

E. OLIVER AABERGE
Born: April 9, 1923 - Died: January 29, 1989
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E. Oliver Aaberge

E. Oliver Aaberge, 65, 1200 32nd St. S., No. 46 of Great Falls, a longtime Ledger-area and Dutton rancher, died Saturday of cancer in a Great Falls hospital.

The funeral was held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday (today) at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Dutton with the Rev. Del Weeks officiating. Burial was to be in the Dutton Cemetery. O'Connor Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Oliver was born April 9, 1923, on a homestead near the Prospect Community in Montana, and was educated in Conrad, graduating from Conrad High School. He attended the University of Montana, where he enrolled in the ROTC program.

In 1942 he entered the U.S. Army, and served with the 99th Battalion Ski Patrol. He received a Purple Heart, along with a commendation from King Olav of Norway for his involvement in the liberation of Norway.

Following his discharge in 1945, Mr. Aaberge returned to Montana and farmed in the Ledger area with his brothers. He married Marian L. Midge in 1948 in St. Olaf's Church in the Ledger area. In 1960 he purchased the Teton Valley Ranch at Dutton, and he and his wife lived there until 1980, when they retired and moved to Great Falls.

Mr. Aaberge was a member of the

Marias Archers, the National Archery Association, the National Rifleman Association, the American Angus Association, the American Quarter Horse Association, and the Bethany Lutheran Church, where he was a past councilman, past treasurer, and past member of the Lutheran Brotherhood.

He was a 4-H leader, a licensed real estate agent, a member of the Good Samaritan Club, and a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity while attending the university.

Survivors include his wife of Great Falls; daughters, Gail Becker and Nancy Fleshman, both of Dutton, Jackie Van Heel of Great Falls, and Eileen Kari Aaberge of Ballantine; a son, Luther of Missoula; brothers, Elmer of Milwaukee, Oregon, Lewis of Ledger and Kenneth of Libby; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

MORRIS ANDREW ANDERSON

Born: November 3, 1916 - Died: May 19, 1989

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Morris Anderson

Morris Andrew Anderson was born on the family homestead one mile north of Joplin, Montana on November 3rd, 1916. He was one of eight children born to Mayme LaValley and Andrew Anderson, who had homesteaded in the Joplin community in 1910. Morris grew up and attended schools in Joplin. Following his high school graduation, he began working for his folks on the farm. On December 7th, 1938 he married Marie K. Olson in Joplin. In 1946 Morris and his brother, Sanford, purchased the family farm and worked together there until Morris' retirement in 1983. Morris' health began to fail this past year. During a recent hospitalization in Chester, Morris died from complications of leukemia on the morning of Friday, May 19th. He was 72 years old.

Morris had been a lifetime member of Bethel Church in Joplin. Morris loved his farm and the Joplin community. This was evident not only by the fact that he was born and raised there, but also by the fact that he spent 50+ years of married life there with Marie, working and raising their daughter together. Morris enjoyed fishing, vegetable

gardening, reading and doing mechanical work. In recent years he enjoyed visiting his family in Fishtail, where he helped the grandkids in the lambing and branding operations. Morris loved his family and friends, and people liked him because "he was easy to like"...

Morris' survivors include his wife, Marie of Joplin; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Robert Ostrum of Fishtail, Montana; three grandchildren, including Kari (and husband, Cory), Chad and Jason; four brothers, Prosper and Sanford of Joplin, Donald of Fairfield, and Robert of Augusta; two sisters, Laura Beatty of Great Falls and Mildred Overgaard of Plentywood; and several nephews and nieces. Morris was preceded in death by his parents and one brother (Clifford).

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Allen Haugen at the Bethel Lutheran Church Monday, May 22nd, at 11:00 a.m. The Bethel Ladies Choir sang "Because He Lives", accompanied by Eldora Rosling. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art". Ushers were Frank Meldrum and Larry Olson. Pallbearers included Dean Lyle, Ellsworth Graff, Glenn LaValley,

Tommy Wood, Cliff Thorson and Leonard Olson. Memorial bearers were listed as "Morris' many friends". Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery, and a luncheon followed

at Kjos Hall. Funeral arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorial gifts will be given to the Bethel Church or the Liberty County Hospital in Chester.

PHYLLIS LORRAINE ANDERSON
Born: April 11, 1928 - Died: March 26, 1989
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Phyllis Anderson

Phyllis Lorraine VanWechel was born in Havre, Montana on April 11th, 1928. She was one of four children born to Gertrude Narstad and Jacob VanWechel. Phyllis grew up on the family farm north of Rudyard and attended the Happy Hollow Country School near there. She graduated from Rudyard High School in 1946. Phyllis married Richard S. Anderson in Kalispell on April 13th, 1947. In the years that followed, they made their home predominantly in the Joplin community where they farmed and raised their family of five boys. In the late 1960's Phyllis took employment as a bookkeeper for the Farmer's Union Oil Company in Joplin, a job she held for eight years. She continued her book-keeping skills for the next five-six years at the Thielman Implement Company in Chester. Phyllis suffered from the ailments of chronic lung disease, so she has not worked outside of her home for the past several years. She died at the Liberty County Hospital on the afternoon of Easter Sunday (March 26th). She would have been 61 years old this month.

Phyllis was a member of the

Bethel Church in Joplin and the V.F.W. Auxiliary in Chester. She enjoyed many hobbies over the years, including sewing, knitting, making afghans, painting and ceramics. She liked to play the piano and work in her flower garden. She was very proud of her large collection of dolls, and always enjoyed touring doll museums. Her favorite activities away from the home were bowling, golfing and playing bridge.

Survivors include her husband, Bud of Joplin; five sons and their wives, Richard and Karen of Havre, Randy and Susan of Landusky, Robert and Peggy of Havre, Roger and Christy of Belding, Michigan, and Rodney and Brenda of Belding, Michigan; 13 grandchildren; her parents, Jake and Gert VanWechel of Rudyard; two brothers, Mel VanWechel of Fort Yukon, Alaska and Jim VanWechel of Kent, Washington; one sister, Kay Norenberg of Rudyard; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday (March 30th) at the Joplin Bethel Church with Reverend Allen Haugen officiating. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace", accompanied by Thelma



Phyllis Anderson

Anderson. The Bethel Choir sang "How Great Thou Art". Ushers were Bruce Mansfield and Wallace Carlstad. Family friends serving as pallbearers included Paul Wolery, David Alley, Delbert Anderson, Ray Ramberg, Tim VanWechel and Doug Moore. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery with special graveside dedication by members of the VFW Auxiliary. A coffee hour followed at Kjos Hall. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

ZETTA RAMONA (HOLZHEIMER) ANDERSON
Born: January 14, 1931 - Died: April 26, 1989

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Zetta Anderson

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Zetta Ramona Holzheimer was born on January 14th, 1931 at Malta, Montana. She was the only daughter of three children born to Margaret Mott and Earl Holzheimer. Zetta grew up in Great Falls and graduated from the Ursuline Academy in 1949. In the fall of that same year, she married Eugene M. Anderson, a south Joplin area farmer. They made their home on Gene's farm and raised their family of four children. Following Gene's death in 1980, Zetta remained in the Joplin community for a short while before moving to Great Falls to be near her mother. In 1982 she moved to Billings to live near her children. While there she met Joseph Lombardo, and they were married in 1985. Joseph died in December of 1988. Zetta has been treated for cancer since June of 1988, and she has had numerous hospitalizations since. She died at the St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings on the

afternoon of Wednesday, April 26th. She was 58 years old.

Zetta was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Great Falls, the "Parents Without Partners" group in Billings, and a special club called "Emotions Anonymous" in Billings.

Since moving to Billings she converted to the Catholic faith and became an active member at St. Thomas The Apostle Church there. Her hobbies included bowling, golfing, dancing, reading and bird-watching. She will be remembered by her family as a good friend and loving mother.

Zetta's survivors include one daughter, Marguerite ("Marg") Anderson of Billings; three sons, Earl ("Joe") Anderson of Billings, John Anderson of Billings, and Gary Anderson of Havre; her mother, Margaret Holzheimer of Great Falls; one brother, George Holzheimer of Great Falls; four grandchildren, including Travis, Carol, Kari and Erica; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her two husbands and her father, but also by two infant sons (William and Donald) and one brother (Myron).

Funeral mass was celebrated at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 29th, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester by Father Frank Kelly. Cristy Fossen served as organist and Zetta's daughter-in-law, Noreen, sang "Amazing Grace" and "Beyond the Sunset". Harley Rudolph served as usher. Pallbearers were Duane Johnson, Jim Laird, Ken Miller, Robb Smith, Larry Anderson and Bob Nordstrom. Honorary bearers included Lyle Mansfield, Ellsworth Graff, Gary Jensen and Harley

Rudolph. Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery. Following the graveside services, a luncheon was given by the Bethel ALCW at Kjos Hall in Joplin. Funeral arrangements were

by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Memorial gifts will be given to the St. Vincent's Hospice program in Billings or to the American Cancer Society.

A memorial service for Billings friends was held at 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 1st, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Billings. Father Nathaniel Bourke officiated.

LARRY EDMOND BASSETT

Born: February 10, 1915 - Died: December 26, 1989

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Larry Bassett

Larry Edmond Bassett was born in Chester, Montana on February 10th, 1915. His parents were Catherina Greenwalt and Frank Bassett. Larry grew up in the Chester community, attending schools here and in Lothair. He graduated from C.H.S. in 1934. He worked various jobs, including farm laborer, service station attendant, and custodial chores. At the outbreak of World War II he went to Bremerton, Washington and worked in the shipyards as a pipe-fitter. Larry married Maude E. Marshall on

March 15th, 1943 at Port Orchard, Washington. They returned to Chester in 1945 where Larry took a job with the Bureau of Reclamation for a short while. In 1947 he began working as custodian at the Chester Schools, a job he held for 37 years. He retired in 1984. Following a three week illness, Larry died at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls on the evening of Tuesday, December 26th. He was 74 years old.

Larry had been a lifetime member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Not only was he baptized and confirmed here, he had also served on the church council and various committees. He also enjoyed attending Men's Prayer Breakfast. At the time of his death, Larry was a delegate to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre. Larry was proud to have been a member of the Chester Volunteer Fire Department for 33 years, and most of that time he served as the department's secretary.

Larry had many hobbies. In his younger years he enjoyed playing baseball catcher in the local leagues. He also enjoyed horseshoes, fishing, camping, gardening and yardwork. In his quiet time at home he liked to listen to classical music, work crossword puzzles, or watch football games on TV. Larry loved to dance. At family functions he always enjoyed a good game of pinochle. Over the years he did a lot of home carpentry projects for family and friends.

Larry loved his job at the school. He took pride in his work and always made sure that the buildings and grounds were properly maintained and clean. He loved the children, and it wasn't unusual to see him helping younger kids put on their overshoes and parkas. Sometimes on weekends he would find things to do at the school, mainly because he promised some of the kids that he would be there so that they could come into the gym and play basketball. And when students respectfully called him "Mr. Bassett", he quickly replied that they could call him "Larry"...

Larry loved his family. His grandkids were special, and he always had a lot of patience and concern when it came to their needs. He was a dedicated father and loyal husband, and he and Maude had celebrated 46 years together this past spring.

In addition to Maude, Larry is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lyle (Linda) Eveland of of Edmonds, Washington and Lila Langel of Great Falls; by four grandchildren, Brenda, Blaine, Amy and Adam; by four great-grandchildren, Michael, Andrea, Chelsi and Chloe; by two brothers, Richard Bassett of Aurora, Colorado and Ben Heimbigner of Chester; by a stepmother, Addie Bassett of Barstow, California; and by numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, by two brothers (Wayne and Cecil Bassett), and by two sisters (Rena Zorn and Annie Lobe).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 30th, at Our Savior's with Reverend Steve Nicolai officiating. Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, sang "Amazing Grace". Organist, Juanita Wardell, accompanied the congregation in two hymns, "How Great Thou Art" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". In special tribute, a harp solo was performed by Leslie Mielke. Ushers were Dallas Denter and Irvin Hutchison. Pallbearers were Quannah Bailey, Bob Aitken, Dick Burrows, Don Raunig, Don Van Dessel and Don Heimbigner. Memorial bearers were listed as "all of Larry's lifelong friends". During the service a special reading was done by Larry's grandson, Adam Langel. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Memorial gifts will be given to Our Savior's.

JADIE JAYVOE BERG
Born: March 19, 1927 - Died: July 11, 1989
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Jadie Berg

Jadie Jayvoe Berg was born March 19th, 1927 at Blabon, North Dakota. He was one of 12 children born to Alfred and Andrina (Wickom) Berg. Jadie was raised and educated at Newtown, North Dakota. He moved to Jordan and Circle, Montana in the late 1940's, where he worked as a mechanic. He married Lois Lee McGiboney at Circle on March 24th, 1954. That same year he moved to Winnett where he owned and operated "Jadie's Enco". He continued working at his service station business in Winnett until 1970, when he moved to Livingston. For the next five years he managed a Texaco gas station, but his health failed and forced his retirement. Jadie remained in Livingston until 1986 and then moved to Billings. He was found dead early Tuesday morning (July 11th) below the Rimrocks in Billings. The coroner ruled that he died from injuries received from a fall, and the death is presently being investigated by Billings police. Jadie was 62 years old.

He had been a member of the American Lutheran Church in Circle. His life time hobby was mechanics; he loved tinkering with things to make them work.

Jadie's survivors include his daughter, Mrs. John (Darlene) Mann of Livingston; his son, Jodey L. Berg of Billings; three grandchildren; 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; three brothers, Jess of Great Falls, Encell of Livingston, and Lyle of Florence, Oregon; and numerous nephews and nieces. Jadie was preceded in death by his parents, by two sisters (Affel Manwiller and one in infancy), and by two brothers (Lloyd and Emmers).

Memorial services were held in Billings Saturday afternoon. Jadie was buried next to his parents in the Chester Cemetery on Monday morning (July 17th). Graveside services were conducted by Rev. Steve Nicolai. Arrangements by the Smith Mortuary in Billings and Rockman Chapel in Chester.

ALBERT WALTER BOLD
Born: February 16, 1920 - Died: April 28, 1989
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Albert Bold

Albert Walter Bold was born on the family homestead 23 miles northwest of Big Sandy on February 16th, 1920. He was one of two children born to Cecelia Fietz and Reinhard Bold. Albert grew up on the family farm and attended the Prairie City Rural School. Following his formal education, he began farming and ranching with his father. On December 29th, 1947 he married Mary A. Novak in Great Falls. They have lived and raised their family on the farm since that time.

Albert suffered a heart attack last fall. On this past Thursday morning, April 27th, Albert became ill at home, so Mary took him to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. Resuscitative measures were to no avail. Albert died at the age of 69 years.

Albert has been a long time member of St. Margaret Mary's Parish in Big Sandy. He was presently an active director of the Big Sandy Historical Society and an honorary member of the State F.F.A. Association. He had served on the board of the Fairview Rural School and held membership in the Montana Grain Growers and Montana Stockmen's Associations. Being the son of a Montana homesteader, Albert was very interested in local prairie histories and he collected many homestead artifacts over the years. He had restored several items of antique equipment, and had often thought of establishing a homesteaders museum. Albert had an undying love for his ranch, and remained active in the farming operations. He had an observant eye for the special beauty of his land and its surroundings.

In recent years Albert and Mary enjoyed dancing and taking long walks together. At family functions they liked a good game of "Parcheesi". In his quiet hours at home Albert enjoyed listening to old-time fiddlers music. Several months ago Albert and Mary celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary. Albert many times expressed his feelings of love and contentment for his wife and children, so his memory will remain with them forever...

Survivors include his wife, Mary of Big Sandy; five sons, Robert of Winifred, Walter of Lloyd (Mt.), and Harry, Lawrence and John, all of Big Sandy; one daughter, Melinda Pester of Lewistown; four grandchildren, including Jennifer, Jolynn, Jacob and Amanda; one sister, Cecelia Bates of Great Falls; and numerous nephews and nieces. Albert was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter (Marianne).

Undesignated memorial gifts will be given to the following: Big Sandy Historical Society, Big Sandy Medical Center, St. Margaret Mary's Church, and the American Heart Association.

Rosary Prayers were recited Sunday evening, April 30th, at St. Margaret Mary's Church in Big Sandy. The funeral mass was celebrated by Father Peter Guthneck at 11:00 a.m. Monday morning at the church. Hymns sung during the mass included "Amazing Grace", "Prayer of St. Francis", and "How Great Thou Art". Organist was Alice Green. A special musical tribute performed by vocalists/guitarists, Penny Ray and

Sister Margaret Mary, was "Mocking Bird Hill". Eulogist was Lawrence Green. Lectors were Annette and Pam Bold, and ushers were Walter Genereux and Bernard Witche. Jolynn Bold and the ushers presented the communion gifts, and Bruce Pester and Jennifer Bold served as eucharistic ministers. Friends acting as pallbearers were Walter Robertson, Eddie Albers, Glenn Cook, Vic Gatzemeier, Lyle McKeever and Lloyd Diement. Memorial bearers included "all of Albert's many friends". Immediately following the mass, a luncheon was held at the church. Graveside services were completed at 2:30 p.m. at the Riverside Cemetery in Fort Benton. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Ch

ROSE MARIE BOUCHER
Born: February 12, 1912 - Died: June 19, 1989
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**Rose Marie
Boucher**

Rose Marie Gagnon was born in Whitefish, Montana February 12th, 1912. She was one of nine children born to Elise Hamel and Louis Gagnon. Marie grew up in the Chester community and received her early education here. After completing her studies at the Ursuline Academy in Great Falls, she transferred to the nursing school at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewistown where she graduated with a nursing degree in 1933. In the years that followed, Marie worked as a special duty nurse in the communities of Conrad, Billings and Great Falls. She married in 1939. Marie remained in Montana until 1966, when she moved to Eureka, California and worked as a general duty nurse. She later moved to Los Angeles and continued her work as an R.N. Following a leg

injury in 1984, she retired. Marie was happy to have completed a satisfying career of over 50 years in the health care field. In 1985 she moved to the Rubidoux Manor Retirement Home in Riverside, California where she has lived since. On this past Monday, June 19th, she died at the Riverside Community Hospital. She was 77 years old.

Marie's survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Richard (Sharon) Harmon of Chester, Mrs. Carol Lewis of Santa Barbara, California, and Sister Shirley Ann Boucher of Corona, California; two sisters, Jeanne Hull of Chester and Erma Riecke of Eureka, California; three brothers, Ernest, Narciss and Joseph Gagnon, all of Chester; seven grandchildren (including Kathy Manion, Bill Harmon, Charleen McInnis, M.D., Nancy Harmon, Pat Harmon, Laurie Harmon, and Merideth Lewis); three great-grandchildren (including Lauren Manion, Brenna Manion and Colin McInnis); and numerous nephews and nieces. Marie was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers (Francis and two infants).

Resurrection prayers were recited Wednesday, June 21st, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Riverside. A vigil prayer service was held at 7:00 Thursday evening at St. Mary's Church in Chester. The funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's at 11:00 a.m. Friday (June 23rd) by Father Francis McInnis of Great Falls. Pallbearers included grandsons Bill and Pat Harmon and nephews Charles Hull, Ken Gagnon, Paul Riecke, Dennis

Hull and Lyle Gagnon. Ushers were nephews Louis and Don Hull. Servers were Daved Hull and Ed Cole. Special readers at the vigil and Mass included Sister Shirley Ann, Merideth Lewis, Dick Harmon, and Laurie Harmon. A vocal group from St. Mary's provided special music, accompanied by Julie Gagnon on the guitar and Natalie Ghekiere on the piano. Musical tributes included "Though the Mountains May Fall", "Amazing Grace", "Seek the Lord", "Earthen Vessels", "Be Not Afraid", and "Praise the Lord, My Soul". Interment was in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon given by the St. Mary's Altar Society followed at the home of Dick and Sharon Harmon. Local funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

CECILE MAY RAMBO BREVIK
Born: January 17, 1908 - Died: August 22, 1989
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Cecile Brevik

Cecile May Rambo Brevik died August 22, 1989, in Anchorage, Alaska, at the age of 81.

Born January 17, 1908 in Knox, North Dakota, she was the oldest of six children born to William and Elsie Rambo. In 1910, the family moved to Hingham and Cecile graduated from Hingham High School in 1927. After attending college in Havre and Bellingham, she taught school in one-room rural schools on the Hi-Line and in Havre Elementary schools during the 1930's.

December 23, 1937, Cecile Rambo married Clinton Brevik in Cut Bank, Montana. In 1945, they bought a farm south of Hingham and lived there until 1970, when they retired to Hingham.

Cecile was an active member of the Hingham Lutheran Church, teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years and also served as President of the ALCW from 1954 to 1956. Over the years, she made many banners for the church, which are still being displayed. At the church's Diamond Jubilee in 1985, she was the oldest member of the first parish confirmation class of 1922 and was active in the celebration.

Her many interests included music, reading, handicrafts, gardening, writing and painting. In 1964, Northern Montana College commissioned Cecile to paint a 3'x4' oil of a harvest scene, which she called "Farmer's Pay Day" and

which is still hanging in Cowan Hall in Havre.

For the 75th anniversary of Hingham in 1985, Cecile did extensive research and wrote "The Town on the Square", which was the history of Hingham from 1910 to 1985.

As a young woman, her dream was to teach in Alaska but she would have had to sign a three-year contract and her mother didn't want her to go so far away. In 1961, Cecile's only child married an Alaskan and she made many visits to Alaska. In 1987, she moved to Alaska to live with her daughter and son-in-law, thus fulfilling her original idea. In Anchorage, she was the oldest member of the Lutheran Church of Hope.

Survivors are her daughter, Jane Ann Johnson, her son-in-law, Jim Johnson, two granddaughters, Darcy and Valerie, all of Anchorage; her sister, Edith Dolezal of Havre, Montana, two brothers, Roy Rambo of Hingham and Art Rambo of Gildford, and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Hingham Lutheran Church on Tuesday, August 29th at 10:00 a.m. Burial was in Highland Memorial Cemetery in Havre, next to her husband of 39 years, who preceded Cecile in death in 1976.

Contributions to Cecile's memory may be given to the Lutheran Church of Hope in Anchorage or the Hingham Lutheran Church in Hingham.

HOLLY MICHELLE BUNN
Born: July 7, 1970 - Died: April 23, 1989
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Holly M. Bunn

Services for Holly Michelle Bunn, 18, were at 2:30 p.m. last Thursday at South Canyon Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Bruce Thalacker officiating.

Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery under the direction of Behrens Mortuary followed by a luncheon at the home of Charles and Sue Lein on South Berry Pine Road.

A memorial has been established.

Holly died Sunday, April 23rd, of injuries received in an automobile accident near Mankato, Minnesota.

She was born July 7, 1970 at Chester, Montana, to Paul and Sandra (Melinger) Bunn. She moved with her family to Havre, Montana, and later to Rapid City, where she attended Pinedale School and West Junior High School. She graduated magna cum laude from Stevens High School in 1988.

Bunn was a delegate to Girls State, a co-editor of the Stevens yearbook and a member of the Stevens golf team.

She also was a computer operator at the Central States Fair horse races and had worked at Godfather's Pizza and Rushmore Water Slide.

At the time of her death she was a freshman majoring in mathematics and computer science at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota.

Survivors include her parents and a brother, Eric Bunn, in Rapid City; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Melinger of Denver; and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Eckes of Glendive, Montana.

MILDRED CALDWELL
Born: 7, 1914 - Died: May 9, 1989
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Mildred Caldwell

Mrs. Mildred Caldwell, age 75, of Dardanelle died at her home Tuesday, May 9.

She was a homemaker and the daughter of the late Elmer and Lou Harkey Boling.

Survivors include her husband, Lee Caldwell, two sons, Harold Lloyd Caldwell of New Park, Pennsylvania and Stan Caldwell of Billings, Montana, one brother, Vernon Boling of Dardanelle, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mildred lived in Chester, Montana from 1952 to 1967.

Funeral services were Saturday, May 13th at the Upper Spring Creek Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Falbo officiating. Interment was in the Upper Spring Creek Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were in care of Dixon Funeral Home of Danville.

ALFRED C. CHINADLE
Born: December 28, 1919- Died: January 31, 1989
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Alfred Chinadle

Alfred C. Chinadle, 69, retired Hingham area farmer, died of cancer Tuesday, January 31 at Columbus Hospital in Great Falls.

Rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m. February 1st at O'Connor Funeral Home. The funeral was at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, February 2nd at Our Lady of Lourdes Church with burial in Havre's Highland Cemetery.

He was born December 28th, 1919, on the family homestead north of Hingham and attended a country school. He served in the Army during World War II.

Chinadle married Margaret Helen Minchan in Malta October 16, 1948. The couple lived on their farm near Hingham until recently moving to Great Falls.

He was a member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham and the Shelby Bridge Club.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Mrs. Andrew (Gail) Mygland of Havre, Mrs. Jim (Jane) Lewis of Lewistown and Mrs. Jay (Beverly) Zehntner of White Sulphur Springs; sons, Patrick of Hingham and Dan of Shelby; sister, Elsie Jones of Carlsbad, New Mexico; and 12 grandchildren.

JOHN ALLISTER CICON
Born: April 11, 1916 - Died: July 6, 1989
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John A. Cicon

John Allister Cicon was born April 11th, 1916 at Rosebud, Montana. His birth parents were Cleo Lump and Charles Brandt. At age 4, John and his twin-brother (James) were adopted by Joseph and Carrie (Rebstock) Cicon, who were homesteaders in the Sweetgrass Hills area north of Chester. John grew up on the family farm and attended the Osler and Roke Schools near there. Following his formal education, he worked as a ranch hand on the Prescott and Laird ranches. In 1942 he was inducted into the U.S. Army during World War II. While in the military, he operated armored tanks and was involved in numerous campaigns (including Rhineland, Ardennes, Normandy, Sicily and Northern France). He was honorably discharged in 1945 and returned to Montana. He worked various jobs in the Chester area in the few years that followed. He worked on the Tiber Dam project, helped build county roads, did carpentry jobs, and ran an implement company for a short while. In 1948 John married Pearl Osler in Havre. They made their home on a ranch north of Chester, where John farmed with his brother-in-law, John Osler. He continued in the farm/ranch operation until his health failed in 1977, at which time he retired. John's health continued to deteriorate these past few years, so he kept close to home. On this past Thursday evening, July 6th, John died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He was 73 years old.

John was a past member of the Havre Elks Lodge, the Chester V.F.W. Post, and had served on the Osler School board. He loved music and could play most songs by ear. He played many instruments, but was especially talented with the guitar and violin. In his earlier years he enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was an excellent pinocle and whist player. He has always had a great love for animals, especially cattle, sheep and horses. He was proud of the fact that in his younger years he not only broke and shod many wild horses, he also did a lot of bronc riding. John liked to tease his family and close friends. He thoroughly enjoyed socializing with people. In recent years his main hobbies have been reading (he loved newspapers and current events), driving around the farm locality to see how the crops and countryside were faring, and serving as the family "weather watcher". John loved his family and they affectionately called him "Pops".

John is survived by his wife, Pearl of Chester; two sons and their wives, John & Dolores and Rudy & Gail, all of Chester; three grandchildren, Heidi, Jeffrey and Kyle; and several nephews and nieces. John was preceded in death by his parents, by his twin-brother (James in 1981), by a second brother (Robert Jones), and by his sister (Olivia Heinrich).

Because of John's great appreciation and loyalty to the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home, all undesignated memorial gifts will be given to them...

Funeral services were held Monday, July 10th, 11:00 a.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Chuck Nowlen officiating. Pat McDowell accompanied the congregation, who sang "Harvest Time". Vocalist/guitarist Jerome Lincoln performed "This Peaceful Sod" and "Unless a Grain of Wheat Shall Fall". A special piano tribute, "When the Saints Go Marching In", was played by John Osler. Ushers were Paul Johnson and Wayne Hampton. Pallbearers were Cliff Lybeck, Bob Dafoc, Eugene Peterson, Lance McDowell, Butch Tempel and Russ Tempel. Memorial bearers were listed as the physicians, nurses and staff at the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery where Kevin Cicon played military "taps" and the flag was presented to the family by Ray Standiford of the V.F.W. Post.

A memorial luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

GEORGE HENRY CLINK
Born: December 23, 1896 - Died: February 11, 1989
Liberty County Times
February 15, 1989



George Clink

George had been a member of the Joplin Masonic Lodge and the local Farmer's Union. He frequently attended the Goldstone Lutheran Church north of Rudyard with Betsy, who served as church organist for many years. They married late in life and had no children, so they spent their winter months traveling and visiting with relatives in the southern states. George enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating. In those early years he liked to dance to the Polka and he enjoyed playing cards (especially whist). His whole life revolved around farming and farm mechanics. He enjoyed many simple pleasures of life, like caring for the farm cats or picking fruit from his apple and plum trees. In his quiet hours at home, George liked to read (he was especially fond of westerns, detective and sports magazines, and current events). Although his hearing and sight failed in recent years, he felt fortunate to live a long life and still retain good mental

capacity.

George's survivors include his wife, Betsy of the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester; a sister, Mrs. Clive (Lillian) Owens of Inverness; and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters (Minnie Uhrhammer and Lucille Lathrop).

Funeral services are scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th, 2:00 p.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Steve Nicolai of the Chester Lutheran Church will officiate. Special music by vocalist Wayne Wardell included "Old Rugged Cross" and "In The Garden". Organist was Iris White.

Friends serving as pallbearers are Ray Gulick, Wayne Wolery, Elmer Hadford, Sterling Wolery, Chuck Lineweaver and Olyn Wolery. Burial with military rites will be in the Chester Cemetery. A coffee hour given by friends in the Inverness community will follow the graveside services at the Lutheran Church in Chester.

George Henry Clink was born in Glenville, Minnesota December 23rd, 1896. He was the only son of four children born to Cassie Geesey and Elwin Clink. His early education was at Glenville. In 1911 he came to Montana with his parents who homesteaded in the

Minnesota Community north of Inverness. He finished his formal education at country schools near the farm. George helped with the farming operations, and then enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War I. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to the family farm in Montana. On November 21st, 1941 he married Betsy Froirak in Havre. They made their home on the farm and Betsy served as a teacher at the Laird and Tingdahl country schools. They leased out their farm following their retirement in 1972, although they maintained their home on the farm. Because of ill-health, Betsy moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester in 1986. The following year George had a hip replacement, so he, too, moved to the nursing home. They have lived there since. After a week's stay in the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, George died on the morning of Saturday, February 11th. He was 92 years old.

DUDLEY ALEXANDER COOKE
Born: March 31, 1919 - Died: April 27, 1989
River Press-Fort Benton, Mt.
May 3, 1989

Dudley Cooke

Dudley Alexander Cooke, 70 years of age, a resident of Big Sandy, died on Thursday, April 27, 1989 at the Big Sandy medical center. He was born March 31, 1919 the fifth child of George and Anna Cooke at the family farm. He grew up there and spent most of his life there. Dudley attended grade school at Brown's Well School until it closed because he was the only student. He went to Big Sandy schools for his seventh and eighth grades.

Dudley farmed the home place in partnership with his brother Sam until they reached retirement age. he continued to live at the farm and remained active in it's operation until ill health forced him to live more quietly. He loved the farm and was always there to advise and encourage through good times and bad times.

In October of 1941, he married Clara Ulmen at Great Falls. They lived at the farm and continued to farm for a number of years. They were blessed with three children, two sons and a daughter. Duane Cooke of Big Sandy, James Cooke of Kennewick, Washington and Carol Cooke of Bozeman; also three grandchildren, Jeremy Cooke of Ogden, Utah; Corrie Cooke of Big Sandy and Jason Cooke of Bozeman. Dudley is also survived by two sisters, Dorothy McNeill and Ethel Ulmen, both of Big Sandy. He was preceded in death by one sister, Annie Kvilhaug and one brother, Sam Cooke.

Dudley will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. He was a kind and generous man; always putting his family and friends' needs before his own. He will be remembered for his gentle, kind ways and his Irish humor. Through his long illness, he carried his cross gallantly, never complaining and often, even to the last, came up with some witty humor to lighten and brighten the hours of his beloved family who stayed at his bedside day and night to care for and comfort him. He was a 4-H leader of rural Big Sandy, a member of the Montana American Hereford Association, and the Rohrer Methodist Church of Big Sandy.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 29 at the Rohrer Methodist Church in Big Sandy with Reverend Alan Broere officiating. Soloist was Rusty Danreuther who sang "The Old Rugged Cross", "One Day At A Time", accompanied by Nona Danreuther who played the organ. Pallbearers were Rodney Cooke, Jerry Ulmen, Mike Ulmen, Dan McNeil, Dennis Ulmen, Roger Ulmen. Ushers were Keith Edwards and Bruce Peterson. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Kulbeck, Red Sohm, Bill Silvernale, Fred O'Neil, Lloyd Marth and Norm Reynolds. Keith Edwards delivered the eulogy. Interment was at the Big Sandy Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Big Sandy Medical Center.

MARY B. COYNE
Born: October 21, 1895 - Died: February 3, 1989
Liberty County Times
February 8, 1989

Mary B. Coyne

Mrs. Coleman J. Coyne, age 93, died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, Montana on the early morning of Friday, February 3rd, 1989 after a short illness. Mrs. Coyne was a weekly communicant of St. Mary's Church in Chester.

She was born Mary Bernadette Cronan in Norwood, Massachusetts on October 21st, 1895, the first child of Thomas M. and Ellen Dunn Cronan. She attended school for 12 years in Norwood and graduated from a three-year business college in Boston. Before her marriage she served as an executive secretary to the president of Holliston Mills Publishing Company.

She married Coleman J. Coyne in 1948. They purchased a home on Cape Cod where they lived for many years. For over 20 years Mrs. Coyne served the American Red Cross office in Hyannis,

Massachusetts as a volunteer executive assistant.

After closing her home on Cape Cod, Mary lived together with her widowed sister (Helen) and her niece and husband (Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landrigan, Jr.) at 135 High Street, Canton, Massachusetts.

Since October of 1987 she has made her home with her godchild/niece and husband (Jean and Dr. Richard S. Buker, Jr.) at #1 Jefferson Avenue, Chester, Montana.

A memorial mass will be held at St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Norwood, Massachusetts where she was a devoted member and religious education teacher for over 30 years. She was also a past president of the Norwood Catholic Women's Club. Burial will be in the family plot in Norwood.

Mary's survivors include one

brother, Dr. Bernard P. Cronan of Westport, Massachusetts; seven loving nieces and three nephews; ten grand nieces and nephews; and many great-grand nieces and nephews in whom she took great pleasure. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, three sisters, and two brothers.

Local funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

LYNETTE B. CRACHY
Born: ?1914 - Died: August 16, 1989
Great Falls Tribune
August 18, 1989

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS —
CRACHY, Lynette B., 75, died
Wednesday, Great Falls hospital,
long illness. Cremation has taken
place. Service 2. p.m. Saturday,
Twichel Funeral Home. Born, edu-
cated in Joplin. Northern Montana
College, Western Montana College.
Taught country schools in Joplin,
Flaxville, White Sulphur Springs ar-
eas. Married Rudy Crachy, 1945,
Joplin. Rached many years Mar-
tinsdale area. She was postmaster in
Martinsdale, retiring in 1976. In 1988
they moved to Eagles Manor, He-
lena. Survivors: husband; children,
Peggy Handtmann of Glendive,
Doug of Elliston, Curtis of Great
Falls; sister, Marion Jones of
Checkerboard; brother, Harlan of
Joplin; four grandchildren.

WILLIAM E. DIAL

Born: May 6, 1901 - Died: November 3, 1989

Liberty County Times

November 8, 1989

William E. Dial

William E. Dial, a former Republican state senator and retired Carson City real estate and insurance agency owner, died Friday at Carson Convalescent Center, Carson City.

Dial, 88, had lived in Carson City for the past 52 years.

He was born May 6, 1901, to Isaac J. and Mary Brown Dial in Cawker City, Kansas. He attended high school in Cawker City, Kansas State College and Kansas State Teachers College.

In 1929, he earned a bachelor of science degree from Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas.

He was a school administrator for 25 years in Kansas, Montana and Steward Indian School in Carson City. He was the Superintendent of the Inverness School in Inverness, Montana from 1932 to 1938. In 1958, he was elected to the state senate and served two terms and one special term.

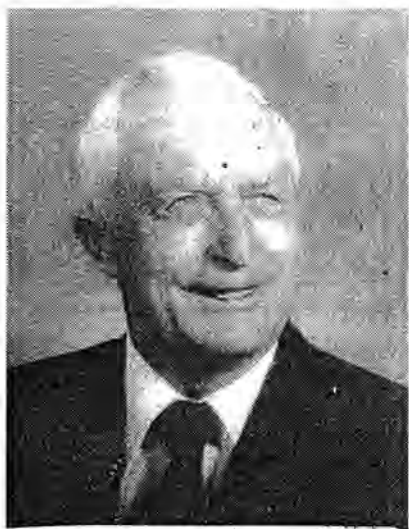
Dial was a member of many organizations, including the Carson City Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Carson Lodge No. 1 F. & A.M. and the Royal Arch Masons. He was a life member of Kerak Temple and a World War II veteran, serving in the Air Corps.

Dial was active in the Cub Scouts and Little League. He was an associate member of the Carson City Republican Women's Club, past chairman of the Carson City County Republicans Central Committee, past Carson City county commissioner and served on the first Nevada Day Committee.

He is survived by his widow, Genevieve, of Carson City; a sister, Mrs. John Irely of Fort Collins, Colorado; and numerous nieces and nephews.

JOHN DAMIEN DOLEZAL

Born: November 18, 1913 - Died: October 30, 1989



John Dolezal

John Damien Dolezal was born in Olivia, Minnesota on November 18th, 1913. He was one of nine children born to Mary Kodet and Frank Dolezal. When John was 2 1/2 years old, he came with his family to a homestead located 22 miles northwest of Chester. He grew up on the family farm and attended the Horse Creek School near there. In his teens he worked at the Prescott Ranch near the Sweetgrass Hills and also at the old Grand Hotel/Bar in Chester.

On June 5th, 1942 John married Vivian Ann Rockman at St. Ann's Cathedral in Great Falls. Following a honeymoon in Spokane, they settled at the Dolezal ranch north of Chester. They raised a family of four and had a wonderful wedded life together for nearly 40 years. Vivian died of cancer in January 1982. John continued to live on the farm until 1985, when he was seriously injured in a fall at his home. During his long recuperation he resided at the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. John also had a history of cancer, so his general health deteriorated from this time on. In October of 1988 he moved into the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. He died there on the morning of Monday, October 30th, at the age of 75 years.

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John was a member of St. Mary's Church in Chester and also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He had been a county school trustee for 25 years, of which six years were served on the Chester School board. John also served as Liberty County Commissioner for 14 years. In 1976 he became a rural mail carrier on the Whitlash route, a job he kept until ill-health forced his retirement in 1988. In addition, he managed the Liberty County abandoned vehicle disposal program for many years, and maintained a large automobile graveyard at his farm.

John had many hobbies. He enjoyed playing whist, pinochle, rap-rummy, cribbage and other card games. He collected coins and liked to work on crossword puzzles. He enjoyed reading and was especially fond of newspapers and Louis L'Amour books. He loved bowling and was a member of the Chester, Rudyard and Shelby leagues for many years. He was an avid spectator fan of most every sport.

The central theme of John's life was his music. In his youth he helped transport a herd of cattle to Chicago, and it was there that he first took trumpet lessons. From that time on he learned to play the saxophone, accordion, piano and organ. He loved dancing, singing and performing. He played in bands during most of his adult life, and a local group he was most proud of was called "The Vagabonds". Many years ago John wrote and published a song entitled "Heaven on a Hilltop", and it was eventually recorded by Kate Smith.

John enjoyed his life as a farmer and rancher. He took great pride in the upkeep of his buildings, fences, land and equipment. He loved his family and never hesitated to brag about them. Because John only completed eight grades of school, he was very proud that all four of his children received college degrees. He had many interesting experiences

and encounters during his lifetime, and up until this past year he had been diligently working on his autobiography for his children...

John's survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Gerald and Cheri of Kewanee, Illinois and Richard and Susan of Singapore; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jaci and Dick Frey of Chicago, Illinois and Jan Dell and Larry Nelson of Chester; six grandchildren, including Jeff, Julie, Danielle, Natasha, Michael and Kali; two brothers, Ben of Billings and Frank of Olivia, Minnesota; two sisters, Cecelia Rockman of Three Forks and Lillian Serbus of Olivia; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. John was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by one brother (Henry) and by three sisters (Mary, Beatrice and Rose "Sister Mary Francine").

Rosary services were held at the Rockman Funeral Chapel on Wednesday evening, November 1st. The funeral mass was celebrated by Father Frank Kelly of Chester and Monsignor Martin Werner of Belt at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Church in Chester. Iris White was the organist and the St. Mary's choir sang "Father of Peace", "Be Not Afraid", and "On Eagle's Wings". A special vocal tribute by Tawna Meldrum, accompanied by Tammy Enghusen on the piano, was "Wind Beneath My Wings". Soloist, Jerome Lincoln, performed Johnnie's song, "Heaven on a Hilltop". Ushers were Gary Standiford and Robert Griffin, eulogist was Dorothy Brown, readers were Gene Rockman and Cheri Dolezal, and the communion gifts were presented by the grandchildren. Friends serving as pallbearers included Lawrence Frederickson, Artie Morrison, Don Raunig, Gordon Kammerzell, Eugene Rockman, Steve Brown, Gary Violett and B.J. Oswood. Following interment in the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held for family and friends at the church.

ELSIE DUFFY
Born: ?1912 - Died: October 20, 1989
River Press-Fort Benton, Mt.
October 25, 1989

Elsie Duffy

Elsie Duffy, 77, of Las Vegas, Nevada, died Friday, October 20, 1989 in a hospital there after three years in a nursing home. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at Butte in St. Ann's Cathedral October 30th in the afternoon.

She was born in Milford, Nebraska. The family moved to a farm at Miller, South Dakota and she was educated there. She came to Montana in the early 1930's and lived in the Genou and Carter areas. She operated the cafe in the Farmer's Inn, the Cafe Moderne, and E & N in Fort Benton from 1946-1950. She moved to Butte and then Las Vegas in 1961.

Survivors include her husband, John; whom she married August 9, 1954; daughters: Delores Fitzhugh of Troy, Montana, Dorothy Cummings of Osborne, Idaho; sisters: Alma Haeffner of Pierre, South Dakota, Nina Burkey of Golden, Colorado, Vada Hauder of Milford, Nebraska, Edna Onstad of Helena, Florence Wilmes of Joplin, Elaine Bateman of Sulkum, Washington, Doris Stubsten of Carter; brothers: Earl Rediger, Highmore, South Dakota; Walter Rediger of Grants Pass, Oregon; Clifford Rediger of Pierre, South Dakota and Clyde Rediger of Wenatchee, Washington.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Haeffner and a brother Willard, killed in Okinawa during World War II.

CLINT NICHOLAS EVANS

Born: May 20, 1912 - Died: October 25, 1989

Liberty County Times

November 8, 1989



Clint Evans

Clinton Nicholas Evans was born in Willow Lake Township, Minnesota on May 20th, 1912. His parents, Anna Schmitz and Ephriam Evans, had homesteaded in Minnesota. Clint was raised in the Catholic faith and received his formal education near Willow Lake. At age 13 Clint came to Montana to live with an older brother. In 1930 he returned to the family farm in Minnesota. On August 16th, 1933 he married Mathilda (Tillie) Jenniges at Wanda, Minnesota. They made their home in Minnesota for the next four years, then moved to Inverness, Montana in 1937. The following year they moved to Rudyard, and they made their home there from that time on.

During those first years in Rudyard, Clint worked for the Farmers Union Oil Company. In 1945 he was inducted into the U.S. Army and was sent to Camp Maxey, Texas for infantry training. Fortunately, he was discharged later that same year, and he returned to Rudyard. He worked for Sanvik Brothers until 1950. In the years that followed, Clint did farm labor

and carpentry work. He retired in 1974. In 1984 he was hit by an automobile near his home in Rudyard, and his health has slowly deteriorated since that time. In July of this year Clint moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. He died there on the early morning of Wednesday, October 25th. He was 77 years old.

Clint was a member of Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham. His hobbies included hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed baseball, cribbage and pool. Every year he planted a large vegetable garden and he always enjoyed giving away the "fruits of his garden" to local friends and relatives. Clint loved children, and in these later years he got great pleasure in buying candy and gum for his grandkids and the other kids in the neighborhood.

Clint's survivors include his wife, Tillie of Rudyard; four sons, Mathias ("Tiger") of Havre, Clinton Jr. of Auburn, Washington, Eugene of Sunburst, and William ("Bill") of Havre; eight daughters, Mary Ann Riley of Salem, Oregon, Gloria Mangold of Rudyard, Cyrilla Burrows of Chester, Arliss Keller of North Havre, Valorie Peterson of San Diego, California, Teresa Bartholomew of Laurel, Anita ("Nicky") Evans of Seattle, Washington, and Julie Holt of Havre; three brothers, Ernest Evans of Inverness and George and Otis Evans of Redwood Falls, Minnesota; three sisters, Leona Wagner of Waite Park, Minnesota, Evelyn Olson of New Ulm, Minnesota, and Frances May of Inverness; 46 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Clint was preceded in death by his parents, by

three brothers (Victor, Con and George), by seven sisters (May, Betsy, Merle, Nettie, Florence, Katie and Rose), and by four grandchildren.

Rosary prayers were recited by Father Frank Kelly on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. The funeral mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart. Scripture readings were by a granddaughter, Patty Hickman. Altar servers were grandsons, Jared and Justin Keller. Granddaughters, Doreen Seidlitz and Lisa Burrows, presented the communion gifts. Special music was provided by members of the church choir and organist, Iris White. Vocal tributes by Jerome Lincoln included "The Lord's Prayer", "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "On Eagle's Wings".

The choir sang "Amazing Grace" and "Here I Am, Lord".

Other grandsons served as pallbearers and ushers. Interment with military rites was in the Rudyard Cemetery. Following the graveside services, a luncheon was held at the Rudyard Catholic Youth Center. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

RUTH DELILA (STIPP) EVELAND

Born: March 26, 1917 - Died: December 7, 1989

Liberty County Times

December 13, 1989



Ruth Eveland

Ruth Delila Stipp was born on the family farm southeast of Chester on March 26th, 1917. She was one of five daughters born to Minerva Hill and Arthur Stipp. She received her elementary education at the Black Coulee School near the farm and at the school in Joplin. She finished grades 7-12 in Chester, graduating in 1935 as class salutatorian. Ruth married Wilbur J. Eveland on September 28th, 1935 in Wisconsin. They lived in Wisconsin for a few years before returning to Chester. It was here that they raised their family of six. When her youngest daughter started school, Ruth took a job as cook at the old Mint Cafe. She also worked intermittently at the dietary and laundry departments of the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home. In 1964 she began working at the Chester School cafeteria, and eventually became head cook. She retired in 1983. During the next five years, she became a familiar face at the Chester Liquor Store where she worked with Wilbur. They retired from the liquor store in 1988.

Following a two week stay at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, Ruth died on the morning of Thursday, December 7th. She was 72-years old.

Ruth had been a longtime member of the Chester United Methodist Church. She loved her role as homemaker and cook. She loved the kids in Chester and always catered to them during her 19 years as school cook. She greeted the kids with a friendly smile, which often brightened up an otherwise gloomy day. Ruth volunteered many hours to community functions, especially those where she could contribute her talents in cooking and baking. She enjoyed the simple pleasure of giving away her delicious breads and

pastries to friends and relatives. At home she enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening. She was a "green thumb" and always had a house full of healthy plants. She liked to entertain friends and go on picnics. In her quiet hours she enjoyed working jigsaw puzzles and listening to music. Ruth and Wilbur both enjoyed cards; they played pinochle and other card games on a daily basis. Ruth loved animals of all kinds, but was especially fond of cats. She had an undying love for children. She became a second mother to many of her grandkids, nephews and nieces, and other neighborhood children. Ruth and Wilbur were a very happy, content couple and had recently celebrated their 54th anniversary together...

In addition to Wilbur, Ruth is survived by three sons, Glen of Rocker, Montana, Lyle of Edmonds, Washington, and Wayne of Renton, Washington; three daughters, Carol Cameron of Vancouver, Washington, Joyce Burch of Portland, Oregon, and Judy Ohrt of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; four sisters Blanche Boyer of Chester, Gladys Bonneville of Lafayette, Oregon, Ethel Still of Alpena, Arkansas, and Mary Rudolph of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents and by two grandchildren (Colleen Cameron and Glenn Eastman).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 9th, at the Chester United Methodist Church. Reverend Chuck Nowlen officiated. Because Ruth enjoyed the singing of the children, the Methodist Sunday Schoolers performed "Jesus Loves Me", "We Are The Church", and "Thankful Am I", accompanied by Gail Cicon. Jan Christofferson served as pianist and the congregation sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere". A special song by Ruth's granddaughter, Bonnie Absher, was "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by her father, Glen, on the guitar. Ushers were Stuart Stone and Bennie Ish. Pallbearers were Steve Cameron, Tim Cameron, Blaine Eveland, Robert Ohrt, Kent Rudolph and Dale Lalum. Memorial bearers were "all of Ruth's loving grandchildren". Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon followed at the church.

ROLF EVENSON

Born: ?, 1923 - Died: October 18, 1989

Liberty County Times

November 1, 1989

Rolf Evenson

Rolf Evenson, 66, died of a heart attack at his home in Seattle, Washington, Wednesday, October 18, 1989.

Rolf was the son of Tengel and Christine Evenson, who homesteaded north of Cut Bank in 1911, after having immigrated from Norway in 1890. Evenson graduated from Hingham High School in 1940. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on March 22, 1941 and served in the Pacific operations overseas from January 5, 1942 to September 20, 1944. For his overseas duty he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service on Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Saipan,



two Presidential Unit Citation Awards, the Purple Heart, American Campaign Metal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Metal and the World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged September 19, 1945. After World War II he lived in Seattle and was employed by the city of Seattle until his retirement.

Rolf was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Gudrun; a son, Evan Thomas; and his wife, Annie Laurie, who passed away October 19, 1981.

Memorial Services were held Saturday, October 21st, 1989 at the Wedgewood Baptist Church in Seattle, Washington, with interment in Arlington Cemetery, Wash-

ington, D.C.

Rolf is survived by his wife, Fredericka of Seattle; a son, David of Cut Bank, Montana; three brothers, Thomas of Rudyard, Erling and Arne of Cut Bank; and many nieces and nephews.

Rolf loved the outdoors, loved to fish, hike mountain trails, gather artifacts, arrowheads, rocks and the like. The Cut Bank museum houses much of his findings. Rolf also enjoyed golf, and sought out golf courses and challengers wherever he might be.

Rolf attended the "all school" reunion in Hingham in June 1981.

Fredericka Evenson's address is 13514 39NE, Seattle, WA 98105.

VERNA FALLA
Born: December 25, 1918 - Died: December 18, 1989
Liberty County Times
February 1, 1989

Verna Falla

Services were held Tuesday, December 20th at Grace Evangelical Free Church in Elbow Lake for Mrs. Clarence (Verna) Falla, 69, of Elbow Lake. Mrs. Falla died Sunday, December 18th at Grant County Hospital in Elbow Lake. Rev. Carl Martin officiated.

Burial was in Our Savior's Cemetery in Rothsay.

The daughter of Oswald and Hannah (Hauger) Haugen, Verna was born December 25, 1918 at Goldstone, Montana. She was baptized in Montana, confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rothsay and attended rural school near Rothsay.

She and Clarence Falla were married near Rothsay on May 17th, 1952 and they farmed near Inverness, Montana. In 1960 they moved to Chokio to own and operate a restaurant. They retired and moved to Elbow Lake in 1966. Her husband died September 1, 1981.

Mrs. Falla attended Grace Evangelical Free Church and participated in church and community functions.

Survivors include two sons, Lyle of Longview, Texas, and Mark of Castle Rock, Colorado; five grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Milton (Mildred) Turner of Alexandria, Inez Enger of Rothsay, Almira Haugen of Fergus Falls, and Mrs. Bill (Hazel) Grimm of Barnesville.

Erickson-Smith Funeral Home of Elbow Lake was in charge.

SHEILA HARRIET FISCHER
Born: May 13, 1934 - Died: April 23, 1989
Great Falls Tribune
April 25, 1989

Sheila Harriet Fischer

Homemaker Sheila Harriet Fischer, 54, of 4116 Big Spur Road, died Sunday at a Great Falls hospital after a short illness.

Funeral arrangements are pending with the Croxford & Sons Mortuary.

Born May 13, 1934, at Sweetgrass, she attended school at North Toole County High School at Sunburst and nursing school at Havre.



She came to Great Falls in 1954 to work for the Anaconda Mining Co. as a secretary. In 1956, she married Charles R. "Russ" Fischer at Sunburst.

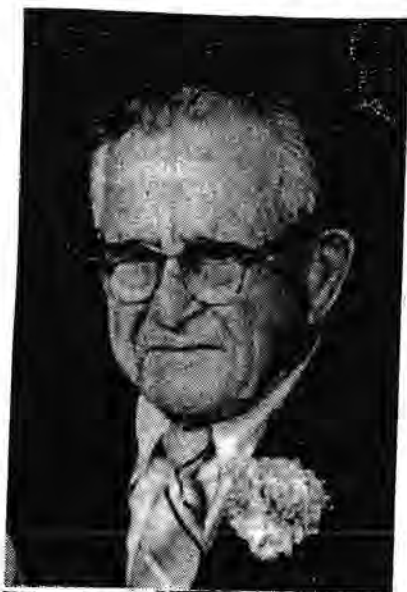
From 1960 to 1964, she worked as a receptionist for the Northwest medical group and from 1964 to 1970, she was a bookkeeper and accountant for a Great Falls linoleum company. She had been the cashier at Morningside Elementary School for the past 10 years.

Her survivors include: her husband; a daughter, Janice L. Fischer Koethe of Okinawa, Japan; son, Samuel Fischer of Great Falls; sisters, Mrs. Vernon (Marjorie) Dahinden of Joplin and Mrs. John (Shirley) Wills and Mrs. Richard (Nancy) Fox, both of Great Falls; brother, Jerry Gannon of Sanger, Calif.; mother, Gertrude Gannon of Fresno, Calif.; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Gannon.

HARLEY FRANCIS FREEMAN

Born: November 30, 1898 - Died: July 2, 1989

Liberty County Times
July 12, 1989



Harley Freeman

Harley Francis Freeman was born November 30th, 1898 in Cameron, Illinois. He was one of five children born to Fanny Mae Parish and Edwin Freeman. As a child he came to Montana with his family, who homesteaded 20 miles north of Inverness. Harley attended rural schools near the farm. He remained on the farm for several years following his education, and then went to Colorado where he took over a small homestead. A few years later he moved to Washington and worked at a sawmill in Seattle. Harley returned to Montana and married Anna Paulson on July 22nd, 1933 in Joplin. They raised their family and made their home in Inverness most of their married lives. In addition to farming and working as a rural mail carrier, Harley owned and operated the Freeman Garage in Inverness until his retirement late in life. They lived in Great Falls from 1983-85, and then moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester in 1986. Because of failing health, Harley transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in 1987, and he has resided there since. This past Sunday, July 2nd, Harley died at the Chester Hospital at the age of 90 years.

Harley was a baptized and confirmed member of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin, had been very active over the years in the Inverness Commercial Club, and had worked as meter reader and bookkeeper for the Inverness Water Board. Harley was described as an inventive fellow; he enjoyed repairing, tinkering, and building mechanical devices in his shop. He was always involved in some construction project, whether it be carpentry or pouring cement, and he was always proud of the final result. Harley also enjoyed gardening and yardwork. He always took time out for his family and he liked to travel. He loved to play cards, especially pinochle and cribbage, and he enjoyed board games. In his quiet hours at home he liked to read (he was fond of the "Grit" publication and western stories). Harley and Anna had a happy life together; he died just three weeks prior to their 56th wedding anniversary.

In addition to his wife, Harley is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Dean (Darlene) Lyle of Joplin and Mrs. Cliff (Charlotte) DeMartini of San Jose, California; eight grandchildren (including Clayton and Jean Lyle, Denita Matthews, Kathy Friberg, Nils Freeman and David, Lisa and Craig DeMartini); five great-grandchildren (including Marc and Jonathan Matthews, Whitney and Kirsten Friberg, and Dean Douglas Lyle); and several nephews and nieces. Harley was preceded in death by his parents, by two brothers (Leslie and Roland), by two sisters (Rose and Hazel), and by his son (Douglas Harley in 1986).

Harley was cremated and his remains were buried in the Joplin Cemetery at 12 noon on Saturday, July 8th. Memorial services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. that same day by Reverend Steve Nicolai at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Harley's granddaughter, Jean, served as eulogist and the ushers were Bob Connor and Charles Fraser. Special music was provided by organist Iris White and vocalist Dennis Kenfield. Friends serving as memorial bearers included Jim Adams, Duane Fraser, Bob Woods, Dalton Dahlke, Alvin Barbie, Gale Thielman and Ray Lincoln. Following the services, a coffee hour was given in the church basement by the Chester ALCW. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

The following was written and read at the funeral by Jeani Lyle:

*Dear Grandpa:
Taking a deep breath...
I told myself to be strong,
As I listened to the message
That you were gone.*

*I felt a peace within
As I thought about you,
Remembering our time together
And your eyes of ocean blue.*

*All of our things
Are temporary here...
Even though you're gone
We will still feel you near.*

*We must love one another
With a love from within,
And learn to accept
And trust faithfully in Him.*

*For painting perfect pictures
Of how we want our life to be,
May lead to a wrong turn...
Far from our destiny.*

*I understand now and will miss
you--
My grandfather and friend.
This is just the "beginning"--
Not the end...*

*Love, Your Granddaughter,
Jeani Francis Lyle*

FLORENCE H. GATZEMEIER
Born: November 27, 1917 - Died: August 28, 1989
Liberty County Times
August 30, 1989

Florence Gatzemeier

Florence H. Gatzemeier, 71, died early Monday morning at a Chinook nursing home from Alzheimers Disease.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, August 30th (today) at 2:00 p.m. at the Holland Bonine Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Rand Drollman officiating. Burial will be in the Highland Cemetery.

Mrs. Gatzemeier was born in Hogeland, Montana, November 27th, 1917, the daughter of Carl and Pauline Beck Gatzemeier. In 1948 she married Richard Gatzemeier. The couple lived and farmed in the Gildford area. She was a long time member of the Hingham Lutheran Church and the American Lutheran Church Women.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Alvin and Marilyn Gatzemeier of Havre, one granddaughter, Kallie Gatzemeier of Havre, two brothers, George Kliendworth of Williston, North Dakota, and Carl Kliendworth of Graham, Washington.

She was preceded in death by her husband on July 9th, 1982, one daughter, Susan, one sister, Leona Kliendworth and one brother, Ordell Kliendworth, and her parents.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Foundation.

JERRY Y. GEHRKE
Born: ? 1934 - Died: June 26, 1989
Liberty County Times
June 28, 1989

Former Chester man killed

Jerry Gehrke, 55, former Chester resident, was killed in an automobile accident near Laurel, Montana, early Monday morning. Funeral services were to be held this week in Laurel. Obituary will be in next week's *Times*.

Jerry Gehrke

Jerry Y. Gehrke, 55, a Laurel truck driver, died Monday in a head-on collision south of Laurel. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Laurel with burial in the Laurel cemetery.

Born in 1934 in Illinois, Jerry moved to Chester when he was 12 years old. He had been a truck driver for 30 years for Dick Irvin of Shelby and Ankrum Trucking of Billings. He married Karen D. Ward in 1980, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

They moved to Laurel in 1985.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Allen of Conrad, Lyle and David, both of Shelby; a daughter, Anna Wood of Lincoln; stepchildren, Tim Evans of Carter, Carlada Labuda of Joliet and Patty Jo Hutchinson of Great Falls; brothers, Bill of Seeley Lake and Jack of Missoula; sisters, Eldora Pitcher of California and Betty Hemmer of Lincoln; father, William of Lincoln; and 15 grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Smith-Cashmore Mortuary.

LAUREL — GEHRKE, Jerry Y., 55, a Laurel truck driver, died Monday in a head-on collision south of Laurel. Funeral 2 p.m. Thursday at Calvary Baptist Church in Laurel; burial, Laurel cemetery. Born in 1934 in Illinois, he moved to Chester when he was 12. Truck driver for 30 years, for Dick Irvin of Shelby and Ankrum Trucking of Billings. Married Karen D. Ward in 1980, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Moved to Laurel in July 1985. Survivors: his wife; sons, Allen of Conrad, Lyle and David, both of Shelby; a daughter, Anna Wood of Lincoln; stepchildren, Tim Evans of Carter, Carlada Labuda of Joliet and Patty Jo Hutchinson of Great Falls; brothers, Bill of Seeley Lake and Jack of Missoula; sisters, Eldora Pitcher of California and Betty Hemmer of Lincoln; father, William of Lincoln; 15 grandchildren. Smith-Cashmore Mortuary.

PAULINE T. (POLLY) GUSTAFSON

Born: September 9, 1907 - Died: July 28, 1989

Liberty County Times

August 2, 1989

"Polly" Gustafson

Pauline T. (Polly) Gustafson, 81, died Friday at a Havre nursing home. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, August 7, 1989 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard, Rev. Betty Mawbey officiating. Soloist, Jerome Lincoln, sang "The Old Rugged Cross", "How Great Thou Art" and "In the Garden" accompanied by Rachael Blake. Pallbearers were Alan Twedt, Ferris (Buster) Ness, Stuart Gustafson, Bob Toner, Sr., Bob Toner, Jr. and Robin Toner. Burial was in the Rudyard Cemetery. A reception was held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard following the committal service. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She was born September 9, 1907

in Plankton, South Dakota, the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Kelly) Nicholson. 'Polly' married Carl Albin Gustafson in February of 1928 in Havre. They farmed in the Minneota area north of Rudyard. In 1949 they built the Hi-Line Theatre in Rudyard, which they owned and operated until they retired.

Polly was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Rudyard and Women's Circle of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rudyard. In 1984 she moved to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre.

Survivors include a daughter, Irma Wipperman of Helena; sons Leonard of Richland, Washington, and Willard of Kalispell; sister, Katherine Selin of Chillawack, British Columbia; brother, Michael

Nicholson of Medicine Hat, Alberta; five grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1974, and two daughters, Helen Jean in 1934 and Rowena in 1936.

Memorials may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association of Northern Montana or to a person's choice.

NORRIS WEBSTER HARRISON

Born: November 17, 1908 - Died: November 4, 1989

Liberty County Times
November 8, 1989



Norris Harrison

Norris Webster Harrison was born in Elbow Lake, Minnesota on November 17th, 1908. He was one of five children born to Tina Sorenson and Carl Harrison. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Norris came to Montana in 1916 with his parents, who homesteaded north of Joplin. He attended the Big Springs and Minnesota country schools near the farm. His parents moved to Great Falls, so Norris finished his formal education there. He learned the brick laying trade from his father and during the next several years he worked in the construction business in Great Falls and the Hi-Line area. Norris began farming north of Joplin in 1935. He married Opal C. Wolery on March 30th, 1939 in Havre. They lived on the farm until 1955, then moved into Rudyard. Norris officially retired from farming in 1973. Following an extended illness, he passed away peacefully at his Rudyard home on the morning of Saturday, November 4th. He was just two weeks shy of being 81 years old.

Norris was a life long member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and had served on the church council. He had also served on a rural school board for several years. After moving to Rudyard, he drove school bus there for 7-8 years and also ran a small shoe shop for about three years. In his younger years Norris enjoyed playing horseshoes and cards (especially cribbage). In more recent years he enjoyed the quiet solitude of doing needlework, string art, counted cross-stitching and macrame. He loved working with his hands and had constructed numerous grandfather and mantle clocks for his children. Norris liked to work outside, and his fruit trees and rose bushes were his pride and joy. During his quiet evenings at home he enjoyed watching sporting events on television or simply reading his Bible. Norris loved his family, especially his grandkids, and he became affectionately known as "Grandpa Honey". He loved to sing little songs to the grandkids and he taught them all a little Norwegian. At family functions he was always there with his camera. Norris and Opal had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past March. In addition to the six children of their own, they also cared for 13 foster children over the years...

Survivors include his wife, Opal of Rudyard; three sons, Donald of Great Falls, Robert of Rudyard, and Lyle of Rudyard; three daughters, Mrs. Donald (Shirley) Rudolph of Joplin, Mrs. Willis (Elaine) Hodges of Joplin, and Jean Stone of Chester; one brother, Gerhard of Castlerock, Washington; 18 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Norris was preceded in death by his parents, by one brother (Clifford), by two sisters (Geneva and Vivian), and by a grandchild (Tanya Stone).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, November 6th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiated and special readings were by Don Kelley. The congregation sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus", accompanied by Edith Hodges. Two vocal tributes by Bev Kelley included "One Day At A Time" and "Because He Lives", and she was accompanied by Sheri Miller. Ushers were Dan and Leroy Wolery. Grandsons serving as pallbearers were A.J. Stone, Bruce Duncan, Jeff and Keith Harrison, and Jon and Gary Hodges. Memorial bearers included "all of Norris' many friends". Following graveside services at the Rudyard Cemetery, a coffee hour was held at the Harrison residence in Rudyard. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

HARVEY NEIL HARSTAD

Born: March 15, 1913 - Died: September 19, 1989

Liberty County Times
September 27, 1989



Harvey Harstad

Harvey Neill Harstad was born March 15th, 1913 in Bonetraill, North Dakota. He was one of ten children born to Andrew and Ingeborg (Brenden) Harstad. Harvey grew up and was educated in Bonetraill. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. As a young man he "rode the rails" seeking work, and served in the Conservation Corps Camp in the mid-1930's. In 1940 he came to Dutton, Montana to work on a farm. He met Myrtle E. Berg and they were married June 5th, 1941 in Great Falls. They returned to Alexander, North Dakota in 1943. While there Harvey worked on the Garvin Jacobson farm and later as a mechanic at Jacobson International Harvester. They returned to Montana in 1959 and Harvey took a job as yard mechanic at Chester Implement. He suffered a heart attack in 1967, but continued working as yard foreman until 1971 at which time he retired due to continued ill health. They have made their home in the Chester community since that time. Harvey's health deteriorated this past year, so he moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in June. He died there on the morning of Tuesday, September 19th, at the age of 76 years.

Harvey was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester and had served on the church council. He was also a member of the local Sons of Norway organization. Since his retirement, he had been very active in the Senior Citizens group. He was past president of the Senior Citizens Center and served on the Board of Directors for 16 years. He also did janitorial and maintenance work at the center, and drove the center's bus for several years. He never missed a meeting while he served on the Advisory Council of the North Central Area Agency on Aging. He was very proud of the fact that he was awarded a plaque from the North Central Agency in 1988 as "Senior Citizen of the Year".

Harvey's favorite pastimes included reading and playing cards (he was especially fond of pinochle). He spoke fluent Norwegian and enjoyed the quiet solitude of listening to Norwegian records. He also liked to do yardwork, and always had a vegetable and potato garden every year. Harvey had always been a handi-man around the house, and always did his own carpentry and plumbing work. To keep himself busy these past 8-9 years, he helped out during the summer months at the Allen Kolstad farm; he enjoyed working there with his two sons.

Harvey is survived by his wife, Myrtle of Chester; a daughter, Elaine of Chester; two sons, Neil and Marlyn of Chester; two brothers, Alfred of Mayville, North Dakota and Willie of Williston, North Dakota; four sisters, Amanda Hegge of Everett, Washington, Gunda Jorgens of Williston, North Dakota, Evelyn Kohler of Fargo, North Dakota, and Ruby Olson of Williston, North Dakota; and several nephews and nieces.

Harvey was preceded in death by two infant sons, a daughter (Annie), his parents, two brothers (Obie and Theodore), and one sister (Ella Peterson).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (September 23rd) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Steve Nicolai officiated. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by Merna Kolstad. Special vocal tributes by Wayne Wardell were "In the Garden" and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee". Ushers were George Braun and Bill Hochberger. Pallbearers included Allen and Chris Kolstad, Don Heimbigner, Cliff and Ron Hanson and Bob Aitken. Old friends listed as honorary bearers were Verne Bresnahan, Walt Jensen, Rudy Lehman, Cliff Leighton, Wilbur Eveland, Neil Waters, Martin Haugen, Dewey Langel, Armand Anderson and Howard Eveland. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

GEORGE HEMMER

Born: ?, 1929 - Died : July 14, 1989

Liberty County Times

July 19, 1989

**George Hemmer
dead at 60**

Word has been received that George Hemmer (60) passed away unexpectedly Friday night at Port Townsend, Washington.

FRANCES C. HOKE

Born: July 12, 1893 - Died: November 26, 1989

Liberty County Times

December 6, 1989

Frances Hoke

Frances C. Hoke, 96 years of age, a resident of Havre's Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd since November 28, 1986, died Sunday, November 26, 1989, at the home. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 29th at the Van Orsdel United Methodist Church in Havre. Interment was at the Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Frances was born July 12th, 1893 at Grand Forks, North Dakota to George and Louisa Conne. She was raised and educated in North Dakota, then she moved with her family moved to Colborn, Idaho. September 15, 1915 she married Orla H. Hoke at Samuels, Idaho. The couple came to Kremlin, Montana, in April of 1916 where they homesteaded north of Kremlin. In 1942 they moved to Everett, Washington, where they both were employed in the shipyards during World War II. Mrs. Hoke was employed at the Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation office when the program was begun in the mid-1930's and she became the office manager. In July of 1972 the couple moved to Kremlin. Her husband died January 26, 1973. Frances moved to the Eagles Manor in Havre in August of 1974.

She was a charter member of Business and Professional Women of Havre, and a constituent member of the Kremlin United Methodist Church of Kremlin.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Laura C. Purdy of the Eagles Manor in Havre, Montana; one niece,

Donna Haugen of Kremlin, Montana; one nephew, Robert E. Purdy of Great Falls, Montana; also numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, three brothers and one sister.

Memorials can be given to either the Lutheran Home of The Good Shepherd in Havre, Montana; to the Deaconess Home in Helena, Montana; or the persons choice.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre was in charge of arrangements.

ERNEST JOSEPH JENSEN

Born: January 7, 1911 - Died: July 15, 1989

Liberty County Times

July 19, 1989



Ernest Jensen

Ernest Joseph Jensen was born January 7th, 1911 at Kenmare, North Dakota. He was the eldest of six children born to Katherine Zeltinger and James C. Jensen. His parents had homesteaded south of Inverness in 1909, so Ernest grew up and attended schools in the Inverness community. He continued to work on the farm until 1942, when he was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign under General MacArthur, and was honorably discharged in 1946. Ernest returned to Montana, July 7th, 1949 he married Margaret Velk in Hingham. They made their home on Ernest's farm south of Inverness. In 1957 they built a new home in town, and

lived there together until Margaret's death in 1986. Ernest has continued to farm and live in Inverness, but his health has gradually deteriorated. He died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester Saturday afternoon, July 15th. He was 78 years old.

Ernest was baptized as an infant and remained a life-time member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. In addition he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, he watched over the church, and he did some custodial chores in the church for many years. Ernest also held membership in the Chester V.F.W. and American Legion organizations.

In his younger years he liked to sketch and go fishing. He also enjoyed working in his yard or doing mechanic projects on the farm. Ernest loved animals; he was always feeding a few stray dogs/cats or raising a few chickens. He was proud of the fact that he helped his two sons get started in agriculture in Canada. Ernest liked the people of the Hi-Line community and he became unofficially known as the "Mayor of Inverness". Ernest was a loyal husband to Margaret and they spent all of their free time together. They especially liked to go out-to-dinner in the various restaurants located up and down the Hi-Line...

Ernie's survivors include his two sons, Earl of Medicine Hat, Alberta and Gene of Pocatello, Idaho; two sisters, Irene McCann of Osburn, Idaho and Pearl Schweitzer of Mesa, Arizona; one brother, Elmer of Inverness; nine grandchildren (including Monty, Donovan, Brad, Jeremiah, Tena, Timmy, Kevin, Terry and Erik); two great-grandchildren (including Travis and

Amber); and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death not only by his parents and wife, but also by a brother (Art) and a sister (Helen Adams).

Rosary services were held Tuesday evening, July 18th, 7:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. The funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Roman Schaefer at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 19th, at the church. Ernie's grandson, Monty, served as reader. Special vocal music was provided by Sharon Jensen and Dean Fox with guitar accompaniment. Iris White was organist. Pallbearers were Monty Jensen, Donovan Jensen, Brad Jensen, Roger Evans, Gary Buffington and Jan Phillips. Immediately following the Mass, a memorial-luncheon was held in the church basement. Graveside services with military rites were performed later that same day at 2:30 p.m. at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. A family friend, Don Buffington, representing the veterans organization, presented the flag to Ernie's family. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

IDA KERBES YURMAN KERR

Born: October 28, 1896 - Died: December 10, 1989

Liberty County Times

December 13, 1989



Ida Yurman Kerr

Ida Kerbes was born in an Estonian settlement south of Moscow, Russia on October 28th, 1896. She was one of nine children born to Julia Marie Kaasak and Peter Kerbes. At age 14 Ida moved with her family to a farm near Big Valley, Alberta, Canada. Several years later Ida came to Montana to visit her sister, Lizzie, and she met a Chester area farmer named Michael Yurman. They were married in 1916. They lived and worked on his farm located ten miles north of Chester and raised their family of three daughters. Michael died in 1958. Three years later Ida married Raymond Kerr. Raymond worked with Ida on the farm until he passed away in 1971. Ida retired from farming in 1976 and moved into Chester in 1978. She remained in her Chester home until her health failed in 1987, when she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home. She died there on the early morning of Sunday, December 10th. She was 93 years old...

Ida was very proud of her Estonian heritage, but she became totally committed to her life here in the United States. An important day in her life was October 24th, 1929, when she was granted U.S. citizenship. From that time on she never missed an election day to exercise her right to vote! She loved Montana agriculture and was always active in the farming operations. In those early years she cared for the horses and was an expert rider. In addition to working in the flower

and vegetable gardens, she also enjoyed working in the fields, Ida loved animals of all kinds. She liked to knit, crochet and sew, and in those early days she spun her own thread. Although not a trained musician, she loved music. She played the piano by ear, enjoyed singing, and loved to dance (especially square-dancing). Ida liked to entertain friends and relatives. She was a good cook and always made sure that you had plenty to eat before you left her house! She liked to play cards and was especially fond of pinochle and whist. Ida also enjoyed traveling, and she and Mike made several memorable trips during their life together.

Ida's survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Rae (Martha) Steven of Fort Benton and Mrs. Helen Conrad of Missoula; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, Annie Howe of Calgary, Alberta; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her husbands and parents, but also by a daughter (Hilda Broeder), by a granddaughter (Martha Steven), and by seven siblings (Lizzie, Mike, Marie, August, Martha, Carl and Edward).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday morning (December 13th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Dan Mielke of the Assembly of God Church officiated. Vocalist/guitarist Carole Hanson sang "In the Garden" and "Turn, Turn, Turn". The congregation sang "Amazing Grace", accompanied by Dorothy Burnham on the organ. Ushers were Charlie Laas and Irvin Hutchison. Pallbearers included James Hull, Ben Oraw, Vernon Cramer, Walt Laas, Charles Green and Raymond Fritz. Honorary bearers were Ed Cole, Leonard Fritz, Lin Duffin, Ted Gibson, Dr. Richard Buker and Irene (Lakey) Mattson. Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the Assembly of God Church. Undesignated memorial gifts will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home for the purchase of a big screen television for the new activities room.

RUTH BERTHA KINDSCHY
Born: ?, 1904 - Died: March 2, 1989
Liberty County Times
March 15, 1989



Dwight and Ruth Kindschy at a 75 year reunion and birthday party for Ruth on her 81st birthday in 1985.

Ruth Kindschy

Ruth Bertha Kindschy was born in 1904 in Groton, South Dakota. She was the 11th child of a family of six boys and six girls. John Casper Kindschy, her father, was married twice. However, his first wife, Pauline, who died after bearing five children was eventually replaced by Bertha, her sister, who was Ruth's mother.

The family of 11 children moved as homesteaders to Hingham, Montana in 1910. At that time Ruth was six years old and she remained on the homestead until August, 1974 when she rented the farm in

Montana and moved to Rockwood Manor in Spokane, Washington.

Ruth's life in Montana was very active. She was a member of the first graduating class of Hingham High School, 1924. The class consisted of four seniors - two boys and two girls. Ruth spent her life in Montana operating the family farm with two older brothers. She eventually was the sole owner of the farm. She was very active in 4-H work as an enthusiastic leader. She played the piano and organ for her church and Sunday school while her father was still living. She took care of her aging mother until her death at age 84. She also kept house for two of her older brothers who were operating the Montana farm with her.

With the help of her youngest brother she moved to Rockwood Manor in August, 1974. She was very pleased with her life in a retirement unit. In November of 1983 Ruth suffered a stroke. She was paralyzed on her left side but was able to continue her optimistic outlook on life until her death on March 2nd, 1989.

Her stay at Rockwood Manor was enriched by her nieces who lived in Spokane, especially Margaret Swanson. Margaret was with her the last 24 hours of her life.

Ruth always loved children and left 15 nieces and nephews. She provided funds for day school programs in Spokane and had been a sponsor of the Intermountain Deaconess home for children in Helena, Montana.

On the lighter side of her life Ruth amazed the residents of Rockwood Manor by relating her experiences providing food for the large family in Montana. Butchering day consisted of the slaughter of three hogs and one beef. The meat was processed into hams, bacon, sausage and canned patties. This was

before the era of the home freezer. She also could relate about the 40 degrees below zero weather that was often present in northern Montana winters.

Ruth passed away March 2, 1989 and is survived by one brother, Dwight Kindschy of Moscow, Idaho; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by five brothers and five sisters. A Memorial service was held Monday, March 6th, 1989 at 1:30 p.m. at Rockwood Manor with the Rev. Walter Sauer officiating.

Ruth Kindschy was a very special person. The people she touched during her life will miss her. Many of her friends and relatives have a lovely afghan to help them remember her.

Her ashes will be laid to rest in the cemetery at Hingham, Montana along with three brothers, a sister, sister-in-law and a nephew. The graveside service is being planned for June 25th - the day of her birth 85 years ago.

Friends who wish may make memorial contributions to the Northwest Parent Co-Op, N4815 Driscoll Blvd., Spokane, WA 99205 or Intermountain Deaconess Home for Children, P.O. Box 4455, Helena, MT 59604.

LUVINA B. KLEMETSON
Born: June 6, 1894 - Died: September 26, 1989
Liberty County Times
October 4, 1989

Luvina Klemetson

Luvina B. Raun was born on June 6th, 1894 in Fertile, Iowa. She was one of eight children born to Annie Benson and Marcus Raun. Luvina was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She received her formal education in Iowa and attended the Waldorf College at Forest City, where she was awarded her Iowa teacher's certificate. In the few years that followed, Luvina taught elementary school in Iowa. In 1917 she moved to Ulen, Minnesota where she worked in the print shop there for the next 12 years. She met Christian E. Klemetson, and they were married in Ulen on June 19th, 1929. Christian had homesteaded in Montana in 1912, so they moved to his farm south of Rudyard. It was here that they made their life together and raised their three daughters. They retired from farming in 1968 and moved into Rudyard. Christian died in 1975. Luvina remained in Rudyard until 1986, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. Because of failing health in the following year, she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home. Luvina died at the Chester hospital on the early morning of Tuesday



(September 26th) at the age of 95 years.

Luvina had been a longtime member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard, taught Sunday school for several years, and served as past president of the Ladies Aid. She was also a member of the Black Coulee Home Demonstration Club and had been active in the Black Coulee Farmers Union. She enjoyed working in her vegetable garden or the quiet solitude of embroidery and crocheting. Luvina loved to sing and play the organ. Her skills as a

homemaker were excellent. She loved cooking and baking, and preparing for a family picnic was always a treat for her. Not only did the word "Grandma" mean love, it also brought wonderful memories of "good cookies and good food". Luvina was always a care giver, placing others before herself. During holiday seasons, she always sent fresh pies and other goodies to local friends and bachelors for their enjoyment. Luvina will always be remembered by her family as a

loving, caring and prayerful Mother and Grandmother...

Survivors include her three daughters, Mrs. Tom (Mary Anne) Adams of Livingston, Mrs. Richard (Ruth) Horinek of Hingham, and Mrs. Merten (Valborg) Freyholtz of Gildford; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one brother, Arthur Raun of Fergus Falls, Minnesota; and numerous nephews and nieces. Luvina was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by two brothers (Harry and Burton) and four sisters (Carrie Lunde, Eda Halverson, Amanda Peterson and Esther Raun).

Undesignated memorial gifts will be given to Our Savior's Church in Rudyard or the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 29th, in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiated. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Edith Hodges on the piano. The vocal duet of Orville Solum and Twila Hodges performed "In the Garden" and "What A Day That Will Be". Luvina's grandsons, David, Wayne and Steve Adams, and Larry, Dan, Mark and Mike Horinek, served as pallbearers. Ushers were David Rughtvedt and Lyle Twedt. Following graveside services at the Rudyard Cemetery, a luncheon for family and friends was given at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

AUGUST (GUS) LAAS

Born: June 17, 1924 - Died: September 17, 1989

Liberty County Times
September 27, 1989



Gus Laas

August Laas was born June 17th, 1924 in Chester, Montana. He was one of six children born to Lisa Kerbes and Nickolas Laas. His father had homesteaded 14 miles northwest of Chester and his mother later acquired a relinquished homestead, so Gus grew up on the family farm. He attended the Trommer Schools and finished his formal education in Chester, where he enjoyed playing on the C.H.S. basketball team. March 16th, 1946 Gus married Golda B. Allen in Great Falls. They made their home on a farm 4 miles north of Tiber and began raising their family. In 1958 they built a home in Chester and commuted to-and-from the farm. Gus remained active in the farming operations throughout his life. Following a short illness, he passed on to his eternal home on the afternoon of Sunday, September 17th. He was 65 years old.

In his younger years Gus enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and water skiing. He was proud of the fact that for several years he maintained a private pilot's license and operated a small airplane of his own. More recent hobbies included coin collecting, playing cards (he was especially fond of "pan"), and listening to country western music. Although he did not have an exceptional voice, Gus did enjoy singing his favorite little songs in

private. In his quiet hours at home, Gus liked to watch the world news programs on television. He also enjoyed those good old classic movies and shows with historical themes. Gus loved to pull off harmless practical jokes on family and friends. Even though Gus was often kidded about his frugality, in his own special way he was a very caring and giving individual. On many holidays Gus brought home a lonely or needy person to share in the family dinner and fun. Gus was also a loyal supporter of local business; he very seldom shopped out of town. Gus loved farming; it wasn't simply his vocation, it was an enjoyable pastime. He took great pride in care in his tools, equipment and automobiles. His favorite brand of machinery was John Deere, and he was often seen wearing that familiar green cap. Gus had many pet dogs over the years, and his recent pet was a loyal cocker spaniel named "Queenie". Gus was very proud of his family and he loved them very much...

Survivors include his wife, Golda of Chester; two sons, Donnie of Hillsboro, Oregon and Robbie of Chester; three daughters, Bonnie Carsner of Scappoose, Oregon, Koni Resor of Ponca City, Oklahoma, and Cyndy LaSorte of Chester; six grandchildren, Haven, Alisha, Jennifer, Austa, Nickolas and Joanna; two brothers, Walter and Charles, both of Chester; three sisters, Mabel Schultz and Edna Leffler of Manson, Washington, and Billie Hamel of Ledger; and numerous nephews and nieces. Gus was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter (Tedi Anne).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday (September 20th) at the Chester Alliance Church. Reverend Charlie Hanson officiated and he was assisted by Reverend Dan Mielke. A male vocal quartette of John Hofer, Mark Zerbe, Garth Good and Orville Solum performed "What A Day That Will

Be" and "Without Him, I Could Do Nothing". The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus", accompanied by Edith Hodges on the piano. Carole Hanson, vocalist/guitarist, sang "Mansion Over the Hilltop". Ushers were Joe Seidlitz and Leo Shepherd. Pallbearers included Earl Keith, Bud Ish, Jim Stevens, Terry Thielman, Bud Broadhurst and Frank Wanken. Memorial bearers were listed as "all of Gus' many other friends". Following interment in the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel. Undesignated memorial gifts will be given to the Liberty County Hospital.

FRANCES A. MAY

Born: May 9, 1900 - Died: November 28, 1989

Liberty County Times

December 6, 1989



Frances May

Frances A. May was born in Sanborn, Minnesota May 9th, 1900. Her parents were Flora Ross and Ephraim Evans. Frances grew up in Minnesota and received her formal education there. February 2nd, 1919 she married Conrad G.

May at Wanda, Minnesota. They came to Montana and purchased a farm located 32 miles north of Inverness. They raised their family and lived and worked on the farm for the next 40+ years. They retired to their home in Inverness in 1963. Conrad died in 1979. Frances continued to live in her Inverness home until 1984. Her hearing and eyesight had failed, so she spent the following few years residing with family members in the Hi-Line community. Because of deteriorating health, she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in 1988. Frances died there on the early morning of Tuesday, November 28th. She was 89 years old.

Frances had been a longtime, dedicated member of the Sacred Heart Church in Inverness. She was active in the Altar Society and taught catechism for many years. Frances' hobbies included sewing, baking and gardening. She made quilts and mittens for a lot of children in Inverness over the years. Her friends and neighbors will long remember her delicious homemade bread and raised donuts. Frances cherished letters and old memories, and in her quiet hours at home she would often write poems about relatives and special friends. She loved her family and appreciated those 60 wonderful years with Conrad.

Her survivors include three sons, Leo of Fort Benton, Conrad of Joplin, and Ephraim of Valleyview, Alberta; two daughters, Flora Ann Aevermann of Rudyard and Annette Riley of Tacoma, Washington; three brothers, Ernest Evans of Inverness, and Otis and George Evans of Redwood Falls, Minnesota; two sisters, Leona Wagner of Waite Park, Minnesota and Evelyn Olson of New Ulm, Minnesota; 25 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Frances was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by an infant son (David), by three brothers (Victor, George and Clint), and by seven sisters (May, Betsy, Merle, Nettie, Florence, Katie and Rose).

Rosary services were held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening, November 30th, at Sacred Heart Church. The funeral mass was celebrated by Father Frank Kelly at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 1st. Granddaughter, Joan Riley Jager, gave the eulogy and granddaughter, Susan VanDessel, served as reader. The communion gifts were presented by Marie May and Adriene Barbon. Ushers and pallbearers were

grandsons, including Gene, Greg, David, Mike, Lance, Brian, Rodney and Craig May. The Sacred Heart choir sang "Beautiful Savior", "Nearer My God To Thee", and "Lord, I Am Not Worthy", accompanied by granddaughter, Christy Fossen. Vocalist, Marc Jochim, performed "On Eagle's Wings" and "The Lord's Prayer". Interment was in the Inverness Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

EMMA K. MCGOWAN
Born: ?, 1887 - Died: January 7, 1989
Liberty County Times
January 11, 1989

Emma McGowan

Cambridge Court resident Emma K. McGowan, 100, who homesteaded near Rudyard in the early 1900s, died Saturday at a Great Falls hospital of natural causes.

The funeral was today, Wednesday, January 11th, 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Havre with the Revs. Donald E. Melchert and Thomas Tweed officiating. Burial will be in the Highland Cemetery at Havre. The Chapel of Chimes Mortuary handled arrangements.

McGowan, who celebrated her 100th birthday last fall at a party with more than 100 guests, kept a positive outlook about her age.

"I feel as good as I did 25 years

ago, but I can't run as fast as I did then," she said in an interview with the Great Falls Tribune.

McGowan was quoted as saying she remembered the "old days," when "Mother had to put tarpaper over the roof of our first home so the rain would not come in. They had it a little rough, didn't they?"

One of the high points of her life occurred last April, when she was reunited with her baby sister, 97-year-old Ida Berg. The two had been separated for 21 years.

In 1988, she received the Montana Centennial Olympic Pin.

Born September 17, 1888, at Northwood, North Dakota, Mrs. McGowan attended schools there and came to Montana in 1913. Later

that year, she married John McGowan at Havre, and the couple homesteaded in the Rudyard area. She planted all the trees on the homestead.

After her husband's death in 1949, she moved to 1917 1st Ave. N. in Great Falls. She was active in Our Savior's Lutheran Church, the Concordia College 400 Club and women's clubs.

She had lived at Cambridge Court since 1985.

Three brothers and a sister preceded her in death. Her survivors include a sister, Ida Berg of Scottsdale, Arizona; and her friend and companion of the past 30 years, Dolly Johnson.

—Great Falls Tribune

HELEN RUTH BAXENDALE CADY MOCK
Born: March 26, 1915 - Died : January 5, 1989
Liberty County Times
January 11, 1989



Helen Cady Mock

Helen Ruth Baxendale was born in East Grand Forks, North Dakota on March 26th, 1915. She was one of three daughters born to Mamie Rostad and James Baxendale. The parents died when the three girls were still young, so they were raised by a grandmother (Marion Leslie) on a farm north of Joplin, Montana. Helen attended the Tingdahl School near the farm. On September 7th, 1933 she married Charles Cady in Havre. They made their home in the Joplin community where they worked for various farmers. In 1940 they bought a small farm 20 miles

north of Inverness, where they lived and raised their family. Charles died in 1969. In the few years that followed, Helen traveled and spent time with her children. On December 1st, 1972 she married Alvin Mock. They made their home in Roundup until their divorce in 1983. Since that time, Helen has lived mainly in the Havre community, although she did spend some time in Libby, Kalispell and Joplin. Recently she moved to Chinook to be near her sister in the Grand Villa Lodge there. Helen was being treated for a heart ailment at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre when she died there on the morning of Thursday, January 5th. She was 73 years old.

During those years on the farm north of Inverness, Helen and her family attended the Grace Evangelical Church. Her early married years were busy with homemaking and motherhood. After her children grew up and moved away, she took a job for a short while at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. Helen had many hobbies. She loved dancing, fishing, camping, traveling and rodeos. At home she enjoyed painting by numbers, embroidery, gardening, cooking and baking, and

watching game shows on television. She was a very active lady and always tried to maintain a young, fun-loving personality.

Helen's survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ted (Elvina) Tempel of Joplin; three sons, William Cady of Libby, Darell Cady of Kalispell, and Stanley Cady of Dayton, Nevada; two sisters, Kathleen Jacobson of Kremlin and Martha Goff of Chinook; 14 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents, by an infant son (Floyd), and by a daughter (Ramona).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the Bethel Church in Joplin with Reverend Allen Haugen officiating. Members of the Bethel Choir performed "A closer Walk With Thee" and "Rock of Ages". The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by organist, Thelma Anderson. Family friends serving as pallbearers included Charles Lineweaver, Lloyd Wolery, Vern McDaniel, Rex Gulick, James Laird and Ellsworth Graff. Following burial in the Joplin Cemetery, a coffee hour was held in Kjos Hall. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

EDGAR E. MURPHY
Born: February 19, 1917 - Died: December 30, 1989
Liberty County Times
January 17, 1990

Ed Murphy

Services were held for Edgar E. Murphy, 72, of Cushing, Oklahoma who died Saturday, December 30th, 1989, in the Stillwater Medical Center. Dr. Rodney McGlothlin of the First Baptist Church in Stillwater officiated at services in the Strode Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Stillwater, Oklahoma, under Strode's direction.

Murphy was born February 19, 1917, in Rudyard, Montana, the son of Joe J. and Emma Laura (Leskie) Murphy. He graduated from Rudyard High School in 1935 and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Montana. June 17, 1949, he married Maxine Wilson in Missoula, Montana. During World War II Murphy served with the Army Air Corps in the Pacific theater. After the war he joined the Air National Guard and was activated during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He retired from the guard at the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Murphy was a meteorologist with the U.S. Weather Service in Tulsa. After his retirement he farmed and ranched on a farm south of Cushing. He was a member of the Lutheran church and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. He was also active in the Cushing Senior Citizen Center.

His parents predeceased him.

Survivors include his wife; a son, USAF Maj. Mark Wilson Murphy, Alexandria, Virginia; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Kelly) Spurrier of Stillwater; two brothers, Bill Murphy of Lake Elsinore, California, and Calvin Murphy of Missoula, Montana; and a sister, Mattie Murphy of Missoula.

JOHN ALBERT OLSON

Born: November 23, 1910 - Died : September 4, 1989

Liberty County Times

September 13, 1989



Albert Olson

John Albert Olson was born in Champion, Alberta, Canada on November 23rd, 1910. He was one of four children born to Evelina Johansen and John Olson. The family came to Montana in 1912 and homesteaded north of Joplin near the Canadian border. Albert grew up on the farm and attended the Minneota and Tingdahl country schools near there. Following his formal education, Albert began working as a mechanic at Mike Meyers Implement in Inverness. He also drilled water wells in the north country for several years with Art Stewart. On January 20th, 1936 he married Julia M. Johnson in Havre. The following year they began farming the Roveriet place located 12 miles northwest of Joplin. In 1946 they purchased the Herb Rolph farm four miles northwest of Joplin. Their sons took over the Joplin

farming operations in 1964, so Albert and Julia moved to a farm at Bracken, Saskatchewan. After eight years in Canada, they sold the farm, retired, and moved back to their farm home near Joplin. Albert's health has been relatively good over the years. This past February he was diagnosed with cancer. Following a month's stay in the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, he died on the early morning of Monday, September 4th. Albert was 78 years old.

Albert had been baptized as an infant in Canada. During his early years in Montana, he attended the Immanuel Church north of Joplin. He later transferred his membership to the Bethel Church in Joplin, where he completed adult confirmation classes.

Albert's hobbies included reading, working cross-word puzzles, and playing cards. He also enjoyed mechanical and carpentry projects around the farm. In his younger years he liked fishing and hunting. He loved to drive around the countryside to admire the fine crops and pasturelands of the community. Albert had a special love for the Sweetgrass Hills and often spoke of the "good old days" when he and his brother panned gold in the hills. Albert was also a self-taught saxophone player and was proud to have been a member of the old Joplin Community Band.

Albert was essentially a homebody, but did enjoy traveling once they got out on the road. He and Julia spent several winters in

Arizona and also shared other memorable trips together. Their life together was a happy one and they would have celebrated their 54th anniversary this coming January...

In addition to Julia, Albert is survived by two sons and their wives, Larry and Nancy and Leonard and Linda, all of Joplin; by one daughter and her husband, Deanna and Ray Standiford of Chester; by eight grandchildren (including Scott, Todd, Heidi, Greg, Grant, Chad, Jolene and Adam); by five great-grandchildren; by one cousin, Helen Johnson of Stavely, Alberta; and by numerous nephews and nieces. Albert was preceded in death by his parents, by a sister (Nellie Dahler), and by two brothers (Hilding and one in infancy).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 7th, at the Bethel Church in Joplin with Reverend Allen Haugen officiating. Eldora Rosling accompanied David Rice, who sang "Morning Has Broken" and "On Eagle's Wings". The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art". Ushers were Ellsworth Graff and Dean Lyle. Albert's grandsons served as pallbearers. Memorial bearers were listed as Albert's many friends and neighbors. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon for family and friends followed at Kjos Hall.

Memorial gifts will be forwarded to the Bethel Church, the Liberty County Hospital, and the American Cancer Society.

RALPH OSCAR PETERSON
Born: January 2, 1913 - Died: October 13, 1989
Liberty County Times
October 18, 1989



Ralph Peterson

Ralph Oscar Peterson, age 76, died Friday morning (October 13th) at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester following a lengthy illness.

He was born January 2nd, 1913 in Havre, the only child of Emma Haagland and Axel Peterson. Ralph was raised on the Peterson homestead north of Inverness by his father and stepmother, Nellie Ives Peterson. He attended country schools through the eighth grade, then transferred to Inverness High School where he graduated in 1933. Following his formal education, he continued farming and ranching with his father.

Ralph married Margaret Virginia Sparks on October 28th, 1944 in Witaskiwin, Alberta, Canada. They made their home on the farm where they raised their four children. They operated the farm until their retirement in 1978. They continued to live on the farm until the fall of 1988, then moved into Inverness.

Ralph was a life-long member of the United Methodist Church and had been a council member for many years. In fact, he was

presently the chairman of the church board at the time of his death. He had also served as Sunday School treasurer for many years. Ralph was a member of the Montana Farmers Union and had served on the District #49 school board. He enjoyed Inverness community activities, and was especially fond of 4-H programs and the school music and sporting events. In his quiet times at home, Ralph loved to read (he liked National Geographic and historical books). He was a great one for

reading to his kids and grandkids. Several hobbies included working in his vegetable garden, tinkering with old radios and electrical devices, and fixing up his machinery. He took good care of his tools and was proud of being a good farmer and stockman. Farming was important to him and he loved to work the land. He was described by his family as a "care-giver", as other folks always came first. His pleasures were simple, and they came mainly through the lives of his children and grandchildren. Ralph appreciated his loyal companion, Margaret, and they would have celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary later this month. Ralph was also very proud of the fact that he lived on the farm and in the same house (although remodelled) for 75 years of his life!

He is survived by his wife, Margaret of Inverness; two sons, James of Rudyard and Robert of Highlands, New Jersey; two daughters, Loween of Billings and Janice Eisenman of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Joy Aimee Peterson of Pleasant Hill, California, Michael Eisenman of Kalispell, and

Katherine Peterson of Rudyard; and a foster-daughter, Janet Dancer Walsh of Malta. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 16th, at the Inverness United Methodist Church, Reverend Chuck Nowlen officiated. The congregation sang "Hymn of Promise", accompanied by Sharon Woods on the organ. Dennis Kenfield performed "Whispering Hope" and "How Great Thou Art". Special taped musical tributes by Walter Woods included "The Lord's Prayer" and "In the Garden". Eulogist was Jim Burrington and ushers were Ken Monilaws and Lonnie Cady. Friends serving as pallbearers were Roger Zentzis, Lloyd Kaercher, Wayne Spicher, Roger Lincoln, Chuck Lineweaver and Alvin Barbie. Interment was in the Inverness Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

Memorials will be given to the Intermountain Deaconess Home for Children in Helena, the American Cancer Society, or donor's choice.

BETTY ODESSA SKINNER

Born: January 14, 1937 - Died : September 1, 1989

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*Betty
Skinner*

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Shelby for Betty Odessa Skinner, 52, of Lothair, who died Sept. 1 in a Great Falls Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Conducting the service was the Rev. Aaron Lewis. Musicians included pianist Brian Lewis, vocal soloist LouEllen Wanken and the Men's Quartet. Pallbearers were John Fransen, Marvin Atkins, Marvin Cox, Jerry Kennedy, Dan Zachary and Dwayne Irvin, and Ray Buechler was honorary pallbearer. Burial was in Mountainview Cemetery under the direction of Burns Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 14, 1937, in Yazoo City, Miss., where she grew up. She attended college in North Carolina. She came to Montana in the early 1970s, and married Bill Skinner in November 1973.

She was a piano teacher and active in church and civic groups.

Survivors include her husband of Lothair; her mother, Mary Tackett of Yazoo City; a step-daughter; four brothers; and a sister.

RYAN ADAM SMALL

Born: September 24, 1988 - Died: January 11, 1989

Liberty County Times

January 18, 1989

Ryan Adam Small

Ryan Adam Small, 3-1/2 months old, died last Wednesday in Havre.

A rosary was recited Thursday evening at Rocky Boy Catholic Church and funeral services were held Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the Rocky Boy Catholic Church with Father Pete Guthneck officiating. Burial was at the Rocky Boy

Cemetery.

He was born September 24, 1988, the son of Robert J. and Cindy A. Harlow Small. Robert Small is the boys basketball coach at Rocky Boy.

Survivors include his parents of Rocky Boy; a sister, Jennifer Small of Rocky Boy; paternal grandmother, Dorothy Small of Rocky Boy; maternal grandfather and grandmother, Grover and Lorraine Harlow of Missoula; great-grandparents, Bill and Hattie Denny of Rocky Boy; great-great-grandparents, Sitting Woman Watson and Grant Chief Stick, both of Rocky Boy; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CAROL LORRAINE SMITH

Born: May 18, 1933 - Died: September 16, 1989

Liberty County Times

September 19, 1989

Carol Lorraine Smith

Carol Lorraine Smith was born in Carson City, Nevada on May 18th, 1933. She was one of nine children born to Garnett Barton and John Jewett. Her family moved to Salmon, Idaho, where she grew up and attended school. Following her formal education, Carol worked various jobs in the Salmon community. On March 17th, 1963 she married Alvin R. Smith at Rigby, Idaho. They moved to Dillon, Montana where Alvin worked for the Bureau of Reclamation and Carol worked as a homemaker and mother. In 1975 they transferred to Chester where Alvin continued to work for the Bureau at Tiber Dam. Carol's health has deteriorated these past several years. Following a week's stay in the Chester hospital, she died Saturday morning (September 16th) at the age of 56 years.

Carol has been a long-time member of the Church of L.D.S.

She was described as a "home-body" and she enjoyed cooking and canning vegetables. She loved little kids and Christmas was her favorite time of the year. Her boys were all involved in the C.H.S. wrestling program, so she became an avid spectator fan. Carol enjoyed camping and working in her flower garden. Other hobbies include ceramics, working jig-saw puzzles, playing pinochle, and watching TV soap operas. She loved animals of all kinds, but was especially fond of her pet dog, "Charlie".

Carol's survivors include her husband, Alvin of Chester; two daughters, Karen Yeager of Valier and Susan Graham of Dillon; three sons, Michael of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Timothy of Honolulu, Hawaii; and Kelly of Chester; five grandchildren; five brothers, three sisters; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, by a son (Raymond),

and by a daughter (Ginger).

Funeral services are scheduled for Thursday, September 21st, 1:00 p.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Hugh Brown, President of the L.D.S. Chester Branch will officiate. Service prayers will be lead by Jerry Martin and Glen Hilton. Vocalist, Tana Hitchcock, will perform "Beyond the Sunset" and "In the Garden", accompanied by Cathy Hilton. Dan Wooley will serve as eulogist. Pallbearers will be Bill Hubbard, John Sanders, Dale Nelson, Scott Elverud, Dennis Snyder and Chester Hill. Following the services there will be a luncheon at the home of Dennis and Judy Snyder in Chester.

Graveside services will be Friday, September 22nd, 2:00 p.m. at the Mountainview Cemetery in Dillon. Dedication of the grave will be made by Spence Stoddard. Funeral arrangements are by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

JOHN (JACK) TAYLOR
Born: April 25, 1906 - Died: December 21, 1989
Liberty County Times
December 27, 1983

John (Jack) Taylor

John (Jack) W. Taylor, 83, died at the Big Sandy Medical Center Thursday evening.

Jack was born in Johnson County, Wyoming on April 25, 1906. He attended schools in Grubb and Buffalo, Wyoming, graduating from the 8th grade at Salt Creek, Wyoming. He attended high school in Boise, Idaho, graduating there. In 1926, he entered university at the University of Washington in Seattle. In 1927 he came to Sweetgrass Hills, Montana, and later returned to Boise working for the Forest Service during the summers and in Nevada as a cow hand during the winter.

In February of 1942, Jack joined the Army and served until November of 1943.

Jack married his wife Opal in August of 1944. Jack was called to active duty and again served. He served in the National Guard for 12 years and the Reserve for approximately 15 years. In 1966 he retired from the service. Jack moved to Big Sandy from Bozeman in 1979 and came to live in Big Sandy Medical Center Long Term Care in November of 1986.

Funeral services for Mr. Taylor were held Saturday, December 23rd, 1989, at 2:00 p.m. at the Christ Lutheran Church in Big Sandy with the Rev. Rich Jespers officiating. Soloists, Marla, Ray and Robert

Boettel, sang "Is My Name Written There", "Jesus I Come" and "Your First Day in Heaven" with organist Karen Stack. Ushers were Alfred Ophus and Knud Grosser.

Burial was in the Big Sandy Cemetery.

He is survived by one daughter, Margaret T. Burkhead O'Neil of Rudyard, Montana, one brother and

two sisters and grandsons Jack Burkhead and James Burkhead.

Memorials may be given to the Big Sandy Medical Center, Rohrer United Methodist Church in Big Sandy, or a persons choice.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DENISE ANN MCCORMICK TEMPEL

Born: August 8, 1957 - Died: December 15, 1989

Liberty County Times

December 20, 1989



Denise Tempel

Denise Ann McCormick was born in Chester, Montana on August 8th, 1957. She was one of five children born to Ida Mork and William McCormick. Denise grew up and was educated in the Joplin community. She graduated from Joplin High School in 1975. During her senior year the girls basketball team won the district tournament and Denise was voted M.V.P. and selected as a first team

all-conference player. She loved sports, so she enrolled at Eastern Montana College as a physical education major. While in Billings she began dating an old Joplin friend, Jerry K. Tempel, and they were married in Joplin on July 9th, 1976. They made their home on the Tempel farm, and for the next four years Denise worked as a teacher's aide at the Joplin Grade School. They began raising their family of two in the early 1980's. In addition to being a homemaker, Denise served as bookkeeper for Border Blenders, Inc. of Joplin. Following

Jerry's death in March of 1988, Denise took a job as secretary at the Liberty County Mental Health Center in Chester. She and the two children have made their home in Joplin. This fall a bookkeeper's position became available at the Joplin Farmer's Union, so Denise took that job to be closer to home and her kids. About a month ago she developed a lingering respiratory problem. Following a two weeks stay in the Great Falls Deaconess Hospital, she died on the afternoon

of Friday, December 15th. Denise was just 32 years old.

She had been baptized and confirmed at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. For several years she played in the Hi-Line women's softball league and also bowled in Rudyard leagues. Of interest is the fact that she learned to swim as an adult. Denise was an outdoorsy person; she enjoyed to work with Jerry on the farm and she loved the farm animals. She also liked to work in the vegetable and flower gardens. Her hobbies included wheat-weaving and other crafts, cake decorating, and baking (her specialties were chocolate chip cookies and homemade buns). During her quiet time at home, Denise enjoyed reading to her children, Kari and Matthew.

In addition to her kids, Denise is survived by her mother, Ida McCormick of Joplin; her parents-in-law, Ted and Elvina Tempel of Joplin; a sister, Janice Mlinar of Portland, Oregon; two brothers, Russell McCormick of Stevensville and Bill McCormick of Billings;

and numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins. Denise was preceded in death by a sister, Mavis Olson in 1985 and by her father, Bill in 1981.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 19th, at the Joplin Bethel Church with Reverend Allen Haugen officiating. Organist, Gail Cicon, accompanied the vocal duet of Pat McDowell and Rudy Cicon, who sang "Hymn of Promise" and "Annie's Song". The congregation sang "Just a Closer Walk With Thee".

Ushers were Rodney Svenson and Earl Colbry. Friends serving as pallbearers included Russ Tempel, Elvin Sundgren, Art Johnson, Kip Lybeck, Norman Wicks and John Cicon. Denise's classmates from the Joplin High School class of 1975 were listed as honorary bearers. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Following the graveside services, a coffee hour was held at Kjos Hall. A memorial fund is being established...

ROBERT H. VOLLRATH
Born: December 8, 1924 - Died: May 28, 1989
Liberty County Times
May 31, 1989

Robert Vollrath

Robert H. Vollrath, 64, a Clarkston, Washington resident, died last Sunday morning at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. He was suffering from cancer.

He was born December 8, 1924, at Denver, Colorado, to Reynholdt and Margarite Vollrath.

He married LaVerna (Johnnie) Johnson at Coeur d'Alene October 25th, 1947. She survives him at their Clarkston home.

Robert graduated from Salmon (Idaho) High School and attended the University of Idaho, graduating in 1963. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service from 1963 to 1982, at Lewiston; Coeur d'Alene; Chester, Montana; and Joliet, Montana. He retired as

District Conservationist in 1982. He moved to Clarkston in 1987.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1941 to 1945, and was stationed in the Philippines part of the time.

He was a member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church at Clarkston.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a son, Jim Vollrath of East Glacier, Montana, a daughter, Janice Brady of Redmond, Washington, and four grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, May 23rd at 10:00 a.m. at Lewis-Clark Memorial Gardens, Pastor David Gedrose officiating.

Arrangements were made by Mountain View Funeral Home.

JOHN WANKEN

Born: March 9, 1907 - Died: July 18, 1989

Liberty County Times

July 26, 1989



John Wanken

John Wanken was born in Feuerscheid, Germany on March 9th, 1907. He was one of 12 children born to Susan Disch and Johann Wanken. John grew up and was educated in Germany. In 1928 he came to the United States to work with Matt Thielges on a farm near Chester (Montana). He eventually acquired his own farm south of Tiber. On April 16th, 1934 John married Catherine "Bessie" Kantorowicz in Hingham. They lived and farmed in the Chester community until 1964, and then moved to a farm southwest of Shelby. They have remained active in the farming operations there since that time. They have also continued to maintain their home here in Chester.

John's health has been relatively good over the years, but recently he suffered a heart ailment. On this past Tuesday morning (July 18th) he was being transferred by ambulance from Chester to Great Falls, and he died en route. He was 82 years old.

In his younger days John enjoyed fishing and playing pinochle. In more recent years he liked to read or work in his garden. He enjoyed attending auction sales so that he could socialize with his many friends. His entire adult life has revolved around farming, and he loved every minute of it. He also

enjoyed the construction work related to farming, like moving earth, building dams and reservoirs, and then stocking them with fish. John was not afraid of hard work and was proud of the fact that he was a self-made man. Credit must also be given to his loyal wife, Bessie, and they just celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this year.

In addition to his wife, John is survived by a son, Frank of Chester; two daughters, Louise Susan McDonnell of Helena and Dr. Helen Wanken of Omaha, Nebraska; four grandchildren, Troy, Rae Lynn, Jason and Todd; two great-grandchildren, Robyn and T.J.; one brother, Peter of Germany; three sisters, Angela Leinen and Ann Lehnerz of Germany and Gretchen Reiter of Luxembourg; and numerous nephews and nieces. John was preceded in death by his parents and seven siblings.

John appreciated the medical care provided by the Liberty County Hospital, so all undesigned memorial gifts will be submitted to

this facility. It is not well known, but when Chester built its new hospital John donated the money to equip it.

Rosary services were held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday (July 20th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. The funeral mass was celebrated by Father Roman Schaefer at 11:00 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Patricia Seidlitz served as lector. Special musical tributes by LouEllen Wanken, John Seidlitz, Marilyn Oraw and Carole Hanson included "There's A Time", "Valleys of Green", "Without Clouds", "Though the Mountains May Fall" and "All American Hymn".

Friends serving as pallbearers included Hank Zell, Charles Kelleher, Walt Kubis, Lee Swenson, Joe Habets and Leo Wigen. Ushers were Greg Barkus and Ernie Habets. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery. A memorial luncheon given by St. Mary's Altar Society followed at the church.

LEON SEYMOUR WATSON
Born: August 17, 1911 - Died: November 29, 1989
Liberty County Times
December 6, 1989.

Leon Seymour Watson

Leon Seymour Watson, 78, Fort Benton, passed away Wednesday morning, November 29, 1989 in the Fort Benton hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the Benton Funeral Home. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Leon was born August 17, 1911 in Detroit, Michigan. A son of S.C. and Anna Marie Watson. The family moved to Montana when Leon was 11 months old to a homestead at Virgelle in 1912. He lived most of his life on his father's farm. Leon and Ione Kimble were married on October 2, 1933 in Great Falls. They moved from the farm into Fort Benton in 1945, living there for 15 years before returning to the farm. He became one of the first residents of Sunrise Bluff Estates on June 13, 1977. He was in charge of maintenance there for 3½ years.

Leon was Past Noble Grand and a 35 year member of I.O.O.F. Lodge #59, Fort Benton, Montana.

He received the Chouteau County Conservation Farmer of the Year award in 1965.

Survivors include: his wife Ione, 4 sons, Kenneth, Rudyard; John, Miles City; Gordon, Great Falls; and Ronald, Missoula. One daughter, Leona Moura, Missoula. Thirteen grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, mother and 3 sisters.

DUAINE WHITISH

Born: ?, 1925 - Died: December 15, 1989

Liberty County Times

January 3, 1990

Duaine Whitish

Duaine Whitish, 64, former Malta opportunities center worker, died Friday, December 15th, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center in Malta.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 19th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Adams Memorial Chapel, with burial in the Malta Cemetery.

He was born in 1925 in Plentywood. He lived in the Glasgow area many years and was a resident of the Boulder River School.

In 1976 he moved to Malta and worked at Malta Opportunities Activities Center until 1987, when he entered Good Samaritan Center due to ill health.

In 1977 he married Frances Cady of Inverness.

Survivors include his wife; brothers, Clarence of Glasgow and Wesley of Hardin; sisters, Sara Marks of Indianapolis, Daisy Leesberg of Plentywood and Stella Carlson of Kansas City, Missouri.

DOLA N. WILSON, JR.

Born: August 15, 1920 - Died: June 12, 1989

Great Falls Tribune

June 14, 1989

Former Chouteau County attorney Dola Wilson, 68, dies after illness

Dola N. Wilson Jr., 68, of 1200 1st Ave. N., former Chouteau County attorney, died Monday in a local nursing home after a long illness.

His body has been cremated and a memorial service will be announced later.

Wilson was born on Aug. 15, 1920, in Miles City and graduated from Custer County High School. He attended Spartanburg Junior College, Clemson College and Wofford College,

all in South Carolina. He graduated from the University of Montana in 1949 with degrees in business administration and accounting and from the UM School of Law in 1950.

He served in the 559th Bombardment Squadron in the Army Air Corps during World War II in Europe. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, European Theater Service Medal, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal and Air Medal with Seven Oak Leaf Clusters.

Wilson was chief legal clerk for the state House of Representatives in 1951, was an attorney for the Montana Fish and Game Department and was supervisor of the li-

cense tax division of the Montana Board of Equalization. He began practicing law in Fort Benton in 1954. He served three terms as Chouteau County attorney and also was Big Sandy city attorney for 12 years. He opened a private law practice in Great Falls in 1970 and maintained his office here until last year.

He was a candidate for district judge in 1976 and was among five lawyers interviewed for judicial appointment in 1978.

Wilson married Myrl Mary Morris in Belt on Aug. 24, 1952.

He was active in Boy Scouts and hunter safety programs, was past district commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was a member of Euclid Masonic Lodge in Great Falls, the Montana Bar Association and the Chouteau County Sheriff's Posse. He worked with youths and enjoyed taking them on pack trips into the mountains.

Survivors include his wife, his stepmother, Edith Wilson of Miles City; daughters, Darla Faye Wilson of St. Albert, Alta., Dr. M. Calanthe Hamer of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Libby Erb of Laurel; sons, William C. of Charlotte, N.C., and John J. of Great Falls; a sister, Mrs. Meredith (Dorothy) Groves of Canby, Ore.; brothers, Charles of Oakland, Calif., and Keith of Clatskanie, Ore., and 10 grandchildren.



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VIOLET B. WOOD
Born: May 10, 1923 - Died: June 24, 1989
Liberty County Times
June 28, 1989

Violet Wood

Violet B. Wood, 66, Rollins, died Saturday evening, June 24th of natural causes at the Flathead County Care Center in Kalispell.

She was born May 10, 1923 at Moise, Montana, the daughter of Harry and Edith Lyon. She was educated in Moise and Charlo, graduating from Charlo High School in 1941.

July 5, 1941, she married Carl Wood at Shelby, and they lived in eastern Montana until moving to Ronan the following year. They then lived in several different places until coming to Joplin, Montana, in 1946, where she was postmaster for over 20 years.

The Woods' both retired in June of 1983, and moved to the Table Bay Resort at Rollins.

Mrs. Wood was raised and baptized in the Lutheran faith. She had been active in Royal Neighbors Chapter #9975 and the VFW Post #3997 Auxiliary, both in Chester, Montana.

Surviving besides her husband Carl at the family home in Rollins are two sons, Don Wood of San Ramon, California, and Mike Wood of Pleasanton, California; one daughter, Carla Ghekiere of Chester; a brother, Leo Lyon of Kent, Washington; a sister, Irene Sporing of Wisner, Nebraska; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters.

Graveside memorial services were Tuesday, June 27th at 2:00 p.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in Ronan, with Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, Pastor of Lakeside Community Chapel, officiating.

Arrangements and cremation were by the Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell.