

**DONALD ADAMS**  
**Born: September 15, 1917 - Died: May 12, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 16, 1974**

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**Donald Adams**  
**dies in Idaho**

Donald Adams, formerly a Hi-Line area trucker passed away in a hospital in Couer D'alene, Idaho on May 12, 1974, after a brief illness.

Donald LaVern Adams was born to Charles and Axie Adams on September 15, 1917, in Inverness, Montana.

In recent years he established a business in the logging industry in Hayden Lake, Idaho. He is survived by his wife Velma, and sons Randy and Ricky of Hayden Lake, Idaho; son Roger of Pinehurst, Idaho; and daughter, Mrs. Joseph Lange of Washington and two grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers and sisters, Mrs. Mary Bright and John Adams of Rudyard, Montana; James Adams of Inverness, Montana; and Dorothy Sauer and Emery Adams of Pinehurst, Idaho.

Funeral services were held in Idaho, Wednesday afternoon of May 15, 1974.

**EUGENE ADAMS**  
**Born: August 8, 1916 - Died: February 8, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 14, 1974**

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**Eugene Adams**  
**dies in**  
**Washington**

Eugene Adams long time resident of the Hi-Line area passed away in a Yakima, Washington hospital on February 8, 1974 after a lingering illness.

Rolland Eugene Adams was born to Charles and Axie Adams in Inverness, Montana on August 8, 1916.

Upon graduation from Barber School in Spokane, Washington, he returned to Montana and barbered in Chester and Rudyard, where he was a member of the local saddle club. In 1964 he returned to Washington and opened a shop in Yakima and has lived there ever since. He was an active member of the Yakima County Sheriff's Posse.

He is survived by his wife Esther and daughter Vicki of Yakima, Washington and daughters Mrs. Don Cross of Rudyard, Montana, Mrs. Al Hanson of Flint, Michigan and step daughters Mrs. Betty White and Mrs. Sam Boggess of Washington, sons Harry and Jerry Adams of Seattle, Washington and step sons Robert and Russel Lawson, Ronald (Lawson) Adams and twenty grandchildren.

Survivors also include brothers and sisters, Mary Bright and John Adams of Rudyard, Montana, James Adams of Inverness, Montana, Dorothy Sauer and Emery Adams of Pinehurst, Idaho and Donald Adams of Hayden Lake, Idaho.

Funeral services and burial were held in Yakima, Washington on February 11, 1974.

**LEIF NORMAN AMUNDSON**  
**Born: March 1, 1906 - Died: May 3, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 9, 1974**

## **Leif Amundson dies, Missoula**

Leif Norman Amundson, 68, of Missoula, Montana, died at a Missoula hospital of a cardiac arrest May 3, 1974.

He was born March 1, 1906, in Westby, Wisconsin to Otto and Carrie Amundson. Otto and Carrie immigrated to the United States from Norway and he had a meat market in Westby. In 1910 the family moved to Joplin, Montana, where they homesteaded and also ran a meat market. At the age of 14 Leif took over the farm after his father's death and operated it continuously for 47 years. He retired to live in Missoula but still took active part in farming when possible.

He was a member of St. Pauls Lutheran church, Elks Hellgate Lodge #383, Sons of Norway, Hilsen 520, Joplin Farmers Union Association and the Diabetic Association.

He is survived by his wife, Eva of Missoula and four daughters, Mrs. Donald (Constance) Cain of Volborg; Mrs. Dale (Eleanor) Johnson, Takoma Park, Md.; Mrs. Donald (Priscilla) Pimley, Joplin; Ardis Amundson, Missoula; two sisters, Mrs. Lillie Jenson of Polson and Mrs. Otto (Viola) Dittrick of Seattle and one brother, Sig Amundson of Kalispell; eleven grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Squire-Simmons-Carr Rose Chapel with Rev. F. Joseph Wahlin officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Garden.

Pall bearers were Torger Forsith, Wally Hein, Cecil Heydon, Chester Karlson, A. G. Sanda and Herbert Wohl.

**BERTHA M. BILDERBACK**  
**Born: ? - Died: August 17, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 5, 1974**

## **Funeral Held for Bilderback**

Pastor Lester Hoffman of Trinity Lutheran Church conducted funeral services August 21 at Rose Hills Mortuary, Whittier California for Bertha M. Bilderback, formerly of Rudyard.

She had resided in California for the last thirty years. In 1945 she married Frank Bilderback who preceeded her in death in 1965. She was also preceeded in death by two children who died in infancy.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. John (Ann) Bruddige, Spokane, Mrs. Clarence (Gladys) Lynch, Rudyard, and a brother Arthur Rugtvedt, Rudyard and many nieces and nephews.

She passed away on August 17 at LaMirada Community Hospital in California following surgery. She was laid to rest in Rose Hills Memorial Park August 21, 1974.

**BORGHILD BISHOP**  
**Born: ? - Died: March ?, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 28, 1974**

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## Services held for Borghild Bishop

Graveside rites were held Thursday, March 21, 1974 at 11 a.m. for Borghild Bishop of Colomet City, Illinois. Pastor Jerome Elness of Hingham Lutheran Church officiated. Pallbearers were nephews of the deceased. Marlin C. Spicher, Wayne Spicher, Ronald Spicher, Douglas Spicher, David Mork and Roger Borlong.

Borghild was preceded in death by her parents Peder and Anna Mork and a sister, Agnes Campbell.

Survivors include brothers Arthur and Ever Mork of Havre, Bjane Mork of Hingham and Joplin, sister Bertha Anderson of Gildford, Ida McCormick of Joplin, and Iva Spicher of Hingham, Uncles Conrad Peterson of Kalispell, Pete Peterson of Swan Lake, several cousins, nieces and nephews, and very good friends Pete Francia, Delores Slusarczyk and Patti Barenie of Illinois.

Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

CLARA I. BORLAUG

Born: March 22, 1913 - Died: November 26, 1974

Liberty County Times

December 5, 1974

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Funeral held for  
Clara Borlaug

Clara I. Borlaug was buried in the Highland cemetery following funeral services on Friday, November 29, at 2 p.m. in the First Lutheran Church in Havre.

Mrs. Borlaug, 61, a lifetime resident of the Gildford area, died in Havre, November 26.

Conducting the funeral services was Pastor Jerome Elness. Pastor Rodney Kvamme sang, "Behold a Host," and "How Great Thou Art." The organist was Donna Ellison.

Kenneth Engelbretson, Lloyd Bakke, Percy Nordrum, Art Bert, Leonard Grimes, and Francis Kurtz were the pallbearers. Ushers were Monty and Roger Borlaug.

Mrs. Borlaug was born south of Gildford March 22, 1913. She was raised in the area, graduating from Gildford High School. On June 29, 1933 she married George O. Borlaug in Hingham, and the couple made their home near Gildford.

Active in the Kremlin Lutheran Mission circle, Mrs. Borlaug also belonged to the Sons of Norway Lodge.

Among survivors are her husband; daughters, Mrs. Eldon (Selma) Shelstad, Box Elder, and Mrs. Lloyd (Sonya) Vande Sandt, Gildford; sons, Carol O. Borlaug of Havre and Martin G. Borlaug, stationed with the U.S. Army in Germany; eight grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Vivian Kakurada, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

NELLIE E. BREVIK

Born: December 26, 1888 - Died: May 12, 1974

Liberty County Times

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**Nellie Brevik  
died, Wash.**

Funeral services were on Thursday, May 16, at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for former Hingham area homesteader Nellie E. Brevik, 85, who died May 12 in Puyallup, Washington.

Mrs. Brevik was born in Joplin, Montana, December 26, 1888. She came to Hingham to homestead in 1909. Following the death of her husband, Ole, about 10 years ago, she moved to Puyallup, Washington, to live with her daughter, Mrs. Ted (Evelyn) Homan.

Survivors, in addition to her daughter, include a son, Dean Brevik, Enumclaw, Washington; 10 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

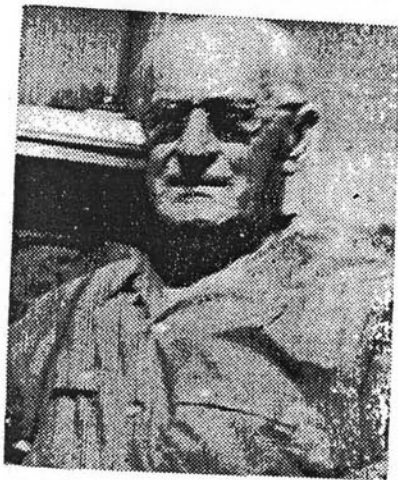
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Former Hingham resident, Mrs. Ole (Nell) Brevik passed away at her home in Puyallup, Washington, on Sunday. Funeral services will be held in Havre at the funeral home Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ted (Evelyn) Holman of Puyallup and a son, Dean, of Washington, as well as many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband; a son, Dale and daughter, Doris.

**W. EARL BROADHURST**  
**Born: April 8, 1889 - Died: January 3, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 10, 1974**

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**E. Broadhurst**  
**Passes Away**  
**At Age 84**

Mr. W. Earl Broadhurst, 84, of Cascade, retired carpenter formerly of Great Falls, passed away last Thursday in a Great Falls hospital where he had been a patient for 10 days. Funeral services were held Monday at 1 p.m. at Croxford & Sons Chapel with Rev. Norman Mayberry officiat-



**W. EARL BROADHURST**

ing. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Great Falls.

Pallbearers were Bert Paulsen, Clifford Paulsen, Ralph Sanders, Ronald Yandell, Robert Pudgey and Kenneth Broadhurst. Honorary pallbearers were Louis Nelson, Rae Shatzke, Joe Moran, Marvin Swensen, Dan Moran and Leonard Omholt.

Mr. Broadhurst was born April 8th, 1889 in Linden Missouri, and he came to Montana in 1915, and the following year homesteaded at Chester. In 1921 he went to Great Falls where he worked as a carpenter many years. He was associated in business with Joe Moran for several years before he moved to Cascade in 1957.

Mr. Broadhurst married Mary Paulsen in Spokane in 1963. He was a member of Eagles Lodge Aerie 14, Carpenters Union Local 286 and the Christian Church.

Survivors who are offered most sincere sympathy include the widow, Mary of Cascade; a granddaughter, 3 great grandchildren, several stepchildren, including Mrs. Albert Lorang of Cascade, and a brother, Austin Broadhurst of Ledger.



**JAMES S. CADY**  
**Born: ?, 1905 - Died: January 24, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 31, 1974**

Services held for  
January 31, 1974  
**James S. Cady**

Graveside services were held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Sun River Cemetery for James S. Cady, 69, Simms, a retired tavern operator, who passed away Thursday in a Choteau hospital. He had been in failing health several years.

Cady operated the Simms Bar from 1955 until poor health forced his retirement in 1969. He was born in Larimore, North Dakota and came to the Joplin area as a boy when his parents homesteaded there. He farmed with his father until his marriage to Kathleen Holland in 1944.

The couple went to Kalispell. Cady was foreman on construction of Hungry Horse Dam and later on Tiber Dam, before moving to Simms.

Survivors are the widow, a daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Connie) Mayfield, Spokane; a brother and three sisters. The family has suggested memorials be directed to Teton Memorial Hospital, Choteau.

**KENNETH W. CARTER**  
**Born: November 2, 1911 - Died: August 12, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 22, 1974**

## Ken Carter Rites Held

Kenneth W. Carter, 62, of Rudyard, died in a Chester hospital on Monday, August 12.

Carter was born in Sheldon, North Dakota, November 2, 1911. He married the former Mary Hanson in Britton, South Dakota, May 10, 1932, and the couple moved to Rudyard 17 years ago from Oriska, North Dakota, and made their home there. Carter worked as a grain buyer and a parts man for Marias Equipment Company in Chester.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Mrs. Joyce Bolme, Adrian, North Dakota, and Mrs. Jean Miller, East Grand Forks, Minnesota; sons, Jon, Portland, Oregon, and Jerome, Great Falls; six grandchildren; and brothers, Fred, Enderlin, North Dakota, and Jess, Placentia, California.

Funeral services were on Friday, August 16, at 2 p.m. in the Peterson-Olson Funeral Home in Valley City, North Dakota. Interment was in the Memory Gardens in Valley City.

A memorial has been established to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester.

**DOUGLAS CLARK**  
**Born: January 10, 1910 - Died: May 25, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 30, 1974**

## **Funeral held for Douglas Clark**

Retired farmer Douglas Clark, 64, died in a Chester hospital on Saturday, May 25.

Clark was born in Crosby, North Dakota, January 10, 1910. He farmed in North Dakota and also worked for the Forestry Service there. In 1972 he came to Rudyard from Bottineau, North Dakota and made his home with his sister.

Among survivors are his sister, Mrs. Charles (Catherine) Mikulecky, Rudyard, and a brother, Windle Clark, Dallas, Texas.

Funeral services in Havre were Sunday, May 26, at 3 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home. The Rev. Leon Johnson of Chester conducted the services. Mrs. Leon Johnson was the organist, and the Rev. and Mrs. Johnson sang, "God Will Take Care of You," and "Under His Wing."

Funeral rites were conducted in Bottineau, North Dakota, on Wednesday, May 29, at 2 p.m. in the Lakeside Chapel.

## JERRY K. COLBRY

Born: June 4, 1912 - Died: July 31, 1974

Liberty County Times

August 8, 1974

### Services held for Jerry Colbry, 62

Retired Chester area farmer Jerry K. Colbry, 62, died Wednesday, July 31, in Great Falls, while attending the State Fair.

Born June 4, 1912, in St. Louis, Michigan, Colbry moved to Chester in 1914 with his parents, Thomas and Mabel Colbry, who farmed in the area. He attended Joplin schools. A veteran of World War II, he served in the U. S. Army's 4th Armored Division. He worked in the mines in Idaho for a time and for the last 20 years has farmed near Chester. He had just sold his farm last month. He was a member of the Lutheran church and Arco Lodge 48, AF & AM, Arco, Idaho. He was a member of the Chester Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his sister, Mrs. Emma Regimbal, Warrington, Florida, and a brother, George Colbry of Chester.

Pastor Timothy Solberg officiated at funeral rites on Saturday, August 3, at 11 a.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for retired Chester area farmer Jerry K. Colbry.

Thelma Anderson was the organist. The Joplin Lutheran choir sang, "In The Garden," "Nearer My God To Thee," and "Old Rugged Cross." The congregation sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and "Beautiful Savior."

Pallbearers were Earl and Roger Colbry, Jerry and Robert Copenhaver, Kenneth Rygh, and Roger Lincoln. Honorary pallbearers were Vernon McDaniels, Theodore Tempel, Edward Tempel, Edwin Gunderson, James Cicon, and Wayne Dafoe. Roy Lincoln and Thomas Wood were the ushers.

Burial was in the Highland cemetery, with military graveside rites for the World War II Veteran.

**ANNE DELANEY**  
**Born: ?, 1899 - Died: February 8, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 14, 1974**

*Feb 14-74*  
**Anne Delaney**  
**Dies in**  
**California**

Anne S. Delaney, 75, died February 8, 1974 in Hayward, California. She was the daughter of Thomas P. and Ella Strode, pioneer ranchers in the Sweetgrass Hills.

She is survived by two sons, William Delaney, Missoula, Montana; and Patrick Delaney of Hayward, California; two daughters, Mary Edris Thompson, Sierra Madre, California; and Evangleine Hoffman of Glendale, California; seven grandchildren, one great grandchild and sister Eva I. Melvin of Great Falls.

**EDWARD DOLAN**  
**Born: ?, 1902 - Died: September 1, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 3, 1974**

## **Former resident dies, Portland**

Edward Dolan, 72, of 810 NE 4th Ave., Gresham, died in a Portland hospital September 1 after a short illness.

He was born in Grass Lake, N.D., and spent his early years there. He started work in grain elevators when he was 18 and was a grain buyer for 44 years in Chester, Montana and Velva, N.D., before moving to Gresham 11 years ago.

Since moving here he worked for the Gresham Community Hospital in the maintenance department.

He married Ann Tichrow in Sidney, Montana, April 28, 1928. She survives as do his sons, Robert of Fergus Falls, Minn., Jack of Gresham. Eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive as do his brothers, James of Bowbells, N. D., and Glenn of Bismarck, N.D., and his sister, Gladys Kuhlman of Stanley, N.D.

Services were held at Bateman Funeral Chapel with private interment at Forest Lawn.

**JERRY DOLEZAL**  
**Born: ?, 1885 - Died: April 19, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 25, 1974**

## **Jerry Dolezal Dies, Wisconsin**

Former Hingham area farmer and rancher Jerry Dolezal, 89, died at his home in Shawano, Wisconsin, on April 19.

Funeral services were Tuesday April 23, at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home, with interment in the Calvary cemetery.

Dolezal was born in Czechoslovakia and came with his parents in 1913 to Shawano, Wisconsin. He later moved to Hingham, homesteading north of town. In September of 1914 he married the former Grace Lehman and the couple raised wheat and cattle near Hingham until 1946 when they moved to Whitlash to operate a cattle ranch.

His wife preceded him in death in 1952. Dolezal returned to Shawano, Wisconsin where he married the former Emma Jensen April 15, 1953. She survives him.

Also surviving are children, Mrs. Robert (Frances) Ordway, Cut Bank, Robert and George of Whitlash and Valerian (Jack) of Harlem; four stepdaughters in Shawano; 28 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; and brothers Joe of Helena and Henry of Ronan.

**JERRY MATT DOLEZAL**  
**Born: December 18, 1953 - Died: August 31, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 12, 1974**

## **Jerry Dolezal** **Services Sept. 3**

Funeral services were Tuesday, September 3, at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for Jerry Matt Dolezal, 20, of Kremlin, who died in a traffic accident August 31 west of Havre.

Dolezal, who was born in Williston, North Dakota, December 18, 1953, was raised and schooled in the Kremlin area. He worked as a maintenance man at Northern Montana College.

Survivors include his parents, Betty Dolezal of Kremlin and George Dolezal of Whitlash; a sister, Mrs. Karen Bushby, Spokane; and a brother, Don Kennedy, Phillipsburg, Montana.

Pastor S. Jerome Elness conducted the funeral rites. Donna Ellison was the organist, and Howard Bailey sang, "How Great Thou Art", and "Some-day He Will Make It Plain".

Pallbearers were Joe Vosen, Tom Vosen, Neil McCormick, Alvin Haugen, Larry Reinowshi, Duane Brazer, Don Groven, and Jay Callies, Tim Hagen and Kenny Pollington were the ushers.

Interment was in the Highland cemetery in Havre.



LORENE EUGENE EDMOND

Born: October 10, 1924 - Died: March 9, 1974

Liberty County Times

March 14, 1974

## Crash fatal to Minnesota man

Lorene Eugene Edmond, 49, died Saturday afternoon in the Liberty County Hospital in Chester from injuries received early Friday morning in a one-vehicle accident.

Authorities said the Hewitt, Minnesota man was westbound on Highway 2 about 1 a.m.

when his truck and trailer rig went off the south side of the highway, about 15 miles west of Chester, and hit an approach embankment.

Edmond's son Keith, 23, was asleep in the cab of the truck

and was not injured in the accident, authorities said.

They estimated about \$15,000 in damage to the truck.

The death brought the 1974 death count on Montana's roads

to 34, compared to 40 a year ago.

Highway patrolman George Eppers said the truck and a semi-trailer left the left side of the road and ran into an approach to the Sisk ranch, totalling out the new trailer loaded with soybeans. The accident was on the Liberty-Toole county line.

**DIST. JUDGE CHARLES B. ELWELL**  
**Born: December 28, 1888 - Died: July 20, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 25, 1974**

**C.B. Elwell was judge 40 years**

Dist. Judge Charles B. Elwell, one of Montana's most highly respected jurists, who served more than 40 consecutive years as judge of the 12th Judicial District, died Saturday night at the Havre hospital after a brief illness. He was 85.

At the time of his retirement in 1967 Elwell's term of office was thought to be the longest of any U.S. district judge. He began his career as district judge of Blaine, Hill and Liberty counties in 1929.

He was born in New Orleans December 28, 1888. He was a graduate of the Georgetown University Law School. He moved to Havre from Massachusetts in 1913.

He began his law career in Havre as a partner in a firm with H.S. Kline. He was a

former Havre City Attorney, and he served as a U.S. Land Commissioner soon after moving to Havre.

Judge Elwell was one of the organizers of the Marias Irrigation Project. He was well known for his work in Scouting and Masonic activities. He was chairman of the board of trustees of the old Kennedy Deaconess Hospital for many years.

His wife, Harriet, died in 1967. He is survived by a nephew, Dr. Almont Elwell, D.M.D. of Wenham, Massachusetts.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Van Orsdel Methodist Church in Havre. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Havre.

**JOHN FISHER**

**Born: ?, 1894 - Died: December 17, 1974**

**Liberty County Times**

**January 2, 1974**

**John Fisher  
rites held Thurs.**

The Rev. James Conyard S.J. officiated at funeral rites on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 12:05 p.m. in St. Jude's Catholic Church for John Fisher, 81, Hingham area farmer who died in Havre Dec. 17.

Rosary was recited at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 in the Holland and Bonine funeral home.

Organist was Sharon Spicher. Francie Lipp sang, "The Lord's Prayer," and Francie and Linda Lipp sang two duets, "Heart of Jesus," and "Lord I Am Not Worthy."

Pallbearers were Frank Lipp, Matt Lipp, Phil Lipp, Eddie Lipp, Bill Lipp, and Francis O'Donnell.

Burial was in the Calvary cemetery.

**EARL GEORGE FRANK**  
**Born: May 28, 1911 - Died: February 12, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 28, 1974**

*Feb 28 - 74*  
**Earl Frank, 62**  
**died, Seattle**

Earl George Frank of Seattle, Washington, died February 12, 1974, age 62. Born in Paola, Kansas, May 28, 1911 to George and Clara Frank, resided in Paola until age 18, moving to Chester, Montana with the family in 1931. Was drafted into the Army in 1942 and served 3 years here and abroad. After World War 2 and his return to Montana he married Frances Harlick of Hotsprings, Montana and moved

to Seattle in 1946, where he worked as a carpenter. He was a member of the Burien Elks Club, Carpenters Union and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Earl is survived by his wife Frances, son Thomas Frank, daughter Doreen Moore, 2 grandchildren, Shannon and Kevin Moore, all of Seattle; 2 sisters, Fern Brunn, Kalispell, Montana and Hazel Petchnick, Renton, Washington, nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents and brother, Weldon. Earl will be missed by a host of relatives and friends in Kansas, Montana and Washington.

**Earl Frank dies in Seattle**

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Joplin News  
By Dorma Hadford

Earl Frank who formerly lived north of Joplin passed away in Seattle. He was a brother to the late Weldon Frank.

IONE E. GIFFORD  
Born: October 5, 1896 - Died: February 27, 1974  
Liberty County Times  
March 6, 1974

## Funeral held for Mrs. Ione Gifford

Funeral services were Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Chester United Methodist church for Mrs. Ione E. Gifford, 78, who passed away in the local hospital Wednesday, February 27, 1974. Rev. Leon Johnson officiated. Pallbearers were grandsons Fred M. Brown, Jr., Richard O. Brown, Stuart O. Brown, Thadd Gifford, Blaine Gifford, Derek Gifford and Jay D. Gifford. Ushers were nephews Vance Graham, Clifford Hanson and Alfred Hanson. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.



Mrs. Ione Gifford

Organist was Mrs. Bruce McCallum. The Chester United Methodist choir sang "How Great Thou Art", "Whispering Hope" and the congregation and choir sang "Amazing Grace."

Mrs. Gifford was born October 5, 1896 in Alexandria, Minnesota, to Allie Belle Hanson and Susan May (Glines) Hanson. She spent her early life in Minnesota. She was married to Olen Gifford December 7, 1913 in Dogden, North Dakota. They lived several years in North Dakota and Thief River Falls, Minnesota before moving to Hamilton, Montana in 1957 where they lived for several years before moving to Chester. Olen died November 25, 1972.

She was active in the United Methodist church, Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, was active in many organizations, a member of White Shrine Rebeccas, Royal Neighbors, D.A.R. and Daughters of the Union Veterans.

Survivors include sons Wallace of Duarata, California; Roland of Columbus, Indiana, O. D. of Chester, Russell of Aurora, California; Glen of Great Falls and George of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Also surviving are daughters, Mrs. Myra Ross of Spokane, Washington; Mrs. Carrie Harmon of Seattle, Washington and Mrs. Susan Brown of Chester, a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Hoffner of Chester and a brother, Clifford Hanson of Chester; 34 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

**RORY SHANE GORDER**  
**Born: October 28, 1974 - Died: November 5, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 14, 1974**

## Rory Gorder Rites Nov. 8

Funeral services were Friday, November 8, at 11 a.m. in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Chester for Rory Shane Gorder, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Gorder of Chester. Burial was in the Rudyard cemetery.

Rory, born October 28 in Chester, died there on November 5.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cain, Big Timber, and Mrs. Florentine Gorder, Rudyard; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

## GEORGE GREEN

Born: September 25, 1884 - Died: March 25, 1974

### Liberty County Times

March 28, 1974

George Green, 89, died in the local hospital Monday evening following a brief illness. He was a well known, highly respected senior citizen of the Chester community who was active in community and church affairs for many years. He was the first recipient of the Senior Citizens Golden Pass for Chester High school extra-curricular activities. On one occasion he was crowned Liberty County Wheat King at the Marias fair.

Funeral services will be Friday in Our Savior's Lutheran church at 2 p.m.

Green always took a keen interest in sports activities, and well into his eighties, he went to almost every high school basketball game and other sporting events.

He was an avid reader and supporter of the local newspaper, and often made special trips to the Times office to submit news items.

He often expressed the opinion that if people wanted a better hometown newspaper, they should cooperate in seeing to it that the newspaper got

the necessary information. He practiced what he preached, and in keeping with this spirit of cooperation, George Green wrote his own obituary. He had the information on file, and ready for his family to bring to the newspaper at the time of his death. What follows is in his own writing:

George Green born near Downington, Ohio, September 25, 1884. Parents were Methodists. Grade school was received at that place.

At the age of 18 came to Towner, North Dakota with a sister and 2 brothers, the first two years he worked mainly with a brother. Times were hard but he managed to complete high school by working at various jobs and having lots of help from a brother who was a teacher.

In 1905 he went to eastern Saksatchewan, Canada with some friends and homesteaded proving up in 1909. Returning to Dakota he found many going to Montana for land so came to Chester and has made his home here since.

On February 13, 1917 was married to Pearl Peterson also a homesteader just north of Chester. He joined the Lutheran church in 1938, was sent to several conventions including the one at Minneapolis 1950.

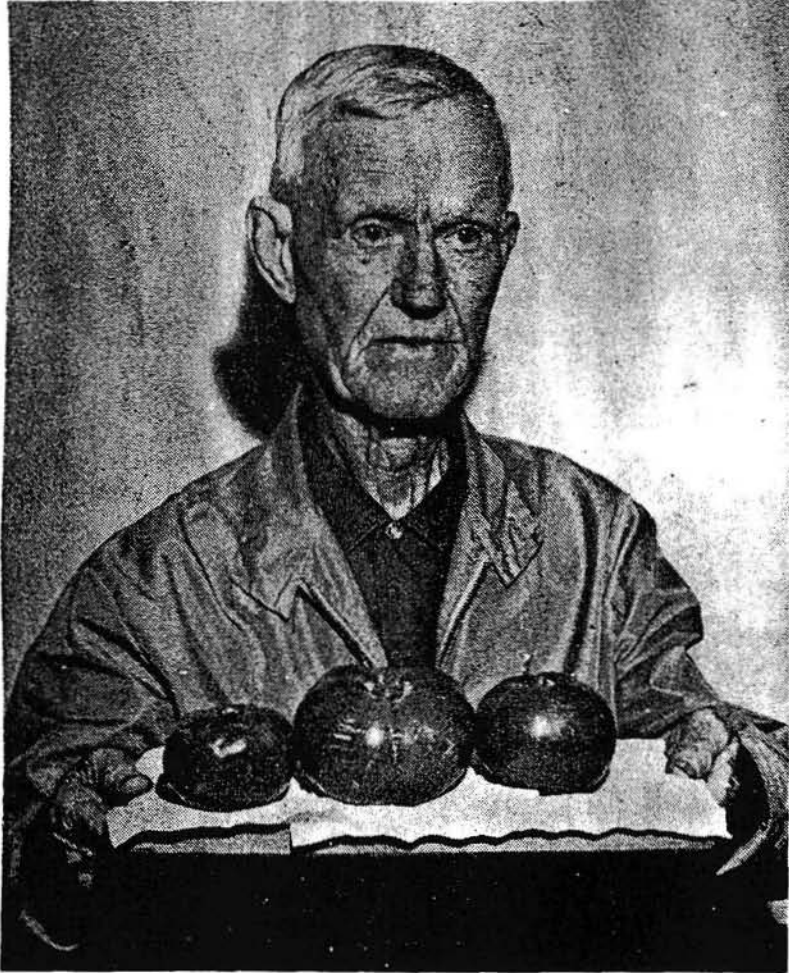
He is survived by his wife, 4 children, 6 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren.

Myrtle the oldest child makes her home in Chester.

Charles farms the original homestead 7 miles north of town.

Leslie and family reside at Cottage Grove, Oregon and are engaged in the grocery business.

Mable lives near Buffalo, New York, her husband has worked many years for the Westinghouse plant.



**GEORGE GREEN**—in a picture he liked. It was taken in August of 1966. He is holding three tomatoes that weigh two pounds. The largest one weighed one pound. They were grown by Myrtle Green in their garden in Chester. George said he had no idea why these three grew so large. He said he would have entered them in the Great Falls fair, but they required six, and he had only three.

**GERALD GRIFFIN**  
**Born: ?, 1905 - Died: May 18, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 30, 1974**

## **Dies Suddenly** **Gerald Griffin,**

**69**

*May 30-74*

Rosary was recited on Monday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for retired Hill County employee and mechanic Gerald Griffin, 69, of Rudyard who died in a Chester hospital May 18.

The Rev. Fr. Timothy Werner conducted the funeral services on Tuesday, May 21, at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic church in Hingham.

Organist was Rose Farnik. Bud Toner sang, "Amazing Grace," and "Panis Angelicus."

Pallbearers were Jim Carr, Mervill Kinder, Charles Mickuleky, George Ammen, Ben Bradbury and Albert Bradbury. Honorary pallbearers were Don Kline, Don Twedt, Elwin Stanberry, Howard Carr, Bob Toner and Leonard Wendland. Charles Adams and Art Een were the ushers.

Burial was in the Calvary cemetery.



**ALBIN GUSTAFSON**  
**Born: March 23, 1896 - Died: June 13, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 20, 1974**

*June 20 - 1974*  
**Albin Gustafson**  
**funeral held**

Longtime Rudyard area resident Albin Gustafson, 78, died in Chester on Thursday, June 13.

Funeral services were Monday, June 17, at 8 p.m. in Our Saviour's Lutheran church in Rudyard, of which he was a member. Burial was in the Rudyard cemetery.

Born in Hawley, Minn., March 23, 1896, Gustafson came to the Rudyard area to homestead with his parents in the Minneota community north of Rudyard in 1912. He continued to farm and also operated the implement dealership in the area. In 1949 he built the Hi-Line Theatre in Rudyard, which he operated until his retirement.

On February 4, 1928, in Havre, he married the former Pauline Nicholson, who survives him at their home in Rudyard. Also surviving are sons, Leonard of Richland, Washington, and Willard of Great Falls; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Irma) Blake Jr., Hingham; five grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Ivy Wicklund, Los Angeles, California. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Helen and Rowena.

A memorial has been established.

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.

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 for evermore.

Psalm 121

*In Memory of*  
**ALBIN GUSTAFSON**  
Date of Birth: March 23, 1896  
Hawley, Minnesota  
Date of Death: June 13, 1974  
Chester, Montana  
*Services*  
Monday, June 17, 1974  
3:00 p.m.  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Rudyard, Montana  
*Officiant*  
Pastor Wayne Pris  
*Interment*  
Rudyard Cemetery  
Rudyard, Montana

**ELSIE HANSON**  
**Born: February 14, 1891 - Died: July 17, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 25, 1974**

## Final rites held for Elsie Hanson

Funeral services were Saturday, July 20, at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for Elsie Hanson, Gildford area homesteader, who died July 17 in Havre.

Pastor Rodney Kvamme officiated at the funeral rites, with Donna Ellison as the organist. David Rice sang, "Jesus," and "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

Pallbearers were Edward Zabel, Walter Stuart, Dean Hanson, Evan Hansen, Stuart Brownlee, and John Campbell.

Burial was in the Highland Cemetery.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, February 14, 1891, she came to Montana in 1910 with her first husband, Christ Pappas, homesteading south of Gildford. Pappas preceded her in death in 1953. She later married Helmer Hanson, who preceded her in death in 1961.

Survivors include nieces and nephews.

**WILMA L. HAYS**  
**Born: August 20, 1904 - Died: March 31, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 4, 1974**

*March 31-1974*  
**Wilma Hays, 69**  
**dies of cancer**

Mrs. Wilma L. Hays, age 69, died on Sunday, March 31, 1974 at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls, Montana, after a lengthy illness of cancer.

She was born on August 20, 1904 in Badger, Minnesota and moved to Montana with her family in 1913. She attended schools in Dutton and Conrad, and was graduated from the Conrad High School. She taught school in the Hi-line area. She married Russell F. Hays on September 15, 1923 in Dutton, and they made their home in Conrad. She was appointed Clerk of the District Court in 1951 and then was elected to that position, which she held until her retirement in 1968.

She was a member of the Soroptomist Club, past-President of the Pondera County Democratic Women's Club, a member of the Democratic

Central Committee, the Christian Women's Club, and attended the Conrad Mission Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Russell in August of 1955.

Survivors include two daughters: Mrs. Beverly Jean Swank of Chester and Mrs. Fred (Patricia) Holstine of Conrad; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Doris Beringer of Cut Bank; two brothers: Paul Lathrop of Conrad and Bill Lathrop of Seattle, Washington, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were on Wednesday, April 3rd at the Conrad Mission Church, with Rev. Robert Goertz officiating, with burial in Hillside Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Fred Holstine, Chance Eaton, Darrol Groven, Arnold Lalum, Earl Keister, and Lester Hicks.

**MARTHA HERRINGTON**  
**Born: December 9, 1908 - Died: August 22, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 5, 1974**

*Sept 5 - 74*

## **M. Herrington Rites Held**

Funeral services were on Monday, August 26, in the Holland and Bonine funeral home at 4 p.m. for Martha Herrington, 65, of Gildford, who died in Chester August 22.

The Reverend Conrad Rodes conducted the services. Esther Griffith was the organist, and Clydene Swinney sang, "Rock of Ages", and "Old Rugged Cross".

Pallbearers were Lowell Stuart, Leonard Grimes, Percy Nordrum, Robert Lee, Don Sweeney, and Bill Crites.

Burial was in the Highland cemetery.

Born in Great Falls December 9, 1908, Mrs. Herrington spent most of her life in the Gildford area, attending schools there.

She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary.

On February 5, 1970, she married Allan Herrington in Inverness. He survives her at the home in Gildford. Also surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Georgann Kilby, Pebble Beach, California; and a son, John David Saller, Rowland Heights, California; sisters Mrs. Mary Hodgson, Bow Island, Alberta, and Mrs. Betty Drouillard, Missoula; a brother, Ben Sprague, Gildford; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother in 1953.

**MATTIE W. HILL**  
**Born: August 13, 1883 - Died: March 14, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 28, 1974**

## Services held for

**Mattie Hill, 90**

*March 28 - 74*

The Rev. Conrad Rhoads conducted funeral rites on Monday, March 18, at 2 p.m. in the Van Orsdel United Methodist church for Mrs. Mattie W. Hill, 90, of Kremlin, who died in Havre March 14.

Mike Stevenson sang, "How Great Thou Art," and "It Is Well With My Soul." Organist was Donna Ellison.

Pallbearers, all grandsons and great grandsons, were Charles Melby, Marv Melby, Arlan Melby, Dave Melby, Rick Melby, and Denny Melby. Ushers were Wilbur Rolston, James Reinowski, Norman Dees, and Don Danell.

Burial was in the Highland cemetery.

Born in Lansing, Michigan, August 13, 1883, Mrs. Hill was raised in Lansing, Britton, South Dakota, and Stirum, North Dakota. She came to the Havre area in 1913, where she married Vernon Hill April 4, 1913. The couple farmed south of Kremlin, where they have made their home since that time.

Mrs. Hill was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the United Methodist Women's club in Kremlin, and the United Methodist church in Kremlin.

Survivors include her husband; children, Mrs. Howard (Dorothy) Bailey, Kremlin, Mrs. Neva Lanbrecht, Lisbon, North Dakota, and Charles Cooper, Mt. Vernon, Washington; 14 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren; and a brother Stevie Hawkins of Detroit, Michigan. One daughter and two sisters preceded her in death.

A memorial has been established to the Northern Montana Hospital building fund.

**EMMA HOGENSON**  
**Born: ?, 1895 - Died: May 6, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 9, 1974**

*May 9 - 74*  
**E. Hogenson**  
**rites May 6**

Emma Hogenson, 79, died in Havre. Services were Monday at 2 p.m. at the Hingham Lutheran church, burial in Highland Cemetery, Havre.

Born in Perham, Minnesota, she came to Hingham in 1956.

Survivors include a son, La-Vernon, Hingham; daughter, Mrs. Helen Mellum, Eugene, Oregon; a brother, Fred Schmidt, Grand Rapids.

A memorial has been established to the Hingham Lutheran church.

**FLORENCE O. HUESTIS**  
**Born: ?, 1894 - Died: December 3, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 12, 1974**

*Dec 12 - 74*  
**Funeral services  
held Friday for  
F. Huestis**

Pastor Rodney Kvamme conducted funeral services on Friday, December 6, at 11 a.m. in the First Lutheran Church for Florence O. Huestis, 80, long time resident of the Havre and Hingham areas, who died in a local hospital December 3.

Donna Ellison was the organist. Peggy, Mary, Debbie, Cindy, and Kris Huestis sang "Softly and Tenderly," and "For Those Tears I Died." The congregation sang, "This Is My Father's World."

Pallbearers were Larry Huestis, Glen Huestis, Butch Halter, Marin Streeter, Donald Fox, and Dean Faltrino. Honorary pallbearers were Leonard Chvilicek, Bud VandeSandt, Jim Howendobler, Richard Crites, Richard Smith, and Ray Russell. Larry Tonjum and Norman Gorder were the ushers.

Burial was in the Highland cemetery.

## RONALD LEE HUESTIS

Born: April 13, 1949 - Died: July 13, 1974

Liberty County Times

July 18, 1974

### Ron Huestis, 25, killed in accident

The Highway patrol said Monday a Gildford man was killed when the pickup truck he was driving rolled over.

An officer said the victim was Ronald Lee Huestis, 25.

The accident happened Saturday night 12 miles north of Hingham.

Huestis' death brought the Montana traffic toll for this year to 133, compared with 152 a year ago.

Born in Havre April 13, 1949, Huestis graduated from Gildford High School in 1967. He attended a technical school in Denver, Colorado and returned to Gildford, where he farmed.

Huestis was active in athletics, particularly in football, during his high school years. He was a member of the

Goldstone Lutheran Church north of Gildford.

On May 18, 1972, he married the former Kris Legere in the Goldstone Lutheran Church. She survives him. Also surviving are a daughter, Brook; sisters, Dianna, Hingham, Bonnie, Big Sandy, Peggy, Debbie, and Cindy Gildford, and Mary, Bozeman; grandmother, Mrs. F. E. Huestis, Havre; and numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles. His parents preceded him in death in 1968.

Funeral services were Wednesday, July 17, at 10 a.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran church in Rudyard. Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens. A requiem Mass was said at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic church in Hingham.

A memorial has been established to the KG High School Athletic fund.

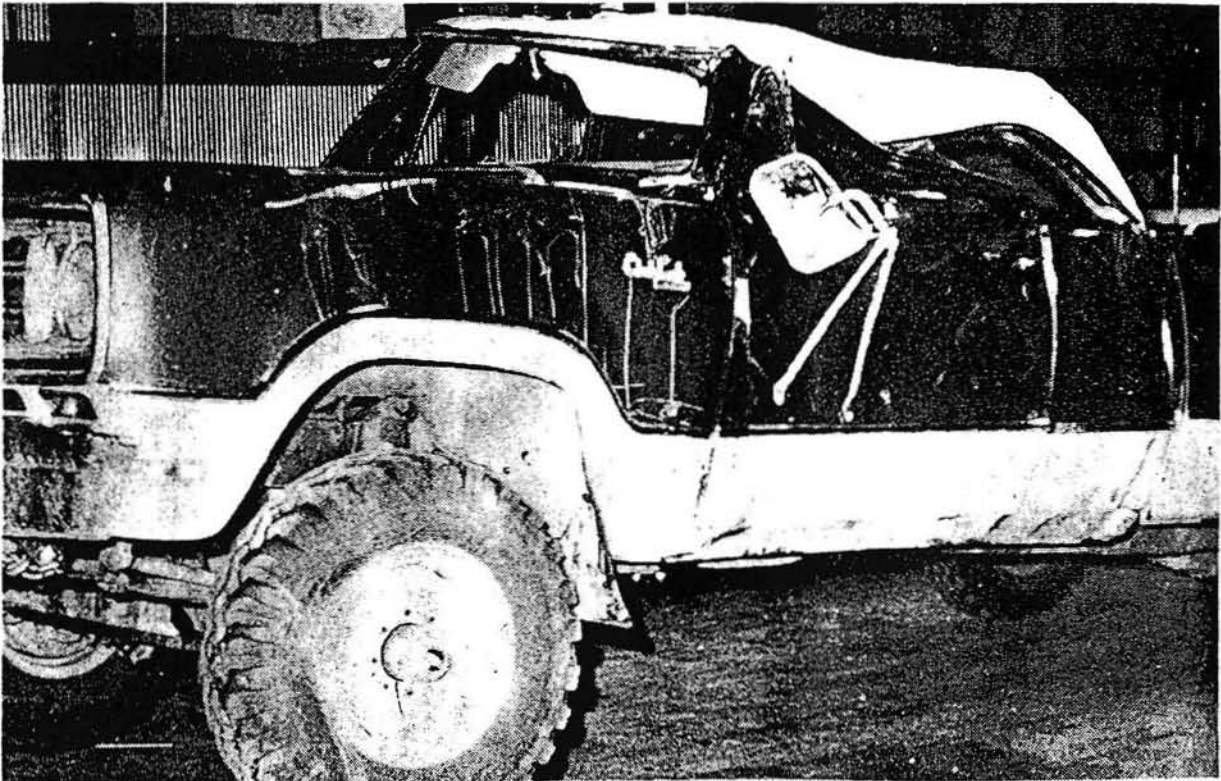
Pastor Wayne Pris conducted funeral rites in Our Savior's Lutheran church in Rudyard on Wednesday, July 17, at 10 a.m. for Ronald Lee Huestis.

Huestis, 25, of Gildford, died July 13.

Organist was Donna Kapperud. The Herb Hofer family sang, "What a Day That Will Be."

Pallbearers were Alan Chinadle, Wayne Spicher, Dick Brekke, Russ Getten, Leonard Chvilicek, and Gary Brekke. Ushers were Art Brekke, Gary Robertson, Byron Boucher, Lloyd Vande Sandt, and Larry Chvilicek.

Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in havre.



RONALD LEE HUESTIS, 25—of Gildford was killed when this pickup truck which he was driving overturned 12 miles north of Hingham. Funeral services were held Wednesday in Our Savior's Lutheran church of Rudyard. He was a graduate of Gildford High School and a memorial fund has been established for the athletic fund of KG high school.



**ELMER HULTIN**  
**Born: October 15, 1876 - Died: January 31, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 7, 1974**

*Feb 7 - 74*  
**Elmer Hultin**  
**dies at 97**

Elmer Hultin, 97, Masonic home, died Thursday, January 31 in St. Peters hospital in Helena. He was born in Sweden October 15, 1876 and came to the United States and settled in the Joplin area. He farmed and was a salesman. Hultin was a past member and 50 year member of Joplin Lodge No. 116 A.F. & A.M. He has been a resident of the Masonic Home since 1961. Survivors include the widow Alma, Joplin. Four daughters, Mrs. Leif Amundson, Missoula; Ruth N. Downing, Mill Valley, California; Jay Hultin, Tacoma, Washington; Mrs. Robert Sonntag, in Elazip, Turkey and three sons, John, Hingham; Ralph, Midland, Michigan; F. A. Hultin, Hawaii; 16 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. from the Retz Chapel in Helena with the Rev. James Hunter officiating and memorial services by King Solomon Lodge No. 9 AF & A.M.

Burial was in the Masonic Home plot of Forest Vale cemetery in Helena.

DOUGLAS JENSEN

Born: September ?, 1973 - Died: September 27, 1974

Liberty County Times

October 3, 1974

*Oct 5-74*  
Jensen infant  
drowns in tub

Douglas Jensen, 13-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Jensen of Billings drowned early Friday in the bathtub in the family home in Billings Heights. The child was found in the tub by his mother who had pulled the drain stopper. Somehow the stopper was replaced and the accident occurred. When she found the child, he was rushed to a Billings hospital, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Funeral services were held in the Church of Latter Day Saints in Billings Monday. Graveside services were conducted at the Chester cemetery by Pastor Noel Petersen of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Chester.

The infant is survived by his mother and father and a brother, Dean; by his maternal grandmother, Alice Elliott, and by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jensen of Chester.

HARRY R. JOHNSON

Born: January 12, 1923 - Died: July 13, 1974

Liberty County Times

July 18, 1974

Harry R. Johnson, 51 of Alkabo, North Dakota, died in the local hospital Thursday following an accident on U. S. Highway No. 2 at Lothair. Damage to the new truck he was driving was estimated at \$5,000.

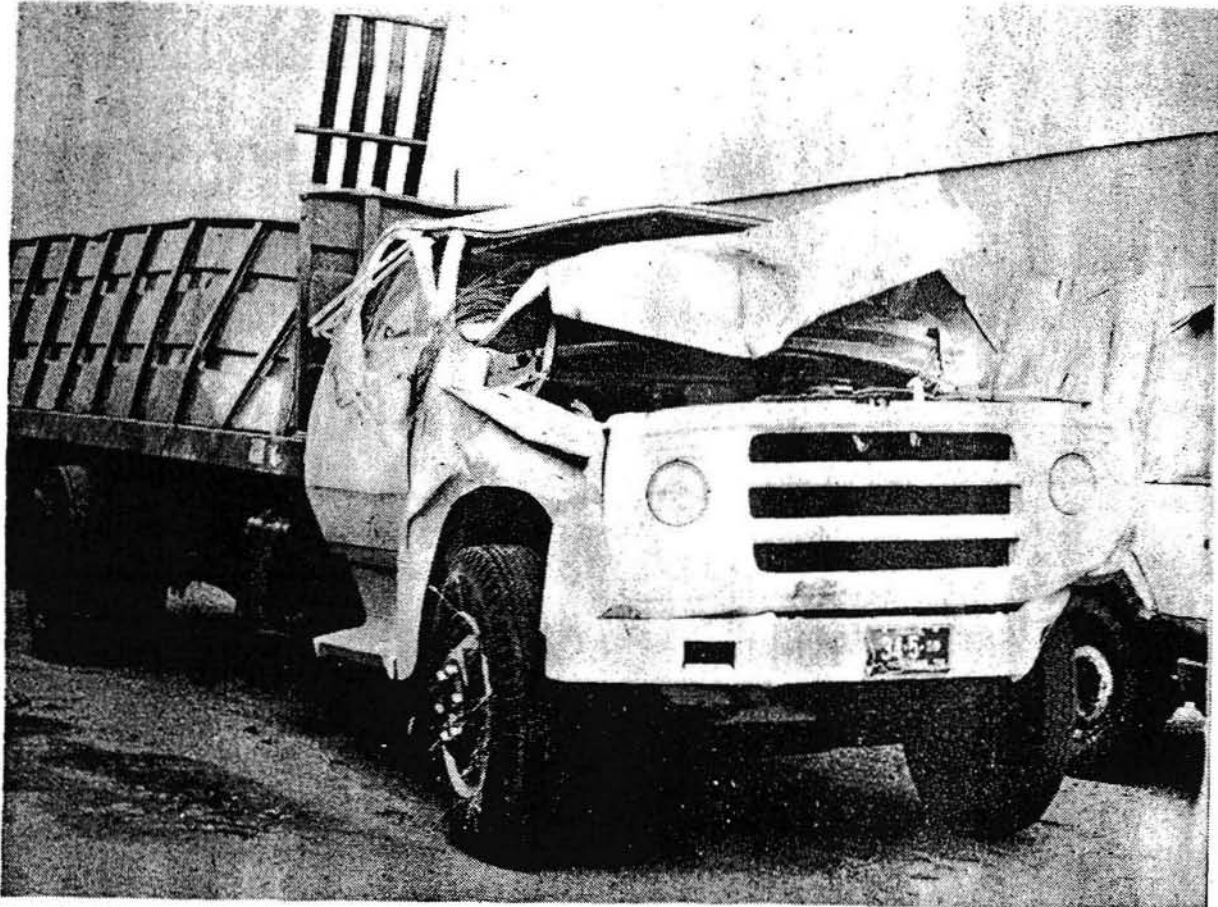
According to Highway Patrolman Gary Bjorklund who investigated the accident, Johnson was eastbound on U. S. No. 2 at Lothair about 3:05 p.m. The truck went off the south side of the road and rolled. The driver was thrown from the vehicle. He was taken to the hospital by Liberty County ambulance, and died after arrival.

## Trucker dies after Lothair crash

*July 18 - 74*  
It is assumed the driver dozed at the wheel.

The body was taken to Great Falls for an autopsy before being taken to North Dakota for funeral services.

Johnson operated a ranch at Alkabo and also a trucking outfit. He was single. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Anna Kraft Johnson of Alkabo and a brother and two sisters of Alkabo.



HARRY R. JOHNSON, 51-of Alkado, North Dakota dies in the local hospital following a crash in Lothair in this truck. Johnson was thrown from the truck as it overturned.

**NELLIE MARIA (OHMAN) KIDD**  
**Born: May 31, 1892 - Died: July 29, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 15, 1974**

## **Memorial Service For Mary Kidd**

A service of remembrance and Thanksgiving was held for Mary Kidd August 10 at 10 a.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Pastor Timothy H. Solberg officiating. Mrs. Kidd passed away July 29, 1974 at Valle Vista Convalescent Hospital in Escondido, California at the age of 82.

Mary Kidd was born Nellie Maria Ohman on May 31, 1892, to Carl and Christina Ohman in Harnas, Sweden. The Ohmans came to America in 1909 and lived in Spokane for one year. In 1910 they homesteaded at Joplin and Mary remained in Spokane and Great Falls working for the next few years.

On April 15, 1918 she was united in marriage to Charles Kidd in Great Falls. In 1928 Mary and her son, Donald, moved to the Joplin family farm. From Joplin, she moved to Havre in 1951 and in 1962 to Glendale, California.

One son, three brothers and one sister preceded her in death. She is survived by one son Donald Kidd of Escondido, California; one sister, Carrie Walworth of Escondido; and three grandsons, David and Daniel Kidd of Joplin and Robert Kidd of Escondido; and two great grandchildren, Kelly and Troy Kidd.

Judy Lake sang solo selections of In The Garden and Beyond the Sunset for the service. Organist was Thelma Anderson. Ushers were Bud Pöbber and Frank Meldrum.

Pallbearers were Erwin Carlson, Elmer Hadford, Lloyd Hadford, Lyle Hadford, Joe Minnehan and Joe Terwolbeck.

Interment was in the Chester Cemetery. A memorial has been established at the Liberty County Hospital in Mary Kidd's memory. A memorial service was also held in Escondido August 6 in the chapel of Alhiser-Wilson Mortuary.

**MAUDE R. KIEL**  
**Born: 7, 1886 - Died: December 2, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 12, 1974**

## **Maude Kiel services held**

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. John Pugh on Friday, December 6, at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for Maude R. Kiel.

Mrs. Kiel, 88, was a former Hingham area resident. She died in Missoula on Monday, December 2.

Organist was Sharon Spicher, Mrs. Kenneth Kiel sang, "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me," and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

Pallbearers were Clement B. Spicher, Richard Spicher, Bill Spicher, Lee Farrell, K.R. Kiel, and Albert Maethe.

Burial was in the Hingham cemetery.

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**WILMER SCOTT KINDSCHY**

Born: June 20, 1894 - Died: October 31, 1974

Liberty County Times

November 7, 1974

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## **Funeral held Kindschy**

### **HINGHAM NEWS**

by Mrs. Jim Muller

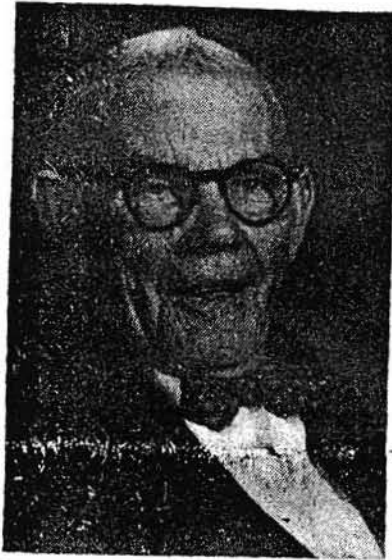
Funeral services for Wilmer (Scott) Kindschy were held at the Holland-Bonine Funeral Home in Havre Monday morning with burial in the Hingham cemetery.

Kindschy farmed in the Hingham area for many years and just this summer moved to Columbia Falls to make his home at the Soldiers Home there. He passed away Thursday, October 31, the victim of cancer.

Sympathy is extended to his sister Ruth, now of Spokane.

A dinner for family and friends was held at the Lyle Wise home following the funeral.

**NICKLAS LAAS**  
**Born: Sep 1, 1888 - Died: May 19, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 30, 1974**



**Funeral held for  
Nick Laas, 85**

*May 30 - 74*

Our Saviour's Lutheran church in Chester was the scene of funeral services on Wednesday, May 22, at 2 p.m. for retired Chester area farmer Nicklas Laas.

Laas, 85, died in Chester Sunday, May 19.

Pastor Noel Petersen officiated at the funeral rites. Mrs. Noel Petersen was the accompanist, and Jan Wingenbach sang, "The Old Rugged Cross," and "The Lord's Prayer." The congregation sang, "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were Walt Laas, Charles Laas, Gus Laas, Bill Schultz, Bill Hamel and Ted Leffler. Honorary pallbearers were Clark McBride, Jake Walkman, John Roke, Carl Harlem, Gus Robo and Mark Reisenauer. Ushers were Narciss Gagnon and Allen Kolstad.

Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Nick Laas was born in Russia on September 1, 1888.

He started out by himself for this country as a young man

and was turned back once. But he was determined he wanted to come to this country so his brother gave him his own passport and Nick came as quickly as he could.

The boat landed in Canada and he came down into the New York area and he said he'd never been so cold in all his life.

He stopped in South Dakota and found work in a teachers home and he did all the handy mans jobs there for a short time. He then headed north into Canada to an Estonian settlement.

Later he came to Montana and found work on the Findley Murray ranch and the John Roke ranch. He homesteaded north of Chester and during the dry years he worked at the smelter in Great Falls and the Great Northern Railroad.

Then he went back into Canada to visit at the Estonian settlement and there met Lizzie Kirbes. They married February 24, 1916 in Havre, Montana and Lizzie took up a homestead north of Chester.

Nick continued farming and was in various businesses. In later years he had a home in Hot Springs, Montana, and one on the Flathead lake.

Survivors are the widow; daughters, Mrs. Mabel Schultz of Chester; Mrs. Billie Hamel of Ledger; and Mrs. Edna Leffler, Spokane; sons, Walter, Charles and Gus, all of Chester.

He is also survived by 20 grand children and 3 great grand children. Two grand children preceded him in death.

**ARNOLD CHESTER (ARNIE) LANGEL**  
**Born: March 26 , 1899 - Died: December 28, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 9, 1975**

## Arnie Langel services Jan. 2

Arnold Chester (Arnie) Langel, 75, retired farmer and rancher from Rudyard, died at the family home December 28.

Funeral services were held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Rudyard, Thursday, Jan. 2, at 2 p.m. A memorial has been established to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester.

Born in Bloomer, Wisconsin, March 26, 1899, Langel spent most of his life in Montana.

He married the former Helen McCann in Havre December 26, 1921. She survives him. Also surviving are sons, Duaine, Chester, Richard, Jerry, and Stanley, Rudyard; daughters, Mrs. William (Lucille) Miller, Salem, Oregon, Ms. Lillian Frank, Lewistown, Mrs. Lloyd (Audrey) Kaercher, Havre, Mrs. Robert (Katherine) Brandt, Hingham, and Dorothy Ann Langel, Rudyard; 40 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arnold F. (Alice) Langel, Rudyard; sisters, Mrs. Hayes (Tracie) Starks and Mrs. Clifford (Dorothy) Hodgson, both of Mesa, Arizona; and brothers, Robert, Henry, and Ted, all of Rudyard. One son preceded him in death.

*In Memory of*

*ARNOLD C. LANGEL*

Date of Birth: March 26, 1899

Bloomer, Wisconsin

Date of Death: December 28, 1974

Rudyard, Montana

*Services*

Thursday, January 2, 1975

2:00 p.m.

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Rudyard, Montana

*Officiant*

Pastor Wayne Pris

*Interment*

Rudyard Cemetery

Rudyard, Montana



**ALBERT LARSON**

**Born: December 3, 1911 - Died: December 6, 1974**

**Liberty County Times**

**December 12, 1974**

**Albert Larson,  
67, died Dec. 6,  
services Dec. 10**

Albert Larson, 63, was born at Fertile, Minnesota December 3, 1911 to Lewis and Ida Larson. He passed away December 6, 1974 at the Liberty County rest home, where he has been in ill health.

Albert was born and raised in Fertile, Minnesota. Then he joined the Army before the second world war and was stationed at Anchorage, Alaska for three years. He then came to Montana and worked on various farms and ranches in the triangle area. Albert was also known as "Swede" and was liked by everyone.

Albert is survived by three sisters, Mrytle and Freda, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Ester, Fertile, Minnesota; two brothers, Lloyd of Crookston, Minnesota; John, McIntoch, Minnesota. He is preceded in death by his father and mother, two sisters and one brother.

Graveside services were held Tuesday at the Chester Cemetery with Pastor Alfred Rosgard officiating. Pallbearers were Lloyd Oswood, Leo Jensen, Harold Jensen, B.J. Oswood, Hales Scalese, and Harold Jeppesen.

**ANDREW LIPP**  
**Born: February 7, 1890 - Died: August 10, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 15, 1974**

*Aug 15 - 74*  
**Andrew Lipp**  
**Dies August 10**

Hingham area homesteader Andrew Lipp, 84, died in Havre on Saturday, August 10.

Rosary was recited on Monday, August 12, at 8 p.m. in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic church in Hingham. Funeral Mass was Tuesday, August 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the church, with burial in the Hingham cemetery.

Lipp was born February 7, 1890 in Germany. He came to the Hingham area in 1913 from North Dakota, and homesteaded.

He was a member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus.

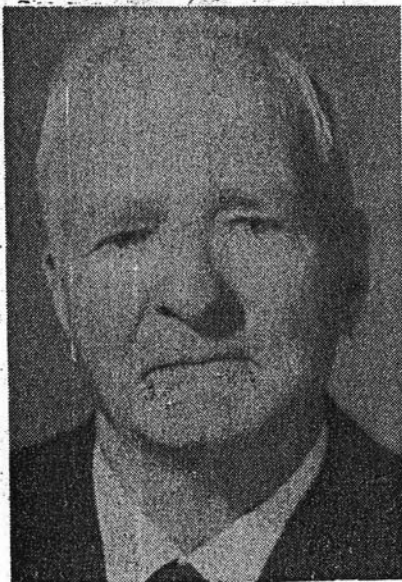
He was preceded in death in 1948 by his wife, Kathryn, who he married in 1912 in North Dakota. Survivors include daughters, Mrs. Francis (Betty) O'Donnell, Havre, and Mrs. Neil (Madge) Balow, Seattle, Washington, sons, Bill, Matt, Phil, and Frank, all of Hingham; 30 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Ben (Mary) Feist, North Dakota, and Mrs. Katie Rohrich, Strassberg, North Dakota; and brothers, Phil and Matthew of Timberlake, South Dakota.

**HANS CHRISTIAN LYBECK**  
**Born: April 24, 1887 - Died: September 5, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 19, 1974**

## Funeral held for Hans Lybeck

Funeral services were held for Hans Christian Lybeck in Kalispell on September 9.

Officiating at the services for the Liberty county homesteader was Elder Richard Knapp of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Bearers were his grandsons Dan, Daryle, and Duane Lybeck, Kent and Kevin Lybeck, Clifford Jr. and Colin Lybeck and Jerry Sievers.



Hans Lybeck was born in Little Hammer, Norway April 24, 1887. Coming to the United States as a young man he was married to Karen Kall, also of Norway in Great Falls in 1918. From this union were born five children. The family made their home in the Laird community until they retired to the Flat-head valley in 1948.

He was preceded in death by his wife, a son Harold, daughter Cora and two grandchildren. He is survived by three sons, Ray of Kalispell, Willard of Zurich, and Clifford of Chester; one brother in Norway, twenty four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

## BURNHAM H. MURRAY

Born: October 24, 1902 - Died: September 27, 1974

Liberty County Times

October 3, 1974

### Funeral held for B. Murray, 71

Burnham Murray, 71, prominent retired Chester business man died Friday at the local hospital.

Born at Hunter's Hot Springs, his family settled on a ranch in the Sweetgrass Hills, and a member of the first four year class to graduate from Chester High School in 1921. He attended the Butte School of Mines, owned his first business, a taxi cab company, in Minneapolis, and after his father's death returned to the family ranch near Whitlash.

He married Joyce Sciacqua in Stockett in 1941. During World War II he worked at Hill Field Air Service Command in Ogden, Utah, and at Gore Field, Great Falls. In 1951 he established a Ford tractor dealership at Whitlash and moved it to Chester two years later where he operated it until retiring in 1971. He has served as mayor and alderman in Chester and recently was elected chairman of the Liberty County Library Board. He is survived by his widow; a son, Gregg, of Albuquerque, N.M.; a daughter, Glee Murray, Billings; two brothers and one sister.

Rev. Leon H. Johnson officiated at services Tuesday, October 1 at 1:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Chester. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Yvonne McCallum was organist and "Amazing Grace" was sung by Dorothy Brown, Rose Ish, and Garth Good. The congregation sang "Happy the Home when God is There."

Pallbearers were Gary Byers, Dean Lundquist, Troy Lakey, Marvin Krook Neil Snyder, and Tom Lakey. Ushers were Arthur Morrison and Swen Sundgren.

**EVAN NARESTAD**  
**Born: ? - Died: December 5, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 12, 1974**

Thursday, December 12, 1974

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## Evan Narestad dies in Idaho

### RUDYARD NEWS

by Bev Nealy

Deepest regrets are extended to the family of Evan Narestad who passed away at a Sandpoint Hospital, Thursday, December 5th. The funeral was held Monday the 9th at 2 p.m. at the Lutheran Church at Sandpoint, Idaho. Those going to Idaho were: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Langel, Mr. and Mrs. Jake VanWechel, Mr. and Mrs. Lester VanWechel, Frances and Tom Evenson, Carl Narestad, Kay Norenberg, and Tommy and Alice Wilson. He operated a cafe in Rudyard for 25 years.

**LAVINA NORDSTROM**  
**Born: August 11, 1896 - Died: January 2, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 24, 1974**

*Jan 24 - 74*  
L. Nordstrom,  
77, died Jan. 2

Mrs. Harry (Lavina) Nordstrom, 77, a resident of Washougal, Washington died at her home Wednesday, January 2nd.

Services were held Saturday, January 5th, at Straub's Swank Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Thomas Roop and the Rev. George Jefferson officiating. Memorial rites were by Columbian Rebekah Lodge No. 220. Interment was in Washougal Memorial Cemetery.

She was born in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, August 11, 1896. On March 8, 1917, she married Harry L. Nordstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Nordstrom, Chester, Montana. They made their home in Chester, north on the old Taylor Place until 1920, at which time they moved to Chinook, Montana. In July, 1922, after Axel Nordstrom died they moved back to help Jenny Nordstrom on the farm, leasing 160 acres from Thielman and lived here until November, 1926.

She was a member of the Bethel Congregational church, the Columbian Rebekah Lodge 220 and the North American Benefit Association.

Survivors are her husband, Harry; two sons, Charles Nordstrom of Bellevue, Washington and Raymond Nordstrom of Walnut Creek, California; a daughter, Mrs. Ray (Margaret) Fitzgerald of Washougal, Washington; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Harry Knapp, Fox Home, Minnesota and James Knapp, Phoenix, Arizona; and a sister, Mrs. Mintie Swenson of Mesa, Arizona. Relatives from Chester are: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nordstrom, Mrs. Ellen Irons, Mrs. Florence Trovatten, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keith and families and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nordstrom and family.

The last time Harry and Lavina were visiting in Chester was in June, 1972. A memorial in her name will be made to the Bethel Congregational church, Washougal, Washington building fund.

**RUTH POPPLER**  
**Born: January 15, 1885 - Died: May 11, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 16, 1974**

*May 16 - 74*

## **Funeral held for Ruth Poppler,**

Joplin area homesteader Ruth Poppler, 89, died in Chester on Saturday, May-11.

Funeral services were Wednesday, May 15, at 10 a.m. in the Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin. Burial was in the Joplin cemetery.

Born in Norway January 15, 1885, Mrs. Poppler married Benjamin Poppler in 1909 in St. Paul, Minnesota. In 1913 the couple moved to Joplin to homestead, and remained there until their retirement in 1948. They moved to Kalispell in 1948 and returned to Joplin in 1959.

Mrs. Poppler was a member of the Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin, and the Ladies Aide of the church.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1964. Among survivors are daughters, Mrs. Loraine Brickman, Rancho Santa Fe, California, Mrs. Lucille Thorson, Joplin, and Mrs. Blanche Anderson, Rudyard; a son, Earl (Bud) Poppler, Joplin; nine grandchildren. Three daughters and one sister preceded her in death.

## ALBERT J. PSOTKA

Born: September 29, 1886 - Died: November 30, 1974

Liberty County Times  
December 12, 1974

### Residents father dies in Iowa

Albert J. Psotka, 88, retired farmer, died Saturday November 30th at the Hancock Co. Memorial Hospital, Britt, Iowa.

He was the son of John and Barbara Psotka. He was born September 29, 1886 in Moravia, Czechoslovakia. He was married to Anna Blaha on August 11, 1909 in Czechoslovakia. They came to the U.S.A. and settled in Chicago, Illinois. In 1918 they came to the Duncan area and farmed.

He was a member of the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church at Duncan and a member of the Catholic Workman's Lodge since 1932.

He was preceded in death by his wife Anna, one daughter, Mary, one son, Albert, and one great grand-daughter Amy.

Survivors are: one son, Jerry Psotka of Union Grove Lake, Garwin, Iowa; three daughters, Mrs. Ralph (Vlasta) Hejlik of Garner, Iowa, Mrs. William (Agnes) Cole, Chester, Montana, Mrs. James (Helen) Utt, Algona, Iowa; twenty-one grand children, and twenty-nine great grand children.

Services were held on Monday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, with Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Chikak officiating. Interment was at St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Duncan. Rosary was held at 8:00 p.m. for the parish, and 8:30 p.m. for the Catholic Workman at the Bohn Funeral Home.

Active Pallbearers were Jerry Psatha, Kenneth Hejlik, Dennis Hejlik, Gary Hejlik, James Psatha, James Utt. Honorary Pallbearers were Larry J. Hejlik, Timothy M. Cole, Robert A. Hejlik, Wm. V. Cole, Ralph J. Hejlik, and Gregg R. Hejlik.



**ROBERT C. REUM**  
**Born: ?, 1926 - Died: March 10, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 15, 1974**

*Mar 15-74*  
**Reum Rites**  
**Held Thur.**

Pastor S. Jerome Elness conducted funeral rites on Thursday, March 14, at 11 a.m. in the First Lutheran church in Havre for Kremlin farmer Robert C. Reum, 48, who died March 10 in Havre.

Donna Ellison was the organist. Terry Stevenson sang, "How Great Thou Art," and "It Is No Secret."

Pallbearers were Stanley Knutson, Robert Koutnik, Charles Melby, Stanley Gomke, Earl Carpenter, Richard Vosen, Don Donoven, and Norman Johnson. Ushers were Lloyd Randolph and Leonard Kositzky.

Entombment was in the Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Mausoleum in Great Falls.

**OLIVE A. RICHARDSON**  
**Born: 7, 1901 - Died: November 12, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 28, 1974**

## **Funeral services held for Olive Richardson in Choteau**

Mrs. Olive A. Richardson, 73, wife of Gilbert F. Richardson of Choteau, died Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Teton Memorial Hospital after an illness of over a year. Mrs. Richardson was born in Fisher, Minn. Her childhood was spent in the states of Dakota and Montana. She completed her education in Washington state and taught school for a number of years in Olympia, Washington.

In 1945 she married Gilbert Richardson and together they owned and operated a theatre

in Chester, Montana. In 1958 they purchased the Roxy Theatre in Choteau which they operated until their retirement in 1969.

In addition to her husband, she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Anne Carpenter of Palm Desert California and Mrs. Bernice Grant of Kent, Washington, and a nephew, Gerald J. Grant, Kent, Washington.

Services for Mrs. Richardson were private with cremation. Friends may send remembrances to favorite charities or the American Cancer Society.

**DAVID ARTHUR RITCHIE**  
**Born: August 16, 1938 - Died: July 14, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 25, 1974**

*July 18 - 74*  
**Dave Ritchie killed in accident**

**HERE AND THERE**  
**By Almira Brevick**

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ritchie received word that their son David had been killed in an accident at Stanfield, Oregon when a feed lift he was operating tipped over. They left that evening with Bishop Ordell Wright and his wife Darleen Wright of the Shelby ward of the Church of Jesus Christs Latter Day Saints for Oregon. Monday afternoon his sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eau Claire of Stanfield, Minnesota and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ritchie left to attend the funeral.

*July 25 - 74*  
**Services for**  
**David Ritchie in**  
**Oregon, July 16**

David Arthur Ritchie was born August 16, 1938 at Wahkon, Minnesota. He died Sunday, July 14, 1974 at Stanfield, Oregon.

David spent most of his life in Minnesota; attended school at Wahkon, Virginia and Buhl Minnesota. He moved to Chester, Montana in 1967, residing with his parents. In May of 1973 he left Chester to work in Chelan, Washington; from there he traveled to Hermiston, Oregon and from there to Stanfield, where he met and married Dawn Hudson, on April 20, 1974. He was employed by the Brent Horn Ranch at the time of his death,

David is survived by his wife Dawn, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ritchie of Chester, Montana; brothers Joseph of Stanfield, Oregon; and Daniel of Chester, Montana, and a sister, Velma, of Stanchfield, Minnesota; aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Funeral was held from the Morman Church, Hermiston, Oregon, with burial in the Stanfield Cemetery. He had a semi-military service.

**ROBERT ALLEN RITCHIE**  
**Born: September 17, 1926 - Died: January 31, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 6, 1974**

## Cook dies in hotel room

The body of Robert Allen Ritchie was found in a room at the Grand Hotel in Chester Friday afternoon. It was discovered by Don Gummer who notified authorities. Sheriff Grant Jeppesen said cause of death has not been determined. He said the man had been dead several days, and decomposition had begun. Jeppesen said there was no evidence of foul play.

Robert Allen Ritchie had been a cook in the Snow Slip Inn at East Glacier for many years, and was known by a few local people. He was born September 17, 1926. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Ritchie of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. He is the father of one son, Robert Jr.

**WILLARD C. ROCKMAN**  
**Born: July 21, 1909 - Died: January 22, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 24, 1974**

**Funeral held for  
Willard C.  
Rockman**

Willard C. Rockman was born July 21, 1909 in Havre, Montana. His parents were the late Christ and Helga Rockman. Mr. Rockman's boyhood years were spent on a farm north of Chester and in Chester. He graduated from high school at the age of 15 years and attended business college in Seattle, Washington. Later he came back to Chester and operated the cafe in the Grand Hotel. He also owned and managed the Tip Top and during this time spent six months at Whitehorse, British Columbia as the head cook for the Elliott Construction Company while they were building the Alaskan Highway in 1943. He sold the Tip Top Cafe to manage the Grand Hotel, Bar and Cafe until it was sold in 1950. Mr. Rockman and his family lived in Western Montana for several years until he bought back the Grand in 1960 where he has resided until now.

Mr. Rockman is survived by his wife, Marian, two daughters, Winifred Kaepfel of Remington, Indiana, Janice Kaepfel

of Bothell, Washington, five grandchildren, Kurt, Jeff, Kendra, Jana and Todd, four brothers, Edward Rockman, Great Falls, Montana, Sevier Rockman, Chester, Montana, Harry Rockman, Polson, Montana, George Rockman, Bremer-ton, Washington, three sisters, Ruth Ish and Lillian Wright, Chester, Montana and Helen Carr, Port Blakely, Washington.

Mr. Rockman is preceded in death by one grandson and two brothers.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge of Havre for 38 years.

Funeral services were held in Our Savior's Lutheran church of Chester Saturday afternoon with Pastor Noel Petersen presiding. Soloist was Janice Wig-enbach accompanied by Mrs. Bruce McCallum. She sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Does Jesus Care." Congregational hymns were "It Is Well With My Soul" and "Oh, That Will Be Glory."

Pallbearers were Tyrone Rockman, Gene Rockman, Les Rockman, Bud Ish, Ron Senger and John Dolezal. Honorary pallbearers were Brett Smith, John Kossel, Bob Wright, Fred Maki, James Marshall and Cliff Krejci. Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

**MARY C. ROKE**  
**Born: January 28, 1900- Died : December 2, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 5, 1974**

## Services held for Mary Roke, 74, Thursday

Mary Catherine Roke was born in Bentonsport, Iowa, on January 28, 1900, to George and Addie Bell Shepherd. The family moved to Cooperstown, North Dakota in 1902. In 1916, they moved to Montana and homesteaded south of Chester. She was married to John S. Roke on July 20, 1924, in Havre, Montana. To this union, one daughter, Janell was born. Mary was an active member of the Chester United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She passed away early Monday morning, December 2nd, at the Liberty County Hospital.

Those that revere her memory are her husband, her daughter and son-in-law, Janell and Sterling Wardell, five grandchildren, four great grandchildren, sisters, Mrs. Veda Mills of Spokane, Washington, Mrs. Mabel Warrington of Chester, Misses Mildred and Gladys Shepherd of Des Moines, Iowa, and brothers, Glen Shepherd of Kalispell, and Dr. Loyd K. Shepherd of Des Moines, Iowa.

Services were held at the United Methodist Church, Chester, Montana, on Thursday, December 5, 1974, with Rev. Leon Johnson officiating. Pallbearers were Orval Brain, Walter Wicks, Darby O'Brien, Lyle Glee, Alva Shettel, and Clarence McDowell. Ushers were Neil Shepherd and Vern Cramer. Members of the Chester Methodist Choir provided musical selections. Internment was at the Chester cemetery.

**MELVIN L. SCHAEFER**  
**Born: January 15, 1923 - Died: March 31, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 4, 1974**

## Rites held for Melvin Schaefer

Melvin L. Schaefer, 51, north Chester farmer died early Sunday morning in the local hospital of cancer. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic church. Burial was in the Chester cemetery with Holland-Bonine Funeral Home of Havre in charge.

He was born in Paola, Kansas, and came to the Chester area in 1933 with his parents to farm. He married Barbara Mangold on January 6, 1945 in Inverness.

Survivors include the widow; children, Roger of Minneapolis and Donald and Elayne of Chester; two grandchildren; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schaefer of Chester and a sister, Mrs. Aden (Maxine) Ward of Chester.

**RAY SCHWEDE**  
**Born: June 17, 1906 - Died: November 24, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 5, 1974**

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**Ray Schwede**  
**dies in N. Dak.**

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, the 29th of November in the Berthold Baptist Church in Berthold, North Dakota for Raymond Edward Schwede, 68, whose death occurred Sunday, November 24 in the Stanley hospital where he had been a patient for about three weeks following a heart attack.

Rev. David Van Gorkom officiated and burial was in the cemetery at Aurelia. Rolly W. Darling Post 171 of the American Legion at Berthold, conducted the military rites.

Vocal music was provided by Monte and Mike Greenup, and Mrs. Wilbur Greenup organist.

Pallbearers were his nephews, Gerald and Melvin Schwede, Terry Schwede, Curtis and Duaine Sloan and Gary Deaver.

Honorary pall bearers were his cousins, Manuel Schwede, Fritz Schwede, Ray Bott, Art Bott, Herb Schwede and Richard Layton. Herman St. Aubin and Norman Lee were ushers.

Raymond was born on June 17, 1906 in Ree township, Ward County, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schwede. He has lived and farmed in the Hartland-Berthold area all his life except for the time he served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Amelia Schwede of Berthold, two brothers, Floyd of Berthold, and DeForest of Chester, Montana, and a sister, Mrs. Lulu Sloan of Berthold.



**MAUDE (BARNES) SHERRARD**  
**Born: March 19, 1898 - Died: November 29, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 12, 1974**

## **Funeral held for Maude Sherrard**

Funeral services for Mrs. Maude (Barnes) Sherrard, were conducted Monday, December 2 at 2 p.m. in the Community Methodist church with Rev. Charles Galbreath of the Methodist church and Pastor Noel Petersen of St. Olaf Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Mountainview cemetery.

Pallbearers were Robert Sherrard, Leslie Sherrard, Tom Sherrard Jr. Mike Sherrard, Roy Sherrard, David Fowler, Shawn Sherrard and Don Sherrard, all are grandsons.

Maude (Barnes) Sherrard passed away Friday morning November 29, 1974, in the Toole County Hospital following a brief illness.

Maude was born in Albion, Washington, March 19, 1898, to Jay and Jessie Barnes. The family moved to Galata in 1912. The first winter was spent in Galata and then they moved to a homestead seven miles south of Galata. John and Maude were married May 20, 1921 in Shelby. To this union five children were born, John Jr. of Ledger, Tom of Ledger, Mrs. Ted Fowler, Ledger, James of Shelby and Jerry of Cut Bank. She is also survived by her husband John, two sisters, Lois Porter, Shelby, and Mary E. Allison, Shelby; 21 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Ebon J. Barnes and Wesley E. Barnes.

Maude and John homesteaded south of Galata in 1921 and moved to Shelby in 1957. Maude was a member of St. Olaf Ladies' Aid at Ledger.

Memorials will go to Toole County Ambulance fund.

CORA (LYBECK) SIEVERS

Born: August 3, 1919 - Died: April 16, 1974

Liberty County Times

May 2, 1974

**Cora Lybeck  
Sievers dies  
in Libby**

Cora Sievers, 54, passed away in Libby April 16, 1974. She was born August 3, 1919 in Great Falls, first born to Karen and Hans Lybeck. Mrs. Sievers attended rural Laird school and graduated from Chester high school with the class of 1937. She received her nursing degree in Walla Walla, Washington and her BS degree in Washington, D.C., her anesthetist degree from Chicago.

She married William Sievers in Kalispell June 24, 1951. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church.

Surviving are her widower, a son, Jerry and three daughters, Janet, Susan and Debra at Libby, her father Hans Lybeck at Kalispell and three brothers, Clifford of Chester, Ray of Kalispell and Williard of Zurich, Montana.

Funeral services were held April 22, 1974 at the Vial Funeral Home in Libby, Montana.

**ESTHER (GOLBERG) SMITH**  
**Born: October 13, 1913 - Died: April 21, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 25, 1974**



**Mrs. Esther Smith**

## Funeral held for Esther Smith

Mrs. Morris (Esther) Smith 60, died at her home north of Rudyard Sunday evening, April 21, 1974.

Esther Golberg was born October 13, 1913, in Havre, Montana and attended schools in Rudyard. After receiving a lifetime teacher's certificate from NMC, she taught in rural and Rudyard schools for 5 years. She married Morris Smith June 21, 1941 in Great Falls. They farmed and ranched north of Rudyard.

Loving her Lord and serving Him here on earth, she was Lutheran Bible School Superintendent for nearly 20 years, Sunday school teacher and superintendent for 15 years, Luther League advisor for 11 years, chaperoning and leading youth to national conventions in Missoula, Miami and Detroit. An active member of circle and ALCW, she made quilts until her hands were no longer able to sew.

Esther was an active 4-H leader for 15 years, holding county, district and state offices, counseling at camps and state congress and chaperoning a group of 4-Hers to a Washington, D.C., citizenship conference. She resumed teaching again from 1966-1971 at Oreana, a rural school north of Rudyard.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, Stanley of Minneapolis, Stuart of Rudyard; daughter, Mrs. Bill (Sharon) Spicher, Hingham and grandsons Rod and Scott Spicher; brother Arnold Golberg, Rudyard; sisters Mrs. Clarence (Ruth) Patrick; Mrs. Walter (Carmen) Roik, Fulton, New York. A brother, Palmer, preceded her in death in 1947.

Memorials will be to the American Cancer Society and Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd.

Funeral was Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran church, Rudyard.

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**JOE SOUZA**  
**Born: ?, 1900 - Died: November 29, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 19, 1974**

Memorial Services were held at Our Saviors Lutheran Church Saturday morning for Joe Souza, age 74. Joe passed away in California on November 29th where he had gone to visit friends. Everyone will sorely miss Joe's friendly wave and cheerful disposition.

**RUDOLPH D. SPINLER**  
**Born: August 4, 1889 - Died: March 6, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 14, 1974**

## Rudolph Spinler funeral held

Retired farmer Rudolph D. Spinler, 84, of Havre, died in a Havre hospital Wednesday, March 6.

Rosary was recited Sunday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home. Funeral services were Monday, March 11, at 10 a.m. St. Jude's Catholic church, Havre.

Spinler was born in Owatonna, Minnesota, August 4, 1889. He and his wife, Mary, came to Montana from Minnesota after their marriage in October of 1909 and homesteaded north of Hingham, where they remained until his retirement in 1948. They made their home in Havre since that time.

Spinler was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1962, and by a daughter, Mrs. Mary Matejacek. Survivors are sons, Rudolph J., Havre, Vencil, Rudyard, Jay, Havre, and Frank, Hingham; daughters, Mrs. Agnes Wencil, Medford, Minnesota, Mrs. Martha Beranek, Columbia Falls, Mrs. Bessie Smiler, St. Petersburg, Florida; 26 grandchildren and many great grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Christine Pester, Hingham, Mrs. Martha Manderfield, Midford, Minnesota, Sister Rose, Sister Elizabeth, and Sister Mathilda, all in Chicago; and brothers, Joe of Havre and Peter and Jack in Medford, Minnesota.

*March 11 - 74*

## Final rites for R. Spinler

Rosary was recited Sunday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine funeral home for retired Hingham area farmer Rudolph D. Spinler, 84, who died in Havre, March 6.

The Rev. George Dahlquist S.J. conducted funeral services Monday, March 11, at 10 a.m. in St. Jude's Catholic church.

Irene Moon was the organist, and Annette Codden was the soloist.

Pallbearers were Jake Vavruska, Richard Horinek, Eugene Spinler, Edward Spinler, Victor Spinler, and Ben Spinler. Ushers were Robert and James Pester.

Burial was in the Calvary cemetery.

**TANYA MAXINE STONE**  
**Born: November 15, 1974 - Died: December 15, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 26, 1974**

## Tanya Stone rite held Tues.

Funeral services were on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 3:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church in Chester for Tanya Stone, one month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stone of Chester, who died Dec. 15 in Chester.

Conducting the funeral rites was the Rev. Leon Johnson. Mrs. Don Anderson was the organist. Mrs. Shirley Johnson and Marty Thieltges sang two duets, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and "Beautiful Saviour." Ushers were Paul Overlie and Kenny Romain. Tanya's "Daddy" carried the casket.

Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Tanya Stone is survived by her parents; a brother, Andrew John, at the family home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Harrison of Rudyard and Alfred W. Stone of Shelby; and a great grandmother, Blanche Wolery, Havre.

Memorial money will be given to the Liberty County Hospital Nursery.

**ANNA E. TOLLEY**  
**Born: November 29, 1877 - Died: January 25, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 4, 1974**

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**FUNERAL FOR MRS. TOLLEY**

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna E. Tolley were conducted in the Fireside Chapel of the Solie Funeral Home at Everett, Washington, Sunday with Pastor Leon Ringering officiating. Interment was in the College Place Cemetery.

Mrs. Tolley, 96, died at her home in Everett January 25. She was born November 29, 1877, at Spencer, IA., and had lived in Washington for 30 years. She was a member of the College Place Village Seventh-day Adventist Church at College Place, Washington.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. George (Rosalind) Ainley and Mrs. Audrey Goodman both of Everett; two grandchildren, Mrs. Audrey Wade of Fresno, California; Lee Ainley of Renton, Washington, and four great-grandchildren.

The preceding story was taken from the Everett Herald, Everett, Washington. Mrs. Tolley was formerly from Joplin.

**WILLIAM EDWARD TONER**  
**Born: September 29, 1954 - Died: June 23, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 3, 1974**

**Rites held for  
William Toner**

Rosary was recited in Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham Tuesday, June 25, at 8 p.m. for William Edward Toner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Toner of Gildford.

The Rev. Fr. Jordan Blecha officiated at funeral services Wednesday, June 26, at 10 a.m. in the Hingham church.

Mrs. Rose Farnik was the organist. Colleen Warhank, Kristi Haugen, Delonna Johnson, Michael Farnik, and Donny Richter sang, "We Are All Joined in Christ," "Fill My Cup," and "Heart of Jesus, Hear." Donny Richter sang, "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were Michael Gomke, Dave Pollington, Darryl Curfman, Brett Wilson, Lee Kurtz, Scott Purdy, Steve Rambo, Brad R. Lee and Craig Engbretson. Ushers were Jim Carr and Roger Little.

Burial was in the Calvary cemetery in Havre.

Toner, 19, died in a Chester hospital Sunday, June 23, of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. He had been in ill health.

Born September 29, 1954 in Havre, Toner was raised and schooled in Gildford. He graduated from the KG high school in 1972. During the summer of 1973 he worked for the GTA elevator in Gildford and in Hingham. For the past year, he was a student at the Bell and Howell School of Technology in Phoenix, Arizona.

Survivors include his parents; sisters, Mrs. Ganice Giliberto, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Mrs. Lynn Heydon, Missoula, and Mrs. Mary Lou Dees, Gildford; brothers John Fried, Dallas, Texas, Dave Toner and Jerry Toner, Gildford, and Thomas J. Toner, Wahpeton, North Dakota; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schaefer, Melrose, Minnesota and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial has been established.



**JOE WALCH**  
**Born: March 19, 1908 - Died: January 31, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 7, 1974**

## Joe Walch dies

*Feb 7 - 74*

Joe Walch, long time resident of the Sweetgrass Hills area passed away at the Liberty County Rest Home on January 31, 1974.

Joseph Mathew Walch was born to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Walch in Jamestown, North Dakota on March 19, 1908. He attended schools in Rollingstone, Minnesota.

He moved to Montana as a young man and was employed in the Sweetgrass hills and surrounding area as a ranch hand and oil field worker.

He entered the U. S. Army in August of 1942 and was discharged November of 1945. While in the service he served as a clerk-typist at Camp Beale, California.

Survivors include his brothers, Andrew of Winona, Minnesota, Frank of Arizona, Mrs. John (Gladys) Wera, and Mrs. Wayne (Phyllis) Smith of Winona, Minnesota.

Funeral arrangements were made by Wathowske Funeral Home in Winona with burial in Rollingstone, Minnesota.

EDNA RAY WALDEN  
Born: April 13, 1899 - Died: August 26, 1974  
Liberty County Times  
August 29, 1974

## Rites for Edna Walden held Fri.

Funeral services were held for Edna Ray Walden on Friday, August 30 at the Chester United Methodist Church with Rev. Pugh of Havre officiating. Internment was at the Chester cemetery. Pall bearers were Mike Kammerzell, Frank Wanken, Leo Jensen and Grant Jeppesen of Chester, Bill Schafer of Inverness, and Edwin Thomason of El Dorado, Oklahoma. Music consisted of the hymns "Abide With Me", "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", and a duet, "Beyond the Sunset", sung by Dorothy Brown and Rose Ish. Piano accompaniment was by Meredith Anderson. A dinner for family and close friends was served by ladies of the community under the direction of Helen Ann Aaberg and Sue Brown.

Mrs. Walden was born in Bern, Indiana in 1899. She moved to the Chester community in 1913 where she attended Chester High School. She married Claude C. Walden on January 1, 1919 in Conrad, Montana. They lived in Chester until 1949 when they moved to Seattle, Washington. On the death of her husband in 1963, she returned to Chester where she continued to reside until her death in a Great Falls hospital on August 26.

Mrs. Walden is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. E. (Idella) Hunnewell of Chester and Mrs. Kenneth (Patricia) Springola of Tacoma, Washington; five grandchildren, three great grandchildren; brothers True Ray of Millbrae, California and Rox Ray of Tucson, Arizona; and sisters, Effie Pond of Tacoma, Washington, and Demaris Fisher of Great Falls. A brother James Ray preceded her in death.

### Funeral for Edna Walden Friday

Pugh of Havre officiating.  
Burial in the Chester cemetery.  
Mrs. Walden passed away at  
a Great Falls hospital Monday  
night.

The funeral for Edna Walden  
will be held at the United  
Methodist church in Chester,  
Friday at 2 p.m. with Rev.

**BIRDIE L. WARD**  
**Born: ? - Died: September ?, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September ?, 1974**

## Rites for Birdie Ward held Sat.

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Services were held for Birdie L. Ward at the United Methodist church in Chester, Saturday, September 7, at 2:30 p.m.

Music was sung by Garth Good, played by Esther Will: "How Great Thou Art" and "Peace in the Valley".

Ministers officiating were Rev. Torrance Harvey, Kalispell and Rev. Leon H. Johnson, Chester. Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were Pete Schuhmacher, Phil McKinney, Greg Graff, Paul Kovacich, Bob Lawson, Don DeShazer, Steve Ward, and Louis Schuhmacher. Active pallbearers were Dave Ward, Ted Ward, Monte Ward, Kenny Ward, Forest Martell, and Terry Ward.

Birdie L. Ward came to Montana from Michigan in 1913. Birdie and her husband John came to Chester in 1916. They homesteaded in the Chester area until John died in 1930. Birdie then moved to Whitlash and worked for Jim and John Wallace for 27 years. She moved to Libby in 1964.

Besides her two sons, Gerald of Milford, Texas and Mervin, Libby, she is survived by thirteen grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and eleven great-great grand-children.

**WILFRED W. WEBER**  
**Born: July 22, 1917 - Died: December 20, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 26, 1974**

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## Wilfred Weber dies, Gt. Falls

Wilfred W. Weber, 2501 Central Avenue South, Great Falls, Montana, 57, died in a local Great Falls hospital Friday morning December 20, 1974. He was born July 22, 1917 at Flaxville, Montana.

He was raised and attended Flaxville schools, graduated high school there. He attended Great Falls Business College, then was employed in Cut Bank. Joined Army Air Corps and was guider pilot. Attended college at Billings and University of California, then moved to Billings where he worked for Baron's Jewelry and moved to Great Falls as Manager of Baron's Jewelry in 1959. Employed letter carrier for Postal Service on Rural Route 1 South, until he was forced to retire, due to ill health recently.

He married Helen A Demarest September 14, 1941 in Shelby, Montana. He was a member of Holy Family Parish and Mens Choir. He was also a member of the Rural Letter Carriers Association, and was active in Cursillo and church affairs.

Survivors include: wife, Helen; children: Dr. Steve Weber-Madison, Wisconsin; Byron Weber-Missoula, Montana; Mrs. Terry (Jane) VanLuchene-Conrad, Montana; Greg Weber-Seminary, Worthington, Ohio; Mark Weber-Great Falls, Montana; Stuart Weber-Great Falls, Montana; brother: Harold Weber-Flaxville, Montana.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday December 23, 1974 at Holy Family Church. Rosary 8:00 p.m. Sunday at the O'Connor Memorial Chapel.

**MRS. LYLE (LAURA) WELSH**  
**Born: August 3 , 1929 - Died: December 29, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 2, 1975**

## Former teacher dies in N. Dak.

**Drake, N.D.**-Mrs. Lyle (Laura) Welsh, 45, Duchesne, Utah, formerly of Drake, died Sunday. Funeral was today at 10 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church, Drake. St. Joseph's Catholic Church Cemetery, Balfour.

Born Laura Alme on Aug. 3, 1929, at Balfour. Reared at Drake. Attended Minot State College and taught school at Chester, Mont. Married Lyle Welsh on June 21, 1950, at Drake. For past seven years, they had lived at Duchesne.

Survivors: husband; two daughters, Nancy, a student at Weber State College, Ogden, Utah, and Mary, a student at Utah State University, Logan; two sons, Terry, a student at St. John University, Collegeville, Minn., and John, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Mildred A. Canevello and Mrs. Eileen E. Wiper, both of Chicago; and eight brothers, Melvin and Robert, both of Drake, Norman and Thomas, both of Balfour, Arnold, Riverdale, Dennis, St. Paul, Minn., Russel, Montgomery, N.Y., and Joseph, Minot.

Minot Daily News  
Dec. 26, 1974

**EARL J. WIGGINS**  
**Born: ?, 1905 - Died: September 27, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 3, 1974**

## **E. Wiggins, 69 dies Sept. 27**

SHELBY--Wiggins, Earl J., 69, died Friday in Shelby. Services were Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Teresa's Church, Whitehall, with burial in the Whitehall Cemetery. Rosary was Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the Scott Funeral Home, Whitehall. Wiggins was born in Great Falls and grew up in Choteau. He taught and coached at Three Forks, Willow Creek, Whitehall and Hobson. He managed the grain elevator at Three Forks for several years and ranched in the Whitehall area for a short time. He married Marie Chryst of Three Forks in 1925. She died in 1960. He married Ruth Huber of Dillon in 1961. In 1964 Wiggins became ill, retired from teaching and moved to Napa Valley, Calif. For the past year he has been living in Shelby with his son, Dr. E. Thomas Wiggins. Besides the widow of Rutherford, California and his son, he is survived by a brother and sister in California.

ROBERT H. WOODS, SR.

Born: October 17, 1894 - Died: February 8, 1974

Liberty County Times

February 14, 1974

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Funeral held for  
Robert Woods

Robert H. Woods, 79, of Inverness passed away at the Liberty County hospital Friday, February 8, 1974. A native of Ardock, North Dakota, he came to this area in 1911 from Canada to homestead. He retired in 1960.

Woods married Esther Strissel May 11, 1918 in Rudyard. She survives along with a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Aileen) Han, a son, Robert, both of Inverness; a sister Mrs. Alec Blackie, Edmonton; and a brother Cliff, Kalispell.

Woods was a member of the United Methodist church of Inverness. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a past master of the Joplin Lodge and past patron of the Eastern Star of Joplin. He was past president of the Montana Picnic Association of Mesa, Arizona, where he spent his winters.

Services were held Monday at the Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre with Rev. Leon Johnson of the United Methodist church of Chester and Inverness officiating.

Masonic rites were presented by Emil Eliason.

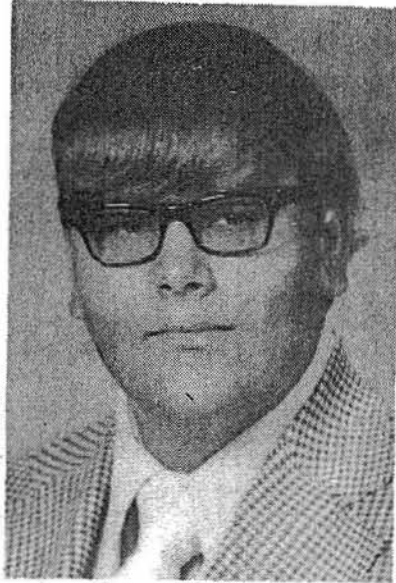
Pallbearers were Donald Meyer, Roald Haaland, Walter Hovee, Kenneth Gutcher all of Inverness and Frank O'Neil and Albert Hansen of Rudyard.

Mrs. Bernard Storvik was pianist and Rev. and Mrs. Leon Johnson rendered two duets.

Honorary pallbearers were Roy Gutcher, Bernard Storvik, Otto Moog, Alfred Rathbun, Harley Freeman, Arley Barringer and Conrad May, Sr. Usher was Kenneth Han.

Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Havre.

**JAMES M. ALAN YACKLEY**  
**Born: July 17, 1956 - Died: November 26, 1974**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 5, 1974**



**James Yackley**

**Services held for  
James Yackley**

Funeral services for James M. Alan Yackley were held Saturday, November 30, 1974 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Chester, Montana, with Rev. Noel Petersen officiating. Internment was in the Chester Cemetery.

"Beyond the Sunset" and "Come to the Waters" were sung by Mary Jeppesen, John Seidlitz, Kendra Wolfe and Lon Schaub. Pallbearers were Allen Eveland, Allen Hamel, Curtis Hanson, Rodney Wolfe, Dennis Hull, and Barry Turner.

James M. Alan Yackley was born at Liberty County Hospital in Chester July 17, 1956 to Billy A. and Mary J. Yackley. He passed away at St. Patricks Hospital in Missoula November 26, 1974, where he was attending Missoula Vo Tech Center. He is survived by his parents and brothers Fredrick Steven and Mark Eliot; his Grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Johnson of Milnor, North Dakota; also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends!

Jim was an avid sports fan. He was a member of Lettermens club and was Student Manager of Chester Hi Basketball Team for three years. A memorial in his name will be established.