

**CYRUS (CY) H. BAILEY**  
**Born: October 24, 1920- Died: June 14, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 29, 1988**

**Cyrus Bailey**

Cyrus "Cy" H. Bailey, 67, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died Tuesday, June 14, 1988 at his home after an extended illness. Bailey was born to Horace and Maud (Bittleston) Bailey on October 24, 1920 in Coeur d'Alene. His parents homesteaded in Cougar Gulch. He grew up in Coeur d'Alene and graduated from Coeur d'Alene High School in 1938.

He married Evelyn Dedic of Rudyard in Havre, Montana, on

July 3, 1940. He started working as an apprentice meatcutter while in high school. He had worked at Sanvik's Store in Rudyard (1039-1040) for about two years and was fairly well known on the Hi-Line.

Bailey worked in Montana and Coeur d'Alene as a meatcutter after high school. In 1948, he started his own business, Cy's Meats, in Coeur d'Alene. He owned and operated the business until 1978, when he sold it and retired because of poor health.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and actively supported Lutherhaven and Coeur d'Alene Homes. He enjoyed boating and the Coeur d'Alene area.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; two sons, Douglas Bailey of Coeur d'Alene and Ken Bailey of Hayden Lake; one daughter, Joyce Bailey of Spokane; three brothers, Marshall of California, Elbert of Coeur d'Alene and David of California; four sisters, Margaret Weese of Coeur d'Alene, Nadine Lawson of

California, Ruth Hanson of Montana and Rachel Hanson of Arizona; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to Coeur d'Alene Homes, 704 W. Walnut, Coeur d'Alene.

Bailey's funeral was Friday, June 17th, 1988 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, the Rev. Richard Hermstad officiating. Burial will follow at the Coeur d'Alene Memorial Gardens.

**LLOYD LINCOLN BAKKE**  
**Born: February 12, 1911 - Died: February 22, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 2, 1988**



### **Lloyd Bakke**

Lloyd Lincoln Bakke was born in Fergus Falls, Minnesota February 12th, 1911. He was one of nine children born to Serena Kastella and Peter Bakke. As a young child he came to Montana with his family, who homesteaded five miles south of Gildford. Lloyd attended country school near the farm. Following his education, he went to work in construction and helped in those early years in building the Fort Peck Dam. In 1942 he enlisted into the U.S. Navy where he served as a carpenter's mate in San Diego and Midway Island. He was honorably discharged in 1945, and he returned to Montana. He continued working in construction until 1952, when he took over the family farm near Gildford. On October 19th, 1954 Lloyd married Maude Evans Claire at Circle, Montana. They lived and worked on the farm until their retirement in 1973. Lloyd was injured in a car accident in 1984, so

they moved to Rudyard. In 1986 he moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester, and remained there until his death at the Liberty County Hospital the evening of Monday, February 22nd. Lloyd was 77 years old.

Lloyd's hobbies included farming and carpentry. He was exceptionally good at wood-working and building furniture. He also enjoyed fishing, working in the vegetable garden, and playing cribbage. He was very proud of his Naval career and the fact that he served his country during World War II.

Lloyd's survivors include his wife, Maude of Rudyard; two brothers, Alf of Kelso, Washington and James of Whitefish; two sisters, Edna Davis of Florence, Arizona and Betty Thotus of Missoula; one step-daughter, Duane Lowenstein of Las Vegas, Nevada; one uncle, Alf Kastella of Whitefish; and numerous nephews and nieces. Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents, by two brothers (Orris and Ralf), and by two sisters (Ruth and Signe).

Funeral services were held at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 26th. Reverend Steve Nicolai of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester officiated. Special music was provided by organist, Iris White, and vocalist, Jerome Lincoln. Musical tributes included "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Beyond the Sunset".

Friends serving as pallbearers included Noel Preeshl, Carol Borlaug, Don Miller, Roger Borlaug, Dick Hansen and Monty Borlaug. Ushers were Evan Hansen and Don Swinney. Interment was in the South Gildford Cemetery, which is located nine miles south of Gildford near Lloyd's farm. At graveside services there was military "taps" and a presentation of the flag by the Commander of the Chester V.F.W. Post. Following the interment services, a luncheon was held at the Baptist Church in Gildford.

**MAUDE MAE BAKKE**  
**Born: October 1, 1899 - Died: March 7, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 9, 1988**

***Maude Bakke***

Maude Mae Bakke was born in Culbertson, Montana on October 1st, 1899. She was one of seven children born to Esther Schaap and Winfield Scott Evans. She grew up on her father's ranch located 15 miles east of Culbertson. Maude attended school in Culbertson and graduated from high school in 1917. She then attended Normal School in Dillon and received her teaching certificate. In the few years that followed, she taught school in eastern Montana. On July 5th, 1921 she married Harry Claire in Wolf Point. They made their home and raised their family in Wolf Point, and Maude served as high school librarian for 17 years. On October 19th, 1954 she married Lloyd Bakke in Circle. They moved to Lloyd's farm south of Gildford, where they lived and worked until their retirement in 1973. They moved to an apartment in Rudyad in 1984. Following a two-year stay in the Chester rest home, Lloyd died on February 22nd. Maude became ill Sunday, March 6th, and was admitted to the Chester hospital. She died the following day, just two weeks after her husband's death. She was 88 years old.

Maude was baptized Methodist many years ago. Of interest is the fact that she was an accomplished horse woman during those early years on her father's ranch. She also played girls basketball in her high school days. She played the piano and violin, and had an excellent memory when it came to reciting poetry. In her younger days she loved to dance and rollerskate. Maude had been a hard worker all of her life and seemed to enjoy staying busy.

Her survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Balzer (Duane) Lowenstein of Las Vegas, Nevada; a daughter-in-law, Myrtle Claire of Wolf Point; five grandchildren, including Patsy, JoEllen, John, Jerry and Linda; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Jane Cooper of Wolf Point and Mary Evans of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Maude was preceded in death not only by her parents and husbands, but also by her son (Elwin) and four siblings (Mabel, Viola, John and George).

Memorial services for Maude will be Friday, March 11th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Steve Nicolai of Chester will officiate. Service music will be provided by Iris White, and vocal music by Jerome Lincoln will include "Beyond the Sunset" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Maude was cremated per her wishes, and her remains will be buried in the family plot at Culbertson.

## EMMERS LEE BERG

Born: April 14, 1912 - Died: December 26, 1988

Liberty County Times

January 4, 1989

### Emmers Berg



Emmers Lee Berg was born in Finley, North Dakota on April 14, 1912. He was one of twelve children born to Alfred and Andrina (Wickorn) Berg. As an infant he was baptized in the Lutheran faith. Following his education in North Dakota, he worked on various farms there. He came to Montana in 1934 and took a job with Olson Motors in Harlem. Emmers married his North Dakota sweetheart, Elsie Hochberger, on August 22, 1935 in Chinook. They moved to Cut Bank in 1940 where Emmers worked at the Ford garage and also at the airport as a mechanic. Because of the war, he transferred with the Morrison-Knutson Company to Pocatello, Idaho, where he worked in the big gun plant as a heavy duty mechanic. In 1944 they came to Chester where Emmers bought the Hi-Way Garage from his brother, Lloyd. The business became known as Berg Motors, which acquired the Ford franchise in 1947 and also sold

Minneapolis Molin implements. Emmers sold the business in 1960 to a local corporation, but continued to remain active in the dealership. Chester Motors was re-sold in 1970 to Emmers' son-in-law, Don Raunig. Emmers' loyalty and positive input added to the continued success of the business since that time. About a year ago Emmers suffered a stroke and a heart attack, so his general health has been poor. He passed away peacefully at his home on the morning of Monday, December 26th. He was 76 years old.

Emmers has been a member of Our Savior's Church since coming to Chester. He attended adult confirmation classes, served on the Church Council, and was on the building committee when the new church was built. He had served on the School Board of CHS, the Liberty County Cemetery Board, and was a past member of Rotary. Emmers was proud to have been director for Liberty Bank of Montana for 27 years and was also a director for the Bank of Montana System for 25 years.

One of the highlights of Emmers' life was an extended trip to Alaska after they sold the garage. He and Elsie enjoyed several cruises together and also looked forward to their trips south during the winter months. In his earlier years he enjoyed fishing, camping, and playing Bingo. Emmers was described by his family as a "builder;" he enjoyed remodeling projects and he liked to repair things and make them run. He probably remained active in his work all these years because of his love for people and all of those daily encounters with friends.

His survivors include his wife, Elsie of Chester; two daughters, Mrs. Don (Betty) Raunig of Chester and Mrs. Gary (Beverly) Violett of Lothair; five grandchildren and their spouses, including Randall Violett, Ron and Teresa Violett, Denise and Daron Johnson, Donna and Mike Iverson, and Dean Raunig; two great-grandchildren, Mitchell and Amanda Violett; four brothers, Jess of Great Falls, Jadie of Billings, Encel of Livingston, and Lyle of Florence, Oregon; four sisters, Mrs. Art Nelson of Mineral, Washington, Mrs. Walter Averill of Billings, Mrs. Jalmer Jacobson of Eugene, Oregon, and Mrs. William Hurd of Junction City, Oregon; and numerous nephews and nieces. Emmers was preceded in death by his parents, by two sisters (Affel Manwiller and one in infancy) and by one brother, Lloyd.

Funeral services were held at 11 A.M. Thursday, December 29th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Reverend Steve Nicolai officiating. The congregation sang "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," accompanied by Juanita Wardell. Special vocal music by Jerome Lincoln included "Beyond the Sunset" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Friends serving as pallbearers included Armand Anderson, George Meissner, Glen Standiford, Larry Bassett, Bud Poppler, and Richard Burrows. Ushers were Charles Green and Cliff Hanson. Memorial bearers included "all of Emmers' other many friends." Burial followed in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon for family and friends was held at the church.

**RICHARD J. (DICK) BERGVALL**  
**Born: December 2, 1930 - Died: July 26, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 3, 1988**

### **Richard Bergvall**

Richard J. (Dick) Bergvall, 57, of Havre, died July 26 at a Havre hospital.

Services were held at First Lutheran Church in Havre at 10 a.m. Friday, with Rev. Kirby Nave officiating. Pallbearers were Glenn Heilman, Willis Myers, Calvin Simons, Doug Rutherford, Ed Vasecka and Web Thackeray. Honorary pallbearers included Montana Toyota Dealers Association Members and all his good friends...

Burial was at Highland Cemetery. Military Graveside Services were conducted by the United Veterans Council Color Guard and Firing Squad composed of Harold Cassile, Joe Fourage, Vern Holman, Bob Styber, Mark Whalen, Larry Wiese, Elmer Krause, Sandy McLean, Ken Engebretson, Leonard Thackery, John Simko, Lars Golie, Butch Schock, Laura Engebretson and Lonna Knoll.

Mr. Bergvall was born December 2, 1930, in Havre, to Adolph and Marie Bergvall. He grew up on the family farm south of Havre, and attended rural schools south of Havre, graduating from Havre High School in 1948. He also attended Northern Montana College and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1950-1952.

On July 6, 1954 he married Ruth Frandsen at Miles City and the couple had lived in Havre since then. He was owner/manager of G&B Toyota of Havre. He took great pride in establishing and building up "the shop" and was well known by Havre residents for his fairness and honesty in all his dealings. He was the leader of Boy Scout Troop 426 for many years and was a vocational instructor at

Northern Montana College's automotive school for numerous years. He loved gardening, cross-country skiing, fishing and square dancing. He always found time for his children and grandchildren.

Dick was a member of First Lutheran Church and served for many years as a trustee and deacon on the council. He had lived all his life in Hill County. He will be remembered for his love, patience and quiet example of faithfulness.

Survivors include his wife of Havre; one son, Dennis of Boise, Idaho; three daughters, Vicki Bergvall of Troy, New York, Lynn Jurenka of Rudyard and Jackie May of Joplin; sisters, June Skillman of Livingston, Lois Mason of Seattle, Washington, and Sandi Heilman of Cupertino, California; brothers, DeForest Bergvall of Ashland, Wisconsin, Pat Dahlin of Billings, Jack Dahlin of Havre and Dave Dahlin of Lewistown; and six grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to Beaver Creek Park.

**ELMER BOLMA**

**Born: 7, 1903 - Died: July 2, 1988**

**Liberty County Times**

**July 6, 1988**

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**Elmer Bolma**

Elmer Bolma, 85, oil driller, died Saturday in Lewistown. The funeral is at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday (today) at Burns Funeral Home in Shelby, with burial to follow in the Whitlash Cemetery. Born in Duluth, Minnesota, Bolma came to Montana as a child with his parents and was raised on their homestead in the Haystack Butte area. As a young man, he worked on the Bourne, Hamilton and Strode ranches, and trapped in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. He worked most of his life in oil fields in the Whitlash area as a cable-tool driller. Survivors:

brothers, Albert of Forest Grove, Oregon, and Ray of Underwood, Minnesota; sister, Mabel Johnson of Vancouver, B.C.; and daughter, the former Angie Bolma of Kalden, B.C.

JOSEPHINE BURKHARTSMEYER  
Born: May 11, 1893 - Died: February 20, 1988  
Liberty County Times  
February 24, 1988

## Josephine Burkhartsmeier

Josephine Burkhartsmeier, 94, a resident of Hingham, died Saturday evening at a Havre hospital.

A rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church with Father John Coady, Father Dennis Keane and Monsignor Martin E. Werner officiating. Soloists were Jerome Lincoln and Alberta Langel who sang "Just As I Am", "Fill My Cup", "Ave Maria", and "How Great Thou Art". They were accompanied by Rachel Blake. Pallbearers were Ralph Burkhartsmeier, Craig Patrick, Dennis E. Yeager, Kevin M. Yeager, Kim Hanses and Michael Hanses. Ushers were Ray Warhank and Frank Jochim.

Interment was in the Hingham

Cemetery.

She was born May 11, 1893, in the Ukraine in western Russia. She came to the U.S. as a small child with her parents. They settled in North Dakota.

She married Gottlieb Burkhartsmeier December 29, 1910, at Fort Yates, North Dakota. The couple moved to Montana to homestead in April of 1913 and settled at Goldstone.

After retiring from farming north of Hingham, the couple lived in Kalispell until her husband died in a car accident October 1, 1959.

She moved to Hingham in 1959 to be near her four children.

She was a member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church and the Altar Society, both in Hingham.

Survivors include two sons, Michael Burkhartsmeier of Hingham and A.F. Burkhartsmeier of Chinook; two daughters, Mrs. Francis (Katy) Yeager of Havre and Christine Hanses of Hingham; 21 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to a person's choice.

## GEORGE THOMAS COLBRY

Born: October 30, 1917 - Died: March 8, 1988

Liberty County Times

March 16, 1988

### George Colbry

George Thomas Colbry was born in Joplin, Montana on October 30th, 1917. He was one of six children born to Mabel Robinson and Thomas Colbry. He was raised on the family farm north of Joplin. George attended the Osler Country School and graduated from Joplin High School in 1935. He married Edna E. Wood in Missoula on September 18th, 1939. They made their home in the Joplin community



George Colbry

and took over the family farming operations in the 1940's. After their children were raised, they retired in 1968 and moved to Rollins, Montana. They have lived there since and have wintered in Mesa, Arizona these past 12 years. George died at the Valley Lutheran Hospital in Mesa on Tuesday morning, March 8th. He was 70 years old.

George was a member of Immanuel Church, and was baptized and confirmed there. They were associate members of the Victory Lutheran Church in Mesa and also attended the Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, Montana. George had been a member of the Joplin Masonic Lodge and had also served on

schools boards in the Osler and Chester Districts. In 1958-59 he was president of the State School Board Association. George was a strong advocate of education and always encouraged his children to learn as much as they could. He had also been active and supportive of 4-H. After they moved to Rollins, he helped organize the Coast Guard Auxiliary there (this was a volunteer group who patrolled Flathead Lake and helped boaters in need). While in Mesa they did volunteer work at the Arizona State Library for the Blind and Handicapped. George had many hobbies over the years. He liked camping, boating, fishing, swimming, dancing and snowmobiling. In his younger years he played the harmonica, enjoyed yodeling, and did some calling at square dances. More recently he spent his time reading (he liked to read everything, but was especially fond of Westerns). George will be remembered as a man who was always willing to lend a helping hand. He thought more of his family and friends than he did himself; he was worried about his wife and children even during those last days in the hospital...

George's survivors include his wife, Edna of Lakeside; three daughters, Mrs. Ken (April) Rygh of Hermiston, Oregon, Mrs. Roger (Mable) Lincoln of Gildford, and Mrs. Loren (Fern) Larson of Burlington, Washington; two sons, Earl (and wife, Shirley) of Chester and Roger (and wife, Suzanne) of Boise, Idaho; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, by three sisters (Celia Edwards, Annette Copenhaver and Emma Regimbal), and by two brothers (Gamet and Gerald).

Memorial services were held at the Victory Lutheran Church in Mesa on Wednesday afternoon with

Reverend Frederick Moberg officiating. Funeral services were held at the Bethel Church in Joplin on Saturday, March 12th, at 1:00 p.m. with Reverend John Olson officiating. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" with accompaniment by Edith Hodges. A special vocal group consisting of Pat McDowell, Gail and Rudy Cicon, and Lanea and Dale Gunderson performed "Because He Lives" and "He Gave Me Lord Jesus". Ushers were Wayne Hodges and Dale Gunderson. Pallbearers included Lance McDowell, John Cicon, Larry Wood, Bob Dafoe, Russell Tempel and Tom Wood, Jr. Memorial bearers were "all of George's other good friends..." Immediately following the Joplin services, a luncheon was held in Kjos Hall. The graveside services were held at 4:00 p.m. that same day at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.



CLIFFORD D. COOVER  
Born: March 19, 1899 - Died: September 19, 1988  
Liberty County Times  
September 21, 1988

### Clifford D. Coover

Clifford D. Coover, born March 19, 1899, died September 19, 1988. He was the manager of the Marias Fair in Shelby from 1937-1955. Memorial services will be held at the Community United Methodist Church, corner of 3rd Ave. and 2nd St. So. in Shelby on Thursday September 22 at 2 pm.

Burial in Shelby. A reception to follow in the church will be served by the United Methodist Women.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Memorial Fund, Community United Methodist Church of Shelby.

ERNEST C. DUNNWEBBER  
Born: April 14, 1912 - Died: April 10, 1988  
River Press-Fort Benton, Mt.  
April 20, 1988

**OBITUARIES**

**Ernest Dunnwebber**

Ernest C. Dunnwebber, 75, Angel Point, died Sunday afternoon, April 10, 1988, of natural causes at Kallispell Regional Hospital.

He was born April 14, 1912 in Moorhead, Minnesota, the son of Charles and Hattie Dunnwebber. He grew up in Fargo, North Dakota, where he graduated from high school. He later attended the University of Minnesota, and played on the football team there.

For thirty years, Mr. Dunnwebber was a grain merchant at Carter, near Fort Benton, and was the largest grain shipper in the state. He was instrumental in introducing the use of fertilizer to grain farmers in Chouteau County, and was the first Montana shipper to put together a Unit Train of more than 100 grain cars.

Since retiring in 1974, he had lived at Angel Point, near Lakeside.

He was Past Worthy Patron of Bethany Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Fort Benton. Mr.

Dunnwebber also belonged to Fort Benton Lodge No. 25, A.F. & A.M., and was an Algeria Shriner.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Dunnwebber at the family home at Angel Point; two sons, E. A. Dunnwebber of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, and Kenneth C. Dunnwebber of Arlee; two brothers, Ore E. Dunnwebber of Missoula, and Charles E. Dunnwebber of Auburn, Washington; two grandchildren, Raymond Dunnwebber of Charlo, and Mrs. Deborah Wickum of Chester, two great grandchildren in Charlo, and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services were held Saturday, April 16, 1988 at 2:00 p.m. at the Weatherford Chapel in Kallispell, with Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, Pastor of Lakeside Community Chapel, officiating. Masonic Rites were directed by Past Grand Master William M. Brass. Cremation has taken place.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, N. 820 Summit Blvd., Spokane, Washington 99201.

**WILLIAM HENRY EARL, II**  
**Born: August 1, 1912 - Died: June 7, 1988**

**Liberty County Times**  
**June 15, 1988**

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**William Earl, II**

William Henry Earl, II was born in Granite Falls, Washington on August 1st, 1912. He was one of seven children born to Elsie Brush and William Earl. He came to Montana as an infant with his parents, who homesteaded south of Chester. Bill grew up on the family farm and attended the Earl School near there. On August 9th, 1935 he married Anna Iverson at Cody, Wyoming. They made their home on the farm, which they eventually bought in 1941. They remained in the south Chester community until the early 1960's, when they retired from the wheat ranch and purchased a small hobby farm near Sun River. It was there that Bill fulfilled one of his life long dreams: he raised quarterhorses. They remained in Sun River until 1971, when they officially retired and moved into Great Falls. They made their home at 1200 Buena Drive and also spent several winters in Mesa, Arizona.

Bill's health had failed recently and he spent the past three months in medical care facilities. He died at the Deaconess Skilled Care Center in Great Falls on Tuesday morning, June 7th. He was just a few months shy of being 76 years old.

Bill was a member of the American Quarterhorse Association and had been active in the Great Falls Saddle & Polo Club. He had always loved rodeo and horse-racing events, and of interest is the fact that he took up the sport of polo when he was in his 60's. Bill had accumulated a small collection of horse trophies, which he was extremely proud of. Other hobbies included square dancing, playing shuffle-board, working in his garden, and watching baseball. And last but not least, Bill loved the

good food and fun times associated with family gatherings.

His survivors include his wife, Annie of Great Falls; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Linda of Chester; three daughters and sons-in-

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law, Blythe and Ken Brandvold of Great Falls, Joyce and Gordon Kammerzell of Chester, and Kay and Vic Andersen of Helena; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters, Martha Carpenter of Granite Falls, Washington, Evelyn Furlong of



**William Earl, II**

Chester, and Edna Lybbert of Moses Lake, Washington; numerous nephews and nieces; and his faithful pet dog, Charlotte. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, by a brother (Delbert), and two infant siblings.

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 10th, 2:00 p.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Dan Clark officiating. Edith Hodges served as pianist and vocal tributes by Garth Good included "Home on the Range" and "He Gave Me Lord Jesus".

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Olson and Pete Dinwiddie. Burial was at the Chester Cemetery, after which a luncheon was held back at the church. Funeral arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorials, will be given to "Gift of Life" at the Great Falls Columbus Hospital.

Friends serving as pallbearers were Carl Iverson, Andy Harmon, Vance Graham, Pete Schuhmacher, Max Brown and Dick Klick. Ushers were Earl Keith and Bud Romain. Memorial bearers included Emil Klick, Phil Reeves, Lloyd Fish, Ted Kline, Art Boettcher, Arlo Graham, George McMahon, Farrell

## ANNA DORLES RUBY FOWLER

Born: April 5, 1894- Died: December 10, 1988

Liberty County Times

December 14, 1988



**Anna Fowler**

Anna Dorles Ruby was born at Lake Mills, Iowa on April 5th, 1894. She was one of eight children born to Nellie Paulson and John Ruby. As an infant she was baptized into the Methodist faith. She grew up in Lake Mills and attended schools there. In 1919 Anna came to Montana by train to visit a sister, Myrtle Midge, who lived in the south Galata community. During the two years that followed, Anna helped babysit the Midge children and then took a job on the Jim Turner ranch. It was there that she met her husband-to-be, Ted A. Fowler. They were married in Great Falls on November 2nd, 1921. They made their home on the Turner ranch until 1923. That was the year Ted's father died, so they moved to the home ranch on the Marias River and bought it from Ted's mother. Those early days were tough and their main source of income was

from cattle, sheep and gardening. Anna was pregnant with her sixth child when Ted was killed in a haying accident in 1933. With the help of family members, Anna continued living and working on the farm, and kept her family together. Her home was damaged from the flood of 1948, so she moved into Shelby at that time. The farming operations were taken over by her sons. Anna remained in her Shelby residence until 1984, when she transferred to the Toole County Nursing Home. She died there on the afternoon of Saturday, December 10th, at the age of 94 years.

Anna had been a hard worker her entire life, so she didn't have a lot of hobbies outside of the home. She enjoyed embroidery, crocheting, and reading. In those early years she loved to dance, and was especially fond of Norwegian waltzes. At one time she collected spoons and did some copper craftwork. She enjoyed entertaining and liked to play cards (especially "pitch") at family functions. After she moved to Shelby, she became active in the Methodist Church and the U.M.W. organization. There was always good food at "Grandma's house". She loved cooking, canning and baking, and there was always candy and fruitcakes there for the grandkids. Anna's greatest love was gardening. Not only did she have a huge vegetable garden each year, she also had the most beautiful peonies and mixed flowers that were always the envy of the neighborhood. Anna was thankful for being blessed with 90+ years of good health to enjoy family and friends...

Her survivors include three sons, Ted (and wife, Jessie) of Ledger, Allen (and wife, Joan) of Shelby, and Roger (and wife, Norma) of Dunkirk; three daughters, Mrs. Merle (Ruby) Robertson of Devon, Mrs. Katie Sherrard of Ledger, and Mrs. Roy (Maxine) Wickum of Chester; one sister, Dortha Johnson of Lake Mills, Iowa; 28 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Anna was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by four brothers (Wilfred, Irving, Carl and Alfred), by two sisters (Myrtle and Charlotte), and by one great-grandson (Bryon Bohler).

Funeral services are scheduled for today (Wednesday, December 14th) at 2:00 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church in Shelby. Reverend Grover Briggs will officiate. Vocalist, Nellie Sherman, will sing "How Great Thou Art" and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee". Eloise Lungren will serve as organist. Pallbearers and ushers will be Anna's grandsons, including Dave, Paul and Skip Fowler; Tom, Mike and Roy Sherrard; Mark, Clark, Hugh and Reese Robertson; Wayne, Warren, Cliff and Dale Wickum; and Dave Christiaens. Interment will be in the family plot at the Hillside Cemetery in Conrad. A coffee hour will follow at the Methodist Church in Shelby. Funeral arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorial gifts will be given to the Toole County Nursing Home or donor's choice...

**ELSIE MAY GEHRKE**  
**Born: April 15, 1907 - Died: April 14, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 20, 1988**



### *Elsie Gehrke*

Elsie May Stone was born in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin on April 15th, 1907. She was one of nine children born to Helma Blumst and William Stone. As a child she was baptized by a Lutheran minister, but received her religious education at the Methodist Church in Balsam Lake. Elsie attended schools in Balsam Lake. At age 18 she married William F. Gehrke in St. Paul, Minnesota on June 9th, 1925. Although they lived in many places during the next 20 years, most of those years were spent in Centuria, Wisconsin. It was there that they raised their family and Elsie worked as a cook and waitress. They came to Chester, Montana in 1951. Together they operated the old Grand Cafe for several years. Some time later Elsie also worked in the laundry department of the Liberty County Nursing Home. They built several houses in Chester, which they eventually sold before moving to Lincoln in 1961. Elsie continued with her cooking skills in Lincoln, where she worked at the 7-Up Ranch and Lambkin's Cafe. She retired in the mid-70's.

They remained in Lincoln until 1985, when they came back to Chester to live at the Sweetgrass Lodge. Shortly thereafter, Elsie's health began to fail, so she moved into the Chester Nursing Home. She has lived there since.

Elsie died at the Liberty County Hospital on Thursday evening, April 14th, just one day shy of her 81st birthday.

During those early years in Chester, Elsie had been active in the Homemaker's Club. While in Lincoln, she held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary and attended the Methodist church there. She had many hobbies, including crocheting, sewing, fishing, camping and gardening. She loved the woods near Lincoln, not only for the natural beauty, but also for the simple enjoyment of watching and feeding the birds. Family get-togethers were very important to her and she always provided plenty of good food for everyone. And after dinner, she was always ready for a good game of pinochle.

Elsie had been a hard worker her entire life. There were good times and there were bad times, but through it all there remained a jolly, happy lady. Her pleasant disposition exemplified her love for life, and she always welcomed family and friends into her home with warm affection.

Elsie's survivors include her husband, Bill of Lincoln; two daughters, Eldora Pitcher of Napa, California and Betty Hemmer of Lincoln; three sons, Bill of Seeley Lake, John of Missoula, and Jerry of Laurel; 21 grandchildren; 40 great-

grandchildren; two sisters, Priscilla Nelson of Balsam Lake and Bernice Anderson of Centuria; one brother, Alfred Stone of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, by one brother (William), by four sisters (Letha, Lela, Norma and Dale), and by one grandson.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday (April 17th) at the Chester United Methodist Church. Reverend Dan Clark officiated. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by Juanita Wardell on the organ. A vocal duet of Joy Mills and DeAnn Gehrke performed "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" and "In the Sweet Bye and Bye". Pallbearers were grandsons Jim Hemmer, Bill Gehrke (III), Billy Stannard, and Allen Gehrke and nephews Stuart and Spike Stone. Ushers were grandsons Warren and Lyle Gehrke. Memorial bearers included all of Elsie's loving friends and relatives... Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Following the graveside services, a luncheon was held at the church.

## LUVERNE ARLO GRAHAM

Born: October 8, 1911 - Died: October 14, 1988

Liberty County Times  
October 19, 1988



**Arlo Graham**

Luverne Arlo Graham was born on October 8th, 1911 in Dogden, North Dakota. His parents were Myrtle Mae Hanson and Wilford Graham. Arlo was 4-1/2 years old when his father died, so his mother brought him and his sister, Edris, to Aden, Alberta to live near their grandparents. While there, Arlo's mother met and married Harry Hoffner, a rancher from the Sweetgrass Hills. Arlo was educated at Whitlash and lived in the Sweetgrass Hills community in those years that followed. In 1928 he attended an electronics school in Chicago. He worked various jobs including farmhand at the Prescott Ranch, construction crew on "Going to the Sun" highway, the Liberty County maintenance crew, and farm work for Mike Kammerzell in Chester. On March 4th, 1939 Arlo married Mary Elizabeth Pettapiece in Havre. They made their home in Chester for three years, then bought a farm 25 miles south of town, where they continued to live and work throughout their married life. They retired in 1972 and turned the farming operations over to their son, Vance, and his family. Although retired, Arlo continued to help out on the farm until this past year. They moved to an apartment at the Sweetgrass Lodge in 1987.

Arlo had his first heart attack at age 48 and had open heart surgery in 1977. This past Thursday morning he suffered chest pains and was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He died there the following day, October 14th, at the age of 77 years. Last year his heart stopped and he was revived, so the family is thankful that they were blessed with another year of his good nature and companionship!

Arlo's memberships included the Joplin Masonic Lodge, the Helena Shriner's Club, and the Great Falls Scottish Rite. He was active in the Chester United Methodist Church and had served on the church council. He had also served on the Chester City Council and was a Liberty County Commissioner for

nine years. Arlo loved music (especially country western), he enjoyed dancing and he could play numerous instruments (including violin, piano, drums and harmonica). He liked to be with people, so that's probably why he enjoyed rodeos, bowling, playing cards, camping and fishing. At the farm he liked to tinker in his shop or work in his vegetable garden. In recent years he took up the hobby of photography, and he has literally hundreds of scenery pictures of their various travels. Since their retirement, they have traveled south every winter and have been throughout the United States several times. They belonged to the Air Stream Club and made memorable trips to Mexico and Alaska. Arlo's favorite pastime was fishing, and he had caught many "big ones" over the years. Arlo enjoyed life and lived each day to its fullest. He loved his family and people in general. Even strangers were welcome to a cup of coffee and the warmth of his home, so it's understandable why he made

many "life-long" friends. Beth has been Arlo's constant companion for the past 50 years, and they were proud to have been the King and Queen of the local "Drought Days" festival two weeks ago.

In addition to his wife, Arlo is survived by two sons, Wilfred of Cleburne, Texas and Vance (and his wife, Sherry) of Chester; two daughters, Linda of Great Falls and Donna Bertram (and her husband, Mike) of Helena; nine grandchildren, including Debbie, Mike, Leslie, Staci, Sheila, Kent, Darren, Shannon and Travis; one sister, Edris Jensen of Chester; one aunt, Mildred Hanson of Chester; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. Arlo was preceded in death by his parents, a sister (Mable Mae Dafoe), and two infant siblings.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, October 17th, at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Chuck Nowlen officiating. Vocalists DeDe Brown, Rudy Cicon, and Dale and Lanea Gunderson performed "He Gave Me Jesus" and "On the Wings of a Snow White Dove". Gail Cicon accompanied the congregation, who sang "Just a Closer Walk with Thee". Pallbearers were Hal and Bob Dafoe, Gary and Carmen Jensen, Allen and Larry Barbie, and Clifford and Alfred Hanson. Ushers were Albert Hanson and Max Brown. Memorial bearers included all of Arlo's other good friends and relatives. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery and a luncheon followed at the church. Funeral arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

LEONARD H. GRIMES  
Born: March 25, 1920- Died: November 5, 1988  
Liberty County Times  
November 16, 1988

## Leonard Grimes

Leonard H. Grimes, 68, died Friday, November 5th at a Seattle hospital after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were Friday, November 11th at 11 a.m. at the Immanuel Baptist Church with the Rev. Ed Fallo officiating. Vocalists Wade and Edna Reese sang duets "Supertime" and "Sweet By and By" and Adrian Roberts sang a solo "I'm Going to See Jesus. The congregation sang "Rock of Ages". Pallbearers were Sterling Wolery,

Monte Borlaug, Steve Preeshl, Alvin Gatzemeier, David Toner and Jim Stuart. Honorary pallbearers were Olen Wolery, Lloyd Carfman, Mack Brownlee, Albert Dolph, Eriand Moe and Ben Sprague. Ushers were Stuart Brownlee and Roger Borlaug. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

A well-known Gildford farmer, Leonard was born March 25th, 1920, on the family farm south of Gildford. He was engaged in farming until his retirement in 1982.

He graduated from Hingham High School in 1938. He married Mary Kralich on October 10, 1943, in Great Falls. He was active in civic activities including the Gildford School Board for nine years, Farm Bureau, Republican Party, Farmers Coop of Gildford and his church. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of Gildford; four daughters, Mrs. Leroy (Marilyn) Wolery of Gildford, Mrs. Dan (Judy) Niemi of Marquette, Michigan, Mrs. Adrian (Lenore) Roberts of Havre, and Mrs. Dean (Kathy) Converse of Mitchell, Nebraska; one sister, Mrs. Robert (Ruth) Meeks of Nashville, Tennessee; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, a sister and one daughter. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society or to a person's choice. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre was in charge of arrangements.

LAWRENCE (LARRY) GUERTZGEN  
Born: July 29, 1935 - Died: June 7, 1988  
Liberty County Times  
June 22, 1988

## Larry Guertzgen

Lawrence "Larry" Guertzgen, 52, a longtime Maple Valley, resident, died Tuesday, June 7th at Vancouver, Washington, where he had lived since February.

Mr. Guertzgen was born July 29, 1935 in Chinook where he grew up.

He served in the Navy during the Korean War. He worked as a mechanic at Pacific Fruit & Produce in Seattle until 1983 when he retired because of a brain tumor. His disease had gone into remission and he began building a new home in Vancouver in February, nearly completing it before his death.

Survivors include his wife Diane of the family home; a son Rick Guertzgen of Seattle; a daughter Janet Davis of DelRey, California; three stepsons, Todd Helmerson of Santa Monica, California and Jame and Robb Helmerson of Renton, Washington; mother and stepfather Lucille and Wallace Thomsen of Joplin, Montana; four brothers, Mickey of Thermopolis, Wyoming, Dale and William of Evanston, Wyoming and Byron of Louisiana, Missouri and two granddaughters.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday at Marlatt Chapel in Kent, Washington with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery.



VALERIE ERIN GUNDERSON  
Born: July 14, 1970 - Died : April 24, 1988  
Liberty County Times  
May 11, 1988



***Valerie Gunderson***

Valerie Erin Gunderson was born July 14, 1970 in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Leonard and Katheryn (Kelly) Gunderson. Her short life ended the morning of April 24, 1988, in Rochester, Minnesota. Valerie's passing is mourned not only by her parents, but by brothers Chad, Ryan and Scott; sisters Whitney and Stacie; grandparents Jack and Carol Kelly of Bozeman; 12 uncles and aunts; 21 cousins and numerous other relatives and friends. Val was preceded in death by grandparents Douglas and Josephine Gunderson of Chester and an uncle, John Kelly of Bozeman. "God gave us memory so that we might have roses of Valerie forever."

**LEO RAY HAWKS**  
**Born: November 5, 1926 - Died: April 16, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 27, 1988**

## Leo Hawks

Leo Ray Hawks was born in Chester, Montana on November 5th, 1926. He was the youngest of three sons born to Sena Sletager and Clarence Hawks. He grew up on the family homestead located 20 miles northwest of Chester. Leo was baptized and confirmed at the Trinity Church north of Lothair and has remained a member of that church his entire life. His early education was at the Corral Creek School near the farm, and he graduated from Chester High School in 1945. In the few years that followed, he worked on the family farm, and then started farming on his own in 1949. Leo married Frances M. Shettel on January 14th, 1951 in Galata. They have lived and worked on the farm since that time and raised their family of three. Leo semi-retired in

1986 following a heart ailment. He and Frances have spent the past two winters in Columbia Falls with their daughter. On Sunday morning, April 10th, Leo suffered a spell at home. He came to the Chester Hospital and was transferred that same day to the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls. He died there on Saturday evening, April 16th. He was 61 years old.

In addition to being a life-time member at Trinity, Leo also served on the church council and as church treasurer. At one time he served on the District #76 rural school board. Leo had many hobbies. He was especially fond of outdoor activities like hunting, fishing, boating and snowmobiling. There wasn't anything that he wouldn't try to do, for instance, in recent years he developed a love for downhill and

cross-country skiing. Leo liked music of all kinds, especially country western and gospel, and he and Frances enjoyed both square and round dancing. Just for fun he



enjoyed playing the trumpet and piano. Leo had an undying love for his farm and family, and his grandchildren were especially important to him. He will be remembered as a kind and compassionate man who loved the fellowship of family and friends.

His survivors include his wife, Frances of Chester; two sons and daughters-in-law, Claude and Rita and Adrian and Janet, all of north Chester; one daughter, Wanda of Columbia Falls; five grandchildren, Jeremy, Tammy, Kimberly, Kari and Cory; his parents-in-law, Alva and Mildred Shettel of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Leo was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers (Duke and Henry).

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 20th, at Our

## JACK HEMMER

Born: June 1, 1945 - Died: September 27, 1988

Liberty County Times  
October 5, 1988



### Jack Hemmer

Jack Hemmer, 43, Columbia Falls High School teacher and coach, died Tuesday morning, September 27th, of a heart attack.

After completing his first period class Tuesday morning, he complained of chest pains and drove himself to the Columbia Falls Clinic where his wife, Carmen, worked. The ALERT air ambulance was called and landed in the nearby Glacier National Bank parking lot; however, he died a short while later at the clinic.

Jack was born June 1, 1945 in Chester and attended grade school at Lothair. He graduated from Chester High School in 1963 and was Valedictorian of his class. He was also the first president of the newly formed Science Club at CHS. He received a bachelor's degree in math and physics from Montana State University in 1967 and a master's degree in education from MSU in 1974.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1969-71 in Korea and was honorably discharged as a first lieutenant. Jack and Carmen Kennedy were married in Billings in June of 1971 and that fall he taught math and physics at Columbia Falls High School where he also was a freshman football coach for several years. Jack was beginning his 18th year of teaching in Columbia Falls and was active in the District 6 Education Association. He was president the past two years and was currently president of St. Richard's Parish Council. He was also a summer ranger in Glacier National Park for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Carmen, and three children, Sara 15, Scott 13, and Staci 11, all of the family home south of Columbia Falls; his mother, Nora Hemmer of Lothair; two brothers, Ray Hemmer of Lincoln, and Bob Hemmer of Belgrade; five sisters, Mrs. Norm (Anna-Marie) Anderson, Mrs. Carl (Janice) Mattson, both of Chester, Mrs. Wally (Marlene) Howery of Shelby, Kathy Hemmer of Billings, and Mrs. Mike (Carol) Horinek of San Diego, California. Jack was preceded in death by his father, Frank Hemmer.

A wake service was at Van Leuven Funeral Home Thursday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. A testimonial to Jack was read by Terry Guidi, Columbia Falls High School counselor and fellow ranger.

Mass of the Resurrection was Friday, September 30th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard Sullivan officiating. Casketbearers were fellow teachers: Jim Holland, Dale Wick, Pat Campbell, Norman Hagen, Dick Cowan, Terry Guidi,

Doug Dye and Jim Ward. Burial was in the St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Flathead Hospice or the Jack Hemmer Memorial Scholarship Fund at Glacier National Bank in Columbia Falls.

"We're all in a state of shock up here," said high school principal Barbara Parker Tuesday afternoon. "He has deep roots here and was an integral part of our family. He will definitely be missed." Parker said high school homecoming activities would continue that week. "He would have wanted it that way."

#### IN MEMORIAL OF:

#### JACK HEMMER

*Farewell, Jack, treasured friend...  
We could not dream the end  
would come so soon,  
For last songs have no words  
And yet they will be heard, these  
harvest tunes  
(Leaves fall without a sound,  
Frost glints upon the ground  
beneath a silent moon,  
Flowers fade out of glory  
Leaving us but a story of a once-  
radiant June.)*

*May angels take you now,  
Smooth worry from your brow,  
that you may rest.  
May the good God above  
Measure you by your love, for  
then you will be blessed.  
And may we, when winter nears,  
Find warmth in what was dear in  
you, and best.*

*Mary Moe, Columbia Falls High  
School English Teacher*

*--Portions taken from the  
Hungry Horse News,  
Columbia Falls, Montana.*

## VIOLA (HENDERSON) HORINEK

Born: May 27, 1925 - Died: October 11, 1988

Liberty County Times

October 19, 1988



**Viola Horinek**

Viola Horinek, 63 years old, passed away in Great Falls at her residence Tuesday, October 11, 1988. Funeral Mass was held Thursday, October 13th at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, Montana with Fr. Joe Showalter officiating. Sharon Spicher accompanied Terry Stevenson who sang "Nearer My God to Thee", "Ave Marie" and "How Great Thou Art". Pallbearers were James Bebee, Dennis Bebee, Harry Hammar, William Hammar, William Davidson and Richard Davidson. Ushers were Dan and Mark Horinek. Rosary services were 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Havre, Montana.

Viola Henderson Horinek was born in Tacoma, Washington on May 27, 1925 and as a small child moved with her family to Malta, Montana. She was the second child in a family of six. She attended Malta Grade and High School and graduated as a Registered Nurse from

the Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Havre. She married Charles Horinek in Malta October 14, 1947 and they moved to Hingham where he was farming. Charles passed away in 1975 and Viola remained on the farm until 1980 when she moved to Great Falls. She worked as a volunteer at Columbus Hospital for the past four years.

Viola is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Charlotte) Gray of Great Falls, Montana, and Mrs. Gary (Loretta) Tempel of Fairfield, Montana; three sons, Steven Horinek of Spring, Texas, Gary and Edward Horinek, both of Hingham; ten grandchildren; three

sisters, Loretta Bebee and Ida Hammar, both of Malta, Montana, and Donna Davidson of Spokane, Washington; and two brothers, Ed Henderson of Malta, Montana, and Don Henderson of Dallas, Texas.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre conducted the services.

RAY CHESTER HULETT  
Born: June 8, 1924 - Died : February 3, 1988  
Liberty County Times  
March 16, 1988

### ***Ray Hulett***

Ray Chester Hulett, age 63, Havre native and former Havre resident died February 3, 1988 of a stroke in a Cody, Wyoming hospital.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services and burial of ashes will be held Saturday, March 19th, 1:00 p.m. at the United Van Orsdel Methodist Church in Havre.

Ray was born June 8, 1924 in Great Falls. He married Gladys McIntosh in Havre October 15, 1947.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys; three daughters, Linda Rae Gonzales of Bozeman, Ella Rae Tweten of north Nashua, Raela Alex Hulett of Havre; and four grandchildren.

A memorial has been established to the American Heart Association.

## ELLEN MARIE NORDSTROM IRONS

Born: September 16, 1910 - Died: September 12, 1988

Liberty County Times

September 21, 1988

### Ellen Marie Irons

Ellen Marie Nordstrom was born in Burlington, Iowa on September 16, 1889. She was one of eight children born to Jennie Erickson and Axel Nordstrom. In 1902 she moved with her family to Stronghurst, Illinois. While there she met a young farmer named Logan Irons, who would eventually become her husband. In 1903 she went with her family to Nanton, Alberta, Canada where they took up a homestead. When Ellen turned 18, Logan came to Canada to get her. They were married in Burlington, Iowa on February 12, 1908. They moved to Logan's farm at Stronghurst, where they raised corn and stock. After 8 hard years of work and falling market prices, they sold the farm and came to Montana where Ellen's folks had homesteaded north of Chester in 1910. Logan took a job on the Harold Flogum farm and eventually was hired to work on the coal-chute for the Great Northern Railroad. In 1922 he was transferred to Whitefish, where they lived until his retirement from the railroad in the late 1940's. At that time they moved to Kalispell where Logan proved his skill as a carpenter; he built and sold several houses there. Ellen raised prize chickens and sold eggs. Logan's health began to fail so they moved back to Whitefish. He died and was buried there in April of 1954. Ellen decided to come back to Chester to care for her ailing mother, who eventually died in October of 1955. Because most of Ellen's family lived in the Chester community, she decided to build a small home here, and continued to live here throughout the rest of her life. In the late 1970's she moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge. She lived there until April of 1984, when she transferred to the

Liberty County Nursing Home. Ellen broke her hip in June of this year and has been in failing health since. She died at the Chester Hospital on Monday evening, September 12. She would have been 99 years old today (September 16).

Ellen had a "green thumb;" she loved flower gardening and was especially fond of roses. In her quiet time at home she enjoyed sewing and fancy-work, and she had made baby quilts for most of her nephews and nieces. Ellen never had any children of her own, but she loved kids and babysat for many Chester families over the years. While babysitting, she loved to read and color with the kids, and that's probably why she became affectionately known as "Auntie" by many families in our neighborhood. Ellen was a "rock hound" and also collected many sea shells throughout her travels. She and Logan used to enjoy fishing together and she was also fond of Chinese Checkers. Ellen was also known for her outstanding cooking skills (there was always something good for dessert at Auntie's house!). On June 18, 1987 Ellen was honored at the Nursing Home with a letter from Governor Ted Schwinden extending congratulations and best wishes on her longevity. At that time she was officially placed on the Century Citizen Honor Roll and was awarded a "centennial acre" deed from the State of Montana.

Ellen had always been active in her religion. She attended Jehovah Witness meetings regularly and always enjoyed going to as many out-of-town conventions as possible. Ellen touched the hearts of many, both young and old, and at the top of this list was her good

friend, Richard Buker. Although a very quiet lady, she was very happy with life and thankful for her good health over all these years.

Ellen was the last survivor of the Axel Nordstrom family. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her only sister (Florence) and by her 6 brothers (Frederick, Ed, Harry, Frank, Bert, and Jack).

Ellen's only survivors include a sister-in-law, Anna Nordstrom of Chester; 4 nieces, Wanda Keith of Chester, Margaret Fitzgerald of Washougal, Washington, Margie Evans of Long Beach, California, and Betty Roberts of Bozeman; 3 nephews, Bob Nordstrom of Chester, Chuck Nordstrom of Bellevue, Washington, and Ray Nordstrom of Walnut Creek, California; and numerous great nieces and great nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester on Friday, September 16 at 10 am. Mr. Larry Huen of the Shelby Jehovah Witness group officiated. Rlynn Rockman served as eulogist. Friends listed as memorial pallbearers included Neil Shepherd, Alfred Hanson, Blaine Gifford, Craig Rude, Cliff Harden, Jay Gifford, Tim Snyder, Aden Ward, and Kemper Harden. Organist was Iris White. Vocalist, Sue Violet, sang "Jehovah Is My Shepherd."

Immediately following the services, a luncheon was held at the R.N.A Hall in Chester. Graveside services were held at the Whitefish Cemetery at 4 pm that same day. At the grave Naomi Rude Anderson sang a special tribute in memory of Ellen.

**GORDON JACOBSON**  
**Born: ?, 1951 - Died : January 23, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 27, 1988**

### **Gordon Jacobson**

Word was received Saturday, January 23 of the death of a former Chester resident, Gordon (Gordy) Jacobson. According to his family, death was caused by complications arising from a severe liver condition which he had been plagued with for several years. The funeral was Monday, January 25 at noon in Auburn, Washington. He was 37 years old.

Gordon attended school here until he, his mother and brother, Tim, moved to Washington.

Survivors include his mother, Lorene (formerly Lorene Swank), brother Tim, brother Bob and family, brother Bill and family, also numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Gordon was preceded in death by his father.

**OLE JENSEN**  
**Born: May 20, 1910 - Died: June 24, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 29, 1988**

**Ole Jensen**

Ole Jensen was born in Barton, North Dakota on May 20th, 1910. He was the eldest of seven children and his parents were Bergette "Bertha" Ness and Hans P. Jensen. Ole came to Montana as an infant in 1911, and his parents homesteaded 20 miles northeast of Chester. He attended the Fairview Country School near the farm. Following his formal education, Ole began farming for John Clausen near Chester. In the early 1930's he moved back to the family farm and eventually took over the operations there. In addition, he acquired other land in the vicinity and has lived and worked in Liberty County his entire life. In 1984 Ole suffered a minor stroke, which limited his activities. More recently his health failed again, so he entered the Liberty County Hospital on June 15th. He died there on the early morning of Friday, June 24th, at the age of 78 years.

Ole was baptized as an infant in North Dakota and was confirmed as an adult at Our Savior's in Chester. Of interest is the fact that his home on the farm is the original homestead house that has been modernized by remodeling. Ole loved his farm and you can count on your hand the number of times he spent away from the place (those few times were for short trips and hospital care only). He enjoyed the hard work associated with farming and remained physically active in the business until his stroke in

1984. In his quiet hours at home he enjoyed reading. He was especially fond of historical books and always kept up on current events.

Although he remained a bachelor throughout his life, he still shared his loyalty and love for his family. Ole's survivors include a brother, Harold of Chester; two sisters, Mrs. Gordon (Hazel) Broeder of Kalispell and Alice Polk of Cut Bank; an uncle, Louis Jensen of Columbia Falls; and 15 nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his father in 1955, by his mother in 1979, by his brother (Leo) in 1982, and by twin brothers who died in infancy.

Funeral services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester on Tuesday, June 28th, at 11 a.m. with Reverend Steve Nicolai officiating. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" with accompaniment by Merna Kolstad. A vocal trio of Rachel Nordstrom, Tawna Meldrum and Sue Violet performed "Amazing Grace", and a vocal solo by Sue Violet was "The Old Rugged Cross". Ushers were Bob Mattson and Gordon Nelsen. Pallbearers included Gary Broeder, Jim LaValley, Phil Nordstrom, Dwane Heintz, Charley Frey and Joe Seidlitz. Honorary bearers were Armand Anderson, Allen Mattson, Ed Mlinar, Don Schaefer, Jack Smith, Scott Enghusen and Bob Nordstrom. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was

held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.



Ole Jensen



## MARIE ETHEL JOHNSON

Born: August 31, 1889 - Died: December 2, 1988

Liberty County Times  
December 7, 1988



### Marie Johnson

Marie Ethel Enerson was born in Elk Mount County, North Dakota on August 31st, 1889. She was one of 13 children born to Hannah Benson and Martin Enerson. She grew up near Dahlin, North Dakota and attended school there. On October 19th, 1908 she married Arthur Karl Johnson. In the spring of 1910 they filed a homestead 15 miles northwest of Joplin, Montana. They lived, worked, and raised their family on the farm until their retirement in 1945. They bought a home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and lived there until 1957 when Arthur's health declined. They moved back to the Chester community where Arthur died in 1958. Marie built a new home on the farm in 1960, which incidentally, was built on the same foundation as their first home in those early homestead years. She remained on the farm until 1986 when she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. Following a short stay at the Chester Hospital, Marie died on the late evening of Friday, December 2nd. She was 99 years old.

Marie had many hobbies. She enjoyed craft work, like making quilts, pot holders and braided hangers. She was a member of the

Bethel Church and ALCW, and she sewed at church every Tuesday (clear through her mid-90's when her health was still good). She had also been active in the Joplin R.N.A. in those early years. After they moved to Coeur d'Alene, she kept herself active by babysitting local youngsters. Marie enjoyed singing and dancing in those early days, and she was always organizing a neighborhood or family picnic. She enjoyed her life as a homemaker; she did a lot of canning and she was

a good cook (apple pie was her specialty). Like most homesteaders, she was a hard worker. In addition to raising a big family, she always found time to milk the cow, raise a few chickens, plant a large garden, and pick a lot of berries. Marie was thankful for her good health and longevity, and the fact that she got to enjoy her offspring, some 70 grandchildren...

Her survivors include two sons, Victor and Paul, both of north Chester; five daughters, Jennie Halleberg of Havre, Lillian Rohrig of Portland, Oregon, Judy Moss of Havre, Jean Marsich of Billings, and Doris Humphries of Gainesville, Georgia; 21 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Marie was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by one daughter (Ellen), by two sons (Arthur and Maynard), and by all 12 siblings (including Hannah Johns, Josie Osler, Martin Enerson and Jack Enerson).

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Allen Haugen at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 5th at the Bethel Church in Joplin. A vocal number, "He Gave Me Lord Jesus", was performed by the quartette of Rudy Cicon, Edith Hodges, and

Dale and Lanea Gunderson. The congregation sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "Children of the Heavenly Father", accompanied by Edith Hodges. John Cicon served as usher. Several of Marie's grandsons, including Ronald, Kenneth and Danny Marsich, Mike, Art and Ron Johnson, and Jeff Holsapple, were pallbearers. Memorial bearers were "all of her many friends and neighbors". Following graveside services at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held in Kjos Hall. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel. All undesignated memorial gifts will be given to the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home.

**VIVIAN AMANDA JORGENSEN**  
**Born: May 29, 1903 - Died: September 13, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 28, 1988**

### **Vivian Jorgenson**

Vivian Amanda Jorgenson, 85 years of age, a resident of Gildford, Montana, died September 13, 1988 at Costa Mesa, California after a lengthy illness. She was born May 29, 1903 at Lulea, Sweden.

She came to the United States from Sweden as an infant with her mother and family to join her father who had immigrated earlier to the United States. The family lived in Minnesota where she was raised and educated. Mrs. Jorgenson received her teachers certificate and taught school in Minnesota.

She married Leonard O. Hanson February 29, 1928 in the Elim Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. After their marriage, the couple moved to North of Gildford, Montana, where they farmed. They were the parents of two children.

Her husband died in October of 1937. She married Elmer Jorgenson in July 11, 1938 at Helena, and the couple farmed north of Gildford on the same farm. Vivian was very active in the Gildford First Baptist Church. She was a well known

soprano singer and sang at church and other public functions. Vivian loved cooking and entertaining. She also contributed many baked goods to public affairs, etc. Vivian and Elmer Jorgenson loved traveling in the United States and abroad. She was an excellent homemaker. Vivian was a former member of the Gildford American Legion Post Women's Auxiliary. She was also a member of the Gildford Women's Birthday Club. Vivian was a sponsor of children in foreign countries and the Yellowstone Boy's Ranch. Her husband died November 23, 1984.

Funeral services were held Friday, September 23 at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Gildford with Pastor Eddie Fallo officiating. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Sharon Spicher accompanied Trudy Kurtz who sang "He Hideth My Soul" and Terry Stevenson sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked". The congregation sang "Rock of Ages" and "Amazing Grace". Ruth Hanson played the

prelude and postlude. Mrs. Reuben Scheuerman attended the register book. Pallbearers were Dean Hanson, Gordon Jorgenson, Keary Gregg, Larry Hanson, Rick Hanson and Danny Jorgenson. Ushers were Orville Hanson and Reuben Scheuerman.

Memorials will be of a person's choice.

## EILENE JUAREZ

Born: January 29, 1925 - Died: July 22, 1988  
Liberty County Times  
September 21, 1988

### Eilene Juarez

Funeral services for Eilene Juarez were held July 27th in the Assembly of God Church in Cordell, Oklahoma with Kevin Creed and Jerry Wilkins officiating. Burial followed in Lawnview Cemetery under the direction of McClure-Kiesau Funeral Home.

Mrs. Juarez was born in Seattle, Washington, January 29, 1925 to



Harley and Mabel Todd Berry. She died Friday, July 22 in Cordell. She was married to Tony Juarez on June 3, 1941. They lived in Inverness, Montana for several years where Tony was the section foreman for

the Great Northern Railroad and the Burlington Northern Railroad. Upon his retirement, the family moved to Havre. After Tony's death Eilene moved to Cordell. Eilene had been the Inverness correspondent for the Liberty County Times for many years.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church and also attended the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Survivors include two sons, Ralph of Redmond, Washington, and Tony of Renton, Washington; two daughters, Martha Kissner and Jeanie Cole of Cordell; nine grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and one sister, Doris Berry of Washington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tony, in 1977; one son, Raymond, and two sisters, Bonnie Jean Grantham and Elsie Earl.

EUGENE H. (CORKY) KAERCHER  
Born: September 30, 1920 - Died : March 5, 1988  
Liberty County Times  
March 23, 1988

### *Corky Kaercher*

Eugene H. Kaercher was born on the family farm located north of Rudyard, Montana on September 30th, 1920. He was one of five sons born to Eunice Angus and Norman Kaercher. Corky grew up on the farm and attended the Pleasant Valley country school near there. He finished his education in Rudyard, graduating from high school in 1939. At the onset of World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1941. He served double tours in both the European and African Theatres as a gunner on bombing missions. Following his honorable discharge in 1945, he returned to Montana. He spent the remainder of his working life in agriculture in the hi-line community. In the 1970's he worked for various farms in the Sunburst area. Ill-health forced his retirement in the early 1980's, and he moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. Corky later moved to the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, where he died on Saturday, March 5th. He was 67 years old.

Corky never married. When his health was good he liked to travel. He always enjoyed a good game of cards and he liked to spend time with people.

He is survived by two brothers, Lloyd of Havre and Lorn of Billings, and by several nephews and nieces. Corky was preceded in

death by his parents and two infant brothers.

Per his wishes, Corky was cremated and his remains were buried in the Veterans Cemetery in Columbia Falls. A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

LIZA (LIZZIE) KERBES LAAS  
Born: August 3, 1894 - Died: July 19, 1988



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apples. She devoted the next 25 years to this operation (from planting new stock to harvesting and shipment to the warehouse). She'd still be working in the orchard if she hadn't suffered a broken leg, which forced her retirement at the age of 90.

Lizzie moved into the Regency Manor Nursing Home in Chelan in 1985. While there she enjoyed swapping stories and singing with the residents. She was recently heard saying "I've done alot of things in my life. I've raised kids and I've raised apples, and raising apples was more fun!" Lizzie passed away on Tuesday, July 19th, in Chelan just two weeks short of her 94th birthday.

Lizzie enjoyed art; her home was always filled with various forms of artwork. She was not afraid to take

on new challenges and work beyond all odds to succeed. Lizzie's advice on succeeding included her idea that "you don't hold a nickel so close to your eye that you can't see the dollar".

Lizzie is survived by six children, including her sons, Walter, Charles and August, all of Chester, and her daughters, Mabel Schultz and Edna Lefllar of Manson, Washington and Billy Hamel of Chester; by two sisters, Ann Howe of British Columbia and Ida Kerr of Chester; by 20 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and by numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded to eternal life not only by her husband and parents, but also by four brothers (Mike, Edward, August and Carl), two sisters (Mary Story and Martha Roke), two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Lizzie Laas lead a life of hard work and new beginnings. She often said, "Don't be afraid to put your hands in the clean dirt", a statement that echoed her belief that effort and hard work paid benefits in many ways...

Lizzie had a life long commitment to agriculture. She was born Lisa Kerbes in Estonia on August 3rd, 1894 to Julia Marie Kaasak and Peter Kerbes. She was the eldest of nine children, and took an active part in helping with the family and raising rye. One of her early memories was that of helping her mother bake bread wrapped in the outer leaves of a cabbage.

When Lizzie was 16 she moved with her family to Steular, Alberta, Canada where they continued in the farming business. One day a fellow-Estonian wandered onto their farm, and it was that day that she met the man she was to marry, Nick Laas. Together, they headed south to Montana where Nick had a homestead. On the way to their wedding on February 24th, 1916, Lizzie stopped at the deeds office and filed for a relinquished homestead of her own. In the years that followed, they farmed together and raised six children and countless sheep. They saved their money and sold eggs and cream in order to buy more land.

In 1957 at the age of 65 Lizzie was ready for another adventure. She bought an orchard in Chelan, Washington and started growing

Memorial services for Lizzie will be at the United Methodist Church in Chester on Friday, July 29th, at 11:00 a.m. The services will be conducted by Reverend Charlie Hanson and Reverend Chuck Nowlen. The eulogy will be shared by Trudy Laas Skari and scriptures will be read by D'Et Green. Edith Hodges will serve as pianist and special vocal music will be performed by Carole Hanson. Immediately following the memorial services, there will be private family graveside services at the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon for all family and friends will follow at the church. Local arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

PHILIP EDWARD LARSEN  
Born: October 19, 1920 - Died : May 1, 1988  
Liberty County Times  
May 4, 1988

*Philip Larsen*

Phillip Edward Larsen, well-known farmer from the north Rudyard area, died at Stanford Medical Center at Palo Alto, California on May 1, 1988 after a lengthy illness. Born October 19, 1920, Phillip graduated from Hingham High School in 1941. He married Carol Collishaw in Havre in 1944.

Phillip was retired and had been living in Havre and Townsend. He is survived by three sons, Larry of Cupertino, California, Ron of Rudyard, Montana, and Michael of San Diego, California; three daughters, Sandra of San Diego, California, Susan Haaland of Inverness, Montana, and Sheila Pickett of Schenectady, New York; four sisters, Mrs. Muretta Porter of Stanford, Montana, Mrs. Carol Patrick of Havre, Montana, Mrs.

Norma Verploegen of North Havre and Pat Sather of Harlem, Montana; eight grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister (Phyllis Ramberg).

There will be no local services. A memorial has been established to "Make A Wish of Montana", c/o Fred Happel, Box 20297, Billings, MT 59104.

**FANNY MATHILDA LARSON**  
**Born: February 4, 1895 - Died: August 2, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 10, 1988**

### **Fanny Larson**

Fanny Mathilda Larson was born at Towner, North Dakota on February 4th, 1895. She was one of ten children born to Caroline Thompson and Amund Larson. As a child she was baptized and confirmed at the Norwegian Lutheran Church in Mouse River, North Dakota. Fanny grew up on the family farm and attended country school near there. She furnished her formal education in Towner, then went on to a business school in Grand Forks where she studied stenography. Her life during the next 50 years revolved around her career in the clerical profession. She worked as a court reporter at the State Capitol in Bismarck and also as a clerk at the State Bank of North Dakota. She retired in 1970 following 30 years of employment with the Great Northern Railway (she worked as a clerk on the line between Seattle and St. Paul). Fanny moved to Havre in 1972 to be near her family. She lived there until her health failed in 1985, when she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. She died at the nursing home early Tuesday morning, August 2nd, at the age of 93 years...

Fanny loved her life as a working

woman. She was a dedicated employce to Great Northern and worked to age 75 before retiring. She often spoke of the many interesting cases she had been involved in during her years as a court reporter. Fanny had excellent penmanship, even in her later years. Her family will always remember her as a proud, professional lady...

Fanny never married. Her only survivors include a sister, Albertine Reum of Havre, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, by six sisters (Clara, Alma, Olga, Tilda, Selma and Nora), and by two brothers (Alfred and Alvin).

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend David Larson of Great Falls at 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 5th, at the Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Chapel (located at 1410 13th St. So. in Great Falls). Entombment followed at the Hillcrest Mausoleum. Funeral arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

**MUREL J. MCGRATH SR.**  
**Born: 7, 1906 - Died: November 28, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 14, 1988**

**Murel J. McGrath Sr.**

Murel James McGrath Sr., 82, died Monday, November 28th, in Martin Memorial Hospital, following a brief illness.

He was a native of Barnesville, Minnesota, and a longtime resident of Inverness, Montana, moving to Hobe Sound 27 years ago from Garland, Texas.

He attended the First Baptist Church of Hobe Sound and was a graduate of the University of Montana College of Engineering, and was an honor student with membership in the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

He was a civil engineer with Shell Oil Company of South America and was affiliated with Brown and Root Engineering of Texas.

During World War II, he served with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Snipes of Greenville, Mississippi, and Mary Earp of El Paso, Texas; two sons, Murel J. McGrath Jr. of Garland, Texas, and William McGrath of Rochester, New York; a sister, Esther Cady of Inverness; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a dear friend and companion, Ann Martin; and her daughters, Diane Martin and Beverly Stokes.

Services were at the Wallace and White Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Calvin Terry, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hobe Sound, officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Sunnyvale, Texas.



**BEN GEORGE MICHAELIS**  
**Born: August 10, 1903 - Died: September 7, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 14, 1988**



**Ben Michaelis**

Benjamin George Michaelis was born at Green Isle, Minnesota on August 10th, 1903. Ben was one of 13 children born to Ida Schauer and Frederick Michaelis. The family moved to a farm at Milk River,

Alberta, Canada in 1907, so Ben grew up there. He attended the Sleepy Hollow School near Milk River and was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Following his formal education, he began working on various farms and ranches in Canada. He came to the United States in the 1940's. He spent some time in Oregon and Idaho, but lived mainly in Montana during those years that followed. In 1955 he took a job as a farm hand for Kenny Leck north of Galata, and worked there for the next 11 years. In the early 1970's he began working for Leonard and Errol Fritz northwest of Chester. Ben officially retired in about 1980 and made his home in Chester. Because of failing health, he moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in November of 1985. He died there on the afternoon of Wednesday,

September 7th, at the age of 85 years.

Ben had remained a bachelor his entire life. He was generally a very quiet man with a strong will, yet mild disposition. In his younger days he enjoyed fishing and dancing. In his later years he liked to drive and travel, and he enjoyed reading. He spoke fluent German, which he learned from his parents. Ben was very mechanical-minded and he loved to "tinker".

His survivors include five sisters, Lena Berringer of Milk River, Ida Friedrich of Oregon City, Oregon, Dora Schaefer of Spokane, Washington, Mary Sturtevant of Lucky Strike, Alberta, and Lydia Keasling of Corona, California; three brothers, Dietrich of Milk River, Bill of Milk River, and David of Rossland, British

Columbia; and numerous nephews and nieces. Ben was preceded in death by his parents, by one sister (Emma Stoneking), and by three brothers (Frederick, Daniel and Joseph).

Funeral services were held Monday, September 12th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Reverend Steve Nicolai officiated. Ben's niece, Gloria Hummel, sang "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by organist, Iris White. The instrumental quartette of Wilbur Eveland, Nick Bubnash, Oscar Erickson and Irene Harmon performed "It is no Secret". Ben's nephew, Terry Michaelis, read the eulogy. Pallbearers were Fred Sitch, Steve Leck, Errol Fritz and Dave Leck. Burial followed in the Chester Cemetery.

**DOROTHY "DOTT" THOMPSON MORRIS**  
**Born: January 31, 1910 - Died: December 29, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 18, 1989**

### Dorothy Morris

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, January 4th, at the Community Presbyterian Church in Whitlash for Dorothy "Dott" Thompson Morris, 78, who died December 29th, 1988, after an extended illness.

The Rev. Lincoln Anderson of Great Falls conducted the services. Pallbearers were Bill Struck, Robert Griffin, Matt Eide, Don Loranger, Troy Lakey and Lyle Knudson. Honorary pallbearers were Ben Taylor, Lester Eide, Nelson Bingham, Walter Stratton, Irvin Brown, Claude Demarest and Ronnie Wehr. Burial was in the Whitlash Cemetery under the direction of Burns Funeral Home of Shelby, followed by a luncheon in the Whitlash Liberty Hall.

She was born in Whitlash on January 31, 1910, to Winfield B. and Jennie Ashley Thompson. She married T.C. "Red" Morris November 28, 1930. They began ranching a year later on the old Holley ranch near Whitlash. In 1937, they purchased the Cliff Toole place and started the Lazy TM Hereford ranch. She remained on the ranch after his death in July 1984.

She loved horses and enjoyed riding in parades. She and her husband also enjoyed roses and had several prize-winning blooms. She was active in community affairs and in the Whitlash Home Extension Club. She was a charter member of the local organization of the Montana CattleWomen (CowBelles).

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Walter and Robert "Bob" Thompson, and a sister, Marion T. Haislett.

Memorials may be made to the Community Presbyterian Church of Whitlash or to the American Cancer Society.

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## Funeral services for Dot Morris to be held today

Dorothy (Dot) Thompson Morris passed away Friday, December 29, 1988 after an extended illness. She was born in Whitlash, January 31, 1910. Her parents were Jennie Ashley Thompson and Winfield B. Thompson. She was married to T.C. (Red) Morris on November 28, 1930. They began ranching one year later on the old Holley Ranch near Whitlash.

In 1937 they purchased the Cliff Toole Ranch and started the Lazy TM Hereford Ranch. Dot remained

on the ranch after Red's death in 1984.

Dot is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and is preceded in death by two brothers, Walter and Bob Thompson and a sister Marion P. Haislett.

Funeral services will be held today, Wednesday, January 4, 1989 at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church in Whitlash. Reverend Lincoln Anderson of Great Falls will officiate. Burns Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

**FRANCES R. (SCOTTY) MORRISON**  
**Born: May 26, 1920 - Died: November 1, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 2, 1988**

## Scotty Morrison passes away

Word was received Tuesday morning that Frances R. (Scotty) Morrison passed away in Davenport, Washington. Funeral services will be held Friday, November 4th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapel of Strate Funeral Home in Davenport. Military graveside services will follow at Mountainview Cemetery, also in Davenport.

Scotty was born May 26, 1920 to

Arthur G. Morrison and Mary Milne in Chester Montana, and is survived by his wife Virginia, one son Robert and one daughter Sandra. Frances was born and raised in the Sweetgrass Hills and is the brother of Mrs. Troy (Lucy) Lakey, Arthur Morrison and John Morrison.

Cards and memorials can be sent to Mrs. Frances Morrison, Box 592, Davenport, WA 99122.

**JUNE ESTHER MUNYAN**  
**Born: December 7, 1985 - Died: July 26, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 3, 1988**

### **June Munyan**

June Esther Munyan was born in Glasgow, Montana on December 7th, 1985. She was the eldest of two children born to Linnea Ann Stiles and John Lee Munyan. Her family presently lives in Vallejo, California where her father is stationed as a Petty Officer 3rd Class Engineman in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Pyro.

Her family was presently on leave in Montana when they were involved in a single car accident near Lolo on Tuesday, July 26th. June died in the fiery crash, which left other family members seriously injured. June was only 2-1/2 years old.

Her survivors include her parents and her brother, John Jr., of Vallejo; her paternal grandparents, Thomas Lee Munyan of Kalispell and Donna Tyson of Modesto, California; her maternal grandparents, Doug and June Stiles of Poplar; her paternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Walton of Nashua; her maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Mary Wilkes of Wagner; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. June was preceded in death by her maternal great-grandparents, Elmer and Esther LaBorta of Rudyard and Walter Wilkes of Wagner.

Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 30th, at the L.D.S. Church in Wolf Point with Mormon Elders officiating. Graveside services and interment of cremains were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 1st, at the Joplin Cemetery (Joplin, Montana). Pastor Jim Sheldon officiated and dedication of the grave was made by Doug Stiles. Special friends and relatives serving as memorial bearers included Chief Petty Officer Patterson, Seaman Matt Johnson, Seaman Pat Marcus, Gerard LaBorta, Wayne Stiles, Russell Munyan and Jason Stiles. Local arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel in Chester.

**JENNIE OHLRICH**  
**Born: June 9, 1896 - Died: February 18, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 24, 1988**

## **Jennie Ohlrich**

Jennie Alice Ohlrich, 91, resident of the Plevna and Baker area, passed away Thursday, February 18, 1988 at the Fallon Medical Complex of a long illness. Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 22, 1988 at the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home with Pastor Dave Johnson of Emmanuel Evangelical Free Church of Plevna, Montana, officiating. Vocal music included "How Great Thou Art" and "Whispering Hope". Interment was in the family lot of the Bonnievale Cemetery, Baker, Montana.

Jennie was born June 9, 1896 in Sheldon, North Dakota the daughter of Francis and Catherine Probert. Jennie and her identical twin sister, Elizabeth were next to the youngest of 11 children, seven sisters and three brothers. She was the last surviving member of her family. Elizabeth passed away February 3, 1988.

Jennie received her Life Certificate for teaching from Valley City State Teachers College at Valley City, North Dakota. Jennie and Elizabeth came to Montana in 1922 to teach. She continued to teach in Fallon and area counties off and on until she retired in 1966. She enjoyed teaching and serving the community for 44 years.

June 12, 1928 she was married to William Ohlrich in Miles City. They farmed and ranched north of Plevna for many years. William preceded her in death in May of 1971. After his death, Jennie moved into Plevna. In 1985 she moved to Baker to be closer to her daughter. After a slight stroke, she moved into the Fallon Medical Complex where she resided for the past year. Jennie enjoyed her animals, gardening and raising flowers. She also enjoyed being with her family and friends. She was very active in the Plevna Senior Citizen Center and enjoyed the many activities. Jennie was a member of the Emmanuel Evangelical Free Church of Plevna.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Marvin (Carol) Krook of Chester, Montana and Mrs. Milton (Ruth) Hochhalter of Baker; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband William in 1971, seven sisters and three brothers.

**FRANK CANUTE OSWOOD**  
**Born: November 10, 1910 - Died: June 3, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 8, 1988**

*Frank Oswood*

Frank Canute Oswood was born near Chester, Montana on November 10th, 1910. His father had emigrated from Norway and eventually settled in the Sweetgrass Hills north of Chester. Frank's parents were Canute and Christine Oswood and he was one of six children. He grew up on the family ranch and attended the Roke School near the farm. In his late teens Frank worked odd jobs in Canada and Montana, then returned to the family ranch in 1931. He lived and worked there until the outbreak of World War II, when he was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served from 1942-1945 and was honorably

discharged.

He returned to the ranch north of Chester and continued in the cattle business with his brother, Olney. In 1976 they retired and leased the ranch out, but continued to live in their home there. Olney moved to Chester in 1983, but Frank chose to remain on the ranch.

About a year ago he suffered a stroke and spent some time recuperating at Fort Harrison Veterans Hospital in Helena. Frank was a very stubborn, independent man and he insisted on coming back to his home, where he has lived alone since. He was found dead at his residence on Friday afternoon (June 3rd). He was 77 years old.

In his younger years Frank

enjoyed fishing. In his quiet hours at home he liked to read, watch TV, and listen to music. He loved mechanics and enjoyed rebuilding motors in old cars and tractors. Frank could best be described as a very private, introverted man who enjoyed living the simple life.

Frank never married. Survivors at the time of his death included his brother, Olney of Chester; a half-brother, Clarence of Conrad; and a niece, Gloria Scovell of Salem, Oregon. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters (Elsie, Caroline and Agnes). (Late word is that Frank's half-brother, Clarence, died Monday morning in Conrad.)

Graveside services were held

Tuesday, June 7th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Chester Cemetery. Reverend Steve Nicolai of Our Savior's Lutheran Church officiated. In addition to military "taps", the flag was presented to his brother, Olney, by American Legion Commander Buffington. Friends serving as memorial bearers included Earl Thisselle, Grant Jeppesen, Dick Burrows, Bob Dafeo, Lloyd Oswood, Warren Wickum, Don Buffington, Ben Dolezal, Richard Wickum, B.J. Oswood and Bill Yackley. Following services at the cemetery, a coffee hour was held at the Sweetgrass Lodge. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

**ANNA NORA PEEBLER**  
**Born: December 30, 1907 - Died: July 13, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 20, 1988**

***Anna Peebler***

Anna Nora Peebler, 80, Kalispell, died Wednesday evening at Brendan House following a lengthy battle with cancer.

She was born December 30, 1907 at Hillsboro, Oregon, the daughter

of Victor and Ellen Lambott. The family moved to Inverness, Montana in 1910, then to the area south of Rudyard in 1916.

November 17, 1924, she married George A. Peebler in Havre, and they made their home in the Rudyard area until 1944, when they moved to Kalispell.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1977.

Surviving are four daughters, Ruby Langel of Chester, Marjorie Williams and Sharon Torgerson, both of Kalispell, and Betty DeShazer of Libby; one son, Larry

Peebler of Rudyard; a brother, Louis Lambott of Rudyard; 14 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday until 8:00 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Saturday (July 16) at 2:00 p.m. at the Weatherford Chapel, with Minister Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell 59903-1002.

**ROBERT K. (RUDY) PETERSON**  
**Born: September 22, 1956 - Died: March 8 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 30, 1988**

Robert K. "Rudy" Peterson, 31, of Drummond, died Tuesday, March 8, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula of injuries resulting from a cave-in at the Cominco American phosphate mine near Garrison.

He was born September 22, 1956, in Havre, to Kenneth and Joan Peterson. He graduated from Rudyard High School in 1975. He helped build grain silos on the Hi-Line and in the Geraldine area after high school.

He worked for Wilray Farm

Machinery in Fort Benton and then was employed by Enopco in 1981, working on oil rigs in the Drummond area. He moved with that company to Texas for a short time and also was with the company in Williston, North Dakota. He later worked at Hogan's Lumber Yard in Hall and for the Martin Cattle Ranch in Drummond. He was employed by Cominco American Phosphate the past five years.

He married Patricia Meier on June 27, 1987, in St. Timothy's Chapel at Georgetown Lake.

He was a member of the Steelworkers union, Drummond Volunteer Fire Department and Drummond High School Booster Club. He enjoyed outdoor sports.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, Drummond; his mother and father, Kenneth and Joan Peterson, Anaconda; a sister, Susan Brodock, Clarksville, Tennessee; his grandmother, Irene Carey, Grass Valley, California; and several

aunts, uncles and cousins.

Joint funeral services were held 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12 at St. Mary's Center in Deer Lodge for Mr. Peterson and Claus "Joe" Wohlers, who also died in the accident. The Rev. Gale Fister officiated.

Burial was at Valley Cemetery in Drummond under the direction of Jewell Funeral Home, Deer Lodge.

Memorials may be made to the Drummond High School Booster Club.



**ADRIAN DENNIS RILEY**  
**Born: April 19, 1932 - Died: May 1, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 11, 1988**

**Adrian Riley**

Adrian Dennis Riley was born in Wanda, Minnesota on April 19th, 1932. He was one of eight children born to John Patrick Riley and Helen T. Berg. He grew up in Minnesota, completing his early education in Wanda and then graduating from Lamberton High School in 1950. In 1951 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged in 1954 and returned to Minnesota. The

following year Adrian came to Montana on a harvesting job in the Hi-Line community. While here he met a Rudyard girl, Mary Ann Evans, and they were married on March 4th, 1957 at Inverness. They continued to live in Inverness where Adrian worked at the Inverness Hotel, did some ditch-digging on the side, and also worked as a cattle/hog buyer. They moved to Great Falls in 1965 and lived there for the next ten years, where Adrian worked in the trucking and cattle business. In 1976 they moved to Salem, Oregon where he took a job at the "Statesman Journal" newspaper. He presently worked as district sales manager for the newspaper. In addition, he and Mary Ann operated "Scott's Auction and Furniture Store" in Salem.

Sunday evening, May 1st, they were visiting their son when Adrian suddenly collapsed. He was taken by ambulance to a Salem hospital where resuscitative measures were to no avail. He died at the age of 56 years.

When they first moved to Salem, they raced thoroughbred horses and



Adrian Riley

Adrian was active in the Oregon Horse Racing Association. In addition to horse racing, he loved sports of all kinds, and had sponsored several softball teams in the Salem area. He enjoyed playing cards, especially pinochle and whist.

Adrian loved going to auctions, and his hobby was buying and selling antiques. He loved his family and friends, and always looked forward to those social times with them.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann of Salem; three sons, David, Adrian (Jr.), and James, all of Salem; two daughters, Kerry of Salem and Judith Swartz of Havre; his mother, Helen Riley of Wanda, Minnesota; three grandchildren, Brandon Riley, John Patrick Riley and Adrienne Swartz; three brothers, Llewelyn and Larry, both of Tacoma, Washington and John of St. Paul, Minnesota; three sisters, Joanne Moelter of St. Paul, Rita Turbes of Worthington, Minnesota, and Judith Walters of Clements, Minnesota; his parents-in-law,

Clinton and Tillie Evans of Rudyard; and numerous nephews and nieces. Adrian was preceded in death by his father, a sister (Angela), a daughter (Linda Ann in 1964), and a son (John Patrick in 1980).

Memorial services were held at the Chapel of the Gardens Mortuary in Salem on Wednesday afternoon, May 4th. The funeral mass was celebrated by Father John Coady at the Sacred Heart Church in Inverness on Saturday morning, May 7th, at 11:00 a.m. Iris White was organist and vocal music by Terry Stevenson included "How Great Thou Art", "Amazing Grace", and "Heart of Jesus, Hear."

Ushers were Eugene Evans and Howard Mangold. Pallbearers included Tiger Evans, John May, Bill Evans, Neil Keller, Roger Evans and Dalton Dahlke. Burial was in the Inverness Cemetery, where a short military service included "taps" and presentation of the flag to Mary Ann. A luncheon followed at the church. Local funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

A memorial fund is being established at the "Statesman Journal" in Salem. It is called the "Adrian Riley Scholarship Fund" to be used for scholarships for Salem area paperboys...

## TILLIE DORTHEA (MATTESON) ROBERTS

Birth: December 23, 1896 - Died: June 15, 1988

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June 22, 1988

### Tillie Roberts

Tillie Dorthea Matteson was born in McIntosh, Minnesota on December 23rd, 1896. She was one of eight children born to Mary Berg and Christ Matteson. Her father had homesteaded north of McIntosh in 1883, and Tillie grew up on the family farm. She was confirmed at the Trinity Lutheran Church in



1911 and attended schools near the farm. At age 15 she went to Bemidji and worked as a hotel maid and dishwasher. She heard about available land in Montana, so came here in 1917 and purchased a homestead near the Bear's Den north of Chester. She lived and worked on this place until 1921, when she returned to Minnesota to care for her ailing mother. While there she met her husband-to-be, William J. Roberts. They were married in Bemidji on December 15th, 1929, and they spent that first winter in Cleveland, Ohio. They moved back to McIntosh and lived on the home place in the Lessor community until 1949, and then moved to Clearbrook, Minnesota. In addition to farming at Clearbrook, Tillie worked as a nurses aide at the Good Samaritan Home for 14 years. Her husband died in 1965. She remained in Clearbrook, but made frequent trips to Montana to visit relatives.

She finally moved here permanently in 1981 so that she could be with her family, sister-in-law Margret of Galata and sister Minnie at Kalispell. Tillie lived at the Crossroads Manor in Shelby for a short time until her health failed in 1986. She transferred to the Toole County Nursing Home where she lived until her death on the evening of Wednesday, June 15th. Tillie was 91 years old.

She had always been active in the church and ladies aide. She was an honorary member of the Clearbrook W.E.L.C.A. After retiring from her nurses aide job, she did volunteer work at the Good Samaritan Home for many years. She loved cooking and entertaining guests. Her nieces raved about her delicious lefse, flat bread and pies. She had been a hard worker her entire life, and had spent countless hours milking cows, picking berries, and doing other chores of a farm wife. Tillie had a

big heart and was always there to help whenever she was needed. She loved spending time with her family and always kept them entertained with jokes and stories of her younger years.

Tillie is the last one in her family. She was preceded in death by all of her siblings (including Thora, Minnie Enevold, Malvin, Carl, Ole, George and Johnny), by her parents, and by her husband. Her only survivors include two nieces, Iva Kolstad of Ledger and Christabel Matteson of Galata; two nephews, Leonard Matteson of Galata and Wallace Enevold of Kalispell; and numerous cousins.

Funeral services were held at the Trinity Lutheran Church north of Lothair on Saturday, June 18th at 3:00 p.m. Reverend John Wiig officiated. Special vocal music by Linda Schlotfeldt was "My Faith Looks Up To Thee." The congregation sang "What A Friend

We Have In Jesus" and "Thine is the Glory", with accompaniment by Carolyn Frederickson. Pallbearers included Chris Kolstad, Greg Matteson, Wallace Enevold, Clifford Lybeck, Tom Ambuehl and Arnold Jeppesen. A luncheon followed the services at the church.

Tillie was sent to McIntosh for burial with her husband. Graveside services were Monday, June 20th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Trinity Church Cemetery. Reverend Milan Ingman of McIntosh officiated at the committal services. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

## CLARENCE WILLIAM SHETTEL

Born: April 8, 1913 - Died: December 2, 1988

Liberty County Times

December 7, 1988



### Clarence Shettel

Clarence William Shettel was born at Bison, Montana on April 8th, 1913. His parents, John Nathan Shettel and Cynthia Iona Snider, had homesteaded in the Bison community west of Joplin in 1912. Clarence was one of ten children. He was baptized in those early years by a traveling Methodist minister and attended the Buelows Country School near the farm. Following his formal education, he continued working on the farm. Clarence married Dorothy Heavirland on September 25th, 1953 in Havre. He continued farming in the Chester community until 1962, when they moved to Washington state. Following Dorothy's death from cancer in 1970, Clarence and his son (Bill) returned to Montana. He has lived in Chester from that time on. He worked as a farm laborer for

Allen Kolstad and Benny Heim-bigner, and he also hauled dirt and did odd jobs around town. Clarence's health declined in 1986, so he moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home. He died at the Chester Hospital on the early morning of Friday, December 2nd, at the age of 75 years.

Clarence loved farming and working outdoors. He enjoyed yardwork and gardening, and was especially fond of his yellow roses. Of interest to note is that he took a correspondence course in art, and he enjoyed painting flowers and still-lives. He liked doing mechanical work, and in his quiet hours at home he enjoyed whittling. Clarence liked to spend time with friends playing pool, horseshoes, or Chinese checkers. Years ago he loved to sing and play the accordian. His fondest memories were those special times with Bill, either hunting or fishing. Clarence loved people, especially kids, and in recent years discovered a new found love in his grandchildren...

His survivors include twin daughters, Lois Bear of Kalispell and Lola Harps of San Ysidro, California; four grandchildren, including Frank, Katheryn, Theresa and Adam; three stepsons, David Peppenger of Missoula, Dennis

Peppenger of Great Falls, and Thomas Hathaway; two sisters, Clara Hadford of Joplin and Lois Clements of Missoula; one brother, Alva of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Clarence was preceded in death not only by his parents and wife, but also by his son (Bill in 1977), by two brothers (Levi and Roy), and by four sisters (Florence, Alice and twins in infancy).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday (December 6th) at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Chuck Nowlen officiating. Organist was Iris White. Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, performed "The Old Rugged Cross" and "On Eagle's Wings". Friends serving as pallbearers, both active and honorary, included Chris Kolstad, Harvey Harstad, Bob Aitken, Allen Kolstad, Marlyn Harstad, Lee Butterfield, Ray Zorn and Neil Harstad. Memorial bearers were "all of Clarence's loving friends and relatives". Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

**MAGDALENA (LENA) RICHTER SHORE**  
**Born: December 9, 1921 - Died: May 7, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 11, 1988**

***Lena Shore***

Funeral Mass for Lena Shore, 66, a Chinook homemaker, were said Friday, May 6th at 2:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness, with burial in the Inverness Cemetery. Fr. John Coady said the Mass. Iris White was the organist and Mark Jochim sang "Ave Maria," "I Am the Bread of Life," "The Lord's Prayer," "How Great Thou Art," and "Amazing Grace".

Ushers were Lee Richter and Pat Mader. Pallbearers were Rex Fraser, Bruce Richter, Todd Adams, Charlie Adams, Dennis Galle II, and Dennis Richter. A Rosary service was held Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Holland & Bonine Chapel in Havre, led by Fr. Jack Harrington.

Magdalena "Lena" Richter was born December 9, 1921 in Alma, Montana north of Joplin. In 1942, Lena married James Williams Sr. and they had two children. Lena married Orville Shore October 31, 1956 and they made their home in Chinook. Lena had two children and Orville had five children and Lena

raised them all as her own. Before becoming ill five years ago Lena enjoyed camping and fishing, baking and word puzzles. She also did some very nice embroidery work. Lena is survived by her husband Orville of Chinook; children James Williams - Colorado Springs, Nora Weigand - Dodson, Montana, Mary Galer - Anitoch, California, Orvilla Shore - Bay Shore, New York, Tommy Weigand - Chinook, Montana, Betty Reed - Anaconda, Montana, Donald Shore - Sturgis, South Dakota; 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary Mader and Agnes Mader of Great Falls, Francie Fraser and Virginia Adams of Inverness; brothers, John Richter - Havre, Frank Richter - Joplin, Chris Richter and Ray Richter of Hingham, Eddie Richter - Innerlocken, Michigan. Lena was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and one sister.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or of a persons choice.

## OLIVER MANVILLE SKARI

Born: January 25, 1901 - Died: February 27, 1988

Liberty County Times

March 2, 1988

### Oliver Skari

Oliver Manville Skari was born near Kindred, North Dakota on January 25th, 1901. He was one of ten children born to Marie Anderson and Iver Skari. Oliver grew up on the family farm in the Red River Valley (North Dakota). He was confirmed in the Norwegian Lutheran Church and attended schools through grade eight. He later attended a business college at Grand Forks, then took a job at a furniture store in Chicago. In the years that followed, he worked various farm jobs in Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota. Oliver was married in December of 1929 to Gina Morkrid at Fargo. They farmed in Nelson County for 11 years, and then lived in Kindred. They eventually moved to Minnesota where they bought their first farm near Hitterdal in 1943. Four years later they came to Montana and leased some land north of Chester. The Skari family began purchasing that land in 1955 and it has been farmed by them since. Following Gina's death in 1962, Oliver retired. In 1963 he married Betty Johns, and they made their home in Hamilton and Great Falls during their 15-year marriage. Oliver came back to Chester in 1978 and lived on the farm. In January of 1979 he married Maude VanDessel in Shelby. They lived in the Chester community and eventually moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge. When Oliver's health began to decline in 1985, he moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home where he has resided since. On Saturday evening (February 27th) he suffered a stroke and died at the Chester Hospital. Oliver had just turned 87 years old last month...

Oliver had been a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester and at one time had served as a church trustee. In more recent years he had attended the Methodist Church. He was proud of his Norwegian heritage and the fact that he spoke fluent Norwegian. His hobbies over the years included hunting and fishing, reading (he especially loved Western novels), and playing cards (he was fond of pinochle and whist). He was a spectator fan of baseball and of interest is the fact that he had watched all of the old major league teams play at Wrigley Field in Chicago back in the 1920's. Oliver was a strong believer in education and made sure that his four sons all went to college. He will also be remembered as a joker with a good sense of humor.

Oliver's survivors include his wife, Maude of Chester; two sons, Morton of Chester, and Arlo and daughter-in-law Darlene of Chester; a daughter-in-law, Mora Payne of Missoula; four grandchildren, including Andrea of Boston, Massachusetts, Alan of Chester, Tala of Paris, France, and Lisa of Tacoma, Washington; one sister, Inga Haugen of Chester; two brothers, Luther of Clearwater, Florida and John of Mandan, North Dakota; and numerous nephews and nieces. Oliver was preceded in death not only by his first wife and his parents, but also by two sons (Duane in 1960 and Carmen in 1972), by four brothers (Peder, Albert, Edwin and Ole), and by two sisters (Martha and Anna).

Funeral services were held at the

Chester United Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Dan Clark of the Methodist Church and Reverend Steve Nicolai of the Lutheran Church officiated.

Guitarist/vocalist, Carole Hanson, performed "Turn, Turn, Turn" and "Old Paint". The congregation sang "My Faith Looks Up To Thee", accompanied by Rusty Dowell on the organ. Friends serving as ushers were Don Marble and Sterling Wardell. Pallbearers included Vic Elliott, Alfred Hanson, Curtis Morkrid, Robert VanDessel, Carl Morkrid, Charles Green, Bill Morkrid and Armand Anderson. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A memorial luncheon followed at the church.

**ELLEN ELIZABETH CLARK SKINNER**  
**Born: December 10, 1898 - Died: February 3, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 10, 1988**



**Ellen Skinner**

Ellen Elizabeth Clark was born on December 10th, 1898 in Winchester, Tennessee. She was the only daughter of three children born to Ela Reid and James Clark. She grew up in Winchester and had her early schooling there. Ellen graduated from high school in Nashville. She came from a family of teachers, so she attended the Middle Tennessee Normal College in Murfreesboro and the Peabody College in Nashville. Ellen taught school in Tennessee until 1923, when she moved to Ravalli County, Montana to be near her cousin. In addition to

teaching school in various Montana communities, she took a refresher course at Western College in Dillon. She finally came to the north Lothair community, where she taught at the old Trommer School. It was there that she met a bachelor farmer, Bradford Skinner, and they were married in Shelby on November 19th, 1927. Ellen eventually quit teaching to raise her family and help Brad on the farm. Brad died in 1972. Ellen continued to live on the farm. She died at her home on the morning of Wednesday, February 3rd. She was 89 years old.

Ellen enjoyed the simple things in life like reading, gardening, baking and homemaking. She was pretty much a "home-body", but did make several trips to Tennessee and Texas over the years to visit family and friends. She was very proud of the fact that the Clark Memorial School in Winchester was renamed in memory of her parents, who taught there for many years. Ellen loved children and enjoyed her life as a teacher. Even in later years she would spend countless hours in the school exhibit buildings at the local fairs. She loved her family and her home, and was happy that her mind and health remained relatively good until the end...

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Betty of Lothair; a daughter and son-in-law, Betty Ann and Lennie Limesand of Sun River; 6 grandchildren, Kay, Alan, Gary, Donna, Kip and Mark; 5 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Ellen was preceded in death not only by her husband, but also by her parents and 2 brothers (Reid and Rufus).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday (February 8th) at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Charles Hanson officiating. Special music by vocalist/guitarist, Carole Hanson, included "In the Garden" and "Beyond the Sunset". Merna Kolstad, organist, accompanied the congregation, who sang "Still, Still with Thee" and "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us". Ushers were Fred, Wes and Tim Fenger. Ellen's grandsons, Dan Jorgenson, Alan Limesand, Gary Limesand, Kip Limesand, Mark Limesand and Nathan Lehmann served as pallbearers. Immediately following the services, a luncheon was held at the church. At 1:30 p.m. that same day, the graveside services were conducted at the Mountainview Cemetery in Shelby. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**HENRY ALEXANDER SMITH**  
**Born: August 31, 1906 - Died: March 22, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 6, 1988**

### **Henry Smith**

Henry Alexander Smith, 81, a resident of rural Chinook, died on Wednesday, March 22, 1988 at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester.

A memorial service was held March 26 at the 6th Avenue Christian Church, Havre, with the Rev. Kermit Owen officiating.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre.

Henry was born August 31, 1906 at Portsmouth, Virginia where he was raised and attended school. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during WWII.

In September of 1931 he married Bessie Sally Mulder at South Mills, North Carolina and the couple lived at Portsmouth after their marriage.

Henry worked for Seaboard Coastline Railroad for many years as a welder and retired. His wife died in 1975.

In September of 1975 he moved to Montana to live with his son and family. He resided on the

Lawrence Hofeldt Ranch in the Bears Paw South of Chinook for the past six years. He enjoyed the spring time when the calves and other animals were born. He even took part in naming them.

He was known as a kitchen cowboy. Henry was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Car-men Merrimac Lodge #188 of Portsmouth, Virginia, also a member of the 6th Avenue Christian Church of Havre.

He is survived by a daughter Betty J. Ford of Portsmouth, Virginia; one son, Vernon E. Smith of Crisfield, Maryland; one daughter-in-law, Amy Belle (Kelley) Smith of Chinook; two sisters, Addie Byrd of Chesapeake, Virginia and Katheryn Elliott of Portsmouth, Virginia; also 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Henry A. Smith, Jr.; one daughter, Rose M. Moore and one sister, Eva M. Ryder.

Memorials to the Little Rockies Christian Church Camp or a person's own choice.

**MINNIE BERNICE ELLIS SMITH**  
**Born: September 18, 1899 - Died: August 7, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 10, 1988**

## **Minnie Smith**

Minnie Bernice Ellis was born in DeKalb County, Missouri on September 18th, 1899. She was one of ten children born to Emma Lockhart and Alvin Ellis. Minnie

was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist faith. She grew up in Missouri and graduated from the Maysville High School. She attended the Chillicothe Business School for the next two years, where she learned the secretarial trade. She returned to Maysville and worked in a bank, and later at the Clerk of Court's office. August 22nd, 1923 she married Frank Smith at Bethany, Missouri. Frank served as sheriff of DeKalb County for a number of years. In 1934 they came to Montana to work for Frank's brother, Burt, on a farm 30 miles north of Chester. They eventually bought a farm near there, which they worked until 1946. Their only son, Charles, took over the farm and they moved to Kalispell. After Frank died in 1965, Minnie moved back to Chester. She remained in her own home until 1984, when she moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge. Her health began to fail in 1986, so she transferred to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre. Minnie died there on the afternoon of Sunday, August 7th. She was just one month shy of being 89 years old.

Minnie had been a member of the Daughters of the Revolution in Missouri and the American Legion Auxiliary in Chester. She was also

active in the Republican Women's Organization. She enjoyed fancywork, tatting, flower gardening, and cooking.

Her survivors include a daughter-in-law, Monica Smith of north Chester; five grandchildren, including Virginia Wood, Barbara Smith, Mary Mansfield, John Smith and Frank Smith; nine great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Whitaker of Lees Summit, Missouri; three brothers, Lonza and Silas Ellis of Maysville, Missouri and Fountain Ellis of Kansas City, Missouri; and numerous nephews and nieces. Minnie was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by her son (Charles in 1984), by two sisters (Pearl Ellis and Christina Merritt), and by three brothers (George, Oscar and Lester Ellis).

Private family services were held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 9th, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Services were conducted by Reverend Charlie Hanson of Chester. At 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 10th, graveside services were held at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, where Minnie was buried next to her husband.



**BETTY LOU ELEANOR (SMITH) STANDIFORD**  
**Born: November 7, 1934 - Died: October 11, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 19, 1988**



**Betty Lou Standiford**

Life-long Chester resident, Betty Lou Standiford, died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Great Falls on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 11th. She had been in Great Falls that morning on personal business, and was returning to Chester via Highway #87 when the accident occurred. She died at the scene.

She was born Betty Lou Eleanor Smith on November 7th, 1934 in Havre, Montana. She was one of three children and her parents were Erna Erickson and Joel Smith. Betty Lou grew up in Chester and was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. She was educated in the Chester School system and played clarinet in the high school band. She was valedictorian of the C.H.S. graduating class of 1952. The following year she studied business at Northern Montana College. On August 22nd, 1953 she married Allan Standiford in Chester. They farmed near Lothair and ran a lumber yard in Galata for a number of years.

After moving to Chester in 1970, Betty Lou worked as a waitress at the Wagon Wheel Cafe for about two years. She then took a job as teller at the Liberty Bank of Montana, where she has continued her employment since. Her present position at the bank was operations officer. At the time of her death, Betty Lou was 53 years old.

She was a member of Our Savior's and had served on the church council. She was active in the VFW Auxiliary and had served as secretary of the Chester Boy Scouts organization for a number of years. She enjoyed sewing, knitting afghans, and cross-stitching. Other hobbies included ceramics, making wicker baskets, flower gardening and cooking. Betty Lou was a sports enthusiast, especially when it came to her children, and also enjoyed camping. She liked to ride her bicycle around Chester, and in her quiet hours at home she loved to read and work crossword puzzles. She was a dedicated mother and friend, and her family will never forget her undying love...

Betty Lou is survived by four sons, Allan of Renton, Washington, Stanley of Trona, California, Joel of Renton, Washington, and John of San Antonio, Texas; three daughters, Mrs. James (Alana) Larson of Arnegard, North Dakota, Mrs. David (Sharyn) Gunderson of Helena, and Christine of Missoula; four grandchildren, Jason, Cory, Krista and Michelle; one brother, Mickey Smith of Columbia Falls; one sister, Barbara Dolan of Gresham, Oregon; and numerous nephews and nieces. In addition, Betty is survived by her former husband, Allan, and special friend, Wayne Dafoe. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 15th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester

with Reverend Steve Nicolai officiating. Rusty Dowell served as organist and the congregation sang "How Great Thou Art". Vocalist/guitarist, Carole Hanson, performed "Walk in the World for Me". Rusty accompanied Wayne Wardell, who sang "The Lord's Prayer".

Friends serving as pallbearers were Howard Torgerson, Bob Dauwalder, Greg Bohn, Martin Olsson, Cliff Hanson and Dean Wolfe. Ushers were Bud Broadhurst and Jim Carter. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with special rites by the VFW Auxiliary. A luncheon followed at the church. Funeral arrangements by Rockman Chapel.

**EMMA L. STELLYES**  
**Born: September 9, 1899 - Died: February 21, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 9, 1988**

***Emma Stellyes***

Emma L. Stellyes, a former Gifford, Idaho, resident, died of causes related to age early Sunday morning, February 21, at the Orchards Villa Nursing Home at Lewiston, Idaho. She was 88 years old.

The daughter of Carl and Amelia Ullman, she was born September 9, 1899 at Standerton Transvaal, South Africa.

Shortly after birth, she moved to Hermansburg, Germany, with her family. In 1902, they moved to Lookout, Idaho, near Gifford.

In 1910, the family moved to Kippen, Montana, where they made their home until moving to Spokane in 1920. She then moved to Shelby, Montana, in 1938, where she lived until returning to Gifford in 1943.

She married Herman D. Stellyes at Spokane December 23, 1943. He died October 21, 1966. She lived at Gifford until moving to Lewiston in 1981.

Mrs. Stellyes was a member of the Good Hope Lutheran Church at Gifford.

Survivors include a son, Bernard Stellyes of Glendale, California; a daughter, Maxine Chambers of Rimrock, Arizona; a sister, Bertha Stratton of Whitlash, Montana; eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Herman, Carl and Otto Ullman.

The funeral was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 24 at Malcom's Brower-Wann Memorial Chapel at Lewiston with the Revs. Ole Gunderson and Mark Brandt of the Good Hope Lutheran Church officiating.

The family suggests memorials may be given to the church.

--Lewiston Tribune

**BERTHA H. STRATTON**  
**Born: April 1, 1902 - Died : May 20, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 25, 1988**

**Bertha Stratton**

Funeral services were held recently for Bertha Helen Stratton, who was born April 1, 1902 in Hermansberg, Germany. She came to the United States in 1904 with her parents and settled in Gifford, Idaho. In 1910, the family moved to Kippen, Montana, east of Ferdig, where they homesteaded. Bertha married Allen (Tim) Stratton of Whitlash in 1925. There were two children born to this marriage, Ethel

Stratton Aaberge of Libby and Walter Allen Stratton of Whitlash. Grandchildren are Claude Aaberge, Helen Cady, Jay Aaberge, Wanda Duncan, Lora Frederickson, Tracy Moneypenny, Montie Ray Stratton (deceased), and Clay Loring Stratton. Great-grandchildren are Kim Aaberge, Susie Aaberge, Melissa Cady, Brandy Aaberge, Jeremy Aaberge, Byron Aaberge, Brandon Duncan, Clint Frederickson, Colt Frederickson, Courtney Frederickson and Crystal Moneypenny.

Pallbearers were Ed Hofer, C.J. Iverson, R.E. Svare, Jim Parker, Ben Taylor and Leonard Matteson. Lunch was served following at the Bingham residence in Shelby at 975 No. Marias.

## JERRY KENT TEMPEL

Birth: February 11, 1954 - Died: March 5, 1988

Liberty County Times

March 9, 1988

Jerry Kent Tempel was born in Havre, Montana on February 11th, 1954. He was the eldest of five children born to Elvina Cady and Theodore Tempel. He grew up on the family farm north of Joplin and had his early education at the Tingdahl School near there. Jerry was baptized and confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. He completed his formal education in Joplin, graduating from J.H.S. in 1972. In the few years that followed, he attended the College of Great Falls and also worked at a car dealership in Billings. On July 9th, 1976 he married Denise McCormick in Joplin. They made their home on the family farm where Jerry helped with the farming operations. In the spring of 1977 he took a job at the Liberty County A.S.C.S. office as a program assistant. He worked mainly with the wheat and feed grain programs, and more recently



with C.R.P., but was very knowledgeable of all of the programs associated with the U.S.D.A.

Following a short illness and two-day stay at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls, he died there Saturday morning, March 5th. He had just turned 34 years old...

Jerry was presently a member of the Immanuel Church and served on the church council. He was also a member of the Sage Creek Water Board. He loved farming and being outdoors, so it's not surprising that he loved fishing and hunting, too. Jerry was an amateur auto body man and liked to fix-up old cars. In his quiet hours at home he enjoyed reading and sports of all kinds, but was an avid fan of professional wrestling. He also enjoyed playing cards. His family was very important to him, especially his children. Jerry was well-known for being a practical joker, but never carried it to the point of being offensive. To him life was very simple and uncomplicated, and he never complained about any shortcomings or difficulties.

Jerry's survivors include his wife, Denise of Chester; two children, Kari and Matthew; his parents, Ted and Elvina of Joplin; three brothers, Edward of San Jose, California, Greg of Joplin, and Daniel of Havre; one sister, Renee Evans of Joplin; a maternal grandmother, Helen Mock of Libby; his mother-in-law, Ida McCormick of Joplin; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Church in Joplin on Wednesday, March 9th, at 2:00 p.m. Reverend John N. Olson officiated. Organist, Gail Cicon, accompanied the congregation, who sang "How Great Thou Art". A vocal trio of Marty Thielges, Rudy Cicon and Marlene Grammar performed "Only in God" and "Be Not Afraid". Ushers were Monty Kantorowicz and Jack Seidlitz. Pallbearers were John Cicon, John Laird, Norman Wicks, Elvin Sundgren, Kip Lybeck and Art Johnson. Memorial bearers included "all of Jerry's co-workers and friends at the ASCS office". Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A coffee hour followed at Kjos Hall in Joplin.

**ALICE (REID) THIELMAN**  
**Born: January 28, 1911 - Died: July 25, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 3, 1988**

Alice Reid was born on January 28th, 1911 on her family's homestead located ten miles northeast of Chester, Montana. She was one of ten children born to Wilma Thompson and Alex Reid. Alice grew up on the family farm and attended the Norby Country School near there. She finished her formal education at Joplin High School, then moved to Spokane, Washington where she attended the Kinman Business College for about a year. She lived and worked in Spokane for two years before returning to Montana, where she met her husband-to-be, Arthur P. Thielman. They were married at Conrad on November 16th, 1934, and made their home on the Thielman farm northeast of Chester. In 1944 they moved to Great Falls, where they have lived since. They have continued to farm near Chester during the summer months. Alice's health failed these past six months, and she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester on April 4th. She remained there until her death on the morning of Monday, July 25th. She was 77 years old.

Alice enjoyed her life as a homemaker, mother and wife. She and Art would have been married 54 years this coming fall. She had many hobbies, but probably her favorites were braiding rugs and bowling.

Alice's survivors include her husband, Art of Chester; three daughters, Mrs. Norman (Kay) Steater of Salt Lake City, Utah, Mrs. Jerry (Billie) Dailey of Great Falls, and Mrs. Ken (Nyla) Thorn of Fairfield; ten grandchildren; two sisters, Agnes Cramer of Chester and Helen Rankin of Spokane, Washington; four brothers, Gordon Reid of Juneau, Alaska, Alex Reid of Ketchikan, Alaska, and Glen and Stanley Reid of Petersburg, Alaska; and numerous nephews and nieces. Alice was preceded in death by her parents, by two brothers (John and Bob), and by an infant sibling.



Alice Thielman

Jeanne Sheldon of Great Falls. Following the services, a luncheon will be held at the home of Alice's daughter, Billie Dailey (at 2812 - 4th Ave. No. in Great Falls). Per her wishes, Alice was cremated, and her cremains will be interred at a later date. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

## MARY JUANITA JOHNSON THOMPSON

Born: January 26, 1906 - Died: December 18, 1988

Liberty County Times

December 28, 1988

### Nita Thompson

Mary Juanita Johnson was born on the Johnson ranch in the Sweetgrass Hills on January 26th, 1906. She was one of five children and her parents were Myrtle McDowell and Murray Johnson. Nita was baptized at the Whitlash Church and received her early education at the North School near the farm. In 1924 she graduated from Shelby High School, where she had fond memories of playing center on the girls basketball team. Following high school, she attended normal school at Dillon and Billings, and received her teaching certificate. In the following few years she taught school at Devon and Whitlash. October 25th, 1926 she married Robert L. Thompson in Great Falls. They made their home on the Thompson ranch near Whitlash and began raising their family of four. They continued ranching in the Sweetgrass Hills until 1966, when they sold out to their son, Earl. They moved to Three Forks, Montana where they operated a small irrigated ranch. In 1978 they retired and moved to Shelby. Robert died in 1984. Nita has remained at their home in Shelby since. Her health deteriorated these past three months and she died at the Shelby Hospital on Sunday, evening, December 18th. She was

82 years old.

Nita retained her membership at the Whitlash Community Church all these years. After moving to Shelby, she became active in the Methodist Church and the circles of the U.M.W. She was also an early member of the Galata Eastern Star and continued her participation in the Shelby branch. Other memberships included the Whitlash Homemaker's Club, the Toole County Hospital Auxiliary, and the Shelby Garden Club. Nita had many hobbies around the home. She enjoyed embroidery, knitting and



crocheting. Every family member has at least one of her handmade afghans, and she always made one for the annual church bazaar. In those early years on the ranch, Nita loved horseback riding, attending community dances, or assisting in community plays held at the old Whitlash Hall. She loved working outdoors in her vegetable and flower gardens. She enjoyed canning and cooking, and her specialties were pies! In her quiet hours at home she liked to do crossword puzzles and read (her favorite material included histories, westerns and current events). Nita enjoyed playing board games (especially "Scrabble") and it was always a treat to play cards with the grandkids. Nita will long be remembered by her family as a very organized and efficient lady, a loyal companion and friend during those 58 years of married life, and last but not least, a loving and caring mother...

Nita is survived by four children, Donna Brown of Bozeman, Earl Thompson of Whitlash, Gale Thompson of Bozeman and Dorothy Bianchi of Aden, Alberta; two sisters, Virginia Ratzburg of Ledger and Florence Van Norden of Phoenix, Arizona; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. She

was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and two brothers (Vowers and Vernon Johnson).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 22nd, at the Shelby Community United Methodist Church with Reverend Grover Briggs officiating. Vocal music by Rock Svennungsen included "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross", with accompaniment by Eloise Lungren. Nita's granddaughter, Dolores Turner, served as eulogist. Pallbearers were Karl Ratzburg, David Turner, Hal Berringer, Eric Bianchi, Calvin Bianchi and Armin Thompson. Special friends listed as honorary bearers included Nelson Bingham, Claude Demarest, Glenn Aiken, Melvin Edwardson, Art Waddell and Irvin Brown. Special burial rites were conducted by members of the Eastern Star organization. Following the services, a luncheon was held at the church. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. at the Whitlash Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Shelby Methodist Church, the Whitlash Church, or the Toole County Hospital.

**FLOYD JOSEPH VON STEIN**  
**Born: ?, 1919 - Died: July 27, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 3, 1988**

### **Floyd Von Stein**

Floyd Joseph Von Stein, 69, of Cascade, a retired 45-year Montana Power Co. employee, died last Wednesday at a Great Falls hospital from cancer.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Cascade United Methodist Church, the Rev. Robert Hjermstad officiating. Burial was at Hillside Cemetery in Cascade.

Von Stein was born in Moccasin. He attended schools there and studied at Montana State College in Bozeman. He served in the Army in Europe during World War II.

Von Stein married Lillian Luoma in 1941 in Helena.

A charter member of the Cascade Lion's Club, Von Stein was also active in the Elks, Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and the Cascade Senior Citizens.

Survivors include his wife of Cascade; children, Joseph R. of Cascade, Mrs. Dean (Carol) Kienerberger of Dodson, Barbara Draper of West Valley City, Utah; sister, Emma Jean Bridges of Forest Grove, Oregon; and six grandchildren.

**JAKE WELLS**  
**Born: July 30, 1987 - Died: February 28, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 2, 1988**

### ***Jake Wells***

Jake Wells, age seven months, died in the Neo-Natal Medical Center in Spokane. He was born July 30, 1987 in Kalispell and flown air-ambulance to Spokane where he died February 28, 1988.

He is survived by his parents, Doug and Lori Wells, and sister, Tanna, of Kila, Montana; grandparents, Robert and Marlene Foster of Kalispell, and Mildred Wells of Seattle; great-grandmothers, Lois Brobst of Kalispell and Belle Foster of Chester; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were at the Baptist Church in Kalispell.



**EDITH G. BUTLER WESTPHAL**  
**Born: November 18, 1920 - Died: August 28, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 7, 1988**



**Edith Westphal**

Edith G. Butler was born at Mahanomen, Minnesota on November 18th, 1920. She was one of 13 children born to Edith Carpenter and Charles J. Butler. Her mother died at a young age, so the children were raised in foster homes.

Edith grew up and was educated in North Dakota, and she was raised in the Catholic faith. In the years that followed, she worked as a waitress, bartender and housekeeper. She came to Gildford in the mid-1950's and met a farmer named August Westphal. They were married on October 5th, 1957 and made their home on his farm. August died on April 6th, 1979. Soon after, Edith moved to the Eagles Manor in Havre. She remained there until July of 1984, when she came to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. Edith suffered from diabetes and lung disease, so her health has not been good these past few years. Following a short hospitalization and stay at the Liberty County Nursing Home, Edith died on Sunday afternoon, August 28th. She was 67 years old.

Edith's hobbies included sewing, needlework, cards, television and crossword puzzles. People say that she was a difficult person to get to know because she kept pretty much to herself, but those who did know her say that in her own way she was a very warm and caring person.

Edith's surviving family include two sisters, Isabelle Cudmore of Clarence, Iowa and Josephine Fullerton of Eldridge, Iowa; one brother, Charles Butler Jr. of Dewitt, Iowa; and numerous nephews and nieces. She is also allegedly survived by a son, Richard Butler, whereabouts unknown. Edith was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by four infant siblings, by a sister (Verna Kildeman), and by four brothers (Clarence, Raymond, Donald and Joseph).

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 2nd, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Father Bill Stanaway of the St. Williams Parish in Shelby will officiate. Cremation will follow the services per Edith's request.

## DAVID WILL

Born: May 24, 1925 - Died: August 22, 1988

Liberty County Times

August 31, 1988



### Dave Will

David Will was born at Wishek, North Dakota, McIntosh County on May 24th, 1925. His parents were Amelia Koth and William Will, and he was one of 13 children. Dave was educated in North Dakota and worked on various farms and ranches there before being inducted into the U.S. Army in 1944. Following his honorable discharge in 1946, he came to Richey, Montana where he worked on ranches and in grain elevators. He met a Wolf Point school teacher, Esther V. Luchsinger, and they were married at Parshall, North Dakota on December 26th, 1948. They spent the next two years in Wolf Point where Dave worked in the elevator business. In 1950 he was transferred to the Farmer's Elevator in Trenton, North Dakota, and they remained there for five years. They moved to Greensboro, North Carolina in 1955 where Dave learned the carpentry/cabinetry trade from his brother-in-law. He worked as a carpenter in Powers Lake, North Dakota for a short while, then moved to Chester in 1960 and began working for Leo Schaub Construction. Dave also worked at the Anderson-Brown Elevator in Chester. In 1967 he took a job as

maintenance engineer at the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home. He enjoyed that job for the next 19-1/2 years, and he retired in May of 1987. Shortly following his retirement, Dave learned that he had cancer, so he received numerous treatments during the past year. They moved to Great Falls in June so that he could receive regular outpatient care. Dave was admitted to the Columbus Hospital on Saturday morning, August 20th. He died there Monday afternoon, August 22nd, at the age of 63 years...

Dave was a member of the Chester United Methodist Church and had served as a church trustee. In their early years at Chester he did volunteer janitorial work at the church. Dave also helped in the initial formation of the Chester Lions Club, but did not continue his membership in recent years. In his younger days, Dave enjoyed singing and playing baseball. More recently, he enjoyed traveling and golfing. In his quiet hours at home he enjoyed reading and television; he liked humorous books and watching the Discovery channel. Prior to moving to Great Falls, Dave and Esther enjoyed attending Bible study classes. Dave's favorite hobby was wood-working, and he was proud of the numerous desks and cabinets he had built over the years. He loved his family, especially his grandkids, who gave him great joy. Dave will best be remembered as an unselfish person with a friendly disposition...

Dave's survivors include his wife, Esther of Great Falls; his two children, Loreece and Patrick Tolle of Overland Park, Kansas and Terry and Shelley Will of Conrad; four grandchildren, Tyler, Cale, Brian and Amanda; his mother, Amelia of Chester; four brothers, Earl of Othello, Washington, Harley of Wolf Point, Harold of Plentywood, and Arden of Hardin; five sisters, LaVina Mitzel of Prosser,

Washington, Lucille McDaniel of Joplin, Laura Johnston of Richey, Leona Will of Franklin Park, Illinois, and Dyann McCrory of Outlook; and numerous nephews and nieces. Dave was preceded in death by his father, by a brother (Victor), and by two infant siblings.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, August 26th, in the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Charlie Hanson officiating. Vocal music by Pastor S.C. Scheerer of Great Falls included "Amazing Grace" and "When the Roll is Called up Yonder". Marcia Scheerer served as accompanist, and the congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross". Ushers were Lon Schaub and Sterling Wardell. Friends serving as pallbearers included Walt Wicks, Ed Swank, Dave Herron, Bob Nordstrom, Leo Schaub and Dick Brown. Memorial bearers were listed as Dave's brothers and brothers-in-law. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery where presentation of the flag was made by Ray Standiford. A luncheon followed at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**ESTHER LILLE STRISSEL WOODS**  
**Born: February 15, 1898 - Died: January 21, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 28, 1988**



**Esther Woods**

Esther Lille Strissel was born in Butler, South Dakota on February 5th, 1898. She was one of 13 children born to Maria Anna Duerre and Fredrick Strissel. She came to Montana as a child with her family, who homesteaded in 1909 northwest of Rudyard. Esther grew up on the farm and attended school in Rudyard. On May 11th, 1918 she married Robert H. Woods at Inverness. In 1920 they moved to a family farm in Alberta and lived there for the next 17 years. They returned to the farm north of Inverness in 1937 and continued working there until their retirement in 1960. In the years that followed, they wintered in Mesa and summered in Inverness. Robert died in 1974. Esther continued to live at Inverness until 1983, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. Because of declining health, she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in 1986, and has lived there since. She died at the Chester hospital on the evening of

Thursday, January 21st. Esther would have been 90 years old next month.

She had been an active member of the Inverness United Methodist Church where she served as church organist for many years and also participated in the Ladies Aide & U.M.W. In the 1940's she served as clerk of the Inverness School for 10+ years. Esther had also been a member of the Eastern Star (Joplin Lodge) and the Daughters of the Nile (Havre Branch).

She had many hobbies, including cooking, baking and homemaking; tating and crocheting; raising flowers and vegetables; and playing the piano and organ. She loved to write letters to family and friends, and always got lots of letters in return. Her family was very important to her, and she was extremely happy and grateful to enjoy off-spring in the 5th generation below her.

Esther's survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Aileen and Charles Han of Inverness; her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Virginia of Inverness; three granddaughters, Shirley, Dotty and Linda; three grandsons, Don, Greg and Scott; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Elmer Strissel of Ronan and Orien Strissel of Missoula, and numerous nephews and nieces. Esther was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by six brothers (William, Daniel, Victor, Harvey, Carroll and Clarence), by four sisters (Marie, Mabel, Lula and Lila), and by one grandson (Chuck Han).

Memorials will be given to the

Inverness United Methodist Church, the Liberty County Nursing Home, or donor's choice.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday (January 25th) at the Inverness United Methodist Church with Reverend Dan Clark officiating. Sharon Woods served as organist. Gail Cicon accompanied the vocal duet of Marty Thielges and Rudy Cicon, who sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus".

Friends serving as pallbearers included Walter Hovee, Ralph Peterson, Al Voss, Kenneth Gutscher, Tony Jochim and Kenneth Han. Immediately following the services, a luncheon was held in the church basement. Graveside services were later that afternoon at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**HELEN MARGARET (HAUGE) WOODWARD**  
**Born: November 3, 1918 - Died: May 16, 1988**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 25, 1988**

***Helen Woodward***

Helen Margaret Hauge was born in Chester, Montana on November 3rd, 1918. She was one of three children born to local homesteaders, Marie Morkrid and Arne Hauge. She grew up on the family farm south of Chester and attended the Erickson Country School. She finished her education in Chester, graduating from high school in 1935. Helen enrolled at Northern Montana College and received her teaching certificate. She began teaching at the Underdahl School near Ledger. In 1940 she married Robert W. Woodward. During those first few years of marriage, they lived at Nye and Kalispell. They moved to Cut Bank, where they lived and raised their family, a son and a daughter. From 1958-68 Helen was the third grade teacher at the Anna Jeffries School in Cut Bank. In 1969 Helen and her son, Robert, began farming the family homestead south of Chester. They moved to Chester in 1972, and have lived here since. Helen bought an older home in Chester in 1982 and has been slowly remodelling it since that time.

Helen has not felt well the past few months. She went to the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls Tuesday, May 10th, and had abdominal surgery. Monday evening, May 16th, Helen died at the age of 69.

During those years in Cut Bank, Helen served as a 4-H leader and assisted in the Girl and Cub Scout programs. After coming back to Chester, Helen spent many hours doing historical research and verifying records for the publication of Liberty County's "Our Heritage" book. Helen loved the Chester community and was enthusiastic about the development of the Sweetgrass Lodge and the Senior Citizen's Center. In her quiet hours at home she enjoyed television and reading. Of interest is the fact that back in 1939 she took flying lessons, but never pursued it following her marriage and family years. Helen has always been a



Helen Woodward

strong-willed, independent women with private emotions, but she appreciated her friends and was always concerned with those in need.

Survivors include her son, Robert A. of Chester; a brother, Irvin K. Hauge of Chester; a sister, Ann Parkell of San Diego; a niece and nephew (who she helped raise), Jeanie Huppert of San Diego and Randy Parkell of Arivaca, Arizona; and several cousins. Helen was preceded in death by her daughter (Margery Ann in 1971), by her husband in 1987, and by her parents.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 19th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Steven Nicolai officiated. Organist, Iris White, accompanied Sue Violett, who sang "Amazing Grace" and "When Peace Like A River". Pallbearers included Morton Skari, Narciss Gagnon, Robert Pugsley, Aden Ward, Oscar Erickson and Dean Wolfe. Honorary bearers were Kenneth Wolfe, John Nuxoll, Tom Osterman, Joe Gagnon, Delmar Wolfe, Allen Kolstad, Ernest Gagnon and Cliff Hanson. Stuart Erickson served as usher. Interment followed at the Erickson Cemetery south of Chester, then a luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.