his brother, Joe (Char) Koszuta, and their sons Joey and Jayson and numerous cousins; his son, Gregory (Wendy) Koszuta; his daughter, Jamie Koszuta (James); a step-daughter Bekki (Dwile) Weagel; grandchildren, Erin, Mandy, Skyler, Daryn, Keira and Kyle; and one great-granddaughter, Macy.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Montana State University-Northern.

HARRIET KRALL

Born: December 7, 1919 – Died: May 31, 2012

Great Falls Tribune

July 3, 2012

Harriet Krall

SHELBY — Harriet Krall, 92, of Shelby, a longtime resident of Toole and Pondera counties, died of natural causes Thursday, May 31, at Marias Care Center.



Krall

Funeral mass is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Sunburst. Visitation is one hour before services. Burial to follow at the Sunburst Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements.

Harriet Margaret McArdle Krall, of Irish and Scottish descent, was born in Anaconda on December 7, 1919, to Margaret (Scullon) and John "Jack" McArdle, joining big sister Marion. Her mother was left alone to raise the girls, working as a waitress at Gamer's in Butte. This brought a move into Uptown Butte, and her extended family helped raise the girls. Harriet was very close to her "Uncle Jim" Scullon. She brought him to Sunburst when he was unable to be alone and cared for him until his passing. She attended Garfield Elementary School and Butte High School, graduating in 1938.

Harriet went to college in Bozeman, where on a ski trip she met a senior football player named Joseph Krall. They married in Butte on August 24, 1939. Her mother gave her a choice between a wedding dress and a washing machine; she chose the washing machine. Joe was a teacher and farmer/rancher, which took them to several Montana towns: Hingham, Moccasin, Dillon, Fort Benton, Jackson, Melstone, Kevin and finally to Sunburst. Their first daughter, Harriet Margaret Krall, was born, and Joe was called

up to the war. She again had the help of her family in Butte while Joe was gone. After his discharge, Cora Lee Krall was born. Their love for each other lasted for 67 years until Joe passed away.

She, along with her husband and two daughters, moved to the Sunburst area in 1951, where her husband taught agricultural classes for returning veterans. In 1959, they bought a farm east of Sunburst where, alongside her husband, she helped raise hogs and grain crops.

In 1975 they retired from their farm and lived in Sunburst, where they travelled most of the continental United States, as well as Alaska and Australia. They then moved to Conrad to be closer to doctors and other services. She recently resided at Marias Care Center in Shelby where they took very loving care of her.

Harriet was active in the American Legion Auxiliary, the What-Not Club, and church activities. She loved to sew and did beautiful needlepoint pictures, with which she blessed her children and grandchildren. She also enjoyed crocheting and made many afghans.

She is survived by her daughters Harriet Karst of Sunburst and Cora Lee Copenhaver and husband, Ron, of Menifee, Calif.; grandchildren Teresa Karst of Kalispell, Natalie Karst and husband Jeff Beasley of West Sacramento, Calif., and Lisa and Rob Curtis of Alta Loma, Calif.; two great-grandchildren, Robert Curtis and Ann-Marie Beasley; and her sister's grandchildren, Kathy Rowe in Butte and Terry Smith in the Seattle area.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; and her son-in-law, Bill Karst.

Condolences may be posted online at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

HELEN MAY (GATZEMEIER) KREJCI
Born: December 30, 1925 – Died: October 23, 2012
Liberty County Times
October 31, 2012



Helen Krejci

Helen May (Gatzemeier) Krejci was born December 30, 1925 at the Gatzemeier farm 12 miles south of Rudyard, Montana. She was the 5th of nine children born to Edward and Anna (Fort) Gatzemeier. Helen grew up on the family farm and received her early education at a little country school located two miles south of the farm. The Gatzemeier children walked to school, winters and summers, during their grade school years. Helen completed her freshman and sophomore years at Rudyard High School, then transferred to the Saint Thomas School in Great Falls where she graduated in 1944. She continued her education at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre, where she enrolled in the Cadet Nursing Program.

Helen married Alvin L. Krejci on September 29, 1945 in Hingham. They lived in Rudyard for a few years, then moved to the Gatzemeier farm south of town. In 1953 they built a new house just west of the Gatzemeier farmstead, where they raised their family offive. They sold the farm in 1968 and moved back to Rudyard. In the early 1970's Helen took a position as manager/director of the Senior Citizen Center in Rudyard, a job she thoroughly enjoyed for 25 years. Following her retirement, the Krejci's continued to live in their Rudyard

home. In October of 2010, they moved to the Sweetgrass Retirement Lodge in Chester.

Helen was recently being treated for injuries from a fall when she was diagnosed with cancer. Her family provided loving care for her at home until her admission to the Liberty Medical Center on October 17th. Helen died at the Chester hospital on the early morning of Tuesday (October 23, 2012). She was 86 years old.

Helen was raised as a Catholic and remained loyal to her faith. She was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham and the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness, and was active in the Altar Societies. After moving to Chester, she attended St. Mary's Church. In addition Helen was a past member of the Black Coulee Home Demonstration Club and had served as a 4-H leader.

Helen enjoyed many hobbies, including quilting, bowling, hiking, fishing, and reading. She also liked word-search games, crosswords, jigsaw puzzles, and BINGO. She loved to go picnicking at Bitners Grove on the Marias River and always looked forward to the many family trips to Two Medicine and the Flathead Valley. In their later years the Krejci's enjoyed their annual trips to Las Vegas. Last, but not least, Helen appreciated and loved her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 sisters (Sister M. Clara Ann, Mary Rockwell, and Hazel Gatzemeier), and 2 brothers (Victor and Donald Gatzemeier).

Helen is survived by her husband of 67 years, Alvin Krejci of Chester; 4 daughters, Carol Martin of Elmo, Jane (Dave) Allen of Chester, Peggy Sweat of Lakeside, and Rose (Mike) Hall

of Kalispell; 1 son, Dale Krejci of Rawlins, WY; 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Martha Haag of Fort Wayne, IN; 2 brothers, Edward Gatzemeier of Helena and Joseph (Martha) Gatzemeier of Havre; and many nieces and nephews.

Rosary Prayers were led by Father Joseph Diekhans at 7:00 p.m. Friday (Oct. 26th) at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. A coffee hour followed in the church basement.

Helen's Funeral Mass was 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Oct. 27th) at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Father Joe was the celebrant and Mike Wendland served as the lector. Sharon Spicher accompanied vocalists, Marcus Jochim and Kim Maes, who sang "Ave Maria", "The Old Rugged Cross", "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman", and "Pannis Angelicus". The communion gifts were presented by Helen's daughters and granddaughters; eucharistic ministers were Jane Allen, Tim Gatzemeier, and Gaynell Gatzemeier; altar server was Terry Hybner; and the greeters were Levi and Easton Smith. Pallbearers were Kyle Krejci, Mike Hall, Sam Martin, Lance Smith, Dave Allen, and Kip Sweat. Honorary bearers were Helen's 3 siblings, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren. Graveside services followed at the Rudyard Cemetery and a reception was held at the Catholic Youth Center in Rudyard. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Memorials are suggested to the "Gift of Life" in Great Falls, the Liberty County Ambulance Service in Chester, or the Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester.

MARVIN EVERETT KROOK
Born: March 21, 1931 – Died: May 20, 2012
Liberty County Times
May 23, 2012



Marvin Krook

Marvin Everett Krook, born March 21, 1931 in Boyd, MT, passed away in Billings on Sunday, May 20, 2012 after an arduous battle with cancer. A graduate of Joliet High School in 1949, Marvin was drafted into the U. S. Army from 1952 - 1954. He trained at Camp Roberts in California and took an assignment in Alaska, where he served as a Radio Communications Specialist. After leaving the Army, Marvin attended Eastern Montana University using the G.I. bill. There he met Carole Ohlrich on a blind date; they were married in August 1958. He graduated from the University of Montana in 1959 with a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Science. After a short stint teaching in Thompson Falls, the couple attended New Mexico Highlands University, where they obtained their Masters degrees in 1963.

Marvin dedicated his life to Science Education in Chester, MT, where he and Carole started their family. He devoted twenty-nine years to teaching physical science, biology, chemistry and physics, and was senior class advisor for many years. He was a longtime member of the National Education Association and the Montana Science Teachers Association. Upon retiring in 1992, he continued his passion for teaching by substituting along the Hi-Line for over 10 years. Marvin was a well-loved teacher, mentor and a father figure to many.

Marvin developed a passion for bird watching after taking a university ornithology course. He participated in numerous bird counts and surveys, and kept a lifetime bird list. Additionally, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and being outdoors. In keeping with his true teaching fashion, Marvin would give his fellow hikers lessons about rock formations, flora, and fauna along the way.

Marvin was an active church and community member, serving on numerous boards and committees, including the Liberty County Conservation District, the Weed Board, and the United Methodist Church.

Marvin is survived by

brother, Ronald (Lorraine); sister, Beverly Rankin (Chuck); son, Carson (Carol Sachs) of Brownsville, TX; daughters, Stephanie Krook (Fernando Cano) and Holly Krook of Madison, WI; granddaughters, Carlee and McCailee Sachs-Krook; wife Betty (Bettes); and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by parents, Victor and Florence (Warila) Krook; brother, Eugene Krook; sister, Shirley Krook; and wife, Carole (Ohlrich).

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, May 26th at the Chester United Methodist Church at 4 p.m.

Instead of flowers, donations to a scholarship fund are preferred. A fund is being established at US Bank in Chester.

Marvin will always be remembered for his love of science and nature, his off-beat sense of humor, and his dedication to his family, friends and community.

ANN MONDA LAMBERT-KUHRY
Born: September 22, 1918 – Died: June 4, 2012
Liberty County Times
June 13, 2012



Ann Lambert-Kuhry

Ann Monda Lambert-Kuhry was born September 22, 1918 in Yugoslavia (now known as Croatia). She was one of two children born to Mike Knezavich and Mary Jornicich. Ann's father died when she was very young. Ann's mother would eventually marry an American by proxy (named Matovich) so she could gain citizenship in the United States. In 1924 at age six Ann immigrated to the U.S. to live with her mother and step-father. Sadly, she left behind her brother, who stayed in Yugoslavia with his grandmother. The Matovich family lived in Red Lodge, Mt. where Ann graduated from high school in 1936. She continued her education at business schools in Billings and Helena, and worked as a secretary at the State Capitol for a while. On September 21, 1940 she was given her naturalization papers for U.S. citizenship.

In the years that followed, Ann worked in Billings as a secretary, waitress, and cook. She met her husband-to-be, Charles M. Lambert, and they were married on Octo-

ber 11, 1947. The Lamberts were blessed with two daughters, Linda and Cheryl. They initially lived in Billings and Hardin, where they worked in the restaurant business. After moving to Havre in the 1960's, they owned and operated the Stockman's Lounge and the "2-87 Diner". Ann enjoyed her later years working as a clerk at Buttrey Foods in Havre.

The Lamberts were devastated in 1969 when their 18-year-old daughter, Cheryl, mysteriously disappeared [to this day she has never been found]. In subsequent years Charles suffered numerous heart attacks before a fatal episode took his life in 1977.

Ann met a retired railroad worker named Wilfred A. Kuhry, and they were married December 7, 1983. They lived in their Havre home until 1998, then moved to the Park View Apartments. During her retirement years Ann enjoyed volunteering at the Havre Hospital and Senior Center. In 2008 her husband, Will, died at the age of 94 following a short illness. That fall Ann

moved to Chester to be close to Will's nephew and family, Phil & Patty Aaberg. She became a resident at the Wheat Country Estates assisted-living facility, where she remained active and healthy. Ann was recently admitted to the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, where she died peacefully on the morning of Monday (June 4, 2012). She was 93 years old.

Ann was baptized as a Catholic in Yugoslavia. During her life with Charles, they practiced their religion as

Episcopalians. In her later years with Wilfred, Ann resumed her faith in the Catholicism.

She enjoyed many hobbies. Ann loved to read, especially novels and business publications. She enjoyed gardening, travelling, walking, and exercising on her stationary bike. She was an exceptional cook and was well-known for her delicious homemade pies (especially, lemon meringue!). Just for the fun of it, Ann collected porcelain figurines and cups-&-saucers. She and Charles were avid bowlers, dancers, and coin collectors. She and Will loved to square-dance and "kick up their heels" at the Eagles Lodge. They also enjoyed being outdoors and long walks together, which probably contributed to their healthy longevity.

Ann will be remembered as an honest, generous, hard-working woman with a kind and gentle spirit. She will be deeply missed by those who loved her.

She was preceded in death by both husbands, her parents, her daughter (Cheryl), and a brother (Mark).

Survivors include her daughter, Linda Lambert of Metairie, LA; 2 grandchildren, Delano Anthony Lambert-Claire of Orlando, FL and Maddeson Lochlin Lambert-Claire Garcia (and husband, Daniel) of New Orleans, LA; 3 great-grandchildren (inc. Daniel, Yazmine, and Cruz); 1 sister, Dolly McGraw of Annandale, VA; 1 brother, John Matovich of Billings; and several nephews and nieces.

A memorial mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Saturday (June 9th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester by Father Joseph Diekhans. The church choir provided mass music, including "O Loving God", "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", and "When the Saints Go Marching In". Phil Aaberg served as pianist. Prelude music was "Talking at the Moon" and "Count on Me", pre-recorded by Jake Aaberg. The meditation song was "Amazing Grace", sung by Marcus Jochim. The scripture readings were shared by granddaughter, Maddeson. The obituary was read by

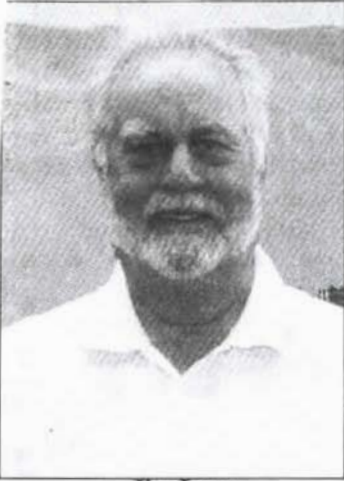
grandson, Delano. Eucharistic Minister and Altar Server was Ken Gagnon. The Altar Society provided a luncheon at the church. Graveside services with burial of ashes were 1:00 p.m. Saturday at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

JAMES ALLEN 'JIM' LAAS

Born: Age: May 2, 1942 - Died: October 31, 2012

Liberty County Times

November 21, 2012



Jim Laas

James Allen "Jim" Laas, age 70 Born May 2, 1942 in Chester, Mt. Died October 31, 2012 in Huntley, MT.

Picture a smiling preschool boy sitting on the seat of a D-8 caterpillar and ask yourself what little guy would not want to be born into a road building family? Jim was that lucky little boy who got to spend his early years hanging out with his dad on construction sites and the family farm at Chester. It turns out Jim was to follow in his father's footsteps. Following his graduation from Chester High School in 1960, Jim continued his education at the University of Montana in Missoula, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. When he graduated from college in 1964, he joined up with his dad at Laas Construction. Jim also enlisted the U. S. Army National Guard in 1965 and served until 1971.

Jim spent his working life either operating or selling heavy equipment used in mining, water well drilling, and in the oil patches. He was employed by Chicago Pneumatic in the early 1970's, then tried his hand at his own company, and eventually went on to work for Ingersoll

Rand (which later became Atlas Copco). During these years he lived in Denver, CO, Palm Springs, CA, and Gig Harbor, WA. He won many sales awards with Ingersoll Rand, including "top salesman" for two years running.

No matter where he found himself, Jim enjoyed an active life in the outdoors. He was an avid golfer and loved to crush the ball for a long drive with his "Big Bertha". Jim was fortunate to have played some of the best golf courses in the country. Fishing was a passion for Jim and you could find him fly-fishing the tiny streams of western Montana, trolling the state's many lakes, or deep sea fishing in the Pacific with his buddies. He created the Glacier Pacific Safari club for his closest friends. Over the years he owned several boats and loved that quality time spent

on the water. During his years in Palm Springs, he was active in Search-&Rescue and loved the desert. He joined the Arizona Gold Diggers club to take advantage of time in the desert. Jim's beloved dog, "Nugget", accompanied him everywhere. He even took Nugget to a training course in snake safety so she could wander around with him in the desert.

Jim was an early adopter of any new technology. From the newest downrigger for fishing to the latest "Apple" product, Jim was always in line for a new experience. He loved keeping

Jim was hands down the best uncle on the planet. There was no one like "Uncle Jim" for Kirk and Olivia Skari. When Jim showed up the adventure shifted into high gear. Anything from playing "pretty-pretty princess" - to golf lessons - to

boat rides - to fishing from the shore, Jim was always ready to give his total attention to his niece and nephew.

Jim's humor lifted all of us out of our ordinary reality and gave us a glimpse of his cleverness and wit - that few can own the way Jim did. He would go out of his way to set up a practical joke; his timing was near perfect and he would go to great personal expense if need

be to play a delightful trick. His whole being would light up when he successfully pulled off a good prank. Even to his final day he was delighting the nurses with his antics. He was a sweet, kind, and generous man who could bring a smile to everyone he encountered.

Jim leaves behind his two bewildered sisters, Dailene Burnett of Huntley and Trudy Skari of Helena, who are going to have to pick up the slack with no hopes of keeping up with their big brother. He is also survived by Kirk and Olivia and numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins.

To outside observers Jim appeared to not be a man of spirit, but for those who knew him realized he held and exercised a great faith.

In Jim's own words, "he was orphaned at the age of 62", following the death of his mother (Lila Laas in 2004) and his father (Walter Laas in 2000). Jim leaves a long list of people whose lives he has touched in meaningful ways. He traveled his entire working life and created friendships at every stop on the way.

"Jim's a Giant, Jim's a King, Jim's a Wonderful, Wonderful thing!"

Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (Nov. 20, 2012) at Our Savior's Lutheran

Church in Chester. Pastor John Fauerbach officiated. Special readings and remembrances were offered by Darlene, Trudy, Kirk, and Olivia. The congregation sang "Hymn of Promise", accompanied by pianist Karen Graham. A vocal quartette of Mary Ann Zorn, Stefani Wanken, Wayne Wardell, and Hal Fossum performed "To Everything There Is A Season" and "How Great Thou Art". Mary Ann and Stefani sang a duet entitled "You Have Come Down To The Lakeshore". Ushers were Robert and Beverly Pugsley. Following burial of

Jim's ashes in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery, a reception was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

DOROTHY ANN LANGEL

Born: January 20, 1945– Died: January 25, 2012

Liberty County Times
February 1, 2012



Dorothy Langel

Dorothy Ann Langel was born January 20, 1945 in Havre, Montana, the youngest of ten children to Arnold and Helen (McCann) Langel. She grew up on the family farm in the Goldstone community north of Rudyard. Even though Dorothy had learning disabilities, she completed her formal education through grade eight at the nearby Goldstone and Oreana country schools. Thanks to the love and diligence of a well-known area teacher, Caroline Hall, Dorothy received excellent fundamentals in reading and writing. She enjoyed these learned skills throughout her adult life.

Dorothy continued to live and work on the farm until 1994, when she moved to the Assisted-Living wing at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. After the new "Wheat Country Estates" opened, she became one of their first residents. Dorothy enjoyed the independent living and wonderful comraderie that made the Wheat Country special. She lived there until her health failed

in 2007, then transferred back to the nursing facility for extended care. Her quality of life had not been good these past four years. Dorothy died at the Liberty Medical Center on Wednesday afternoon (January 25, 2012). She was 67 years old.

Dorothy enjoyed the simple things in life. She remembered the excitement of attending a Farmer's Union Youth Camp. She looked forward to family trips, even if they were just simple day trips. In those two years before her health failed, she was thrilled to participate in the "Special Olympics" program and then marveled at the medals she won. When Dorothy discovered that she had never been baptized as an infant, she planned and finalized her own baptism celebration at the Goldstone Lutheran Church in the early 1990's. She loved cats,

music, and romance novels. In her quiet time she enjoyed embroidery, jigsaw puzzles, and television soap operas. And just for the fun of it, she collected horse figurines and photos.

Dorothy was affectionately called "Dot" by her family. Many of the nursing home staff referred to her lovingly as "Little Peanut". She was definitely one of God's special children. She didn't cry when she was hurt and she didn't whine when she was sick. Dorothy could be temperamental at times, but she was never judgemental and she never held a grudge. She found good in everyone and her love came straight from the heart! She will be missed...

Dorothy is survived by 3 sisters, Lucille Miller of Salem, Oregon, Audrey (Lloyd) Kaercher of Havre, and Katherine Brandt of Rudyard; 2 brothers, Richard (Alberta) Langel of Billings and Stanley (Willa Rae) Langel of Rudyard; 2 sisters-in-law, Joann Langel of Havre and Ruby Langel of Missoula; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents (Arnold in 1974 and Helen in 1999), 1 sister (Lillian Frank), 3 brothers (Arnold "Bud", Gerald "Gerry", and Duaine "Dewey" Langel), 1

sister-in-law (Alice Langel), and 2 brothers-in-law (Bob Brandt and Bill Miller).

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (Jan. 31st) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester by Pastor John Fauerbach. The congregation sang "Jesus Loves Me", accompanied by Sharon Spicher on the piano. Vocalist, Marcus Jochim, performed "I Was There To Hear Your Borneing Cry" and "On Eagle's Wings". The obituary was read by niece, Marilyn Henry. Ushers were Clyde Brandt and Les Kaercher. Pallbearers were Doug Kaercher, Chuck Gervin, Dave Phifer, Jim & Gary Brandt, and Todd, Jan, & Dennis Langel. A reception followed in the fellowship hall. Graveside prayers were concluded at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the family plot in the Rudyard Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Hi-Line Health Foundation (Box 705, Chester 59522), the Chester Special Olympics group (Box 186, Chester 59522), or donor's choice...

DOROTHY ANN LANGEL

BORN: January 20, 1945 at Havre, Mt.

DIED: January 25, 2012 at Chester, Mt.

AGE: 67 years ... 0 months ... 5 days



“Change of Address”

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My new home is finished and a sight to behold! It is located in an exclusive estate behind a pearly gate. The streets are paved with gold and everyday is Sunday, just like you have been told. Trees of fruit grace my garden here. I can walk & talk with my Master without worry or care. There is peace, joy, and happiness here – no pain, no headache, no strife, no discontent – only sweet serenity. I can dine at the Master’s beautiful table and listen to a heavenly choir. I have my own designer here who has fitted me with my very own white robe. And best of all, my Heavenly Father is here in all His glory!

I could go on-&-on about my new home, but instead I’m going to pray that you all get to move here one day – but, before I go, let me give you my new address:

Dorothy Ann Langel
77 Eternal Peace Drive
Godstown, Heaven 77777

P.S. I don’t have a telephone, but you can always call on God. If you don’t know His number, just read your Bible – it’s listed on every page!

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester, Mt.

FUNERAL SERVICES: 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (Jan. 31, 2012) at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Chester, Mt.

OFFICIANT: Pastor John Fauerbach

OBITUARY READING: Marilyn Henry

PIANIST: Sharon Spicher

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: “Jesus Loves Me”

VOCALIST: Marcus Jochim

VOCAL TRIBUTES: “Borning Cry” and
“On Eagle’s Wings”

USHERS: Les Kaercher and Clyde Brandt

PALLBEARERS: Dave Phifer, Dennis Langel, Jan Langel, Todd Langel, Chuck Gervin, Jim Brandt, Gary Brandt, and Doug Kaercher

... Reception to follow in the church fellowship hall ...

GRAVESIDE SERVICES: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the family plot at the Rudyard Cemetery

There will be continued fellowship at the Stanley Langel residence (formerly the home of Aunt Netes Langel, 214 Main St. in Rudyard)

MEMORIALS: Hi-Line Health Foundation (Box 705, Chester), Chester Special Olympics (Box 186, Chester), or donor’s choice....

ESTHER GETTEL LARGENT
Born: March 8, 1917 – Died: March 22, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
March 25, 2012

Esther Gettel Largent

Esther Gettel Largent, 95, of Great Falls and formerly of Power, a homemaker and farm wife, died of natural causes Thursday, March 22, at Peace Hospice Residence.



Largent

Visitation is noon-5 p.m. today at O'Connor Funeral Home, and one hour prior to her 11 a.m. Monday funeral at Peace Lutheran Church, with burial to follow at Manchester Cemetery. O'Connor Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Esther was born March 8, 1917, to John and Emily Gettel in the Fairfield Bench area. She was raised and educated in Power. In 1936, she was united in marriage to Ernest Largent. The two worked the family farm and remained happily married for almost 70 years, until Ernest's passing in 2005.

She was active in the Zion Lutheran Church in Power, local community activities, was an officer in the Home Extension Club and was a Sunday school teacher. Esther enjoyed crocheting, sewing for her daughters and granddaughters, playing cards, traveling and fishing.

Survivors include daughters Donna (George) Mellinger of Fairfield, Sharon (Richard) Pollington of Kremlin, and Marlet (Roger) Crabtree of Billings; grandchildren Stephanie, Amy, Leslie, Patrick, Jason, Mariah, Sarah and Jeremiah; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents Emily and John Gettel; brothers John, Rudy, Edmund and Herman; sister Elsa Lawin; and grandson Mark Mellinger.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Peace Lutheran Church, Peace Hospice, The Lutheran Hour Ministries or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be posted online at www.oconnorfuneralhome.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

KENNETH EDWIN LECK

Born: August 26, 1921 – Died: January 5, 2012

Great Falls Tribune

January 8, 2012

Kenneth Leck

Kenneth Edwin Leck, 90, a longtime Galata-area farmer, most recently of Great Falls, died of natural causes Thursday, Jan. 5, at Benefis Extended Care Center.



Leck

Visitation is today at Whitted Funeral

Chapel, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, followed by burial in Mountain View Cemetery. Lunch will follow at Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Kenny was born Aug. 26, 1921, in Reardon, Wash., to Charles and Hattie Mae (Snider) Leck. He grew up in Galata, where he graduated salutatorian of his senior class. He married Jean Appley on June 29, 1942, in Shelby.

Kenny did heavy equipment construction work for several years. He and Bill McCarter built many of the farm dams along the Hi-Line. He also did a major part of the dirt work in the building of the runways at Malmstrom Air Force Base.

He farmed north of Galata for more than 40 years, before retiring in 1980. They then moved permanently to

their summer home in the Flathead Valley, where some of his most memorable times were spent when his children and grandchildren came to visit. Kenny and Jean have lived in Great Falls for the past two years.

He was the past Master of the Galata Masonic Lodge, member of the Knights Templar, Algeria Shrine and the Elks Lodge. He had served on both the Galata and Shelby school boards. Kenny enjoyed traveling, boating, barbecuing, playing cards and animals.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Jean Leck of Great Falls; daughter Mariann (John) McArthur of Spartanburg, S.C.; sons David (Shirley) Leck and Steve (Helen) Leck of Galata; brothers James Leroy (Trudy) Leck of Seattle, and Dennis William Leck of Shelby; and grandchildren Dan (Lisa) Leck of Shelby, Laura (John) Steinhoff of Helena, Travis (Nikki) Leck of Arvada, Colo.; Andrew Leck of Galata, Kristin McArthur of Columbia, S.C., Meghan McArthur and Kayla McArthur of Spartanburg; as well as five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Charles Leck.

Condolences may be posted online at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

MICHAEL PATRICK LEE

Born: October 19, 1972 - Died: December 20, 2012

Great Falls Tribune

December 26, 2012

Michael Patrick Lee

Michael Patrick Lee, 40, of Great Falls, died of sepsis Thursday, Dec. 20, at a local hospital.



Lee

A celebration of his life is 7 p.m. Thursday at the Heritage Inn, 1700 Fox Farm Road in Great Falls. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Friday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 201 44th St. S. in Great Falls, with burial to follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Mike was born in Conrad on Oct. 19, 1972, to Margaret Ann (Dutro) Lee and John (Jack) Lee. He attended school in Conrad until third grade when he moved to Missoula. He graduated from Loyola Sacred Heart in 1991. He attended Carroll College in Helena and graduated in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in accounting. Mike worked for American Gem Association in Helena until he moved to Winston Salem, N.C., to be with his girlfriend, Kendra Thomas, while she got her degree in physical

therapy. During that time he worked for BE Aerospace. In 2000, he and Kendra moved back to Great Falls. He worked for Three Rivers Telephone Co-op as a controller until his passing.

He married the love of his life, Kendra Michelle (Thomas) Lee, on July 7, 2001. They have two beautiful boys, Teagan Thomas Lee (8) and Treyton Michael Lee (5). Mike was extremely passionate about his boys, wife, family and friends. They all came first in his life. He felt that by putting all his efforts with them, everything else would fall into place. He was right. He was the rare kind of person that when you met him, he walked right into your heart and stayed there. You knew you had a friend for life.

He enjoyed playing golf, camping, fishing and hunting. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching games with his family and friends, cheering on the Michigan Wolverines, Boston Red Sox, Boston Celtics and the University of Montana Grizzlies.

He lived the rest of his life passionately as well. He would drop everything to lend a hand to everyone. The sparkle in his blue eyes, his beautiful smile, amazing sense of humor and big heart for everyone will be forever missed. We love you Mike!

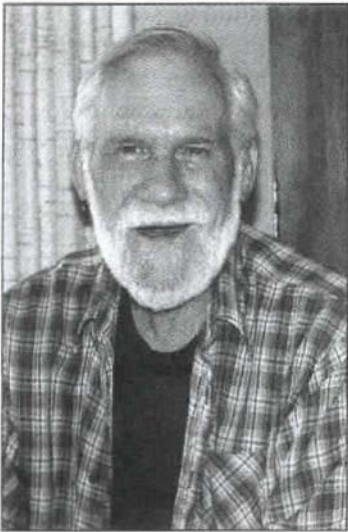
He is survived by his wife, Kendra (Thomas) Lee; sons Teagan Lee and Treyton Lee; his mother, Margaret Ann Lee of Florence; brother Jack Lee of Klamath Falls, Ore.; sisters Vickie Lopes of Concord, Calif., Katie Missik of Conrad and Tricia (Joel) Stokes of Chester; mother and father-in-law Mike and Carol Thomas of Great Falls; brother-in-law Troy Thomas of Great Falls; his uncle Don (Mary) Dutro of Great Falls; aunts Jeannie (David) Ritchie of La Jolla, Calif., and Terry Dutro of Bozeman; nephews Johnathon Stokes, Timothy Stokes, Mathew Missik, Logan Lee and Tucker Thomas; nieces Taylor Lopes, McKenzie Lopes, Hannah Lee, Hadley Thomas, Hanna Dutro and Sarah Dutro. He has numerous cousins and, of course, always considered his multitude of friends part of his family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Lee; step-father Bob Lee; and grandparents Vaughn and Bernice Dutro.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family has asked for contributions to a scholarship fund for Mike's boys. Please send them in care of Kendra Lee, 3003 3rd Ave. N., Great Falls, MT 59401.

ROGER MAYNARD

Born: May 29, 1945 – Died: February 10, 2012
Liberty County Times
February 15, 2012



Roger Maynard

Roger Maynard was born May 29, 1945 at Arlington, Mass. He was one of four children born to Charles and Mildred (Bennett) Maynard. Roger grew up in Massachusetts and received his formal education at Sommerville. He learned cooking/baking skills and began his working life as a baker.

Roger married Eleanor Kivlehan in 1968. During their

early years, he worked as a cook at a Massachusetts State prison. Later, he took a job as an "over-the-road" truck driver. His long hauls were clear across the United States, so the family moved several times between California and New Hampshire. The Maynard's had four daughters before their marriage ended in divorce in 1982. Roger suffered a serious heart attack in 1983, which left him medically disabled at age 38. He was living in California when he married his second wife, Vicki Rae Hale, in 1992. The product of this marriage was a fifth daughter.

In 2007 the Maynards moved to Montana to meet up with Roger's sister and family. Initially they lived in Rudyard, then transferred to Chester in 2008. They have since resided at the Prairie Homes Apts. Roger's medical problems continued to escalate and he was diagnosed with lung cancer about 3 months ago.

On Friday afternoon (February 10, 2012) he passed away peacefully at home. He was 66 years old.

Roger always loved old cars and enjoyed "tinkering" with them. In his youth he and his brother-in-law actually built a "dragster", which they raced in the Massachusetts circuit. His love for auto racing remained intense and he was an avid fan of NASCAR throughout his life. In addition, Roger enjoyed camping and the "great outdoors". He loved all animals, especially dogs. Just for the fun of it, he collected duck figurines and enjoyed playing the lottery. In his quiet time at home, he liked to watch old movies and the news on the television. Roger had a nice singing voice and his favorite passion was the music of the 50's & 60's. One of his life's highlights was a chance happening to get on stage at a concert and sing with the "Ronettes" & the "Supremes".

His birth name was Roger Maynard, but he preferred to just be called simply "Maynard", a name that stuck with him throughout his life.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki Maynard of Chester; 5 daughters, Janice Hardy of Deerfield, N.H., Tina (Tim) Tooker of Carnation, WA., Wendy Dube of Plaiston, N.H., Felicia Maynard of Independence, Missouri, and Kelly Maynard of Santa Rosa, CA.; 10 grandchildren (inc. Stephen & Mindy; Jessica & Keith; Natasha & Joshua; Dusty, Angelica, & Andrew; and Joslyn); 2 great-grandchildren (Dylan & Serenity); 1 sister, Linda Brekhus of Gildford; 1 brother, Allan (Shirley) Maynard of Las Vegas, NV.; and numerous nephews & nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother (Dennis).

Per Maynard's wishes, no funeral will be held. Cremation will be completed by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorial donations can be made in Maynard's Name at US Bank to help with final expenses.

RUTH MARIE (IOVA) McCOURT

Born: January 16, 1934 – Died: July 16, 2012

Liberty County Times

July 25, 2012



Ruth Marie McCourt

(Mother of Jeannie and Pastor
John Fauerbach)

At Temple University Hospital in North Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at 6 pm on January 16th, 1934 Ruth Iova was born to her parents, Yugoslavian Immigrants, Kosta and Lena Iova. Ruth grew up on Joyce Street until she was 8, then the family moved a few blocks up Frankford Avenue in Philly's Kensington section to Kingston Street where Ruth stayed until she married. The love of Ruth's life was her daughter Margaret Regina

Ziebo, affectionately known as Jeannie, born on May 27, 1956. Ruth was divorced shortly after Jeannie's birth.

During daughter Jeannie's early life and after Ruth's Father's death, Ruth and Jeannie shared the house on Kingston Street with Ruth's Mother, Ruth's Sister Helen and Helen's daughter Debbie.

As a single Mom devoted to the support of her daughter Ruth was always employed at more than one job. When Ruth retired at age 62 from her longtime career as secretary/

receptionist at Philip Murray House at 6300 Old York Road, she also retired from her long-term part-time job as Waitress at Kings Caterers. Ruth began with the family at Kings on Orthodox Street in Philly, moved with them to Bucks County and was both an employee and life-long friend of the Ashmore family (the Kings).

Many years ago while working at Kings Caterers Ruth met and became friends with fellow employee Mike McCourt. Almost 40 years later, after Mike's divorce, He and Ruth were married. The two of them lived out their retirement together in a quaint little retirement cottage they purchased from Ruth's sister Helen Comber in the small Pocono Mountain community of Meshoppen, Pennsylvania. There they shared a rich and fulfilling retirement life.

Throughout her life Mom was an avid pinochle player. Even in Meshoppen Ruth and Mike continued playing with neighbors, friends and house guests. Ruth was a dedicated supporter of the Tunkhannock Soup Kitchen. She and her neighbor Peg were faithful volunteers who helped the cooks prepare the meals and then served them every Monday night. Ruth's other favorite activities in the Tunkhannock area included trips to the Candle Shop in Marshall's Creek, shopping and sharing lunches with friends. Ruth loved Christmas in the mountains, especially the free yearly showing of "It's a Wonderful Life" at the Dietrick Theater followed by driving round the area to look at all the residential Christmas light displays. Ruth also greatly

enjoyed entertaining the many friends and family who would come to visit from the city.

Ruth loved her daughter Regina (Jeannie) and looked forward to her yearly visit to Montana to spend time with her daughter and her husband and to spend time with her two grand-children, Johnny and Michael. Her trip was always timed so that they could all share a Mother's Day banquet at the historical Grand Union Hotel in Fort Benton, Montana. Mom loved to travel and greatly enjoyed the many trips she and Mike would take back to the city to spend time with family and friends. Her most memorable big trip of recent memory was her Mother-Daughter trip with Regina (Jeannie) to Branson Missouri where they enjoyed the shows, rode a River Boat, ate at great buffets and stayed out as late as they wanted. It was a trip of a lifetime with great shared joys for them both.

Once diagnosed with cancer Ruth spent time in Meshoppen seeking medical treatment. When it was clear treatment was not working, Ruth elected to cease it. She then spent time saying goodbye to beloved family and friends before traveling to Montana so she could be with her daughter Jeannie, who is a home health care professional. Ruth received hospice care while living with her extended family in Montana. At first Ruth was active, but fighting off the pain. Ruth loved and greatly appreciated the visits, the phone calls and the many cards and greetings she received from friends, family and neighbors near and far. Neighbors

and Church people enjoyed visiting with Ruth as she walked to the post office or during fellowship hours after services at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. As the cancer progressed and mobility failed, Ruth's absence was acknowledged with the prayers and concerns of many. Ruth's home hospice ended on Monday July 16th when immobility and pain forced her into the hospital setting.

Ruth went home to be with Jesus at 12:15 p.m. Montana time at the Liberty Medical Center, Chester, Montana. Ruth requested immediate cremation. Her ashes will be interred at the Chester Cemetery immediately following her memorial service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Chester, MT 59522 at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning, July 26th. A luncheon in the church fellowship hall will follow her interment. Memorial Service arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester, MT 59522, (406) 759-5171.

Ruth is preceded in death by her parents, Kosta and Lena Iova and Step-son Michael McCourt. Ruth is survived by her husband Mike (Michael) J. McCourt, daughter Regina Fauerbach (John), grandsons Johnny and Michael Fauerbach, Sisters Mary Hagan (Buddy) of Philadelphia, PA and Helen Comber of Myrtle Beach, S.C. as well as her brother Mike Iova (Betty) also of Philadelphia, PA. She is also survived by step Daughters Margaret Denzler (Wayne), Kathy Kiefreider (Chuck) and daughter-in-law Eleanor McCourt along with Mike's many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ruth Marie (Iova) McCourt

BORN: January 16, 1934 at Philadelphia, PA

DIED: July 23, 2012 at Chester, Montana

AGE: 78 years ... 6 months ... 7 days

"Change of Address"...

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Memorial Services: 11:00 a.m. Thursday (July 26, 2012) at
Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Mt.

Officiant: Pastor John Fauerbaeh

Scripture Readings: Grandson, Johnny Fauerbach

Pianist: Loretta Lyders
Congregational Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

Vocalist: Jeff Mattson
Vocal Tribute: "Here I am Lord"

Special Musical Selection: "The Untitled Hymn" (by Chris Rice)

Ushers: Cyndy LaSorte and Patty DeVries

Honorary Pallbearers: Grandsons, Johnny & Michael

Burial of Ashes: Chester Cemetery in Chester, MT,

...Reception to follow in the fellowship hall....

Ruth's Loving Family: Husband, Mike; Daughter & Son-in-Law, Jeannie & John; 2 Grandsons, Johnny & Michael; Step-children, Margaret/Wayne, Kathy/Chuck, & Eleanor; 2 sisters, Mary & Helen; 1 brother, Mike; nephews, nieces, and extended grandchildren...

Arrangements: Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester, MT

LAVERN ELIZABETH (MEYER) McFADDEN
Born: November 4, 1912 – Died: January 2, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
January 5, 2012

LaVern E. McFadden

LaVern Elizabeth (Meyer) McFadden, 99, a retired nurse's aide, died of natural causes Monday, Jan. 2, at a local care facility.



McFadden

Visitation is 6 p.m. Friday at Holy Spirit

Catholic Church, followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m. Funeral Liturgy is 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Spirit, with burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

LaVern was born Nov. 4, 1912, in St. Joseph, Minn., to Michael and Rose Meyer. The family moved in 1913 to Inverness, where they homesteaded. She was educated in Inverness, and graduated from Inverness High School. She then attended a business college in St. Cloud, Minn. She returned to Inverness and worked for her dad, who operated the International Harvester dealership.

She married Ira McFadden on Sept. 6, 1932, in Hingham. They moved to Harlem for two years before moving to Great Falls in August 1942. LaVern stayed home and raised her family. She went to

work for the Columbus Hospital and retired in 1976, after 20 years.

LaVern enjoyed painting, sewing, reading, gardening and sports, especially basketball. She was a member of the Holy Family Altar Society, Columbus Hospital Volunteers, Central Catholic Mother's Club and an associate member of the Ursuline Sisters.

Survivors include her sons, Dean McFadden of Whitefish, and Duane "Mac" McFadden of Great Falls; daughters Doreen Palmer of Great Falls, Donna (Dennis) Painter of Great Falls, Dixie McFadden of Boise, Idaho, and Deborah (Bud) Preston of Geismar, La.; a sister, Claudette Alex of Chester; 24 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ira McFadden, in 1983; sisters Alda Meyer, Adeline Meyer, Ione Kraft, Inez Meyer and Eileen Han; a brother, Donald Meyer; and a great-grandson, Nicklas Palmer.

Memorials are suggested to Ursuline Centre, 2300 Central Ave., Great Falls, MT 59401.

Condolences may be posted online at www.schniderfuneralhome.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

JAMES JUDE McGARVEY
Born: April 17, 1942 – Died: August 27, 2012
Liberty County Times
September 5, 2012



James McGarvey

James Jude McGarvey, 70, went to be with our Lord on Monday, August 27 at 11:46

p.m. Jim was born in Butte, America on April 17, 1942 to Mary (Shea) and James "Specs" McGarvey. Jim attended St. Lawrence Catholic Grade School and Butte Central High School and graduated from Carroll College with a degree in Sociology. He began his teaching career at Butte High School in the fall of 1965. Shortly after that he followed his calling to become a union organizer and workers' rights advocate. He followed his passion of always protecting the underdog.

Over the course of the years, Jim worked tirelessly, travelling many miles every week to meet with teachers. He then established the Montana Federation of Teachers, an affiliate with the American Federation of Teachers and AFL-CIO, ensuring teachers a better standard of living. Jim was a vice president on the national executive council of the AFT. He held that position for 20 years, making him the longest-serving member. Over a career that expanded more than 40 years, Jim's accom-

plishments included organizing the private sector unions as well as other public sector unions.

Jim is survived by his wife Suzanne; children Tim (Jamie) McGarvey, Seana (Erik) Iverson and Jolinda (Dean) Linden; grandchildren Nolan and Nathan McGarvey, Kincaid, Sean and Olivia Jensen, Vander and Parker Linden; sisters Kathleen (Fred) Bull and Joann (Jimmy) Harris; and brother-in-law Bill Kelly. Jim also is survived by many other relatives, friends and colleague

and his pets Obi, Sasha and Majic.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Mary "Birdie" Kelly, and numerous special aunts, uncles and cousins.

There will be a viewing on Sunday, Sept. 2 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 2100 Farragut, Butte, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. A mass will be celebrated on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3 at 9 a.m. at St. Ann's with a reception immediately following in the church hall.

Suggestions for memorial donations include: St. Jude's Children's Hospital, The American Heart Association, or a charity of your choice.

WALLACE McMASTER
Born: September 19, 1924 – Died: July 12, 2012
Havre Daily News
July 26, 2012

Wallace McMaster

Wally was born on Sept. 19, 1924, in Havre, Mont., and was a longtime resident of Spokane, Wash., where he passed away at his home on July 12.

One of seven sons born to Hiram and Jesse Pope McMaster, Wally was raised in Havre, and graduated from high school in Great Falls, Mont. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and completed pilot training during his enlistment.

On Sept. 6, 1947, Wally married Irene Ludwig in Rudyard, Mont. They were married for 64 years.

Upon the completion of his military service, he began his higher education in Havre and then transferred to the

Montana School of Mines, now Montana Tech, where he earned an engineering degree in metallurgy.

After graduation, Wally and his young family moved to Spokane, Wash., to begin a lifelong career with Kaiser

Aluminum. He held positions at the Mead, Wash., Anglesey, Wales, and Ravenswood, W. Va. plants. When he retired, Wally returned to Spokane to enjoy his many interests of which fishing on the coast was his favorite.

Wally is survived by his wife, Irene Ludwig McMaster; along with his children and their spouses, Joann McMaster, Jerry (Kathy) McMaster, Don McMaster, Teresa (Charlie) Forsman, Karen (Randy)

Kerr, Lisa McMaster, Mark (T'abby) McMaster and Tim (Jenny) McMaster. He is also survived by his brother, Robert McMaster; 25 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a large, loving extended family.

Wally was preceded in death by his son, Paul (Chris) McMaster in 2010.

A private gathering of his family and friends celebrated his love of life on Sunday, July 15, 2012. A private family graveside service at Holy Cross Cemetery was held on Friday, July 20, 2012.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations made in Wally's memory be sent to Hospice of Spokane which provided wonderful caring support to both Wally and his family.



VERNON RAYMOND 'BLACKIE' MOOG
Born: March 24, 1927 – Died: August 15, 2012
Liberty County Times
August 22, 2012



Vernon Moog

Vernon Raymond "Blackie" Moog was born March 24, 1927 in Havre, Montana. He was the fourth of six children born to Otto and Irene (White) Moog. Vern grew up on the family farm south of Inverness. Immediately following his graduation from Inverness High School in 1945, he was drafted into the U. S. Army. Vern served in Japan during the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign of World War II and attained the rank of Sergeant. He was honorably discharged from the military in November of 1946.

Vern returned to his "roots in Montana" and began his vocation as a farmer. In addition he worked many other jobs throughout his life to stay busy and supplement his income during the winter months. For example, he worked for the Great Northern Railroad, Marias Equipment in Chester, both elevators in Inverness and Rudyard, and the seed plant in Rudyard. Vern also measured bins and recorded land use for the local A.S.C.S. office and drove school bus

for many years. Last, but not least, he shared his self-learned skills as an electrician and carpenter on various projects in the community.

Vern married Beverly A. Falla on April 1, 1959. They lived on the farm where they raised their large family of thirteen. In 1973 they built a new home on the farmstead. Vern loved his life as a farmer, so retirement wasn't on his priority list. When he did officially retire in 2003, he continued to remain active in the farming operations. Vern suffered from congestive heart failure, so he and Bev moved into Inverness in 2011. He was recently admitted to the Liberty Medical Center for extended care. Vern died peacefully at the Chester hospital on Wednesday evening (August 15, 2012). He was 85 years old.

Vern was raised as a Catholic and remained dedicated to his faith throughout his life. He was a loyal member of Sacred Heart Church and was active in the Knights of Columbus.

He enjoyed many hobbies. Vern loved to play cards (mainly, Pinochle, cribbage, poker, "Smear", and solitaire) and was an avid reader (he especially enjoyed "westerns" and had a large collection of Louis 'Amour books). He loved to "tinker in his shop" and build practical things (like tractors, sprayers, and assorted implements). Vern did his own butchering and processing of meat products. He enjoyed local sporting events (when his kids were active) and became an

avid N.F.L. fan (especially of the Denver Broncos). He loved wearing bright-colored clothes and his assorted collection of suspenders. Vern had a happy life and maintained a good attitude and sense of humor throughout the years. He found love and laughter in each and every day.

Vern was preceded in death by his parents, 2 daughters (Rosanne Wasson and Verna McCollum), and 2 siblings (Alice Lakey and Otto "Bud" Moog).

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Bev Moog of Inverness; 11 children, Ken (Lita) Moog of Joplin, Patty (Dave) Burleson of Hill City, S.D., Rita (Greg) Davis of Missoula, Lorraine Moog of Havre, Debbie Moog of Billings, Angie (Gene) Cantley of Great Falls, Joe Moog of Inverness/Fort Benton, Chris (Amy) Moog of Roswell, GA, Tony (Tiffany) Moog of Helena, Nicholas (Kiera) Moog of Inverness, and Julie Moog (Will Butler) of Denver, CO; 25 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson; 3 siblings, Robert (Una) Moog of Inverness, Margaret Bailey of Las Vegas, NV, and Leonard (Madeline) Moog of Littleton, CO; and numerous nephews & nieces.

Vigil Prayers were 7:00 p.m. Sunday (Aug. 19th) at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. Father Joseph Diekhans led the prayer service. A special vocal tribute, "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", was sung by daughter-in-law, Kiera Moog. A coffee hour followed.

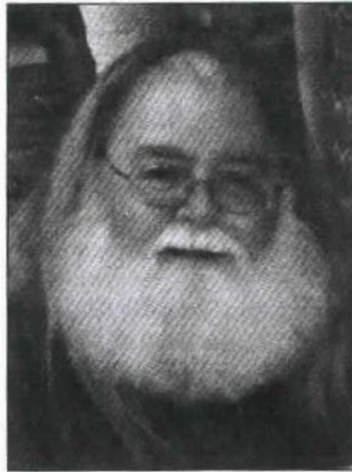
Vern's Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Joe at 11:00 a.m. Monday at the church. Scriptures were read by Mary Jane Moog and the obituary was shared by daughter-in-law, Amy Moog. Music was provided by Christy Fossen (organist) and Marcus Joachim & Terry Stevenson (vocalists), who performed "How Great Thou Art", "Psalm 103", "You Are Near", "When A Grain of Wheat", "Ave Maria", and "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Ushers were Mark

Lakey & Rob Moog. Great-grandson, Gene Cantley, was the altar server. The communion gifts were presented by daughters, Lorraine, Angie, & Julie. Eucharistic ministers were Eleanor Heydon, Sue Wendland, & Carol Fraser. Pallbearers were sons, Ken, Joe, Chris, Tony, & Nick, and son-in-law, Randy Wasson. Honorary bearers were Fred Elling, Lyle Harrison, Bob Christenson, John Wendland, and Dennis Mangold.

Burial with military rites was held at the Inverness Cemetery. The veteran's flag was presented to Bev and their son, Chris. A reception followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association, the "Relay for Life" (% Barb Domire, Box 34, Rudyard 59540), or donor's choice

BENJAMIN ARTHUR MORRISON
Born: Age: 61 - Died: November 25, 2012
Liberty County Times
December 5, 2012



Benjamin Morrison

Hampton, VA - Benjamin Arthur Morrison, 61, died Sunday, November 25, 2012. Born in Chester, Montana, he had been a Hampton resident since 1974. He served in the US Navy for 23 years retiring in 1993 and then worked for JJMA as a shipyard contractor writing operations manuals for the Sea Wolf submarine. In 1997, Ben be-

gan working for the Newport News Shipyard as production planner. Known as Santa to many, Ben had entertained family and friends at Christmas in homes, businesses and the restaurants he loved.

Ben is survived by his wife, Carolyn Bullard Morrison; son, Michael Morrison and wife April Riddle Morrison; sister, Natalie Morrison Ghekiere; many nieces and nephews; and a lot of extended family.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 AM, Saturday, December 1, 2012 at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home, 245 S. Armistead Ave, Hampton. The family will receive

friends at the funeral home Friday from 6-7:30.

Memorials may be sent to the Saunders Road Church of the Nazarene.

Arrangements by R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home, Hampton.

WINIFRED (HALEY) NAUGHTON
Born: January 7, 1916 – Died: March 20, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
March 22, 2012

Winifred Naughton

Winifred (Haley) Naughton, 96, of Great Falls, died of pancreatic cancer Tuesday, March 20, at her home.



Naughton

A vigil is 5:30 p.m. Friday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Funeral Liturgy is 11 a.m. Saturday at Holy Spirit, with burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Winnie was born Jan. 7, 1916, to Frank and Sarah Haley. She was raised in Cascade, and graduated from Cascade High School.

After graduation, she married Richard Naughton on June 23, 1934, and they spent the next seven years at New Deal, where Richard worked on the Fort Peck Dam. They then moved to Great Falls, where they remained and raised their seven children.

Winnie was an active volunteer at St. Gerard's Church from the inception of the parish until its closing. She worked several years for the Great Falls School District as a library aide, was an avid reader and a real student of current events right to the

end. Winnie was active in several bridge clubs over the years and was always ready for a game. Traveling was something Winnie enjoyed, and her trip to Ireland was a highlight. Winnie's greatest love in life was being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Winnie is survived by her children, Patsy (Joe) Minnehan, Jim (Paula) Naughton, Jack (Doreen) Naughton, Jeanie (Dick) Hanson and Junie (Mark) Lyons; a daughter-in-law, Joanne Naughton; grandchildren Kathleen Naughton, Michael Naughton, Kerrie Stavig, Tom Naughton, Doug Henley, Michele Schott, Tim Minnehan, Kelly Minnehan-Galt, Molly Ketchum, Haley Minnehan-Secrest, Dan Naughton, Jill Vogt, Jeff Naughton, Patrick Hanson, Meghan Hanson, Kevin Lyons and Katie Pierce; and 29 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Naughton; and children Dick Naughton and Mary Clise.

We will always remember Winnie for her kindness and strength of character.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Peace Hospice of Montana, 1101 26th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.

Condolences may be posted online at www.schniderfuneralhome.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

DALE WINTON NELSON
Born: Age: 77 – Died: August 5, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
August 9, 2012

Dale Winton Nelson

CONRAD — Dale Winton Nelson, 77, of Conrad, died of natural causes Sunday, Aug. 5, at Missouri River Manor in Great Falls.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of O'Connor Funeral Home, and private family services will take place at a later date.

Survivors include daughters Stacy Nelson of Belgrade, Darcy Ackerman of Townsend and Melody Phillips of Jakarta, Indonesia; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

CARROLL EUGENE NIELSEN

Born: November 30, 1932– Died: January 2, 2012

Liberty County Times

January 11, 2012



Carroll Nielsen

Carroll Eugene Nielsen, 79, passed away on January 2, 2012 at his home due to natural causes. Memorial services will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Chapel with Ila McClenahan officiating. Memorials in Carroll's honor may be made to a person's choice. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.

Carroll was born November 30, 1932 to Jens and Lenore (Larsen) Nielsen. He attended school in Medicine Lake, MT. In 1952 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in Sidney, MT. His tour of duty was served in Korea. Carroll was honorably discharged from the service in 1956.

Carroll married Lois Kraus; to this union four children were born, Robbie, Doug, Shelley, and Tami. The couple later divorced. On March 15, 1975 Carroll married Mary Ann Wood. The couple had

one daughter, Joey Nielsen, along with Mary Ann's seven children.

Carroll enjoyed gardening, especially growing tomatoes, and took great pride in his yard. He was very handy at fixing things, enjoyed making bird houses out of license plates, and liked to tinker. He was a good story-teller, making things come alive to his listeners. Carroll liked to spend time gambling at Deadwood

and Jack Pot. He enjoyed helping the Wood family in Joplin during Harvest. He had many lifelong friends on the Hi-Line. He was a member of the American legion for 54 years.

Carroll was preceded in death by his parents; brother Everette Nielsen; stepson Bobby Slyngstad; step-daughter Nina Anderson; and grandson Christopher Sweet.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ann Nielsen; His children: Robbie(Lowell) Kern of Belfield, ND; Doug (Kathy) Nielsen of Dagmar, MT; Shelley (Ted) Blazina of Billings, MT; Tami Melton of Wolf Point, MT; and Joey Wood of Kalispell, MT. Step-sons – Courtney Slyngstad of Burly

ID, Curtis Slyngstad of San Jose, CA; Michael (Colleen) Slyngstad of Cameron Park, CA and Danny Slyngstad of San Jose, CA; step-daughter Christy Sweet of Springfield IL; twenty grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

ELLEN MURIEL (TEMPEL) OVERTON
Born: May 21, 1931 – Died: January 12, 2012
Liberty County Times
January 18, 2012



Ellen Muriel (Tempel) Overton, 80, a bookkeeper, of Great Falls, passed away January 12th, of natural causes, at her residence. A memorial service will be held Friday, January 20th, at 11:00 AM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1326 1st Ave. North. Cremation has already taken place under the direction of Croxford Funeral Home and Crematory.

Ellen was born May 21, 1931 to Gustav and Louise (Heyen) Tempel in Alma, MT. She was raised at her family farm that is north from Chester. In 1956, she married Marvin Overton in Great Falls. She worked

as a bookkeeper and payroll clerk for 30 years until her retirement. She enjoyed fishing, camping, and traveling with family. In her later years, she liked to play cards, read books, and especially enjoyed attending her grandchildren's sporting events and performances.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years Marvin Overton of Great Falls; daughters Brenda (Mark) Gruener of Lewistown and Jackie (Mike) Overton Juden of Lolo; brother Clinton (Gaynell) Tempel of Great Falls; and grandchildren Matthew and Stephen Gruener, and Emily and Sarah Juden.

Ellen is preceded in death by her brothers Ernest and Kenneth Tempel; sisters Margaret Anderson and Dorothy Heydon; and grandson Michael Gruener.

Condolences to the family may be left at www.croxfordfuneralhome.com

BERNARD WALTER PATRICK

Born: December 12, 1927 - Died: November 9, 2012

Havre Daily News

November 14, 2012

Bernard Walter Patrick

Bernard Walter Patrick, 84, died in Bullhead City, Ariz., of natural causes on Nov. 9, 2012. He has been cremated and will be buried in Las Vegas next to his wife, Doris Patrick, at a later date. On Saturday, Nov. 17, a memorial service will be held starting at noon at the St. Jude's Parish Center in Havre.

He was born to Charles and Sadie Patrick, number fourteen of sixteen children, on Dec. 12, 1927, at the Rist Place south of Goldstone, Mont., in a raging snow storm. Dr. Curtis went in the ditch by Sage Creek on his way to the Patrick house for the delivery. By the time Bernard's brothers saddled the horses to go get Dr. Curtis, Bernard was born, delivered by his father.

He attended a rural school north of Rudyard and graduated from Rudyard High School in 1945.

Bernie served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was honorably discharged.

He began his college studies in the Army at the University of Utah, then graduated from Northern Montana College with a degree in elementary education. He was awarded a master's degree in natural science from Arizona State University at Tempe.



Bernard
Walter Patrick



He married Doris Rose Velk on Oct. 10, 1948, in Havre, Mont. They had one child, Clark.

He and Doris farmed and ranched for 10 years near Malta, Mont. They owned the grocery store in Rudyard,

Mont., for five years. He taught school at Minneot, Minn., and Box Elder schools over a five year period. For the next 22 years, he taught in Las Vegas. Bernie cared for his wife, Doris, who was on dialysis for 17 years. She died in 1990.

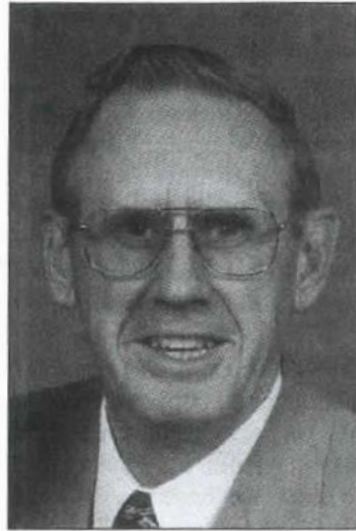
After her death, he returned to Montana during the summer where he rekindled a bridge partnership with Joan Leeds. They were married on Aug. 27, 1991 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

His passion was bridge. He was the first person in Havre to attain the level of life master in 1966. His hobby was a lifetime of collecting coins. His two goals after retiring were to win the Big Sky Cub and to get a hole-in-one. He accomplished both.

He is survived by his wife, Joan of Havre, Mont., and Bullhead City, Ariz.; his son, Clark (Janine) of Las Vegas; his grandsons, Justyn Patrick, Anthony (Teresa) Yurkonis, Joshua Kephart and Samuel (Zia) Kephart; and six great-grandchildren, all of Las Vegas; his sisters, Ruth Meredith of Havre, and Phyllis Gagnon of Chester; his brother, Donald (Ann) of Grafton, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Sadie Patrick; his sister, Gladys Patrick Smith; and brothers, Ralph, Russell, Lloyd, Clarence, Cecil, Clifford, Raymond, Wayne and Richard.

GLENN ARTHUR PEARSON
Born: December 17, 1934— Died: March 4, 2012
Liberty County Times
March 14, 2012



Glenn Pearson

Memorial services will be held at 4 PM on Tuesday, March 13 at Falconer funeral home in Gilbert, Arizona for Glenn Arthur Pearson, 77, who died March 4, 2012 at Hospice of Arizona in Mesa, Arizona. He was a former resident of Madison, South Dakota. Glenn Pearson was born December 17, 1934 in Lawton, North Dakota to Carl and Della (Olson) Pearson. He grew up on the family farm near Lawton. Glenn graduated from Lawton high school in 1952 and continued his education at Mayville State College in North Dakota, graduating with a bachelor's degree in business.

He taught and coached basketball in Lawton. He also taught in Inkster, North Dakota and in Chester, Darby and Missoula, Montana. He taught business courses and was high school principal at Inkster, North Dakota and Chester, Montana.

He continued his education at the University of Montana, Missoula, on a fellowship program completing his Master's degree in computer science and completing coursework towards his doctorate degree.

Glenn moved to Madison, South Dakota in 1971 where he taught business and computer courses at Dakota State College (now Dakota State University) introducing the first computer courses to the college. He was named an Outstanding Educator of America in 1975. He retired from teaching in 1988 due to health related problems. He spent the winter months in Gilbert, Arizona with his wife. He married Marlene Olson August 3, 1957 in Osnabrock, North Dakota at Dovre Lutheran church.

He is survived by his wife, 2 sons, Kirk of Bloomington, Minnesota and Kerry (Lisa), a grandson, Kyle and a granddaughter, Jenna, of Gilbert Arizona, nieces, a nephew and a sister-in-law, Arlene.

He was a member of both the South Dakota and National Education Associations, MS Society, a past member of the Jaycees and Elks. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers, Edward and Oswald, a sister, Marie Kleingartner, a nephew, Robert Pearson and a niece, Connie Kleingartner.

Condolences may be sent to 1032 W. Juniper Ave. Gilbert, AZ 85233

LEVERN 'PETE' PETERS
Born: Age- 85 – Died: February 6, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
February 7, 2012

LeVern 'Pete' Peters

LEWISTOWN — LeVern "Pete" Peters, 85, who served as a pastor and enjoyed singing, music and the outdoors, died of natural causes Sunday, Feb. 6, at his home in Lewistown



Peters

Visitation is 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Creel Funeral Home. His funeral is 11 a.m. Friday at Lewistown Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, followed by burial in Moore Cemetery and a lunch reception in the church basement.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Jean Peters of Lewistown; children, Benjamin Neil Peters and Jonathan Dwight Peters of Bozeman, Elizabeth Ann Mammen of Billings, Roger Philip Peters of Red Lodge, Alta., Catherine Lois Schreier of Roundup and Stephen P. Peters of Pennsylvania; siblings, Marjorie McKay of Monroe, Wash., Edwin Peters and Ella Stenka of Loveland, Colo., Marian Kesterke of Trouche, Alta., Carolyn Anderson of Chester, Robert Peters of Alberta and Norma Cromwell of Milwaukie, Ore.; 28 grandchildren, a step-grandchild, two great-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren.

KEN PETERSON

Born: January 18, 1929 – Died: June 23, 2012

Great Falls Tribune

June 26, 2012

Ken Peterson

ANACONDA — Ken Peterson, 83, of Anaconda, died of natural causes, Saturday, June 23, at Community Hospital, Anaconda.



Peterson



Celebration of life services are 10 a.m. Friday at Longfellow Finnegan Riddle Funeral Home, 107 Oak Street, Anaconda. Burial with military honors will follow at 12:30 p.m. in the New Chicago (Valley) Cemetery south of Drummond. A potluck luncheon will follow at Drummond Community Hall.

Our loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother, Ken Peterson, was born in Columbus, N.D., on January 18, 1929, and passed away on June 23, 2012, at the Community Hospital of Anaconda surrounded by his loving family.

Ken was born on the family farm in North Dakota and spent his early years with his seven brothers and sisters riding horses to school and eating his baked potatoes from the pot-bellied woodstove for lunch. In 1949, he moved to Havre with his brother, Tony, and went to work for the railroad. He joined the Marine Corps in 1951 and was stationed at Camp Pendleton in California. This is where he met the love of his life, Joan Briggs. They were married in Vegas in March of 1953 and moved back to Montana with their newborn daughter after his honorable discharge. He went to work in Havre for the Montana Power Company in 1954 and continued working for them until he retired in March

1988. They saw many beautiful locations in his 40 years for the MPC, including Chinook, Rudyard, Drummond and then Anaconda and met some very special friends and co-workers. Their son was born in Havre, while they were living in Rudyard.

Some of his passions were snowmobiling with friends, hunting with his son and buddies, fishing on his favorite pontoon boat with his son-in-law, camping with family and friends all over the state and bowling in Chinook, Rudyard, and Anaconda. He went to several state tournaments and even a national tournament in California.

He was a member of the American Legion in Anaconda and Drummond. He was also the president of the Rudyard Saddle Club.

Ken is survived by his wife, Joan Peterson of Anaconda; daughter Susan (Marvin) Brodock of Fort Benton; grandkids Jason Adams (Ashli) of Phoenix, Kevin Brodock of Billings, Melanie Keller (Tom) of Billings and great-grandkids Michelle Darvis and Kourtnei, Koltin, Austin, Dustin, Kingston and Karston Keller. He is also survived by one brother, Don Peterson of Castle Rock, Colo., and sisters Vi Murchie (Tom) of Visalia, Calif., Donna Wilson of Brentwood, Calif., numerous nieces and nephews and sister-in-law Pat Erickson of Moreno Valley, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his son, Robert (Rudy) Peterson in 1988.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, the Community Hospital of Anaconda for their remodeling project or a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

WILLIAM JESSE 'BILL' PIMLEY

Born: May 30, 1951 – Died: November 2, 2012

Liberty County Times

November 14, 2012



Bill Pimley

William Jesse "Bill" Pimley was born May 30, 1951 at Havre, MT. He was the third of ten children born to Orville and Della (Cole) Pimley. Bill grew up on the family farm on the Canadian border north of Joplin and received his early education at the Burke Country School. He finished his schooling in Joplin and graduated from Joplin High School in 1969. Bill continued his education at M.S.U. in Bozeman and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering in 1973.

While attending college, Bill met his life partner, Maureen Ann Dougherty. They were married in Great Falls on September 16, 1972. Soon after graduation, they moved to Tulsa, OK. where Bill accepted a position with Texaco-Cities Service Pipeline Company. The job was great, but it required three transfers by the Pimley family during the next 20 years – to Downs, IL., to Houston, TX., and back to Tulsa, OK. When the company sold their holdings, Bill joined up with Equilon

Pipeline Company in Wichita Falls, TX. He remained with this firm until 1999, when he was hired by Shell Pipeline Company in New Orleans, LA. The Pimleys moved to Houma, LA. for 6 months, and then transferred to Kenner, LA., where they have lived since. Bill thoroughly enjoyed his work and was known to draw proposed job sketches and diagrams on anything handy, including restaurant and bar napkins along the way.

Bill was diagnosed with Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM) brain cancer in October of 2011. He received the recommended treatments and was being cared for by his family at home in Kenner at the time of his death. He died peacefully surrounded by his family on Friday (November 2, 2012) at the age of 61 years.

Bill earned his Professional Engineering License while they were living in Illinois.

He had many accomplishments in life that required no recognition. For instance, in Wichita Falls he volunteered to engineer a pipeline to bring water to the Girl Scout Camp. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Girl Scout Council in Wichita Falls. After they moved to Louisiana, Bill spearheaded building improvements and clean-up projects at a horse barn that was used for disabled children and as a pet shelter. Following Katrina, Bill helped rebuild several co-workers' homes.

Bill enjoyed many hobbies. He loved woodworking and built many wooden clocks

and friends. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending time at his "special getaway", a fish camp at Cocodrie, LA. Bill and two buddies owned the fish camp where they spent hours-upon-hours fixing it up and fishing with their friends. He loved having kids at the camp, especially his grandchildren. Most of the kids affectionately called him "Uncle Bill" (whether they were related or not), as he would patiently bait hooks for them when he would much rather be fishing himself. Bill also enjoyed working outside in his yard or "tinkering" in his shop. He could fix most anything. And he loved to help people along the way. He will truly be missed by many...

Bill was preceded in death by his parents – Orville in 1980 and Della in 1996.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Maureen Pimley of Kenner, LA.; 3 daughters, Melody Wirz (husband, Trey) of Houston, TX., Sabrina Pimley of Kenner, LA., and Tammy Pimley (significant other, John Johnson) of Jefferson, LA.; 5 grandchildren, DaZhanee & KaiRee Tatum, Jaxon & Kennedy Wirz, and Annabelle Johnson; 5 brothers, Joe Pimley of Hungry Horse, Bob/Hilda Pimley of Camarillo, CA., Dale/Cindy Pimley of Joplin, Richard/Clair Pimley of Reardan, WA., and Jerry/Sharon Pimley of Billings; 4 sisters, Linda Fossen (partner, Gilbert Pampa) of Bellingham, WA., Mary Ann Moog of Havre,

Connie/Delbert Anderson of Joplin, and Lois/Larry Evans of Bozeman; 1 brother-in-law, Patrick; Mary Dougherty of Missoula; 1 sister-in-law, Shawn/John Dixon of Great Falls; numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins; and a host of friends (throughout life's travels).

Bill and his family support the "Dr. Marnie Rose Foundation" in hopes that research will help prevent others from losing a loved one to brain cancer. Donations can be mailed to Dr. Marnie Rose Foundation, 5090 Richmond Ave., PMB-291, Houston, TX. 77056 and are accepted online at www.runfortherose.com/?id=281.

Donations are also accepted at the CARING BRIDGE website at www.caringbridge.org, which was a wonderful site – making it easy to keep family & friends updated on Bill's illness & treatment.

Bill was cremated and part of his ashes will be entombed at the Lake Lawn Mausoleum in Metairie, LA. A memorial services for Louisiana friend: was held at 10:00 a.m. Friday (Nov. 9th) at the Lake Lawn Mortuary in Metairie.

A second memorial service for Montana relatives and friends will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Nov. 17th) at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. The service will be conducted by Pastor Dale Wolery. Special music will be provided by Marcus Jochim and Christ Fossen. Bill's sister, Linda will read the obituary and share a eulogy. A DVD presentation will also be provided. Ushers will be Paul Wolery and Barney Bjornstad. A reception will follow at Kjc Hall. The remainder of Bill cremains will be interred in the family plot at the Joplin Cemetery. Local arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

LORRAINE G. POLACEK

Born: July 22, 1929 – Died: February 16, 2012

Liberty County Times

March 7, 2012



Lorraine Polacek

Lorraine G. Polacek was known as many things to many people. She was a loved one, a friend, and someone special. To family and friends who knew her best, Lorraine will be remembered as a very exceptional

She was born on July 22, 1929 to Freda and Lloyd W. Muncy in Chester, Montana.

Lorraine was raised with three siblings. She had two brothers, Elmer and Dale, and a sister, June, her only living sibling.

As a young girl, Lorraine had a number of interests. Like most children, she enjoyed playing and making up games. She was curious about the world around her and was eager to explore it. In her spare time she liked playing the organ and piano. She graduated from Chester High School in 1948.

After high school, Lorraine traveled to Cut Bank, Mt. where she kept books for Paul Wolk for a number of years then back to Chester where she worked for the Bureau of Reclamation while the Tiber Dam was being built. Then her sights turned toward California where she lived until her death.

On January 26, 1957, Lorraine married Larry and they were blessed with four sons and one daughter. Roderick Dale, Kevin William, Gary Lynn, David Elmer and Deanna Renee. Lorraine was also blessed with 12 Grandchildren who brought her many joys.

Fortunately, Lorraine enjoyed what she did for a living. Showing a strong work ethic, Lorraine worked diligently and did her best to succeed in her career. Her primary occupation was as a bookkeeper. She was employed for 10 years by Great Lakes Carbon and worked for 8 years at Orange Grove Mobile Estates. Lorraine always sought to be a team player, doing what was necessary in order to get the job done.

Lorraine was a lover of animals and cherished her pets. One of her favorites was Buzz, a Peka-poo she had for 14 years, Neo a Schnauzer who survives Lorraine, and Tie a Shihtzu she had for 10 years.

Lorraine passed away on February 16, 2012 at Loma Linda Medical Center in Loma Linda, California. She is survived by her husband, Larry Polacek; her children, Roderick D. Neely and his wife, Robin, Kevin W. Polacek and his wife, Rosie, Gary L. Polacek and his wife, Sharyn, David E. Polacek, and Deanna Larkin and her husband, Paul; sister, June Haupt; grandchildren, Megan, Roddy and Joey Neely, Angela, Kevin, Marcus and Bryan Polacek, Gary Polacek and Sierra Boden, Justina Polacek, P. J., Max and Amanda, Larkin. Services were held at Weaver-Hughes Mortuary Chapel 33629 Yucaipa Blvd., Yucaipa, CA 92399 on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 11:30 AM. Services were officiated by Pastor Joel Vincent.

Simply stated Lorraine was a good and kind person, an individual who will for all time be remembered by her family and friends as being a caring and giving person, someone who was a vital part of their lives. Lorraine leaves behind her a legacy of life-long friendships and many cherished memories. Everyone whose life she touched will always remember Lorraine G. Polacek.

BETTY LOUISE (McCLINTOCK) POLLINGTON
Born: October 12, 1923 – Died: October 13, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
October 24, 2012

Betty Louise Pollington

Betty Louise Pollington, 89, of Havre, a retired farmer, died of natural causes Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Northern Montana Care Center in Havre.



Pollington

A memorial service is being planned for a later date in Havre. Cremation has taken place and Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Betty was born to Cecil and Frances (Hart) McClintock on Oct. 12, 1923, in Laramie, Wyo. Betty attended schools in Denver and Ponca City, Okla. and graduated from Shawnee Mission High School in Kansas City, Mo. Her summers were spent at the Hart Ranch in Absarokee. In 1942, Betty graduated from business college in Billings. She worked for a lawyer in Billings and then for the Yellowstone Bank in Columbus. It was during this time that she met Leighton Pollington, and they were married in 1944. They moved to

Livingston then to Hanford, Wash. In 1946, they bought a farm at Kremlin, where they farmed until retiring in 1984. After retiring, they moved to Carter, where they bought a home along the Missouri River. During her time on the farm, her greatest hobby was painting; even in her later years when her vision was failing, she continued to paint.

Betty is survived by her sons, Cody Pollington of Great Falls, Don Pollington of Bellevue, Wash., Gary Pollington of Havre, David Pollington of Kennewick, Wash., and Ken Pollington of Helena; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; her companion since 1992, Curtis Nordgulen of Havre; and his children, Markus Nordgulen and Mari (Nordgulen) VanSlyke of Havre.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Frances McClintock; her brother, Donald McClintock; and husband Leighton Pollington.

Condolences may be posted online at www.schniderfuneralhome.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

JUNE ELIZABETH POLLINGTON
Born: Age: 86 – Died: March 27, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
March 30, 2012

**June Elizabeth
Pollington**

HAVRE — June Elizabeth Pollington, 86, formerly of Livingston and Kremlin, who



Pollington

enjoyed gardening, painting, sewing and baking, and had worked on B-29 airplanes for Boeing during World War II, died of natural causes Tuesday, March 27, at the Northern Montana Care Center in Havre.

Cremation has taken place, and the family will hold graveside services at Mountain View Cemetery in Livingston in the spring. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home handled arrangements.

She is survived by children Linda and Terry Pollington of Havre and Charles Pollington of Great Falls, and one granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl.

LYDIA DUSEK RICE
Born: August 4, 1921 – Died: June 8, 2012
Havre Daily News
June 12, 2012

Lydia Dusek Rice

Funeral services for Cortez, Colo. resident Lydia Dusek Rice will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at the Cortez First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Cortez Cemetery. The Revs. Shelby Bailey, Tom Towns and Suzanne Listeman will be officiating.

Lydia was born on Aug. 4, 1921, in Bingham, Mont., to Fred and Pauline (Rypol) Dusek. She passed away on Friday, June 8, 2012, at her



**Lydia
Dusek Rice**

home, at the age of 90.

Lydia married Kenneth Merl Rice on July 14, 1944, in Havre, Mont. She worked for 25 years doing childcare in her own home. She was an avid gardener and loved to cook and bake Czech food. Lydia enjoyed collecting bells, she had more than 400 from all over the world. She loved spending time with her family and was a

member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving Lydia are her husband, Kenneth Rice of Cortez; her children, Carolyn Young

and husband, Greg of Centennial, Colo., Lyle Rice of Cahone, Linda Wagner and husband, Don of Whitehall, Mont., and Ed Rice and wife, Robin, of Dove Creek; 11 grandchildren; 20½ great-grandchildren; her sisters, Mary Pleskac and Rosie Brandt, both of Havre; and numerous nieces and nephews. Lydia was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Pauline Dusek; and her siblings, Jerry Dusek, Fred Dusek, Betty Clond and Julia Pleskac.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Montezuma, P.O. Drawer 740, Cortez, or to the First United Methodist Church, 515 N. Park St., Cortez, CO 81321.

Services are under the direction of Ertel Funeral Home. For further information or to send condolences, log on to www.ertelfuneralhome.com and click on the obituary section.

ROLAND A. RITTER

Born: February 25, 1917 - Died: December 29, 2012

Great Falls Tribune

January 2, 2013

Roland A. Ritter

BOZEMAN — Roland A. Ritter, 95, of Bozeman, died from respiratory failure Dec. 29.

There will be private family services. Valley of the Sun Mortuary and Cemetery is handling arrangements.



Ritter



Ritter



1935.

In the Depression years, he was able to join the N.Y.A. program and learned the masonry trade. He attended one term of forestry school at University of Montana and then worked at Boeing in Seattle until he was drafted into the Army in 1942. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers as an instructor in topography at Fort Belvoir, Va.

In 1945, Roland traveled to Bozeman to bring Gillette Obie back to the family farm, where they were married on Feb. 6 by his father, Henry. They lived their adult lives raising six children and bountiful crops.

Roland was active in the Rudyard community serv-

He was born Feb. 25, 1917, the son of Sarah (Herman) and the Rev. Henry Ritter, on his parents' homestead north of Rudyard. He grew up attending Grace Evangelical Church of which his father was a founder. He attended grade school at Oreana School and graduated from Rudyard High School in

ing on numerous business and community boards. He especially enjoyed being a Boy Scout leader. He designed and built a memory wall at the Depot Museum in honor of the homesteaders and veterans with field stones engraved with the names of their families.

He cherished the years he was able to follow his grandchildren, as they participated in sports, music and theater.

In 2006, a condo was purchased in Bozeman, and Roland and Gillette lived there until he entered a care center in 2010. He was very appreciative of the care and attention received in later years from family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Clarence Ritter.

He is survived by his wife, Gillette; sons, Jerry and Ross (Rhonda); daughters, Lila (Ken) Heydon, Fay (Con) Johnson, Jean (Dennis) Konopatzke and Wanda Condon; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brother, Sam; and sister-in-law, Lucille.

Roland was foremost a man who had the ability to do anything. He was a farmer, a carpenter, a mason, a mechanic and a wonderful father to the six children he and Gillette raised on their farm. Many chimneys and buildings are still a reminder of the efforts he extended to the Rudyard Community.

So Dad, your kids are raised, the neighbors' chimneys are finished. You put a lot of good crops in the bin. Your work is done. We love you and will always miss you.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.dahlcares.com.

JUNE IRENE (WALKER) ROMINGER
Born: December 28, 1926 – Died: July 7, 2012
Great Fall Tribune
July 11, 2012

June Irene Rominger

FLOWEREE — June Irene “Junebug” Rominger, 85, of Floweree, died of natural causes Saturday, July 7, at the Missouri River Medical Center in Fort Benton.



Rominger

Her memorial service is 10 a.m. Saturday at Croxford Funeral Home, 1307 Central Ave. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Croxford Funeral Home and Crematory.

June was born Dec. 28, 1926, in Great Falls. She was raised and lived in Floweree and graduated from Fort Benton High School. Upon graduation, she worked as a teller at the Fort Benton bank for about a year. June married Richard “Sid” Rominger in June 1946 after his return from the war. June and Sid made their home in Floweree, where they farmed and raised livestock. In 1950, June and Sid adopted Rick, their only child, who was less than a year old at the time. Rick married and had two children, Corey and Ryan, both of whom have families. Corey is divorced and has one son, Joshua Rominger. Ryan is married to Mandy and has two children, Austin Rominger and Kailyn Rominger. In addition, June has many nieces, nephews and cousins in the surrounding communities.

June was a farm wife and farmer. She often cooked large and delicious meals for the farm workers, harvest crews and anyone who might stop by during meal times. June’s hobbies included pottery, gardening, sewing and general arts and crafts. She routinely made unique items such as an adult wolf Hal-

loween outfit. Upon completing the outfit, she put it on to try and scare the family dog and succeeded, resulting in his ferocious barking and snapping, which only ended

when she managed to pull off the head and call out his name. She also made a few bizarre items, such as her infamous hat rack created from dried chicken feet. Halloween and Christmas were definitely her favorite holidays.

June also made more traditional items such as stained glass windows. For years, she sold her pottery around Great Falls, including in Gallery 16. In addition to her art, June was a collector — of stamps, coins, antiques and many other oddities. To house her art, potting wheels and collections, she eventually bought the Floweree schoolhouse, where she had attended elementary school, with the hopes of opening a museum. While the museum was never opened, the schoolhouse did provide a space for her to continue her art and collecting.

In addition to her art, June was an avid gardener and caretaker of animals. In the summers, June could often be found pulling weeds in her ¾-acre garden between rows of potatoes, carrots, beans, beats, squash, pumpkins and even rhubarb. She used her veggies in her cooking and often canned the extra produce for future use. When she wasn’t weeding, June was tending chickens, guinea hens, geese, a couple parakeets (though they were in the house) and, for a time, rabbits. She also had many precious cats and some dogs. In addition to typical farm animals, June also took care of more unusual animals. For years the Fish and Game would bring hurt animals to June, so that she could bring them back to health. Through the years, June took care of hawks, foxes, deer and rac-

coons, to name a few. She even had a pet crow named Poe, who would steal shiny objects and take them to the roof of the house or up to his nest behind the house. Relatives and friends would throw pennies and shiny baubles out in the road for fun just to watch him swoop down and grab the object to whisk it

away. Prior to Poe, June had Barney, the sparrow hawk, whom she would sometimes let out of the cage to fly around the house.

June’s community activities included being a 50-year member of Order of Eastern Star, Bethany Chapter 42. She was also a volunteer election judge, a hospital volunteer, crocheting hats and blankets, as well as making dolls and care bears for sick children, and she was an active member of the Carter Methodist Church.

In the past few years, June’s ability to walk steadily declined, until three years ago when she was encouraged to move to Great Falls into an assisted living at The Lodge, where she lived for about two years. June had a nasty fall, hitting her head in May 2011, injuring her brain and catapulting her oncoming dementia into full dementia. June was a warm, caring, compassionate woman who would rather be a caregiver than have others provide care for her. June’s lively, playful, caring spirit will be greatly missed.

June’s parents were Alma and Harold Walker. She had two siblings, a brother Hal Walker Jr. (Sonny) and a sister Kathleen Wiley, both of whom married and had extensive families of their own. Sonny married Diane, and had three children, James Walker, Richie Hamel and Bruce Walker. Kathleen married twice and had six children, Janice Johnson, Pat Wiley, Kelly Wiley, Randy Wiley, Casey Wiley and Bill Chafin Jr.

June is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Sid Rominger, who died in September 1987.

In lieu of sending flowers, send donations to Carter Community Methodist Church, c/o Donna Wigger, 1516 Star Road, Floweree, MT 59440.

Condolences may be posted online at www.croxfordfuneralhome.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

EVELYN J. (HERTSGAARD) SCHWARTZ
Born: July 6, 1920 - Died: November 12, 2012
Havre Daily News
November 14, 2012

Evelyn J.
Schwartz

Evelyn J. Schwartz, 92, formerly of Big Sandy, passed away on Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, at Riverside Health Care Center in Missoula, of natural causes. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012, at Big Sandy Cemetery. A gathering of friends will be held at Christ Lutheran Church at 10:30 a.m., following the graveside services. The family has requested that any memorials be made in Evelyn's name to Christ Lutheran Church in Big Sandy, the Big Sandy Senior

Center, or the charity of the donor's choice. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements.

Evelyn was born on July 6, 1920, in Havre to Otto and Mathilda (Petrus) Hertsgaard. She was raised in Gildford, attending school there. After graduation, she married Robert Schwartz Sr., and the couple made their home in Havre for a short time, and then moved to Big Sandy. Evelyn worked as a bookkeeper at the Big Sandy Medical Center for 27 years, and while the couple lived there, she attended Christ Lutheran Church in Big Sandy. In 2009, she moved to Missoula to be near her daughter. She enjoyed playing cards, crocheting, flower gardening and reading, and always looked forward to attending the Big Sandy

Senior Center to socialize with friends. Her family was a huge part of her life, and she was very devoted to them all. She was a quiet woman, but she had many friends, and will be greatly missed.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert Schwartz Sr. in 1996; her three sons, Robert Schwartz Jr., Richard Schwartz and Ralph Schwartz; her sister, Ottis Hertsgaard; and her brother, James Hertsgaard.

She is survived by her daughter, Sondra (Don) Hanson of Missoula; her son, Bruce Schwartz of Helena; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews, including her special niece, Terry (Brian) Lilletvedt of Havre; and her special nephew, Tom (Jeannie) Hertsgaard of California.

LEANDER MICHAEL SCHWEITZER
Born: July 27, 1932 – Died: July 6, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
July 8, 2012

Leander M. Schweitzer

BILLINGS — Leander Michael Schweitzer, 79, of Billings, died of natural causes Friday, July 6, in Billings.



Schweitzer

Visitation begins Monday morning at the Smith Downtown Chapel in



Billings. Vigil service is 7 p.m. on Monday at St. Bernard's Parish. Funeral mass is 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Bernard's, with a private Rite of Committal at Calvary Cemetery.

Lee was born in Havre on July 27, 1932, to Anton and Elizabeth Schweitzer. He joined two older brothers; Joe and Lawrence at the farm in Goldstone. Soon to follow were his other siblings, Willy, Helen, Leona, Beverly, Ed, Marvin, Richard, Don and Randy. Another brother, Michael, died at birth. Schweitzer was preceded in death by his father Anton, mother Elizabeth and brothers Joe, Lawrence and Willy.

After graduating from high school, Schweitzer enrolled in telegrapher school and was soon drafted into the U.S. Army. He served in the Korean Conflict; attained the rank of sergeant and was honorably discharged.

After the Army, Lee returned to Rudyard where he met the love of his life, a local schoolteacher by the

name of Sarah Ann Davis. They were married on June 30, 1956, in Inverness. Lee and Sarah were soon blessed with their son Jeff with Tony and Kent soon to follow.

Lee worked for the Great Northern Railroad for the next 21 years while Sarah taught school and kept the house running. Lee was also a businessman. He built one of the first coin-operated car washes in Montana and the family ran this business until 1972 when they moved to the family farm north of Rudyard. Lee farmed and carpentered until he retired to Billings in 1999. He and Sarah had a second home in Mesa where they spent the winters. It was in Mesa where he really enjoyed life.

Lee was a farmer, businessman, carpenter and a true renaissance man. He was a talented man. Construction, masonry, electrical, plumbing, mechanics and wood-working were just a few of his skills.

Lee was a "good guy," a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and neighbor. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

Lee is survived by his wife Sarah; sons Jeff (Jaci), Kent (Sandra), and Tony (Cindy); his grandchildren, Amber, Chaslee, Trent, and Coltin; and numerous nieces and nephews. Rest in peace, Dad.

Memorials are suggested to the VFW or American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

INGA WALBORG HAUGEN SEARS
Born: May 3, 1916 – Died: April 3, 2012
Havre Daily News
April 10, 2012

Inga Walborg Haugen Sears

Inga Walborg Haugen Sears passed away on April 3. A small memorial service will be held in Long Beach, Calif., in May.

She was born May 3, 1916, to homesteaders Christ and Kjersti Haugen on the wind-swept plains north of Kremenlin, Mont.

She was the eldest of four children, Edwin, Bertha and John who predeceased her. They were all very close. She attended Hingham High School where she excelled in basketball and was a Hi-Line All Star. She said she loved to run and jump on the court and had an aggres-

sive style of play. Her nickname was "Elbows" Inga. Upon graduation she moved to Los Angeles to stay with the Sears family, who moved there from Kremenlin in 1929 during the Great Depression.



**Inga Walborg
Haugen Sears**

She worked at Farmers Insurance and even though she had no college education, she was valued enough to help open up a branch office in Portland, Ore., from 1938 to 1941. During World War II, she volunteered at the USO in

Hollywood, Calif. Her dance card was always filled with the names of eager servicemen waiting to have a dance with the prettiest girl in Hollywood. Also during the war she married her childhood friend William (Bill) Sears whose fam-

ily had been homestead neighbors of the Haugens.

Bill and Inga moved to Pacific Palisades, Calif., to raise their two children, Susan (Suzi) and Robert (Bob). Inga was involved with many activities revolving around her children, whether it was Brownie Scouts, Cub Scouts, church or the PTA. She was also involved in many charitable activities with the Santa Monica Optimist Club of which Bill was a dedicated member. They moved to Long Beach, Calif., in 1970 where they both continued to be devoted grandparents to their two grandchildren, Greg and Juli Baldwin. On Bill's passing in 1981, Inga helped to fill her time at the sewing machine. She was a remarkable seamstress and was always in demand.

Inga had an indomitable spirit. Against the ravages of

aging, she continued to make the best of her situation and maintained an optimistic outlook as long as she could. We don't think she gave up. She just decided it was time to rejoin her loved ones.

Inga is survived by her two children, Suzi Hoffman (her devoted care-giver) of Long Beach, Calif., and Bob of Edmonds, Wash.; grandchildren, Greg (and wife Anna) Baldwin of Long Beach, Calif., Juli Baldwin of June Lake, Calif.; two great-grandchildren, Izabella Rose and Gregory Robert Baldwin of Long Beach, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews along the Hi-Line and elsewhere.

One of her favorite memories growing up in Montana was riding her horse Queenie while the flax was in bloom on a beautiful spring day. We believe that's what heaven must be like.

CLARENCE 'JERRY' SEIBERT
Born: May 19, 1937 - Died: December 10, 2012
Liberty County Times
January 2, 2013

Obituary

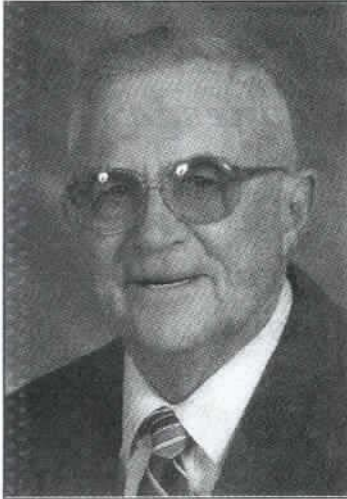
Word has been received recently from the Kingman Memorial Center Hospital in Kingman, Arizona, that Clarence (Jerry) Seibert passed away of natural causes on Dec.10, 2012. Jerry was born on May 19,1937 to Clarence and Grace Seibert. He spent many years on the Hi-Line and was known to be a very good carpenter. There is no available survivor to provide a complete obituary.

MORTON IVAN SKARI

Born: January 22, 1935 – Died: March 20, 2012

Liberty County Times

March 28, 2012



Morton Skari

Morton I. Skari, age 77, retired Chester area farmer and loyal member of the Chester American Legion, died Tuesday afternoon (March 20, 2012) at the Sweetgrass Lodge from complications of his COPD.

Morton Ivan Skari was born on January 22, 1935 on a farm south of Petersburg, North Dakota. That cold winter night he joined two older brothers on the farm, Duane and Carman, and entered the world a few minutes before his twin brother Arlo. Soon after, he and Arlo were baptized at the Lom Lutheran church, which was near the farm where their parents, Oliver M. Skari and Gina Morkrid Skari lived with the Morkrid grandparents.

In 1940 the family moved to a rented farm at Kindred, North Dakota. This was an area where the Skari family had lived, and there were a lot of relatives to visit and to spend time with. In 1943 they moved to Hitterdal, Minnesota, where Oliver and Gina

purchased a farm. Before this move the boys had attended a rural one room school, so attending a town school was a new and exciting experience. The farms they lived on were those that were common for that time and place: the cows were milked by hand; chickens were raised for eggs and meat, and hogs were grown. They had neither electricity nor indoor plumbing.

In 1947 when Mort was a seventh grader, the family made a big move. The Minnesota farm was sold and they moved to Chester. They had some relatives there, and first rented and then purchased a farm north of town. Because Mort was tall, and athletic, he enjoyed playing high school sports. He was the center for the basketball team, and when he was a junior Chester High School started their first football team. Neither the players nor the coach had ever played, and they lost every game that year, but Mort loved playing on the team. There were no school buses, so Arlo and Mort lived alone in Chester each year until their parents moved in from the farm for part of every winter. He graduated from Chester High School in 1953, part of a class of 13.

Mort attended Northern Montana College for two years, majoring in secondary education. When he was a junior he transferred to the University in Missoula, joined the Sigma Nu Fraternity, and continued to major in social studies education. However, he always remembered his

years at Northern as a happy time with good friends. After graduation in 1957, he taught in Cut Bank for one year. He also joined the Air National Guard, which led to his long interest in the military. He spent one year in San Diego working for a local newspaper, then he moved to Tucson to take care of family property after the death of his brother Duane. He moved back to the farm in 1962 and spent the rest of his life working with his family on the farm. After his health became a problem, he moved into Chester, living first in an apartment, and then in the Sweetgrass Lodge. He thrived with the good meals and friendships at the Lodge and the Senior Center.

Mort's major interest was the American Legion. In earlier years he attended district, state, and national conventions, enjoying traveling and meeting with other members. He was the adjutant for Post 88, and was very serious about collecting dues and maintaining excellent records. He also was the chairman of the local and district Legion Oratorical Contests, and worked hard to get students to enter this yearly event and to make certain the contest was correctly done. He oversaw the Americanism and Government Survey Examination for high school seniors, the American Legion School Award Medalion for 8th graders, and was also a member of 40 and 8. He helped put up flags for holidays, and to prepare programs for Memorial Day ceremonies

at local cemeteries. He also was involved with Boys and Girls State, making sure that there was a celebratory dinner when the delegates reported back to the club. He rarely missed a meeting, and some of his strongest friendships were with other Legion members.

Mort was confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and maintained his support and membership throughout his life. He was a quiet supporter of local activities and attended many events, and after he moved into Chester he became a member of the local Rotary club.

Mort never married nor had children, but spent time and worked with Arlo's children, Alan and Andrea. Holidays with his family were always important to him, and later, when he was not actively working on the farm, he loved going to eat lunch in the field at least one time each harvest. Because Mort's grandparents were emigrants from Norway, he also always enjoyed Norwegian food.

He is survived by his twin brother Arlo Skari (and wife, Darlene) of Chester; sister-in-law, Mora Skari Payne of Missoula; three nieces, Tala Skari of Paris, France, Lisa Skari of Federal Way, WA, and Andrea Devlin of Attleboro, Maine; one nephew, Alan Skari of Chester; and several great-nieces-&-nephews. Mort was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Duane & Carman.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Friday (March 23rd) at

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor John Fauerbach officiated and Legion Chaplain John Maatta provided a special military salute to Mort. Scripture readings were offered by Kirk & Olivia Skari; the obituary was read by Andrea Devlin; and Arlo Skari shared family remembrances. Karen Graham accompanied the congregation, who sang "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again". Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, performed "Borning Cry" and "Hymn of Promise". Ushers were Larry Hendrickson and Lowell Skunberg. Mort's buddies from Legion Post #88 served as pallbearers, inc. Bill Gunderson, Marlyn Harstad, Gary Layton, Steve Layton, John Maatta, Don Buffington, Jack Dolezal, Ken Christenot, and Tom Osterman. Additional area Legion members served as honor guards.

Military rites followed at the Chester Cemetery, where "taps" were played by bugler Jason Jacobson, the flag was ceremonially folded by two active veterans from Great Falls, and then presented to the family by friend Don Buffington. A luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials may be given to the Hi-Line Health Foundation or donor's choice...

MORTON IVAN SKARI

(Affectionately known as "Mort")

BORN: January 22, 1935 at Petersburg, North Dakota, Nelson County

DIED: March 20, 2012 at Chester, Montana, Liberty County

AGE: 77 years ... 1 month ... 27 days



PSALM 121 . . .

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made Heaven and Earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in.
From this time forth, and even forevermore.*

MORT'S FAMILY: Brother & sister-in-law, Arlo and Darlene; sister-in-law, Mora; 3 nieces, Tala, Lisa, & Andrea; 1 nephew, Alan; several great nieces & nephews; and many cousins

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester

MEMORIALS: Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester or

FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00 a.m. Friday (March 23rd) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Montana

OFFICIANT: Pastor John Fauerbach

READERS: Scriptures = Kirk & Olivia Skari
Obituary = Andrea Devlin
Family Remembrances = Arlo Skari

PIANIST: Karen Graham
Congregational Hymn: "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"

VOCALIST: Wayne Wardell
Vocal Tributes: "Borning Cry" and "Hymn of Promise"

USHERS: Larry Hendrickson and Lowell Skunberg

PALLBEARERS: Mort's friends from the American Legion Post #88: Bill Gunderson, Marlyn Harstad, Steve Layton, Jack Dolezal, Gary Layton, Ken Christenot, Tom Osterman, Don Buffington, and John Maatta

SALUTE TO A COMRADE: Chaplain, John Maatta

BURIAL: Family plot at the Chester Cemetery . . .
Committal Prayers = John Fauerbach
"Taps" by Bugler = Jason Jacobson
Presentation of Vets Flag = Don Buffington



STEVEN LEE SEIDEL

Born: June 18, 1956– Died: January 9, 2012

Liberty County Times

January 18, 2012



Steven Lee Seidel

Steven Lee Seidel, 55, was called home by the Lord on January 9, 2012, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings. He was on route to doing a remodeling job for a customer when he was stricken with an aortic arch aneurism. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2012 at St. Jude Thaddeus church and funeral mass will be Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 11 a.m. with Father Tyler Smedley officiating. Memorials in Steven's honor may be made to St. Jude's School or Hill County 4-H Foundation or to one's choice. A reception will be held in St. Jude's Parish Center following the burial in Highland Cemetery. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Steven was born on June 18, 1956 to Joseph and Alma (Shettel) Seidel at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre. He was the oldest of four children and the first grandchild for Levi and Almira (Hunt) Shettel. Steven attended Davey Rural School and St. Jude's Elementary School. He attended Havre High School, graduating in 1974. During his youth he was involved in the Hill County 4-H program and was a member of the Blue Horizon 4-H Club. He attended Montana State University, graduating with a bachelor degree in Ag Ed in 1978. He taught school at a college in Hardin before moving into Billings. He was a salesman for Sherwin – Williams and was an insurance and financial consultant.

Steven married Patricia Gregoire and to this union was born two children; Curtis and Trenna. The couple later divorced. The children were the light of his life and he made many trips to Washington to take part in their activities. He was so proud of the fact that Curt is in the seminary studying to be a priest and Trenna is studying to be a teacher.

Steven moved to Great Falls where he established the Four Guys Construction Company and later the Seidel Construction Company. He served as a member of the Montana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed dancing, a good joke, hunting, laughing with his friends and communicating with his cell phone.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Levi and Almira Shettel, and Charles and Anna Seidel; a niece, Shannon Thrams; aunts and uncles and cousins; as well as adopted grandparents Wallace and Bernice Cady.

Steven is survived by his son Curtis, Washington D.C.; daughter Trenna of Ellensburg, Washington; parents Joe and Alma Seidel of Havre, Montana; sisters Shelma of Havre, Montana and Sharla (Bryan) Thrams of Weldona, Colorado; brother Scott (Dana) Seidel of Havre, Montana; nieces Samantha (Tyler) Thompson, Jayne Seidel and Sadie Seidel, all of Havre Montana; Shandra and Shawn Thrams of Colorado; and great niece Avery Thompson of Havre, Montana; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins,

In Loving Memory Of

Steven Lee Seidel

Date of Birth ~ June 18, 1956 Havre, Montana

Date of Death ~ January 9, 2012 Billings, Montana

Vigil Service

7 p.m. Monday January 16, 2012

St. Jude Catholic Church

Funeral Mass

11 a.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2012

St. Jude Catholic Church

Officiant ~ Father Tyler Smedley

Accompanist ~ Valeri Malsam

Cantors ~ Dave Soyer, Fred Hulett, Kevin Hellegaard

Hymns

***Christ Be Beside Me, Psalm 130, Prayer of St. Francis,
Make Me What You Will, Song of Farewell, In Paradisum***

Lector ~ Curtis Seidel "Isaiah 25: 6-9"

Mike Zorko "Romans 5:5-11"

Gospel ~ John 11:17-21

Petitions ~ Charlotte Kelly

Gift Presenters ~ Trenna, Jayme, Sadie, Shawn

Altar Servers ~ Erik Kelly & Cory Kelly

Pallbearers ~ Mark Meis, Julie Meis

Keith Hanson, Reggie Taylor

Robbie Robinson, Mike Zorko, Shawn Robinson

Honorary Pallbearers

Harold Armstrong, Jim Wipf and Christine Wipf

and All of Steve's Relatives and Friends

Burial

Highland Cemetery

***The family would like you to join them for a time of fellowship at the
St. Jude Parish Center immediately after the graveside service.***



The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed
be thy name; Thy kingdom come; thy
will***

***be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our
trespasses as we***

***forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the
power
and the glory forever.***

Amen



BERNIECE MARIE (OSWOOD) SKIDMORE
Born: February 27, 1935 – Died: November 4, 2012
Liberty County Times
November 14, 2012



Berniece Skidmore

Berniece Marie (Oswood) Skidmore was born February 27, 1935 in Great Falls, Montana. She was one of three children born to Beatrice Dolezal and Bennett Oswood, who ranched near the Sweetgrass Hills north of Chester. Berniece grew up on the family ranch and attended the nearby Wickum country school through grade eight. She finished her education at Great Falls Central High School, where she was the Junior Prom Queen and Valedictorian of the graduating class of 1952.

Berniece met and married Donald Skidmore, a career

military man in the U. S. Air Force. They were stationed

in Massachusetts, England, and Michigan during their 20 years together. Berniece served diligently as a homemaker and mother to their children. When their marriage ended in divorce in 1974, Berniece returned to Montana. She lived in Chester for six years and worked as a C.N.A. at the Liberty County Nursing Home. In 1980 she moved to Marquette, Michigan to be close to her daughter, Shauncie. While there, she continued to work in nursing and home health care. In 2001 she retired and moved to Chesapeake, Virginia to be close to her son, Chad.

Berniece suffered from COPD, but was fortunate to live independently these past 11 years in Virginia. She was recently admitted to the Chesapeake Health Center, where she died on the early morning of Sunday (November 4, 2012). She was 77 years old.

Berniece was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith and she maintained a quiet spirituality throughout her life. Her hobbies included crocheting, knitting, crossword puzzles, and reading (most especially Danielle Steele novels). In later years she enjoyed "going out to eat" or going to the movies.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister (Barbara Sticha), and a son (Shaun Justin Skidmore in 1964).

Berniece is survived by 3 sons, Mark Skidmore of Golden, CO, Chad Skidmore of Chesapeake, VA, and Bart Skidmore of Denver, CO; 1 daughter, Shauncie Skidmore of Harlingen, TX; 7 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; her brother, B.J. Oswood of Great Falls; and several nephews & nieces.

Her funeral mass was celebrated at 1:00 p.m. Saturday (Nov. 10th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester by Father Joseph Diekhans. Scriptures were read by Patricia Seidlitz and the obituary was read by Natalie Ghekere. Altar server was Ken Osterman and Eucharistic minister was Mike Walstad. Pianist, Marie Woods, accompanied the soloist, Anne Seidlitz-Melton, and members of the church choir, who sang "In Every Age", "Valleys of Green", "Irish Blessing", "Amazing Grace", and "A Loving God". Berniece's four children served as pallbearers. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a reception was held at the church. Arrangements were

by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

MONICA RITA 'DOLLY' (ROLPH) SMITH
Born: February 14, 1925 – Died: July 6, 2012
Liberty County Times
July 25, 2012



Monica Smith

Monica Rita "Dolly" (Rolph) Smith, age 87, died of natural causes on Friday (July 6, 2012) at a nursing facility in Helena, MT.

Monica was born February 14, 1925 on a farm seven miles south of Joplin, MT. She was the eighth of nine children born to Herbert and Jessie (Gau)

Rolph. Monica graduated from Joplin High School in 1942, and then married Charles "Chuck" Smith on January 16th, 1943 in Chester. They raised five children together and farmed north of Joplin throughout their life. The Smiths were married 41 years when Chuck died on January 17, 1984. Monica spent the remainder of her years sharing special times with friends and family.

Her interests included reading, crossword puzzles, knitting, crocheting and a "good game of pinochle." She especially treasured those memories she made with her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Monica is survived by 3 daughters, Virginia "Jan" Wood & husband Don of Dublin, CA, Barbara Smith of Helena, MT, and Mary Mansfield & husband Lyle "Lanny" of Gulf Breeze, FL; 1 son John "Jack" Smith & wife Lee of Fort Shaw, MT; 9 grandchildren; 18 great-grand children; and 1 great-great-grandchild. She was pre-

ceded in death by her husband (Chuck in 1984), her son (Frank in 1993), her parents, and her eight siblings.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no special memorial services per Monica's wishes. Burial of her ashes at a later date will be done privately at the family plot in the Joplin Cemetery. Local arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Donations/memorials in Monica's name may be made to Hospice of St. Peter's, 2475 Broadway, Helena, MT 59601. Condolences may be sent to

GIL A. SPINDELLA aka GILBERT E. SPINLER SR.

Born: April 13, 1931 - Died: December 28, 2012

Great Falls Tribune

January 5, 2013

Gil A. Spindella

HAVRE— Gil A. Spindella, aka Gilbert E. Spinler Sr., 81, of Havre, died of natural causes Dec. 28 at Northern Montana Care Center.



Spindella

Visitation is 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home. Funeral service is 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church with Father Daniel Wathen officiating. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery.

Gil was born April 13, 1931, in Hingham to Joseph and Frances (Pester) Spinler. He was raised on the family farm outside Hingham and attended schools there. On Nov. 6, 1952, Gil was married to Martha Duncan, and their union was blessed with eight children. Gil and Martha divorced in 1965. Following his school years, he immersed himself in farming for many years, farming and ranching at Rudyard and Square

Butte. He eventually began driving trucks over the road for a few years, but his first love was farming and he enjoyed it throughout his life. Gil enjoyed farming, gardening, fishing, hunting and socializing with his friends.

Gil was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lillian Beatty; and brother, Ben Spinler.

He is survived by his daughters, Cathy (Pat) Reichert of Billings, Debra (Bruce) McCracken of Great Falls and Danielle (Joe) Zelnjak of Seattle, Wash.; sons, Tim (Rose) Spinler of Hallsville, Texas, Gilbert (Carol) Spinler Jr. of Great Falls, Robert Spinler of Livingston and Joseph Spinler of Belgrade; 34 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and brother Victor Spinler of Havre.

The family has requested that memorials be made in Gil's name to Victor Spinler, 420 6th St., Havre, MT 59501. Holland & Bonine Funeral home has been entrusted with services and arrangements.

EUNICE M. (SWINNEY) STAPLES

Born: September 11, 1928 - Died: November 18, 2012

Havre Daily News
November 19, 2012

Eunice M. Staples

Eunice M. Staples passed away Nov. 18, 2012, in Bozeman, Mont. She was born Sept. 11, 1928, in Marsing, Idaho, to Jennings and Bessie (DeZell)

Swinney. When 1 year of age, she moved with her family to Gildford, Mont., where she was raised and schooled. She graduated from Northern Montana College in Havre, Mont., in 1947 and worked for the AAA office for 2 ½ years.

Eunice married Jack Staples April 6, 1948, in Havre. After living in Havre, Great Falls, and Helena, she and Jack farmed in the Gildford area for



Eunice M.
Staples

30 years. They retired to Kalispell in 1984. They moved to Bozeman in 2004 to be closer to family.

Eunice enjoyed doing Hardanger embroidery and traveling with Jack. She was a devoted wife and mother, putting everyone else first. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Gildford and Central Bible Church in Kalispell. She had several small church group gatherings and Bible studies in her home as well as planned and served several dinners for the churches. She also attended Grace Bible Church in Bozeman as her health allowed.

Eunice was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Randy; her brother, Jack Swinney; daughter-in-law, Mari Jane Staples; and two great-grandchildren, Drew and Piper Clark.

She is survived by her husband, Jack; two sisters, Emma Hansen and Esther Griffith of Gildford; five children, Jerry Staples of Sierra Leone, Africa, Dennis (Marnie) Staples, Janet (Jon) McMaster, Nadine (Herb) Bartle all of Bozeman; and Loreen (Ken) Reese of

Portland, Ore.; 12 grandchildren and their spouses and 20 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Family graveside services will be held in Sunset Hills Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at Dokken Nelson Funeral Service on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012, at 3 p.m. with a reception following at Grand Avenue Christian Church.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service, www.dokkennelson.com.

RONALD MARCUS STENGER

Born: December 13, 1938 - Died: November 22, 2012

Great Falls Tribune

November 30, 2012

Ronald Marcus Senger

Ronald Marcus Senger, 73, of Great Falls, a U.S. Navy veteran and a retired business agent for the Sheet Metal Worker's Union Local 103, died of natural causes Monday, Nov. 26, at his home.

A funeral liturgy is 10:30 a.m. Monday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Ron was born to Roy and Helen Senger on Dec. 13, 1938, in Rolla, N.D. In Ron's early years, he lived in the Devils Lake region, moving to Great Falls around the age of 12 years old. Ron served a couple of years in the U.S. Navy in his late teens. He began his sheet metal apprenticeship in 1960 and became a journeyman in 1964. He worked in the trade and served as a union official starting in 1977 with Local 246. He was elected business agent of Local 103 in October

1978 and appointed business manager in 1985 until his retirement in 2002. He was a welding instructor for the Great Falls apprentice program from 1985-1997. He served on many trades councils and committees over his career. He was also appointed as a Labor delegate by Gov. Marc Racicot to the School to Work Advisory Board in 1994 to represent Labor.



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Ron married Lila Ish in August of 1963, and later divorced. He then married Barbara Fisher on Oct. 9, 1982. They were happily married until her death in January of 2011. Ron enjoyed bunting, fishing, camping, traveling and spending time with family and friends. He coached Westside Little League Base-

ball for several years. He was known for his quick wit, humor and breaking out his special dance moves. He loved watching Western movies and thought of himself as a man of the Old West.

He is survived by his daughters, Jodine (Flip) Zeren of Great Falls and Roxan (Tim) Senger of Helena; son Derik (April) Senger of Great Falls; grandchildren Shawn and Jill Zeren and Shelby, Dustin, Danielle, Brittona, Riley, and Mikyla Senger; sisters Bev (Tim) Sachsenmaier of Camanche, Iowa, Patricia (Bill) Brennan and Mary Jane (Terry) Lins, both of Great Falls.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; and a sister, Roya Senger.

Memorials are suggested to Peace Hospice, 1101 26th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.

Condolences may be posted online at www.schnider-funeralhome.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

THOMAS RAY STEPHENSON
Born: June 13, 1936 – Died: June 19, 2012
Liberty County Times
August 1, 2012



Thomas Stephenson

Thomas Ray Stephenson passed peacefully from this life to more life at age 76 on June 19, 2012 in Reno, Nevada with his family by his side. He was born June 13, 1936 in Lake Worth, Florida to Ray and Fern Stephenson. He spent his early years spearfishing in the Florida waters and opened the first dive shop in West Palm Beach.

As he worked hard to achieve his dream of becoming a surgeon, he became a Captain in the US Army Medical Corps and finally became a plastic surgeon in Los Angeles, CA. He made many friends and fond memories in

Los Angeles and became one of the first Stephen Ministers of Brentwood Presbyterian Church. At age 59 he moved to Montana to enjoy the outdoors and big sky country. He practiced general medicine in rural towns including Chester, Chinook, Circle and Scobey. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling and cooking and always talked about the next trip to the ocean. His last days were spent in Reno where he was comforted by the love of his family and his favorite companions, a yellow lab named Barley and a kitty named Tahoe.

He is survived by and will be greatly missed by his wife Molly of 33 years. He is survived by his five children: T.R., Sabrina, Steffanie, Shannan and Stori; grandchildren: Lily and Anthony and 7 others he did not have the chance to know.

He had an incredibly witty sense of humor, loved adventure and found happiness in the simple things in life. He leaves a memory that will never be forgotten.

A Celebration of Life will be held at on Saturday, August 11th, 2012 @ 4 PM at the home of Fitch and Nancy Hons 408 "A" Street Scobey MT. Potluck to follow.

EMIL PAUL STYKE
Born: January 2, 1929 – Died: May 21, 2012
Liberty County Times
May 30, 2012



Emil Styke

Emil Paul Styke, 83, died at home May 21, 2012 due to heart failure.

He was born January 2, 1929 in Souix Falls, South Dakota and after serving in the U. S. Army during WWII, lived for many years in Chester, Montana before moving to Highland City, Florida 3 years ago. Mr. Styke was a heavy equipment operator in the farming industry, he was also of the Lutheran faith as well

as a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife Laurel Styke of Highland City, sons Paul Styke, Gary Styke, John Styke, Michael Porter of Highland City, Dan Inwood of Spokane, Washington, daughters Nancy Styke, Joan Grogan, Gerri Revell of Lakeland, Kelli Highwood Phoenix, Arizona and Shelli Inwood of Spokane, Washington. Also surviving are many grandchildren and many great grandchildren

Lakeland Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

JOYCE AGNES (McDANIEL) TEMPEL
Born: November 17, 1926 – Died: March 30, 2012
Liberty County Times
April 4, 2012



Joyce Tempel

Joyce Agnes McDaniell was born on the family farm north of Chester, MT on November 17, 1926 with her Grandmother Lohr in attendance. Her parents were Clarence and Agnes (Lohr) McDaniell and she was raised on the farm with 5 siblings and 5 step-siblings. As Joyce grew older she helped her sister and brother-in-law, Olive and Knut Svenson, on their farm. She received her early education at country schools before transferring to Joplin Elementary. Following her graduation from Joplin High School in 1944, Joyce worked various jobs in Cut Bank and Great Falls with her cousin, Maggie.

On November 4, 1946 she married Edward E. Tempel in Havre, MT. They moved to the Tempel family homestead north of Chester. Edd and his "Joey" lived most of their married years on the farm where they raised their three boys. The family was involved in school, church, and local activities. Joyce was a partner in the farming operations and they raised cattle in their earlier years.

In the spring of 1980 the Tempel's retired and purchased a home west of the mountains in Kalispell, spending nearly 18 years there. They moved back to Chester in 1997 to become more involved with their immediate and extended families' lives, especially their grandchildren.

Joyce and Edd enjoyed many recreational activities together, including RV traveling, fishing, bowling on leagues in Rudyard and Columbia Falls, and snowmobiling, especially winter trips to West Yellowstone. One of Joyce's favorite ways to spend time was following her grandkids in sports, music, church, and other events. They were avid supporters of school activities after they moved back to Chester; even the kids' teammates loved seeing Gramma and Grandpa at the games. Joyce also loved playing cards, especially Pan and Pinochle. Throughout her retirement years, she traveled to various Halls and Granges in the Kalispell area to play cards. More recently, Sunday afternoons were reserved for playing "more serious" pinochle with Edd, Russ, and Judy – playing partners/women against men – she so looked forward these weekend events!

Her favorite pastimes, other than reading incessantly, were crocheting baby blankets for her granddaughters and nieces, quilting simple square-patterned quilts for her grandchildren, and making the MOST delicious divinity and Rice

Krispie peanut butter treats. Joyce loved growing flowers, especially roses, had a garden for too many years to count, and always had house plants. She also enjoyed collecting owl memorabilia and salt-&-pepper shakers. Her greatest love was spending time with her family, and she always looked forward to visits from all friends and family, far and near.

The Tempels were early members of Immanuel Church north of Joplin, then transferred to Eisvold Lutheran at Lakeside, and later attended Our Savior's in Chester. Joyce was a longtime member of the Bear Den Homemakers and she served on the Senior Citizen's board. She also taught Sunday School and Bible

School and attended Bible study and Ladies Aide at Immanuel and Our Savior's.

The grandkids fondly remember vacations to Kalispell, feeding the ducks at Woodland Park, making sugar water for Joyce's hummingbird feeders, playing yard games, and eating at Sykes. Gramma was the perpetrator of the "left-handed" notes on presents from the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus for many years and the grandkids never did figure it out! As they grew older and headed off to college, Gramma always made sure they had plenty of Rice Krispie peanut butter bars to enjoy on their roadtrips and to share with their college friends and roommates.

Joyce and Edd were fortunate to live independently and she enjoyed relatively good

health until recently. This past week Joyce fell at home and was admitted to the Chester hospital for extended care. She passed away quietly on Friday morning (March 30, 2012) at the age of 85 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and all of her siblings (inc. Jim Wood, Laura Ness, Olive Svenson, Edgar Woods, Bud Wood, Charles McDaniell, Alvin McDaniell, Vernon McDaniell, Verna Woods, and Earl McDaniell).

Joyce is survived by her husband of 65 years, Edd of Chester; 3 sons, Russ (Judy) of Chester, Gary (Loretta) of Kiowa, OK, and Melvin (Patricia) of Henderson, NV; 10 grandchildren, including Hapi, Tanr, Mari, Maci, Vonnice, Jeremy, Justin, Josh, Zach, and Lisa; 17 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Howa wooya!...You will have pain no moreWife Joey, Ma, Gramma, and friend Joyceand you will be forever in our hearts!

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (April 3, 2012) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor John Fauerbach officiated. Scriptures were read by Judy Lake and the obituary was shared by Erin Tempel. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by pianist, Tammy Duncan. The vocal trio of Jeff Mattson, Logan Fisher, & Daniel Violett (guitarist) performed "Amazing Grace" and "In the Garden". Ushers were Tanr Tempel and Jeb Tempel. Pallbearers included Dean Hodges, Butch Tempel, Tim Tempel, Greg Tempel, Jeremy Tempel, and Alvin Sun-

dgren. A reception followed in the church fellowship hall. Graveside services were held that afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at the Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

JOYCE A. "JOEY" (McDANIEL) TEMPEL

BORN: November 17, 1926 – Chester, Mt.

DIED: March 30, 2012 – Chester, Mt.

AGE: 85 years ... 4 months ... 13 days



The Clock of Life...

*The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power -
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.*

*To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more,
To lose one's soul is such a loss
That no man can restore.*

*The present only is our own,
So Live, Love, toil with a will -
Place no faith in "Tomorrow"
For the clock may then be still.*

Robert H. Smith

"When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a manner that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice!" Old Indian Saying...

Joyce's Loving Family: Husband, Edd; 3 sons & spouses, Russ & Judy, Gary & Loretta, and Melvin & Patricia; 10 grandchildren, Hapi, Tanr, Mari, Maci, Vonnie, Jeremy, Justin, Josh, Zach, and Lisa; 17 great-grandchildren; and many nephews & nieces...



FUNERAL SERVICES: 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (April 3rd, 2012) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Montana

OFFICIANT: Pastor John Fauerbach

SCRIPTURE READING: Judy Lake

OBITUARY READING: Erin Tempel

PIANIST: Tammy Duncan

Congregational Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross"...

VOCAL TRIO: Jeff Mattson, Logan Fisher, & Dan Violetti

Vocal Tributes: "Amazing Grace" and "In the Garden"...

USHERS: Tanr Tempel and Jeb Tempel

PALLBEARERS: Dean Hodges, Butch Tempel, Greg Tempel, Tim Tempel, Jeremy Tempel, and Alvin Sundgren

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

The funeral cortege will leave Chester at 1:15 p.m.

GRAVESIDE SERVICES: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Joplin Cemetery in Joplin, Monana

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel. Chester

MYRA (PAGEL) TOTH
Born: May 19, 1922 – Died: January 10, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
January 26, 2012

Myra P. Toth

HAVRE — Myra (Pagel) Toth, 89, a lifelong Hill County resident, died of natural causes Tuesday, Jan. 10, at her home in Havre.



Toth

Family graveside services, followed by a celebration of her life, took place Saturday, Jan. 14. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre handled cremation.

Myra was born May 19, 1922, to Phil and Wanda Pagel at Fresno, Mont. The family moved to the Bear Paw Mountains, where they ranched. She married Edward Toth and moved to their home east of Havre, where she resided until her death.

Myra is survived by her children, Ray (Mardele) Toth and Edna (Bob) Kuhn of Havre, Rita (Herman) Gebert of Harlem, and Dean (Debbie)

Toth of San Jose, Calif.; 11 grandchildren, Joe (Lisa) Toth, Brandi (Erik) Lee, Jerry (Jessie) Kuhn, Emily Kuhn, Dusty Toth, Becky Toth, Nick (Jennifer) Toth, Tom (Stacey) Toth, Cheri Toth, Michael Toth and Ibnya (Michael) Cone; 10 great-grandchildren, Dylan and Mackenzie Kuhn, Angelina Toth, Nikki and Zakary Lee, Tyler and Ashley Cone, Jake and Katie Toth, and Evan Charles Toth; two nieces, Ginny Haugen and Fern Harding; and many friends and neighbors, all of whom were special to her.

Myra was preceded in death by her parents; husband Edward; son Martin; brother Henry Pagel and his wife, Helen Pagel; son-in-law Richard Richardson; and daughter-in-law Vicki Toth.

Memorials in Myra's name are suggested to Bear Paw Hospice, 30 W. 13th St., Havre, MT 59501; or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

SELMA LORINE TWEDT

Born: March 1, 1920 – Died: October 10, 2012

Liberty County Times

October 12, 2012

Selma Lorine Twedt

Selma Lorine Twedt, 92, of Great Falls died of complications of a stroke Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Missouri River Manor.



Twedt

Her funeral is 11 a.m. Saturday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1326 1st Ave. N. in Great Falls. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery. Croxford Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Lorine was born in Great Falls on March 1, 1920, to Sam and Helen Johnson. She, along with younger sister Norma, was raised in the Tiger Butte community near Belt. She attended Belt schools and went on to earn a teaching certificate from Western Montana Normal College in Dillon. A one-room school was Lorine's first experience as an elementary teacher in the Knees area east of Conrad; she taught for four years in that area.

Lorine married Gordon Twedt on July 16, 1944, and lived in Anacortes, Wash., until Gordon completed his service with the Coast Guard. The couple purchased the Ulmen Farm south of Rudyard in 1946 and built a life there, raising three sons and becoming active community members. Lorine returned to teaching in the Rudyard and Hingham schools before moving to Great Falls in 1968, where Gordon served as president of Montana Farmers Union. Lorine and Gordon later owned and operated the Midtown Motel and Smitty's (now Perkins) Restaurant from 1970-1983.

Many organizations were very important in Lorine's life, including holding offices in the Black Coulee Home Demonstration Club, Hill County Farmers Union, Montana Innkeepers Association, Great Falls Soroptimist Club and The Montana State Democratic Women's Club. She was honored to represent Montana as a delegate at the 1968 National Democratic Convention in Chicago.

The Twedts enjoyed their winters in Mesa, Ariz., for many years. They both enjoyed helping with the organization of the Hill County and Montana picnics that were held in Mesa every year. Lorine lost Gordon in 1996 and remained in her Fox Farm-area home for several years before relocation to a retirement community and, eventually, assisted living.

Lorine's family appreciates the kindness and excellent care she received the last four years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and sister, Norma Montgomery Bandel.

She is survived by her sons, James (Suzie) of Aurora, Colo., Russell (Diana) of Rudyard and William (Judy) of Great Falls; five beloved grandchildren; and five treasured great-grandchildren.

The family suggests donations be made to Montana Farmers Union Education Program, 300 River Drive N., Great Falls, MT 59401 or Peace Hospice of Montana, 1101 26th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.

Condolences to the family may be posted on line at www.croxfordfuneralhome.com or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

ARTHUR J. 'BUD' VANDESSEL
Born: Age: 84 – Died: February 17, 2012
Liberty County Times
March 14, 2012

Bud Van Dessel

Arthur J. "Bud" Van Dessel, 84, went to be with the lord on February 17, 2012. He was wintering in Florida and will be greatly missed by many friends and family. He was the son of Francis and Dora (Lange) Van Dessel, raised in Joplin, Montana.

Arthur was a retired service member from the United States Air Force and also from General Electric in Erie. "Bud" was a faithful man of God and a dedicated member of the Eastlake Road Alliance Church in Erie and the Naples Alliance Church in Naples, Fla. He was a member of the Enchanting Acers shuffle board team and enjoyed crossword and jigsaw puzzles, but was most often found in his gardens.

He survived by his wife of 59 years, Mona (shaffer) Van Dessel. His surviving children include, Gerald (Barbara), Lynn

Nolte (Steve), Larry (Sandy) and Laura Lang (Bert). He is also survived by three Sisters, Doris, Germaine and Mary (Stout). He was blessed with 15 grandchildren; Pamela (Greg), Annette (Chris), Arthur (Amy), Sandra (Nathan), Aaron, Jeremy, and Patrick; and two great-grandchildren, Joey and Alyssa.

He was preceded in death by his Parents, Francis and Dora Van Dessel and two brothers, John and Leo.

Dad is gone from our sight but not from our hearts or lives. We know we will see him again some day in Heaven. There will

be a memorial service in Naples, Florida on February 24th at 3:00 p.m.; and a subsequent service in Erie at a later date. Gifts or donations may be given to Eastlake Road Alliance Church in Erie.

Sign the guestbook at www.GoErie.com/obits

VIRGINIA LAURA (CARMICHAEL) VANDESSEL

Born: April 23, 1927 – Died: October 12, 2012

Liberty County Times

October 24, 2012



Virginia Van Dessel

Virginia Laura (Carmichael) Van Dessel was born April 23, 1927 in Livingston, Montana. She was one of four children born to Virgil and Beulah (Leonard) Carmichael. Virgil was a school superintendent, so the family moved many times during Virginia's formative years. In 1941 they came to Joplin, the only place Virginia completed four consecutive years of school. She enjoyed cheerleading at Joplin High School, where she graduated in 1945. She continued her education by attending nursing school in Great Falls.

Virginia married her high school sweetheart, Norbert B. Van Dessel, on November 16, 1946 in Absarokee, Montana. They lived in the Joplin community and worked on the Emo Nelson and Gus Robo farms. In 1950 they bought the old Pete Fedder place (located 11 miles northwest of Joplin), which included a simple 4-room house with no indoor plumbing. That same year the Van Dessels had their first son, Barry, and three years later their second son, Larry, arrived. They needed more room with modern conveniences, so they began building a new home on the farm in 1958. The following year they

moved into their "palace", the home in which they would grow old together.

It was Virginia's goal in life to be the best wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker that she could be, and she worked hard to accomplish that goal! Her house was always spotless; she cleaned things that didn't need cleaning and her closets were organized beyond expectations. Her family meals were always delicious and nutritious, thanks to her kitchen teacher, "Betty Crocker". She was the "#1 Fan" of all of her grandkids and supported them in all of their endeavors. One time Virginia stood in line for hours to purchase several popular "Cabbage Patch" dolls for her three granddaughters; to make these gifts perfect she handpicked the dolls that matched the hair colors (blonde, red, and brunette) of the three girls! She always added love and personal touches to special gifts to make them fun and exciting. And her generosity was never-ending.

Virginia and Norbert enjoyed traveling and had visited each of the 50 states during their married life. They also made memorable trips to Europe & Mexico, and enjoyed cruises to Alaska, the Caribbean, and the Panama Canal. Virginia fulfilled her "wish trip" along with a brother-in-law in a chartered flight over-&-around the Arctic Circle. She was always game to try something new (for example, she actually went para-sailing on two separate occasions at age 82!).

Virginia was raised in the Methodist faith and remained a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church in Inverness,

then Chester. She was also active in the United Methodist Women and attended many church conferences over the years. When her boys were young, she served as a den mother for their Cub Scout troop.

Virginia was always proud of her appearance. She never went anywhere without proper attire, including matching clothing garments with complimenting jewelry and shoes. Her striking red hair was always fixed and her make-up was just right. Looking good made her feel good! Virginia was the consummate shopper. She loved to "shop", be it for herself or for her family. She literally could shop and never drop! She once said: "Some people collect dishes and spoons – I collect clothes and jewelry!"

In her quiet time at home Virginia enjoyed reading (mainly, romance novels and religious materials) and watching TV soap operas. In her younger years she liked to bowl and swim. Virginia was a good friend to many; whether chatting on the telephone or making weekly visits to the nursing home, she always tried to "brighten up someone's day". Whenever Virginia didn't feel well, she would indulge herself in some candy, which she considered a "cure all". Story has it that she had "stashs of candy" hidden throughout the house!

The Van Dessels recently moved to the Sweetgrass Retirement Lodge in Chester. Unfortunately, Virginia suffered a catastrophic stroke two weeks ago. She died from complications of this stroke on Friday evening

(October 12, 2012) at the Liberty Medical Center in Chester. She was 85-years-old.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, a sister (Angeline Nelson), and two brothers (Virgil Carmichael Jr. and an infant brother).

She is survived by her husband of 66 years (less one month), Norbert Van Dessel of Chester; 2 sons, Barry & Ann Van Dessel and Larry and Susan Van Dessel, both of Joplin; 5 grandchildren, Heather/Jason, Ryan/Devan, Geana, Angie/Trent, and Ivan/Jennifer; 8 great-grandchildren, Derek, Brayden, Ashlyn, Brendan, Lynkon, Romeo, Avalee, and Hudson; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Friday (Oct. 19th) at the United Methodist Church in Chester by Pastor Grover Briggs. Pianist, Christy Fossen, accompanied the congregation, who sang "Amazing Grace" & "The Old Rugged Cross". Vocalist, Dennis Kenfield, performed "How Great Thou Art". A selected scripture, Proverbs 31:10-31, was read by granddaughter, Heather Nimmick. The obituary and personal remembrances were shared by granddaughter, Geana Van Dessel. Ushers were nephews, Micheal and Marlon Alley. Pallbearers were Virginia's five grandkids. The service ended with a song entitled "Going Home". Following burial in the Joplin Cemetery, a reception was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials may be given in Virginia's name to donor's choice.

FRANCIS GERARDUS VANHOUDT
Born: October 4, 1948 – Died: August 16, 2012
Liberty County Times
August 22, 2012



Fran VanHoudt

Francis Gerardus VanHoudt, 63, passed on peacefully surrounded by family on August 16, 2012. The funeral will be Monday, August 20, at 12:10 in St. Rose Catholic Church, Dillon MT with burial of ashes to follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Sally and daugh-

ter, Anna. He is also survived by eight sisters, Cece Cravens, Theresa (Pat) Boyer, Hatsi (Frank) McCormick, Rosie (Frank) Bednarczyk, Bernie (Jim) Olson, Judy (Mike) Zilch, Jo (Ross) Hasler, and Lorie Hould and six brothers, Gerard (Roxanne) VanHoudt, Al (Rita) VanHoudt, Anthony (Paula) VanHoudt, John (Patty) VanHoudt, Paul (Kathy) VanHoudt, and Pete

(Mechelle) VanHoudt; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Bernadina VanHoudt and sister, Rita (Daryl) Munson.

Fran started his life in Nijmegen, Holland on Oct. 4, 1948, just after WWII. He then moved to the United States with his parents, John and Bernadina VanHoudt and four sisters in 1952. They settled in Bozeman and moved to Great Falls in 1961, where Fran graduated from Great Falls Central in 1967. He worked in the trucking industry and then took a job in Saudi Arabia in the irrigation field. He continued in the irrigation industry, in the field as well as sales, in Montana, for most of his life.

Fran married Sally Tempel the love of his life on July 27, 1991 in Coeur d' Alene, ID. Their daughter, Anna Maria, was born in Chester, MT on Christmas Day in 1994. Family and friends were the most important things in Fran's life. He never missed a family reunion.

Fran was an active member in the Catholic Church, including the Knights of Columbus, and took time to volunteer every week. A guestbook is available on-line at www.brundagefuneralhome.com.

DANIEL D. WATKINS
Born: Age- 64 – Died: January 23, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
January 29, 2012

Daniel D. Watkins

LEWISTOWN — Daniel D. Watkins, 64, of Lewistown, a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran and recipient of four Purple Hearts, who later worked as a mechanic and farm and ranch hand, died of natural causes Monday, Jan. 23, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Harrison in Helena.



Watkins



Services will take place at a later date; cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home and Cremation Service is handling arrangements.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen of Lewistown; one daughter, Dana Jackson of Fort Benton; stepsons David Ward and Jim Ward of Lewistown, and stepdaughter Janet Kitchin of Missoula; a brother, Bill of New Jersey; sisters Ruby Soderquist of Billings, Kathy Beck of Rudyard, and Shelia Harper of Utah; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

JEAN V. (FLYNN) WATSON
Born: Age: 81 – Died: October 22, 2012
Great Falls Tribune
October 26, 2012

Jean V. Flynn Watson

HAVRE — Jean V. Flynn Watson, 81, of Havre died from complications of arterial disease Monday, Oct. 22, in Great Falls.



Watson

A public viewing is 2-5 p.m. Saturday at Holland and Bonine. A memorial service is 11 a.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church in Havre. Graveside services will follow. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Jean was born at the family home in Gildford to John A. and Ruth H. Flynn. She was proud to have been raised on the Hi-Line by a hard-working, Depression-era family of humble means. As a young woman, she ran a restaurant in Gildford in conjunction with her father's bar and gas station. On Oct. 8, 1950, Jean married Lyle A. Watson. Lyle and Jean's challenging early days of marriage and life were often fondly remembered as they began their family on the farm north of Gildford.

While Jean's primary role was that of wife, mother and grandmother, she also worked for several years as the bookkeeper at Owl Drug in Havre and later as the receptionist for LAW Realty, her and Lyle's real estate business.

Jean's hobbies included canning, baking, gardening and crossword puzzles.

Jean's passions were bragging about her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and updating everyone she saw with their latest pictures and news, volunteering for activities at First Presbyterian Church, serving as a Deacon in her church, watching, supporting and following a wide va-

riety of sporting activities, and spending time laughing and solving the world's problems with her beloved "Coffee Group" at the Lunch Box. Jean had a "lucky streak," resulting in a "windfall" that she lovingly gave away to provide her church a gift of new carpeting.

Jean is survived by her three daughters and one son, Kathi Hanson and her husband, Mark, and Kandi Maguffee and her husband, Stan, all of Richland, Wash., Lori Evans and her husband, Bob, of Havre and her son Roger Watson and his wife, Lisa, of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

She was preceded in death by husband, Lyle; her parents; and brothers Rod, Jim, Ray and Ken.

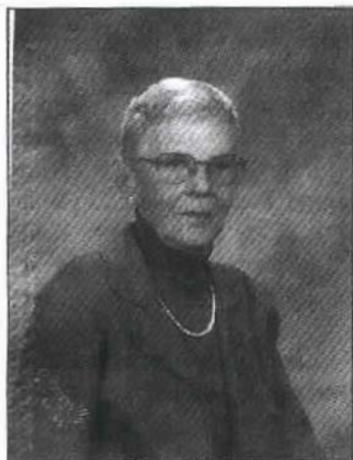
Jean is also survived by 11 grandchildren, Jeremy Hanson, Kyle Hanson, Kevin 'Tweeten, Michael Connor, Trina Mullis, Mindy Herdina, Lance Watson, Jarret Watson, Shelby Watson, Ryan Evans and Ali Cornwell; 14 great-grandchildren, Zoe 'Tweeten, Jade 'Tweeten, Alexa 'Tweeten, Hunter 'Tweeten, Harrison Mullis, Lennon Herdina, Rylee Watson, Brooklyn Watson, Sealey Watson, Taylor Cornwell, Ashlynn Cornwell, River Evans, Judah Evans and Willow Evans; as well as friends too numerous to mention.

Memorials have been established to First Presbyterian Church and Hill County Community Foundation.

We feel a sense of great loss with the passing of this loving, one-of-a-kind, humorous, outspoken friend and faithful servant of her Lord Jesus Christ. May she rest in peace in his loving arms.

Condolences may be posted at hollandbonine.com and/or gftribune.com/obituaries.

MARY (GREY- BROWN) WHITE
Born: July 20, 1937– Died: November 25, 2012
Liberty County Times
December 5, 2012



Mary White

Mary M. White, 75, of Hingham, passed away on Sunday, November 25, 2012, at Benefis Medical Center in Great Falls due to complications from an automobile accident. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 30, 2012, at the Hingham Lutheran Church with Pastor Larry Hornik officiating. Interment will be at Highland Cemetery in Havre at 3:00 that afternoon. The family has requested that memorials be made in Mary's

name to the Hingham Park Fund, Hingham, MT 59528. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements.

Mary was born on July 20, 1937, in Havre to William and Mary (Gray) Brown. She grew up and attended school in Columbus and Havre. On January 18, 1957, she married James D. White in Cut Bank. The couple made their home in Hingham, and their union was blessed with three children. Mary was very active in the Hingham Lutheran Church, serving on the Church Board, active in the Church Circle, and teaching Sunday School. She enjoyed crafting, crocheting, and sewing. Mary taught crafts in the Hingham school when her children were younger, and gave sewing lessons at home. She loved her family, and she was especially proud of her grandchildren and their accomplishments. She was very generous with her time,

whether dog-sitting or grandma-sitting, and she absolutely loved buying meaningful gifts for her family and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Billy Brown, Helen Field, Dorothy Yates, and Donald Brown.

She is survived by her husband James D. White of Havre; her son Steven (Lanay) White of Hingham; her daughters Lauri (Charles) Chvilicek of Hingham and Daina Mereness of Edmonds, WA; her grandchildren, Alex, Adam, and Cade Chvilicek and Wendy and James White, all of Hingham, Aidan Mereness of Edmonds, WA. Thad (Robyn) Burkhartsmeier of Hingham, and Trevin (Tiaya) Burkhartsmeier and Shilo (Matthew) Johnson, all of Helena; her great-grandchildren, Christopher and Brooke Burkhartsmeier of Hingham, and Caycen and Sidney Burkhartsmeier and Braden Johnson, all of Helena; and numerous nieces and nephews.

BETTY LOU (VERSTEGEN) WICKUM
Born: November 6, 1932 – Died: February 26, 2012

Liberty County Times
March 7, 2012



Betty Wickum

Betty Lou (Verstegen) Wickum was born November 6, 1932 at Wolf Point, Montana. She was the youngest of four children born to Matilda "Tillie" Leuenberger and George Verstegen. Tillie later married Pat McGrath, who helped raise the Verstegen children. During Betty's formative years, the family lived in Wolf Point and Great Falls, where she received her formal education. In the summer of 1949 Betty came to northern Liberty County to work on a ranch for her sister and brother-in-law (Marjorie and Ronald Retan). While here, she met a local farmer/rancher by the name of Richard Wickum. The young couple were married on September 21, 1950.

The Wickum's raised a family of five and farmed/ranched in the Sweetgrass Hills for 40 years before retiring in 1989. After leasing the place to several sons, they continued to live on the ranch until 2008, when they moved to the Sweetgrass Retirement Lodge in Chester. They appreciated quality time with family and friends and enjoyed their daily lunches in downtown Chester. They were married 59 years when Richard died on January 23, 2010.

During the past year Betty's health began to decline, still, she lived independently and remained active around town. On the early Sunday morning of February 26, 2012, Betty died peacefully in her sleep at her apartment at the Sweetgrass Lodge. She was 79 years old.

The Wickum's were long-time members of the Trinity Lutheran Church north of Lothair. For many years they were active in an area square-dancing club. They eventually joined the Great Falls Eagles Club, where they loved to go dancing with friends. In addition they enjoyed touring the United States (including Alaska & Mexico) in their motorhome. They simply loved to travel and also enjoyed several memorable family cruises to the Hawaii Islands and the Caribbean.

Betty's personal hobbies were many. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, and beadwork. Her favorite outdoor activities included walking, golfing, cross-country skiing, and flower gardening. In her quiet time at home Betty liked to watch TV game shows, musical programs, and "old westerns". She enjoyed playing cards games, especially "spoons", with family and friends. She also enjoyed her many collections of rocks, sea shells, turquoise jewelry, spoons, and "dirt" (small samples from "places of interest" throughout her travels).

Betty's family will remember her as a good cook and an excellent homemaker. She was prideful of her home – always immaculate – just as she was of herself – always well-groomed and beautiful. Betty loved her family and so appreciated this past Christmas when they shared wonderful memories and good times together.

She is survived by 4 sons, Steve (Tonia), Mark (Elayne), Rick (Deb), and John, all of Chester; 1 daughter, Sherry of Sheridan, Wyoming; 10 grandchildren, Jason (Lacie); Justin (Ashley) & Chad (Stephanie); Garrett & Delaney; Rachel, Wyatt, & Libby; and Cassie & Becca; 4 great-grandchildren, Gunnar, Grace, Emma, & Lily; 1 sister, Marjorie (Bob) Wright of Malta; 3 sisters-in-law, Nellie Diemert & Maxine Wickum, both of Chester, and Joan Verstegen of Great Falls; 1 brother-in-law, Cal Nickeson of Great Falls; and numerous nephews and nieces. Betty was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a granddaughter (Magen Wickum), a brother (George Verstegen), and a sister (Irene Nickeson).

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday (March 1st) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester by Pastor John Fauerbach. Prelude music was provided by fiddler, Ben Ish, and pianist, Holly Frederickson. The obituary was shared by Betty's great-niece, Stacy Rismon. Personal remembrances were shared by Tonia Wickum and a scripture reading was done by Ashley Wickum. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by pianist, Holly Frederickson. A vocal trio of Jeff Mattson, Daniel Violett (guitarist), and Logan Fisher performed "On the Wings of a Snow White Dove" & "Amazing Grace". Ushers were Pam Jeppesen Seidlitz and Coleen Retan Johnson. Betty's grandchildren & great-grandchildren served as pallbearers. Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church fellowship hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

BETTY LOU (VERSTEGEN) WICKUM

Born: November 6, 1932 at Wolf Point, Mt.

Died: February 26, 2012 at Chester, Mt.

Age: 79 years ... 3 months ... 20 days



*The following "Promises" message
from a Dove candy wrapper was
found on Betty's refrigerator:*

**"LIFE MAY CHANGE US,
BUT WE START AND END
WITH FAMILY"...**

Betty's Loving Family: 4 sons, Steve/Tonia, Mark/Elayne, Rick/Deb, and John; 1 daughter, Sherry; 10 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Marjorie; and many in-law's, nephews, & nieces... Betty was preceded in death by her husband (Richard), parents (Tillie & Pat), granddaughter (Magen), brother (George), and sister (Irene)...

Arrangements: Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester, Mt.

Funeral Services: 2:00 p.m. Thursday (March 1, 2012)
at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Montana

Officiant: Pastor John Fauerbauch

Prelude Music: Fiddler, Ben Ish
Pianist, Holly Frederickson

Ushers: Coleen Retan Johnson and Pam Jeppesen Seidlitz

Obituary Reading: Stacy Rismon

Congregational Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross"
(accompanied by Holly Frederickson)

Vocal Trio: Jeff Mattson, Logan Fisher, & Daniel Violet

Vocal Tributes: "On the Wings of a Snow White Dove"
and "Amazing Grace"

Pallbearers: *Grandchildren*, Justin Wickum, Chad Wickum, Jason Wickum, Cassie Stone, Garrett Wickum, Wyatt Wickum, Becka Stone, Delaney Wickum, Rachel Wickum, and Libby Wickum ... *Great-grandchildren*, Emma, Lily, Gunnar, & Grace

Interment: Family plot at the Chester Cemetery

... A luncheon will follow at the church ...

WAYNE WILLIAM WOLERY

Born: February 18, 1926 – Died: October 22, 2012

Liberty County Times

October 31, 2012



Wayne Wolery

Wayne William Wolery was born February 18, 1926 in Deer Park, Washington. He was the fifth of six children born to Guy and Blanche (Wilson) Wolery. The Guy Wolery family transitioned back to their homestead, north of Joplin, from Deer Park when Wayne was 6 years old. He was educated at the Grassy Butte country school and continued to live in the Grassy Butte community.

On October 1, 1945 he was married to city-girl, Betty Jo LaValley, and they raised a family of four on the original homestead place. They were engaged in farming and cattle ranching with Wayne's father, brothers, and brother-in-law, Norris Harrison. After Wayne's nephew, Sterling, returned from meat cutting school the guys expanded the cattle operation to include a feedlot and meat-processing business. The Wolery boys were all self-taught veterinarians helping many a neighbor with their livestock. To improve the quality of their livestock Wayne and Lloyd went for training in Utah to become certified in artificial insemination, and they offered this service to surrounding ranchers. As grandsons were added to the picture, the brothers branched

out into individual operations. Wayne and sons took on a new venture raising registered quarter horses for sale, breeding, and personal use. In addition, Wayne worked for Con May Construction for eleven years.

After Betty suffered a debilitating stroke in 1995, Wayne became her primary caregiver and constant companion. He traded in his castrating scalpel and coveralls for a paring knife and an apron. His specialties soon became scotcheroos, chocolate chip cookies, and bread machine bread. He was still able to stay active in the farming lifestyle with his family through harvest this past summer. In 1998 the Wolerys moved to the Ray Lincoln farm south of Inverness so they could be closer to family and medical facilities. In January of 2011 they transferred to the Wheat Country Estates in Chester. Wayne died at Liberty Medical Center peacefully in the company of his family on the morning of Monday (October 22, 2012). He was 86 years old.

Wayne was baptized, confirmed, and married at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. During their years on the farm he was an active member of the community and was instrumental in developing the Sage Creek Water District and served as a board member for several years, as well as a board member of the Sweet Grass Retirement Lodge. Wayne and Betty were also members of the Elks Lodge in Havre and the Rudyard Gun Club.

When Wayne wasn't occupied with his main hobby of work, he enjoyed braiding halters, tow ropes, lead ropes, and sometimes a granddaughter's hair. He also took pleasure in latch-hook rug-making; playing cards (especially cribbage in his later years); hunting; trapping; fishing; special

trips to the Bob Marshall Wilderness to horseback ride with his son and nephews; and the occasional trip to the Rocky Mountain front to round-up cattle.

The Wolerys were loyal companions and worked side-by-side throughout their 66 years of married life. They made many memorable international trips and cruises with family and friends. They enjoyed coyote-hunting and trap-shooting together. They loved to attend social events (i.e., weddings, funerals, and anniversaries); and though it wasn't easy, they continued to stay active at these public functions during the past 16 years. They also cherished their quiet time together, for instance, they enjoyed spontaneous road trips around the countryside on lazy afternoons or reading in their recliners.

Wayne is survived by 2 daughters, Diane (Roger) Johnson of Groton, So. Dakota [and their children, Shane, Darcy, and Matt] and Helen (Scott) Turner of Portland, Oregon [and their children, Abby and Aiden]; 2 sons, Ken (Nyda) Wolery of Columbus [and their children, Randy, Gina, and Rachel]; and Paul (Nancy) Wolery of Inverness [and their children, Cally, Rayne, and Torrie]. Including Wayne's 11 grandchildren, there are 16 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Elvyn Wolery of Chester and Lloyd (Fern) Wolery of Joplin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, 1 sister (Opal Harrison), and 2 brothers (Olyn and Royal Wolery).

A memorial service was held 2:00 p.m. Friday (Oct. 26th) at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Pastor Dale Wolery offered a special message & prayers, and Pastor Stephen Nelson assisted

with the service. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace", accompanied by pianist, Sharon Spicher. Special vocal tributes were provided by Imani and Kaeden Wolery ("Jesus Still Loves Me"), Torrie Wolery ("Blue Montana Sky"), and Cally and Torrie Wolery ("When I Get Where I'm Going"). The obituary was read by Terry LaValley, a poem entitled "Ride With Him Again" was read by Dan Wolery, and personal remembrances were shared by family members. Ushers were Steve Dahinden and Tim Temple, and honorary bearers were "all of Wayne's loving grandchildren". A reception followed in Kjos Hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Wayne was cremated per his wishes. His and Betty's ashes will be co-mingled and scattered privately on the family farm--the place they lived and loved.

Memorials may be given to Bethel Church in Joplin, Immanuel Church north of Joplin, Wheat Country Estates in Chester, "Gift of Life" in Great Falls, or donor's choice...

BRYAN SCOTT WOOD

Born: August 19, 1958 – Died: September 12, 2012

Liberty County Times

September 19, 2012



Bryan Wood

Wood, Bryan Scott 54, of Gilbert, AZ passed away on September 12, 2012. We lost the best man our worlds have known on that day. He died suddenly of complications related to Arteriosclerosis. Bryan was born August 19, 1958 to Harold "Nick" and Darlene Wood. He proudly grew up on the Hi-Line of Montana (Havre, Inverness, Joplin, etc.) where the seed was planted for his profession - heavy equipment mechanic - thanks to his cherished uncles and friends. He had recently started his own company, Desert Drilling Parts and Service; which as expected was a success. Bryan was a fierce daddy, husband, son, brother, uncle, great uncle, best friend, friend and co-worker. He has

left a huge hole in our hearts. Bryan is survived by his wife, Natalie; cherished daughter Kristen (Brett) Anderson, Provo, Utah; father, Nick (Eva Bray) Wood, Payson, AZ; sister, Darla Wood, Cave Creek, AZ; brother, Bruce (Shellie) Wood; Gillette, WY; nieces Jessi Wood, Brandi (Rance) Remme, Whitney Wood, Lacey Wood, Tori Anglin and

Casey Anglin, nephews TJ (Lorraine) Anglin and Dillon Anglin; four great nephews Rance Jr., Nolan, Layne and Elliott; parents-in-law Burl and Pam Anglin; brothers-in-law Tim (Rob Harbert) Anglin and James Anglin; sister-in-law Leslie Anglin; and many, many good friends and co-workers. Preceded in death by his wonderful Mom Darlene Joyce Fraser Wood and numerous favorite uncles. The family invites you to say a final goodbye and share some memories with us at his morning viewing on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at McDougal Funeral Home; 4330 S. Red-

wood Road; Taylorsville, UT 84123. Viewing from 10 a.m. to Noon. Burial to follow at 1 p.m. at South Jordan City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to your favorite charity.

JACOB ALBERT 'JAKE' WORMSBECKER
Born: January 30, 1917 – Died: March 25, 2012
Liberty County Times
May 9, 2012



Jacob Wormsbecker

Jacob Albert "Jake" Wormsbecker was born January 30, 1917 in Berwick, North Dakota. He was the sixth of seven children born to German emigrants, Adam and Bergetta (Brendal) Wormsbecker. During his formative years at age 11, Jake lost his mother to acute appendicitis. His father and sisters eventually moved to Yakima, WA, while Jake and his two orphan brothers (Louie & Casper) worked on various farms in northcentral Montana. At age 15 he herded sheep for a Ledger area rancher, Sam Solid. Sometimes Jake would spend months alone herding sheep north of Browning or at Wolf Creek. He developed a strong work ethic and appreciated the value of a good day's work.

In his early 20's Jake jumped a freight train to Yakima to visit his family for the first time since his mother's death. He worked in a Yakima cannery that season, then decided to go the California. Once again, he hopped a freight train to Fresno. Unfortunately, there was a report of a "fugitive" on the train, so the police arrested some 300 people in the boxcars. Fortunately, Jake was the only "stow-away" with bail money for himself

and a friend. With the remaining \$90 in his Conrad bank account, Jake decided to buy a Model-T Ford to make the trip back to Montana.

Upon his return in 1942, Jake learned that "he belonged to Uncle Sam" and was drafted into the U. S. Army during WWII. He was in the military just a few months before Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. As an infantry squad leader, Jake fought the Japanese at Port Moresby, New Guinea. In that battle he was wounded by bullets that remained with him forever. Jake recuperated in Brisbane, Australia until his division regrouped to fight in the Philippines. While there, he survived three bouts of malaria (during one of those bouts, Jake was actually put into a freezer to break his fever!). After 3½ years of faithful service, Jake received his honorable discharge, a Bronze Star, and a Purple Heart. Even Sam Solid's, hoping to eventually buy the place. During the next eight years they broke up new farmland and made many improvements. Jake worked hard and acquired 40 head of cows. Unfortunately, his "dream" was sold to a neighboring farmer, so Jake and his cows relocated to the Chester community. It was there that his brother, Louie, found a 1200-acre farm south of the Sweetgrass Hills that Jake was fortunate to consign. He was hailed out his first year, but the next 25 years were successful.

In 1980 Jake sold his farm to his neighbors and purchased a cherry orchard south of Bigfork at Yellow Bay. In the winters he trav-

elled with a friend in a little motorhome. In the summers he enjoyed raising cherries, growing peonies and dahlias, and caring for his 5-acre yard. For many years his place was part of the Big Fork Garden Tour program.

Jake lived independently in his own home until he sustained a fall in September of 2011. He was admitted to the Veterans Home at Columbia Falls and he sold his property shortly thereafter. After developing kidney problems, Jake transferred to the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, where he died on the early morning of Sunday (March 25, 2012). He was 95 years old.

Jake was baptized and confirmed as a Catholic and remained loyal to his Christian faith his entire life. He helped build St. Michael's Church in Conrad and St. Mary's Church in Chester, and donated to the construction fund for the new Catholic Church in Bigfork. In addition he was active in the Chester and Bigfork VFW Posts.

He enjoyed bowling in the leagues at Chester and Bigfork. Jake also liked hunting and fishing. Dur-

ing his years in Chester, he loved to play poker and pitch with his buddies. In his quiet time at home, he enjoyed reading historicals and watching the history channel on television. As a hobby in his later years, Jake loved to build "whimsical whirligigs" (which were handmade wooden yard ornaments that were propelled by the wind).

Jake was an independent and private man, who was quietly charming and generous. When he was drafted into the military, he gave his car to his family and then sent his Army paychecks to his father and his sisters' growing families. A man of strong character and honesty, he managed to reinvent himself several times throughout his life. When asked about the secret to his longevity, Jake attributed it to pressure-cooker meals of vegetables, beef, and chicken and eating a lot of eggs!

Jake never married. He dearly loved his dogs, Duke and Max. Jake outlived his parents and his 6 siblings (Louie, Frances, Mary Eva, Barbara, Angelina, and Casper). He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday (May 12th) at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Conrad. Father Stan Rog will officiate. Immediately following, his ashes will be buried in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Conrad with military rites. Local arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Memorials may be given to the Veteran's Wounded Warriors Project, the Vets Home in Columbia Falls, or the Fort Harrison Vets Hospital in Helena. With questions or concerns, please call his great-niece, Ann Vandessel at 406-292-3548.