

**ROBERT E. ABRAHAMSON**  
**Born: ? 1950 - Died: September 10, 1991**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**September 15, 1991**

**Robert E. Abrahamson**

**LIBBY** — Robert E. Abrahamson, 41, a former resident of Libby, died Tuesday at Goldfield, Nev., of an apparent heart attack.

Friends may call at the Vial Funeral Home between 1 and 9 p.m. Sunday and until noon Monday. Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at the Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial with military honors will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Laurel, of Goldfield; five children, Jody, Tracy, Trevor and Trishia, all of Libby, and Bobby Lynn, of Minnesota; a stepson, Jeff of Nevada; his mother and father, Dorothy and Wally Abrahamson of Libby; four brothers, Ray, Alfred and Larry Abrahamson, all of Libby, and Jerry Abrahamson of Kalispell; a sister, Tammy Lang of Butte; and six grandchildren.

## HOWARD VINCENT ALLEY

Born: December 6, 1901 - Died: March 16, 1991

Liberty County Times

March 20, 1991



### Howard Alley

Howard Vincent Alley was born December 6th, 1901 at Oxford, Kansas. He was the eldest of 11 children born to Clara Ann Barnes and Claude Alley. Howard grew up in Kansas and attended school in Oxford. Following high school he registered at the Vo-Tech school at Manhattan, Kansas where he studied husbandry. For the next few years he worked in the Kansas oil fields. Howard married Ellen Keith in 1922 in Kansas. They moved to Montana in 1929. Howard worked on the road-building crews in Liberty County and helped farm the S.O. Shamey place near Joplin. In 1935 he began working for Hank Kolstad at the Chester John Deere Company in implement sales and delivery. In 1945 they moved to Conrad where Howard continued working in the John Deere implement business until his retirement in the early 1970's. In those few years following, he worked on the Richard O'Brien farm near Conrad and also as a dispatcher at the Pondera County Sheriff's Office. Ellen died in 1975. Howard married Mary Kirk in 1978 at Conrad. They lived together in Conrad until Mary's death in the early 1980's. Howard moved to Texas in 1987 to be near his son, and

while there he met and married Estelle Rains. This marriage ended in divorce. Howard continued to live in Texas until his health began failing, when he came back to Montana. He has lived with his daughter in Inverness since September of 1990. Howard died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the early evening of Saturday, March 16th. He was 89 years old. *1991*

Howard attended the Christian Church in Conrad and had been active in the Pondera Masonic Lodge #80 in Conrad. He had served as a volunteer fireman at Chester and Conrad. During those early years in Chester he refereed many basketball games. In his youth he enjoyed playing baseball, and he kept his interest in the sport by serving as baseball umpire in the Conrad leagues. He also enjoyed bowling, golfing and fishing. Howard liked to do craft and woodworking projects. Of interest was the fact that he learned to play the guitar at age 80, and then became a member of the Horizon Lodge band in Conrad. Howard liked to stay active, which probably attributed to his youthful appearance and good health over the years...

Howard is survived by one son, Keith (and his wife, Jean) of Mineola, Texas; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Una) Moog of Inverness and Claudine Lundgren of Kalispell; one daughter-in-law, Kay Alley of Joplin; 19 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; two sisters, Katie McElhane of Hemet, California and Betty Poovey of Oxford, Kansas; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death not only by his wives and parents, but also by a son (Bert), a daughter (VerDel), two granddaughters, three sisters and five brothers.

It was Howard's wish to have Masonic Graveside Services at the Chester Cemetery, where his wife (Ellen) is buried. Those services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 18th, by Pastor Joseph Wagnon of the Conrad Christian Church. Grandsons serving as pallbearers included Duane and David Alley, Earl Harri-man, and Rob, Daren, Marlin and Grady Moog. Following the cemetery rites, a luncheon was held at the R.N.A. Hall in Chester for family and friends. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**CEDOR B. ARNONOW**  
Born: ? 1910 - Died: June 7, 1991  
**Liberty County Times**  
June 12, 1991

## ***Cedor Arnonow***

Cedor B. Aronow, 81, former Toole County attorney, Montana legislator and Constitutional Convention delegate, died Friday of natural causes at his daughters' home in Petaluma, California.

His funeral will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday at Austin Funeral Home.

Born in 1910 in Odessa, Russia, he became a U.S. citizen in 1916. He earned his law degree from the University of Washington, was admitted to the Montana Bar in 1933 and began his law practice in Shelby, where he practiced for 50 years.

Besides serving as Toole County attorney, he was long time counsel for the Blackfeet Nation, local attorney for the Great Northern Railway and represented independent oil producers. He helped in developing oil and gas law through the Legislature and court system.

He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II and also served in the Korean conflict as a reservist.

Aronow was active in the Democratic party and served in the Montana House of Representatives from 1949 to 1953, taking leave from the military to serve in the 1950 session. He also was a delegate to the Constitutional convention in 1972.

He was a past president of the state Moose Lodge, Montana Trial Lawyers Association and Montana Broadcasters Association, past commandant of the Montana Marine Corps League and past director of the Independent Petroleum Association of America. He married Jane Kaster in 1936. She died in 1987.

Survivors include a son, Cedor D. Aronow of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; daughters, Marcia J. Aronow and Natalie A. Bartschi, both of Petaluma, California; a sister, Regine Aronow Hoag of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and seven grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the donor's favorite charity.

**GEORGIE BEATRICE BAKER**  
**Born: September 19, 1910- Died: January 21, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January ?, 1991**



**Beatrice Baker**

Georgie Beatrice Baker was born at Troy, Idaho September 19th, 1910. She was one of six girls born to Lydia and William Crowe. When she was an infant, she moved with her family to Little Rock, Arkansas. Beatrice was three years old when her mother died, so they moved to Wolf County, Kentucky where she lived with an aunt and uncle. She attended the Alvin Drew School at Pine Ridge. In 1932 Beatrice married Leonard Miller. After Leonard died in 1944, Beatrice and her children moved to Indianapolis, Indiana. While there she met Clyde Baker, and they were married in 1952. In the years that followed, they resided in Indiana, Texas and Montana, where Clyde worked in the trucking business. Following their retirement, they came to Rudyard, Montana in 1981 to be near relatives. Clyde died in 1982. Beatrice has remained in Rudyard since that time. Following a short stay at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, Beatrice died on the early morning of Monday, January 21st. She was 80 years old.

In her youth Beatrice loved to ride horseback. Before her eyesight failed she enjoyed needlepoint and embroidery. She had made many hand-sewn quilts and pillows over the years. Beatrice and Clyde loved to travel in their camper-trailer and enjoyed those many long trips throughout the country. Beatrice enjoyed singing and working crossword puzzles. She loved all animals and was always taking care of a few stray cats. She liked to work in her flower bed and vegetable garden at Rudyard. She loved her grandchildren and always had lots of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies for them. In her quiet hours at home Beatrice loved to read her Bible.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Fred (Mae) O'Neil of Rudyard, Nella Gass of Conroe, Texas, and Connie Baker of Salisbury, North Carolina; one son William Creech of Astoria, Florida; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Beatrice was preceded in death by her husbands, parents, five sisters, a son (Troy), two

grandsons (Warren and Pat), and a great-granddaughter (Misty Dawn).

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 24th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Tom Dunham will officiate. Joe Horel will sing "Rock of Ages" and "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by Karen Stack on the organ. Ushers will be Shy Horel and Marcel Solum. Pallbearers will include family members Shawn Campeau, David O'Neil, Ross O'Neil, Tom Gatzemeier, Michael O'Neil, and George Mills. Interment will be at the Rudyard Cemetery and a luncheon will follow. Funeral arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**ETHEL R. BELSTAD**

**Born: September 27, 1927 - Died: January 15, 1991**

**Liberty County Time**

**January 23, 1991**



***Ethel Belstad***

Ethel R. Belstad, 63, of Winnett, Montana died of natural causes Tuesday, January 15th at the Central Montana Medical Center in Lewistown. She was born September 27, 1927 in Chester, the daughter of William and Sadie Marshall. She received her education in Chester Schools. August 30, 1948 she was united in marriage to Harold Belstad in Stanley, North Dakota. They lived and farmed on the family farm south of New Town, North Dakota until the spring of 1955. They moved to Winnett where they owned and operated a car dealership and garage until their retirement in May of 1987. She enjoyed her family, camping, knitting, friends, crocheting and making special gifts for friends and family members.

She is survived by her husband Harold of Winnett; one son Monte of Great Falls; three daughters, Mrs. Bob (Marsha) Draper of Wolf Point,

Montana, Pam Belstad of Lewistown and Mrs. Doug (Colleen) Henman of Billings; two brothers, Jim Marshall of Chester and Darrell Marshall of Douglas, Wyoming; five sisters, Mrs. Jack (Edith) Cherry of Houston, Texas, Dorothy Stores, Maude Bassett and Mrs. Swede (Mabel) Jacobson, all of Chester, and Janet Nesson of Great Falls; nine grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday at 10:00 a.m. in the Winnett School Gym with Rev. Linda Fritz officiating. Pianist Karen Hale accompanied soloist Gary Gershmel who sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Wind Beneath My Wings". Pallbearers were Clarence Coon, Gene Stewart, John Lea, Bud Rabern, Ronnie Olson and George Stewart. Honorary Pallbearers were Earl Brady and Bob Coffee. Graveside services followed at 2:00 p.m. in the Chester Cemetery. Pallbearers at the graveside services were Randy Olsen, Duane Aitken, Bob Aitken, Butch Marshall, Scot Marshall and Gary FitzSimmons.

The Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown and Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester were in charge of arrangements.

FRANCES IDA SULLIVAN DOBYNS BENEDETT  
Born: June 30, 1892 - Died: December 26, 1991  
Liberty County Times  
N/A

*The Twenty-Third Psalm*

The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want:  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me: thy rod and  
thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil:  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life: and I will  
dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

FRANCES IDA SULLIVAN  
DOBYNS BENEDETT

Born: June 30, 1892 in Chouteau Co., Mt.  
Died: December 26, 1991 in Cut Bank, Mt.  
Age: 99 years, 5 months, 26 days

FUNERAL MASS: 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Dec.  
28th, St. Margaret Catholic Church in  
Cut Bank, Montana

MASS CELEBRANT: Father Richard H. Sodja

PIANIST: Pat Sharp, granddaughter

PALLBEARERS: Bill Dobyms, Jerry Murray,  
Jack Sharp, Ford Hughes, William  
Sallin, and Tom McCormick

INTERMENT: Crown Hill Cemetery, Cut Bank

...A luncheon will follow at the home  
of Ford Hughes: 225 - 1st Ave.S.E....

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel

FRANCES' FAMILY: Son, Daniel Dobyms;  
Daughter, Frances Jessie Morgan; 11  
grandchildren; and many great-gd-chn,  
great-great-gd-chn, nephews, & nieces

**MABEL E. BENSON**  
**Born: February 25, 1893 - Died: May 31, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 12, 1991**

### ***Mabel E. Benson***

Mabel E. Benson, 98, of Missoula died of natural causes Friday, May 31st, 1991 at the Village Health Care Center in Missoula.

She was born February 25th, 1893 at Chicago, Illinois to John F. and Betsy Olena Dahlstrom. The family moved to Winnabago City in southern Minnesota when Mabel was two years old and to Little Falls, Minnesota when she was nine. She came to Montana with her family who homesteaded at Conrad, Montana in 1909. She married Richard Scott January 15th, 1911 and they lived in Choteau, Eureka, Browning and Hotsprings establishing telephone exchange systems. Five boys and one girl were born to this marriage which divorced in 1936. April 18th, 1938 she married Olaf Benson of Joplin, Montana in Kalispell. He preceded her in death on June 30, 1964. She also was preceded in death by her parents and all her brothers, three sons and a daughter.

Mabel was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Missoula; Electa Chapter #70ES Order of Eastern Star of Missoula; and a Life member of the Joplin Chapter #109 Order of Eastern Star of Joplin, Montana.

Survivors include two sons, Howard L. Scott of Missoula and Howard L. Scott of Seattle; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 4th at 2:00 p.m. at the Garden City Funeral home and Chapel with Rev. Robert Phelps of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery. A reception was held after the services at the Diane Hangas home.

**ALGOT H. BERGSTROM**  
**Born: August 7, 1903 - Died: October 18, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 30, 1991**

***Algot Bergstrom***

Algot H. Bergstrom, 88, a longtime Rudyard farmer died of natural causes late Friday afternoon, October 18th at the Havre hospital.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 22, 1991 at 2:00 pm. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard, Montana with the Rev. Jeff N. Olsgaard officiating. Burial followed at the Joplin Cemetery.

Mr. Bergstrom was born August 7, 1903 in Melby, Minnesota to Per John and Anna D. Westerlund Bergstrom. He came to Montana with his family in 1911 and homesteaded in the Sage, Montana area. Upon the death of his father in 1915, Algot and his brother Arthur, guided by their mother, began farming the family farm when they were 11 and 13 years of age, respectively. Algot and his brother, Glen, purchased the farm from their mother in 1949. Mr. Bergstrom was a member of the Goldstone Lutheran church, Farmers Union, National Farmers Organization, and had held various offices in the church including serving as the church delegate to the

Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd. He enjoyed fishing, raising horses and woodworking.

He is survived by one sister, Myrtle Bergstrom, north of Rudyard; three nephews and eight nieces; several great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by four sisters and three brothers and his parents.

Soloist for the services was Terry Stevenson who sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Take My Hand". The organist was Sharon Spicher. Congregational hymns included "Amazing Grace" and "Holy, Holy, Holy". Pallbearers were Wayne Wolery, Ralph Patrick, Alfred Tollefson, Morris Smith, Norman Kapperud and Howard Wanke. Ushers were Stu Smith and Paul Wolery.

Memorials may be made to Goldstone Lutheran Church or to Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

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



**CARRIE (SHEPHERD) BRACKEN**  
**Born: December 10, 1915 - Died: November 8, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 20, 1991**

### ***Carrie Bracken***

Carrie Shepherd Bracken was born on the family homestead south of Chester on December 10, 1915, the second child and only daughter of Glen and Lottie Mitchell Shepherd. She attended school at a country school, and later in Chester, either driving the horse and buggy, or walking the six miles to school. She graduated from Chester High School in 1933. That fall she started college in Havre and graduated in 1935. She taught a rural school south of Chester, and then in Joplin.

In 1939, she was married to Robert O. Bracken, who still survives, and lives in a rest home in Lake Oswego, Oregon. There were two children born to Bob and Carrie - Duane and Sandra. Since Bob was in the Coast Guard, there were many homes in various

parts of the country. After Bob's retirement, they purchased a home in Lake Oswego, Oregon, where Carrie has resided until her death.

Carrie's hobbies included tole painting, rug hooking, and her greatest love was gourmet cooking. She enjoyed spending hours in her kitchen, and her cooking was enjoyed by all who had an opportunity to be her guest at meal time.

Carrie had enjoyed good health until last January when it was diagnosed that she had a cancerous growth in her chest area. She was able to live in her home and be fairly independent until the middle of October. She passed away very quietly on Friday, November 8, 1991, in her own home with her son, daughter and brother Neil by her side.

Besides her husband, her survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Cathy Bracken from Eagle

River, Alaska, and daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Don Pease, and two grandchildren, Carrie Lynn and Bryan Pease, all from Oak Harbor, Washington; two brothers, Neil of Chester, and Leo of Kalispell, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and by two brothers, Ralph and Harold.

Her wish was that she be cremated and her ashes be scattered on the farm land south of Chester. She was born and raised on this farm, and loved it and considered it to be her home. Her wishes were carried out November 12th, with a family dinner and an informal memorial service held afterward at the Chester Methodist Church. The dinner was prepared and served by family friends. A memorial will be given to the Chester United Methodist Church in her honor.

## DOROTHY ANN BROWN

Born: January 26, 1933 - Died: February 23, 1991

Liberty County Times

February 27, 1991



### **Dorothy Brown**

Dorothy Ann Brown was born January 26th, 1933 at Forsyth, Montana. She was one of two children born to Mae Junge and Henry Larsen. She grew up and received her education at Rosebud. She participated in the girls basketball program and graduated from Rosebud High School in 1950. For the next four years she attended Montana State College in Bozeman and earned her degree in art education. July 11th, 1954 Dorothy married Stephen R. Brown at Forsyth. Since that time they have lived in the Chester community where they farmed and raised their four sons. Dorothy had battled cancer these past several months. On the evening of Saturday (February 23rd) she died at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls. She was 58 years old...

Dorothy had been active in many community organizations. She was one of the founding members of the Liberty County Arts Council and served as gift shop manager for the Arts Center. She helped organize the local Combined Fund Drive and had been active in the League of Women Voters. She was a member of the Liberty County Hospice group and served on the committee of the Hi-Line Help for Abused Spouses. She was very active in the Methodist Church; she taught Sunday school, served as church pianist and choir director, was past president of the U.M.W., and held state offices in the

Yellowstone Conference of the U.M.C. Dorothy had also served on the boards of the Deaconess Home of Helena and the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. She had helped organize the Liberty County Bi-Centennial committee.

During her college years at M.S.C., she was a member of the A.O.Pi (Alpha Omicron Pi) sorority and was elected as homecoming queen in 1953. Because of her academic achievements she was invited back to M.S.C. in 1959 to serve as special speaker.

Dorothy had numerous hobbies when time permitted. She enjoyed working in her flower beds and garden. She loved artwork of all kinds

and was proud of her small art collection. She did some hobby painting with driftwood and other Montana artifacts. She enjoyed composing poems or rewriting cute songs for special events (like birthdays, roasts, etc.). She was an avid spectator fan of high school sports and had enjoyed bowling in the mixed-double leagues. She loved to play cards with friends, and during her quiet hours at home she liked to read and study the Bible. Dorothy loved people and always seemed to maintain a positive, happy attitude in her relationships with family and friends.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Steve of Chester; her four sons, Steve, Jr. of Havre, Tom (and wife, Dede) of north Conrad, Rob (and wife, Sandy) of Great Falls, and Jim (and wife, Diane) of Chester; six grandchildren, including Shawn, Julia, Bryanna, Jakob, Stetson and Molly; her father, Henry Larsen of Forsyth; her brother, Leroy Larsen of Forsyth; one uncle; two aunts; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. Dorothy was preceded in death by her mother.

Funeral services will be conducted today (Wednesday, February 27th) at 10:30 a.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Chuck Nowlen and Reverend Leon Johnson officiating. The congregation will sing "Hymn of Promise" and "Harvest Time", accompanied by organist Gail Cicon. Dorothy's daughter-in-law, Dede, will sing "We Will Rise Again". Lady ushers will be Carol Krook, Rose Ish and Margaret Novak. Friends listed as memorial bearers include Dr. Richard and Jean Buker, Marion Wanken, Beverly Violett, Myrna Kolstad, Mike Novak, Trudy Skari, Richard and Marty Thieltges, Marvin Krook, Jan Nelson, Doris Fraser, Delores and Stan Lund, Margaret Peterson and Bud Ish. Following the services, a luncheon will be held at the church. Funeral arrangements are by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**ELSIE ELAINE (SNUFFER) BUDGETT**  
**Born: December 13, 1916 - Died: February 16, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 20, 1991**

### ***Elsie Budgett*** <sup># 8</sup>

Elsie Elaine (Snuffer) Budgett passed away at her home Saturday, February 16, 1991 after a lengthy illness of heart problems.

She was born December 13, 1916 to Ben and Alida Snuffer on the homestead north of Lothair. She grew up in Lothair and graduated from Chester High School.

She is survived by her husband, Jay; son, James; daughters, Nancy Sale and Judith Sill, all of Chehalis; also her mother, Alida Snuffer; sister, Ona Mae Schwan of Lothair; brother, Darwin of Galata; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father and brother Roy.

Services were held February 21, 1991 in Chehalis, Washington.

## ALVINA BUFFINGTON

Born: June 16, 1904 - Died: January 18 1991

Liberty County Times

January 23, 1991



### **Alvina Buffington**

Alvina Buffington, 86, who farmed and ranched with her husband and taught in rural schools, died of natural causes Friday at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester.

She was born in 1904 in Henderson, Minnesota, one of 12 children. In 1912, she moved with her family to Shepherd. She graduated from Billings High School and later attended the Dillon Normal College, where she received a teaching certificate in 1925.

She taught in rural schools in Chouteau and Liberty counties.

In 1928, she married Q.R. Buffington in Great Falls. They farmed and ranched and she also taught school.

She then went back to Dillon and received her degree. She continued teaching in Chester and Inverness schools, retiring in 1951 after teaching for 16 years.

Her husband died in 1971.

She moved to the rest home about seven years ago.

Survivors include sons, Donald of Conrad, Norman of Oakland, California, and Phillip of Kent, Washington; a sister, Molly Chamberlin of Newberg, Oregon; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be today (Wednesday, January 23rd) at 11:00 a.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church. Reverend Chuck Nowlen will officiate. Alvina's son, Phillip, will serve as eulogist and her granddaughter, Sharon Jensen, will sing one of her favorite songs, the "Brahms Lullaby". The congregation will sing "In the Garden", accompanied by organist Jan Christofferson. Ushers will be Clyde (Claude) Hawks, Marvin Jochems and Don Jochems. Friends serving as pallbearers include Gordon Hurley, Ron Christofferson, Bud Broadhurst, Morton Skari, Robert Pugsley (Sr.) and Bill Hamel. Interment will be in the Chester Cemetery where there will be a short ritual by the American Legion Auxiliary. A luncheon will follow at the church. Funeral arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**RICHARD W. CALLIES**  
**Born: June 10, 1921 - Died: May 22, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 29, 1991**

## ***Richard Callies***

Richard W. Callies of Kremlin, age 69, died of natural causes late Wednesday evening, May 22nd, 1991 at a Havre hospital.

Mr. Callies was born June 10, 1921 in Duluth, Minnesota to Paul Robert and Emma Henkleman Callies. He was raised and attended school in Duluth, graduating from Duluth Central High School in 1939. He entered the U.S. Marines in May of 1942 serving as a Platoon Sergeant in the South Pacific. He was discharged in December, 1945. He married the former Jean A. Hussey in Duluth on June 8, 1943. The couple came to Havre in 1951 when Mr. Callies was employed by the railroad. In 1959 he became the manager of the Centennial Flour Mill in Kremlin. He retired from that position in the summer of 1980. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #55 A.F. & A.M., Eastern Star and a past member of the Joplin VFW.

Mr. Callies enjoyed gardening and genealogy and was an avid New York Yankees fan.

He is survived by his wife of Kremlin; daughter Betty Callies of Havre; sons, Richard P. of Fairfax City, Virginia and Gary S. of Rapid City, South Dakota; one brother Paul Robert Callies of Minneapolis, Minnesota; one grandson Stephen Callies of Rapid City, South Dakota; one aunt Lenchen Lang of Flensburg, Germany; also cousins, nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Hildegard and Charlotte; and two brothers, Herbert and Carl.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. at Holland & Bonine Funeral Chapel Saturday, May 25th with the Rev. Donald Keefauver officiating. Soloist, Terry Stevenson, sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In The Garden". Organist was Bill Lisenby who played the song "Crossing The Bar" as a special musical selection. Pastor Keefauver read the poem "Crossing The Bar" by Lord Tennyson. Pallbearers were Robert Rinehart, Bud Werbelow, Leo Wall, Vernon Berg, Lyle Williams and Earl Pollington. Honorary bearers were Donald Dees, Ed Haugen, Harold Howser, Elliott

Reynolds, Norman Reynolds, Mike Wall, Melvin Grant, Mike Estil and Dr. Robert McCroskey. Burial was in the Highland Cemetery with Military Graveside honors by Havre Honor Guard.

Memorials in Mr. Callies' honor may be made to the Methodist Church of Kremlin, The American Heart Association or the Kremlin First Responders.

## ANNE THENNIS CHINADLE

Born: September 1, 1919– Died: December 15, 1991  
Liberty County Times  
December 25, 1991

### **Anne Chinadle**

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Anne Thennis was born September 1, 1919 North of Kremlin, Montana, the daughter of Christopher and Minnie (Guenther) Thennis. She was the youngest of eight children. She graduated from Gildford High School in 1937. She worked in Shelby, Montana for a short period of time. June 3, 1943 she married John Chinadle and they lived north of Hingham where they farmed. Later they built a new home in Hingham. Mr. Chinadle died January 3, 1948 and Mrs. Chinadle continued to reside in Hingham.

She was a member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church and was very active in her church and church work, particularly in religious education. She was a member of a local bridge club, loved ceramics and crossword puzzles and bowling.

She died of natural causes December 15 at the age of 72 at a Great Falls Hospital. She was preceded in death not only by her husband, but by her parents, three sisters and two brothers.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Delores Sauby of Oilmont, Montana and Mrs. Frances Stevens of Spo-

kane, Washington; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

The Rosary service was held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 19 at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham with Father Tom Harney officiating.

The Funeral Mass was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday morning December 20 at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham with Father Harney officiating. Iris White was organist and soloist was Jerome Lincoln who sang "How Great Thou Art", "I Am The Bread of Life", "Nearer My God To Thee", and "Mary Full of Grace". Ushers were James White and J.J. Raunig.

Pallbearers were Harold Wanke, Wilfred Sauby, Allen Chinadle, Pat Chinadle, Dave Chinadle and Harry Knaup. Honorary Pallbearers were "all of her nieces and nephews."

Burial was at the Highland Cemetery in Havre, Montana.

Memorials in Mrs. Chinadle's honor may be made to the Catholic Sisters Retirement Fund or a person's choice.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**ETHEL M. CHINADLE**  
**Born: March 17, 1921 - Died: July 7, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**July 10, 1991**

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### ***Ethel Chinadle***

Ethel M. Chinadle, 70 years of age, a resident of Havre, Montana, died of natural causes Sunday, July 7th, 1991 at a Havre hospital.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 11th, 1991 at the Holland & Bonine Chapel

in Havre.

Mrs. Chinadle was born March 17, 1921 at Rudyard, Montana to Thomas and Ida M. (Scott) Jackson. She attended the Brennan Country School North of Hingham. May 22, 1938 she married James Chinadle at Valier, Montana. After their marriage, the couple farmed north of Hingham. Mrs. Chinadle owned the Wheel Inn Bar at Devon, Montana for approximately ten years. She later sold it. Her hobbies included gardening and sewing.

She is survived by two sons, Russell Chinadle of Havre and Allen Chinadle of Hingham; two brothers, Russell and Alfred Jackson; three grandsons, three granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and five brothers.

Memorials in Mrs. Chinadle's honor may be made to a person's choice.

LESLIE CORRINN CHRISTOFFERSON  
Born: June 2, 1990- Died: October 12, 1991  
Liberty County Times  
October 16, 1991

***Leslie Christofferson***

Leslie Corinn Christofferson, 16 month old daughter of Justin and Rene Christofferson of Moses Lake, Washington, passed away Saturday, October 12th at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. Memorial services are to be held today (Wednesday, October 16th) at 1:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel of Memories, Moses Lake.

Leslie was born June 2, 1990 in Moses Lake. She lived with her family on their ranch in the Block 40 area and they attend Immanuel Lutheran church in Moses Lake. Leslie loved to feed

the rabbits and chickens, ride horses with her dad and play with her sister. She is survived by her parents Justin and Renee Christofferson of Moses Lake; her sister, Erica Lee of Moses Lake; grandparents Ronald and Janice Christofferson of Chester, Montana, and Virgil and Ruth Bates of Moses Lake; great-grandmothers Eleanor Bissell of Conrad, Montana and Dorothy Brooks of Moses Lake; aunts, uncle and several cousins.

Friends who wish may make memorial remembrances in her name to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Sacred Heart Medical Center, 101 W. 8th Ave., Spokane, WA 99204.



HAROLD HENRY DENTER  
Born: July 12, 1904 - Died: June 18, 1991  
Liberty County Times  
June 26, 1991



### **Harold Denter**

Harold Henry Denter was born on the family farm in Monroe County, Wisconsin on July 12th, 1904. His parents were Selma Popp and William Denter, and he was one of five children. Harold grew up in Wisconsin and attended school there. Following his formal education, he worked on farms for a while. In the late 1920's he ran a service station at Kendall, where he married his first wife, Norma Musch, in 1928. Harold came to Montana in 1932 where he worked as a tool-dresser and driller in the oil fields near Billings and Laurel. In 1943 he transferred to Cut Bank and continued working in the oil fields at Santa Rita. He married Olga Eaton at Cut Bank in 1949. They moved to Chester in 1952 and purchased the dry cleaning business here. Five years later they built a new building on Main Street, which has been the home of "Hi-Line Cleaners" since that time. Harold never officially retired, even when his health began to fail two years ago. He moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home last month and subsequently died at the Chester Hospital on Tuesday evening, June 18th. He was 86 years old...

Harold had been a longtime member of the Chester Rotary Club and had served on the board of the Liberty County Development Corporation. In years past he was a City Councilman

and acting mayor; he was proud to have been instrumental in getting a quality water system installed at Chester. Harold loved Chester and the people here, and thought it was a great place to raise his son and run a business. He enjoyed his yearly train trips back to Wisconsin to reminisce with family and friends. In those younger years in Wisconsin, Harold played the trumpet in the Wilton town band. His musical talents continued into his later years as he enjoyed experimenting on the piano. During his quiet hours at home, Harold liked to watch baseball games on television. When he wasn't working he enjoyed gardening, hunting and fishing. Several years ago the Denter family opened a bait shop, which became a popular place to Lake Elwell fishermen. Harold enjoyed selling bait and visiting with the customers. Harold was fortunate to have his son and family work with him all these years, and he became affectionately known to them as "Pappy".

Harold is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Dallas and Millie of Chester; two grandchildren, Denise and Dean; three brothers, Harvey of Preston, Iowa and Corwin and Mahlon of Wilton, Wisconsin; one sister, Esther Huschka of Kendall, Wisconsin; and numerous nephews and nieces. Harold was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 21st, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Tom Dunham officiated. The congregation sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", accompanied by Juanita Wardell on the organ. Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, performed "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art". Ushers were Jerry Hendrickson and Jerry Ghekiere. Pallbearers included Herb Nelson, Ron Christofferson, George Braun, Walter Jensen, Armand Anderson and Irvin Hutchison. Following interment in the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

ALBERT VALENTINE DIEMERT  
Born: February 7, 1909 - Died: February 11, 1991  
Liberty County Times  
February 20, 1991



### **Albert Diemert**

Albert Valentine Diemert was born in Wales, North Dakota on February 7th, 1909. He was one of seven children born to Theresa Alt and Anthony Diemert. When he was just a week old, Albert was baptized on St. Valentine's Day, and was consequently given the middle name "Valentine". Albert grew up at Walhalla, North Dakota and received his formal education there. When he was 21 years old, Albert married Dorothy E. White at Walhalla and they had a son named Alvin. The marriage ended in separation in 1935. That same year Albert came to Lothair, Montana to work on a farm for his uncle, Ike Diemert. A few years later he purchased a half-section near the Diemert farm, and continued to work and share-crop there in the years to follow. During the outbreak of WWII Albert was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942. He served in North Africa and Ireland. Following his honorable discharge, Albert returned to Montana and continued farming at Lothair. In about 1960 he bought a small house in Chester and moved to town. He worked at Thielman Implement until he retired in the 1970's. Albert continued to farm until 1982, when he leased out his land, and then put it into C.R.P. in 1987. His health remained good over the years, but he was diagnosed with cancer about a year ago. In December of 1990 he went to Minneapolis, Minnesota to receive treatment at the Veterans Hospital there and to be

near his son. He eventually moved to a nursing home in New Brighton, Minnesota where he died on the afternoon of Monday, February 11th. He was 82 years old.

Albert held membership at St. Mary's Church and the V.F.W. Post in Chester. In his younger years he enjoyed hunting and fishing. After moving to Chester he always raised a big vegetable garden each year and always shared his fresh produce with friends and relatives. He enjoyed playing cards and was a 'regular' at the local pan game for many years. Albert also liked to travel and had made numerous winter trips to Texas and Mexico in years gone by. More recently, he enjoyed traveling to Minnesota and North Dakota, and throughout Montana.

Albert is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Alvin and Betty Diemert of Lino Lakes, Minnesota; by five grandchildren, including Candace, Dorinda, Everett, Fonda and Gail; by six great-grandchildren; and by numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, and one sister. Albert was always considered to be a "special uncle" to the Clark Diemert children, as he helped raise them when they were growing up on the farm near Lothair...

Funeral wake services were held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 13th, at the Enga Memorial Chapel in Minneapolis. Rosary prayers were recited there by Father Raymond Moorman. It was Albert's wish to be buried with his parents and siblings at Walhalla, North Dakota. Graveside services were conducted there by Father Alfred Allmaras on Saturday morning, February 16th, 10:30 a.m. at the St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery. Military rites were provided by the Walhalla V.F.W. Post. A memorial mass was celebrated by Father Tom Harney at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester on Sunday, February 17th, 10:30 a.m. Funeral arrangements were organized by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester...

ELIZABETH F. LEE DORICH

Born: March 20, 1910 - Died: October 10, 1991

Liberty County Times

N/A

*Footprints  
in the sand...*

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's. When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and, to my surprise I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life. I asked the Lord about it: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most." The Lord said: "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

ELIZABETH F. "LEE" DORICH

BORN: MAR. 20, 1910 AT BLACK EAGLE, MT.  
DIED: OCT. 10, 1991 AT GREAT FALLS, MT.  
AGE: 81 YEARS.. 6 MONTHS.. 20 DAYS..

SERVICES: 10:00 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14th,  
at St. Gerard's Catholic Church,  
2211 - 5th Ave. No., Great Falls

MASS CELEBRANT: Father Fred O. Arpin

SCRIPTURE READINGS & EULOGY:  
Grandchildren, Jami & Aric Wright

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNION GIFTS:  
Marianne & Holly Zadra

MUSICIANS: Mary Tice, organist  
Karen Corda, vocalist

INTERMENT OF CREMAINS: Mount Olivet  
Cemetery, south of Great Falls

LUNCHEON: Given by Altar Society at  
St. Gerard's following graveside rite

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel of  
Chester, Montana

**CARL EVANS**  
**Born: ?, 1930 - Died: July 5, 1991**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**July 11, 1991**

**Carl Evans**

BROWNING — Carl Evans, 61, of Bigfork, died July 5 of natural causes.

A graveside service will be 3 p.m. Saturday in the Little Brown Church north of Bigfork.

Evans grew up in the Chester area and worked in the oil fields in the Kevin and Shelby areas before retiring to Bigfork.

Survivors include brothers, Ross of Newberg, Ore., Joe of Browning, Perry, Garth and Dal, all of Bigfork, and Ray of Huntsville, Ala., and several children.

## LILLY KATHRYN EVELAND

Born: November 22, 1922 - Died: February 5, 1991

Liberty County Times  
February 13, 1991



### Lilly Eveland

Lilly Kathryn Furlong was born in Chester, Montana November 22nd, 1922. She was the 6th of ten children and the first daughter born to Ina Marie Keith and Edward R. Furlong. Lilly received her formal education in the Chester community, graduating from C.H.S. in 1941. She married Howard Worth Eveland on February 17th, 1942 in Helena. While Howard completed his military training, Lilly made her home in Chester and worked at the telephone office. In 1949 she began working at the Liberty County Library and also worked part-time at the Clerk-&Recorder's Office. Lilly served as Liberty County Librarian for 40 years, retiring in December of 1989. She suffered from cancer these past few

years which required numerous hospitalizations and treatments. Two weeks ago she went to California to be with her sister, Ina. While there she entered a hospital at Whittier and died on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 5th. She was 68 years old...

Lilly was a lifelong member of the Chester Methodist Church. Because her infant baptism records were lost, she was rebaptized in the new Methodist Church several years ago.

Lilly was also a charter member of the Chester V.F.W. Auxiliary and had been a member of the Royal Neighbors of America dating back to 1939. She also held membership in the Montana Library Association from 1951-1990. In addition, she helped form the Broken Mountains Genealogical Society and was a supporter patron of the Chester Garden Club. In 1976 Lilly designed the Liberty County flag for the bi-centennial; Maxine Ward did the needle-work on that original flag, which is still on display at the county library. In more recent years Lilly enjoyed her involvement with the Milk River Good Sam Club and she always looked forward to attending the annual Sweetgrass Hills Family Camp.

Lilly had numerous hobbies. She loved to read, and always encouraged the younger people to read. She personally took several telecom continuing education courses through the library system. Lilly enjoyed gardening, flowers and houseplants (in fact, alot of the green plants at the library were originally started by Lilly). When her kids were young, she did a lot of sewing and mending. She enjoyed working crossword puzzles and playing 'scrabble'. She was a good cook, and her family has fond memories of her wonderful breads and her delicious combread-&-beans. Lilly was always generous to her family and friends, and she enjoyed her many contacts with her church family.

Lilly had cancer that ravished her physical body, but it couldn't destroy her undying faith. She was given a poem that she shared with her family and friends. The poem is entitled "What Cancer Can't Do", by author unknown:

Cancer is so limited...  
It cannot cripple love,  
It cannot shatter hope,  
It cannot corrode faith,  
It cannot eat away peace,  
It cannot destroy confidence,  
It cannot kill friendship,  
It cannot shut out memories,  
It cannot silence courage,

It cannot invade the soul,  
It cannot reduce eternal life,  
It cannot quench the Spirit,  
It cannot lessen the power of  
the resurrection.

Lilly's survivors include her four children, Aline & Gale Christenot of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Neal & Pat Eveland of Chester, Ardess & Charles Connel of Alamogordo, New Mexico, and Ardell & Philip Kruithoff of Billings; eight grandchildren, including Corene, Sabra, Keith, Kris, Kevin, Robert, Kathryn and Karalyn; her former husband, Howard of

Chester; two sisters, Ina Belle ("Kitty") Foreman of La Habra, California, and Alice Morrison of Chester; four brothers, Russell ("Bing") Furlong of Chester, Phillip Furlong of Denver, Colorado, Warren ("Irish") Furlong of Spokane, Washington, and Noel Furlong of Kalispell; three aunts; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers (Edmond, Miles and David Furlong).

Funeral services were held at the Chester United Methodist Church on Monday, February 11th, at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Chuck Nowlen and Reverend Charles Hanson officiated. The congregation sang "Be Thou My Vision", accompanied by Gail Cicon. One of Lilly's favorite songs, "Whispering Hope", was performed by the vocal duet of Rudy Cicon and Dennis Kenfield. A male quartette consisting of Garth Good, Orville Solum, Mark Zerbe and John Hofer sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye", accompanied by Edith Hodges. Old friends and classmates serving as pallbearers and ushers included Aden Ward, Delmar Wolfe, Bob Wigen, Harley Rudolph, Cliff Lybeck, Don Marble, Darby O'Brien, Arlo Skari, Jennings Mattson, Joe Gagnon, Max Brown, Narciss Gagnon and Neil Shepherd. Friends from the RNA and VFW Auxiliary served as honorary bearers. Following graveside services at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**FRANCES (GAU) FACEY**  
**Born: ?, 1924 - Died: April 12, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 17, 1991**

### ***Frances Facey***

Frances (Gau) Facey, 67, died in Santa Rosa, California April 12th, 1991. Frances lost a fight with colon-liver cancer in less than a year. Frances was a native of Chester, Montana, and was a friend to all.

Survivors include her husband, John K. Facey of Santa Rosa; her mother, Golda Gau of Walla Walla, Washington; one daughter, Joan Wells of Cape May, New Jersey; one son, Thomas M. Facey of Missoula, Montana; two sisters, Anne Chamber of Santa Rosa, and Grace Susak of Yakima, Washington; one brother, Dr. George Gau of Spokane, Washington; and one grandchild.

Memorial services were held April 16, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. at the Star of the Valley Catholic Church in Oakmont, California. Donations in her memory can be sent to the American Cancer Society, 2930 McBride Lane, Santa Rosa, California 95403.

**ERWIN AUGUST FRANK**  
**Born: November 11, 1907 - Died: October 3, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 16, 1991**

**Erwin Frank** Oct. 16-1991

Erwin August Frank, 83, of Hot Springs, Montana, passed away from natural causes October 3rd, 1991 at Hot Springs Convalescent Center.

He was born November 11, 1907 in Rodalben, Germany to Franz Joseph and Anna Frank. He moved to the U.S in 1924 and worked as a farmhand in North Dakota. He later worked in the Chester, Montana area and eventually retired to Hot Springs. Irwin enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Irwin was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister. He is survived by one brother, Gustav Frank of Kalispell, Montana; 14 nieces and nephews and numerous grand nieces and nephews.

Funeral Rite of Christian Burial was held Monday, October 7th at the Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson, Montana with Father Gary Reller officiating.

**THERESA BERNICE BORYS FRASER**  
**Born: June 27, 1898 - Died: October 31, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 6, 1991**



**Theresa Bernice Fraser**

Theresa Bernice Fraser was born June 27, 1898 in Poland to Stanley and Anna Marzae Borys. She lived in Detroit and Saskatchewan, Canada before her family moved south of Chester.

Theresa married Donald Fraser in 1920. They homesteaded and ranched on the river south of Frazer, Montana

for six years; moved to Florence, Montana for one year and lived in the Ulm and Cascade area for 12 years. They moved to the farm south of Joplin in 1941 and lived there and in Joplin until her husband passed away in 1973. Theresa moved to Inverness, where she resided until 1987, when she became a resident at the Liberty County Nursing Home.

Theresa is a charter member of the Castner Falls Extension Homemaker's Club. She is well known for her gardening, sewing and baking abilities. She lived to bring life, love and enjoyment to her family and friends. She dearly loved her family and it was important to her that they carry on this tradition. She has instilled the importance of ambition and love in the lives of those she has touched.

Theresa was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, Sr.; parents, Stanley Borys in 1915 and Anna Borys Stanczykiewicz in 1956; brothers, John, Frank and Carl; sisters, Margaret Warner, Agnes Mergel, Helen Lisk and Anne Rich; son, Brodie; daughter, Shirley Rae; and great-granddaughter, Ashley Anne.

She is survived by nine sons and five daughters: Donald, Jr., Cascade; Rodney, Clinton, Jim and Duane, Inverness; Bill and Darrell, Chester; Charles, Joplin; Scott, Port Angeles, Washington; Mrs. Lester (Bertha) Stanley and Mrs. Ray (Eleanor) Huntsberger, Cascade; Mrs. James (Ruby) Barrett, Lakewood, California; Mrs. John (Anne) Carlson, Sun City West, Arizona; and Mrs. Nick (Darlene) Wood, Las Vegas, Nevada. Also surviving are sister-in-law, Mrs. Carl (Frances) Borys, Chester, 46

grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 4 in Chester with Father Harney officiating. Iris White was the organist and Jerome Lincoln sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art". Ushers were Cory and Jerry Fraser. Pallbearers included Theresa's nine sons. Following burial in the Joplin Cemetery, a luncheon was provided by the St. Mary's PCCW. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.



**ARCHIE EDWIN (BUD) FREEMAN**  
**Born: May 19, 1921 - Died: May 1, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 8, 1991**



**Bud Freeman**

Archie Edwin Freeman was born on the family homestead north of Inverness, Montana on May 19th, 1921. He was the only son of five children born to Alta Lela Judd and Lesley E. Freeman. He became affectionately known as "Bud", a nickname which has stuck with him throughout the years. Bud grew up on the family farm and received his early education at Inverness. When the Freeman home burned in 1936, they moved to Havre. Bud finished his education there, graduating from

Havre High School in 1939. The following year he married Martha Ann Bickle in Havre. They made their home at Inverness where they raised their family of four and worked the farming business. After their children were all educated and grown, they moved to their lake home in Whitefish in 1974. Bud officially retired in 1982 and sold the farm at that time. His marriage with Ann ended in divorce. In 1985 Bud married Marilu Timmons at Kalispell. Bud and Lu have made their home on Whitefish Lake since their marriage. Bud was later diagnosed with cancer and his health has slowly deteriorated this past year. He died at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish on the early morning of Wednesday, May 1st. He would have been 70 years old later this month...

Bud had been a member of the Elks Lodge of Havre and the Moose Lodges of Havre and Whitefish. He had served on the Inverness School Board and had been a member of the Inverness Methodist Church. Bud's family had been active in the Van Orsdal Methodist Church in Havre, in fact, Bud was baptized there as an adult in 1944. During those many years at Inverness, Bud participated in nu-

merous activities. He enjoyed hunting, bowling, water skiing and snowmobiling. Many years ago he had been active in the town-team basketball league and he enjoyed playing pool and poker with his Inverness buddies. In more recent years Bud enjoyed traveling, golfing and dancing. He loved to "tinker", and had the rare talent to be able to fix just about anything that needed fixing, be it electrical, mechanical, or whatever. Bud was proud to have been a farmer and was generally recognized by his peers to have been a neat, efficient agri-person. Since his retirement, Bud always enjoyed reminiscing "old times" with "old friends". He took excellent care of his motorhome and cars, which he referred to as his "toys". During the past few years Bud was very happy and content in his married life and appreciated his family very much.

Bud is survived by his wife, Marilu of Whitefish; one son, Gary of Missoula; three daughters, Mrs. Lanny (Karen) Morton of Kent, Washington, Brenda Doyra of Florence, and Mrs. Ed (Marcia) Diemert of Lothair; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two stepsons, Pat Timmons of Whitefish and John Timmons of Flo-

rence; three sisters, Frances Curry of Bigfork, Florence Randall of Havre, and Freda Robinson of San Marcos, California; and numerous nephews and nieces. Bud was preceded in death by his father in 1957, by his mother in 1978, and by a sister (Fanny Kenfield).

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 4th, at 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Inverness. Reverend Chuck Nowlen officiated. Special vocal music by Dennis and Barry Kenfield included "Red Sails in the Sunset", "Wind Beneath My Wings" and "Just As I Am" accompanied by organist Iris White. Friends serving as pallbearers were Dalton Dahlke, Clarence Bakke, Bob Woods, Dean Lyle, Larry Jochim and Dean McFadden. Memorial bearers were "all of Bud's old friends". Ushers were Bob Moog and Allen Barbie. Bud's daughter, Brenda, served as eulogist and his son-in-law, Ed Diemert, served as historian.

Following the church services, a luncheon was held in Inverness for family and friends. Graveside services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**MARJORIE BARBARA KUHRY FREEMOLE**  
**Born: June 20, 1923 - Died: October 17, 1991**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**October 19, 1991**

**Marjorie Freemole** *Oct 19-1991*

Marjorie Barbara Kuhry Freemole, 68, 709 50th St. S., a nurse and longtime Red Cross volunteer, died from natural causes Thursday in a local hospital.



A rosary service will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. in the O'Connor Memorial Chapel. A funeral service will be held at 10:30

**Freemole**

a.m. Monday at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with burial in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

She was born to Peter and Elizabeth Kuhry on June 20, 1923 in Chester, where she was raised and attended schools.

She got her nurse's training at Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre, doing graduate work in pediatric nursing.

In 1948, she married George Allen Freemole at the Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. They moved to Great Falls in 1967.

She was active in her parish at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and in the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary. She worked with the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts when her children were in Scouting.

She enjoyed bowling and music.

Survivors include her husband of Great Falls; sons, George of Corvallis, Ore., John of Polson, and Michael of Hagerman, Idaho; daughters, Margaret Halverson of Chinook, and Helene Berger of Dillon; brothers and sisters, Wilfred Kuhry of Havre, F.J. Kuhry of San Diego, Mary Connor of Bozeman, and Helen Aaberg of Chester; and 11 grandchildren.

O'Connor Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorials are preferred to the Gift of Life or Project Hope.

**LYLE EARL FUNK**  
**Born: January 9, 1919 - Died: April 1, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 10, 1991**

### **Lyle Funk**

Lyle Earl Funk was born at Joplin, Montana on January 9th, 1919. He was one of nine children born to Joplin area homesteaders, Venora Sauer and Waldo Funk. Lyle's childhood years were spent in Joplin and he received his early education there. He finished his formal education at Boulder, Montana. In the years that followed he worked as a general laborer, mainly in agriculture, and spent most of his life

in Montana. He did live in Oklahoma, Indiana and Texas for short periods of time, but always seemed to come back home to Montana. Lyle lived in Havre for a number of years and has been in Great Falls during this past year. On Monday morning, April 1st, he was found dead in his Great Falls apartment. The death was attributed to natural causes. Lyle had just turned 72 years old a few months ago...

Lyle never married. He seemed to enjoy life in the city where there was a

lot of activity and people. His favorite pastimes were watching television, listening to music, and enjoying flowers and plants. In recent years he kept himself busy by collecting aluminum cans for recycling purposes.

Lyle is survived by one brother, Ray Funk of Seattle, Washington; four sisters, Ruth Dailey of Ronan, Dorothy Rollis of Hagerman, Idaho, Irene Wathen of Kalispell, and Elsie Brown of Niarada, Montana; and numerous nephews and nieces. He

was preceded in death by his parents, by one brother (Waldo), and by two sisters (Hazel Funk and Adline Burrel).

Graveside services were held at the Joplin Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 4th. Graveside ceremonies were conducted by Rlynn Rockman. Following interment, a coffee hour for family and friends was held at the home of Verna Heydon in Joplin. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

ROBERTA (BOBBI) JOAN GLEASON  
Born: July 22, 1951 - Died: September 3, 1991  
Great Falls Tribune  
September 5, 1991

**Roberta Gleason** *Sept 5-1991*

Roberta "Bobbi" Joan Gleason, 40, 8 Division Road, the former assistant manager of the Great Falls Best store, died in an automobile accident near Belt Tuesday evening.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the O'Connor Memorial



Chapel with cremation to follow. Memorials are suggested to the Mercy Home in Great Falls.

On July 22, 1951, she was born in Butte to Mr. and Mrs.

**Gleason** John Edgar. However, she attended Great Falls High School, graduating in 1969.

In 1968, she married Brian T. Gleason in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She had been employed at the Best store for 10 years.

She enjoyed camping, boating and writing.

Survivors include her husband; her parents; a daughter, Shannon April Gleason, all of Great Falls; a son, Brian of Spokane; a sister, Sherri Walstad of Chester; brothers, Gerald Edgar of Woodbridge, Va., and John Edgar of Kansas City, Mo.; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Austin of Great Falls, and Mrs. Elizabeth Edgar of Butte.

## JAMES ALFRED GOTTFRIED

Born: April 25, 1927 - Died: September 29, 1991

Liberty County Times

October 2, 1991

# Jim and Mora Gottfried Die In Sunday Airplane Crash

Jim and Mora Gottfried, longtime Fort Benton area farmers, died Sunday, September 29, in a plane crash east of Roger's Pass. The wreckage was discovered Monday morning from the air by state aeronautic division administrator, Mike Ferguson, who was searching the area.

A search had begun Sunday night about 10:30 p.m. by sheriff's officers and search and rescue crews.

Lewis and Clark County Coroner Mikey Nelson identified the occupants of the single-engine plane as James A. Gottfried, 64 and Mora Erickson Gottfried, 65.

The couple was returning to Fort Benton from their retirement home at St. Ignatius and were overdue on a flight plan filed with the FAA.

## **James and Mora Gottfried**

Memorial services for James Alfred and Mora Gottfried of rural Fort Benton were held Thursday, October 3, 1991 at 1:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Fr. Jim Grosch officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried were killed Sunday, September 29th in a plane crash near Lincoln.

James was born April 25, 1927 in Sweetgrass, Montana the son of Adam

and Olga Gottfried. He was raised and attended schools in the area and married Mora Erickson December 31, 1954 at Great Falls, Montana. They resided on a farm near Fort Benton since. He was a member of the VFW having served in Japan during WWII, the Eagles Club and the Flying Club.

Mora was born October 21, 1925 in Warner, Alberta, Canada and attended school there. Her parents were Arthur Edward and Elizabeth Erickson. She was a member of the Teton Bench Hobby Club and Egly Country Club.

Vigil Wake Services were held

Hunters in the area reported hearing a low-flying aircraft between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Sunday evening in the area. There was fog in the area at the time. The plane failed to clear a ridge by about 75 feet.

The plane had flipped over and the wings were still intact, although it was badly damaged. Federal investigators should have reached the site by Tuesday.

Funeral services are pending with Rosary tentatively set for 7 p.m. Wednesday night at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fort Benton with funeral services at 1 p.m. Thursday at the church. Benton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Survivors include one son, Gary of Fort Benton; two daughters, Lynn Dempsey, Houston, Texas and Jacquelyn Gottfried, Tualatin, Oregon; and two grandchildren. James is also survived by four brothers, Joe, of Shelby, Montana, Lawrence of Hot Springs, Montana, Fritz of Maple Valley, Washington and Ed of St. Ignatius, Montana; and five sisters, Cecilia Neidhardt of Deer Lodge, Montana, Catherine Halverson of Conrad, Montana, Adeline Boltz of

North Pole, Alaska, Eileen Wartchow of Sedro Wooley, Washington, and Evelyn Wolfer of McMinville, Oregon; and his mother, Elizabeth Olga Gottfried, Conrad, Montana. Mora is also survived by two brothers, LeRoy Erickson, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada and DeLon Erickson, Sterling, Alberta, Canada; and one sister, LaVonne Ogden, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Both are survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society or charity of your choice are preferred.

# Plane crash kills Fort Benton couple

—From the *Great Falls Tribune*

A Fort Benton couple died in a single-engine plane crash whose wreckage was discovered Monday morning near Rogers Pass, authorities said.

Lewis and Clark County Coroner M.E. "Mickey" Nelson identified the husband and wife as 64-year-old James Alfred Gottfried, the pilot of the craft, and 65-year-old Mora Erickson Gottfried.

The plane barely missed clearing a ridge overlooking the pass Sunday evening, Lewis and Clark County Sheriff Chuck O'Reilly said.

"Had they had another 75 feet of elevation, they would have cleared it," said O'Reilly, who was with a search and rescue crew that arrived at the site Monday morning.

The two bodies were recovered

from the wreckage just southeast of the pass, which crosses the Continental Divide about 20 miles east of Lincoln. Nelson said they were the only people on board and were killed on impact.

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The hunters did not see or hear the crash, and Lewis and Clark County authorities were notified of the downed plane at 10:30 p.m.,

O'Reilly said. Sheriff's officers and county search and rescue crews were out all night, he said.

The wreckage was spotted from the air at about 7:15 a.m. by state Aeronautics Division Administrator Mike Ferguson, who was searching the area by air.

A helicopter crew from Malstrom Air Force Detachment 5 Air Rescue Squadron, however, was the first to land and search the scene.

O'Reilly said the wings were still attached to the plane, but that the nacelle flipped over and was badly damaged. Federal investigators should be on the scene no later than Tuesday, he said.

Benton Funeral Home in Fort Benton is handling the funeral arrangements.

## MORA ERICKSON GOTTFRIED

Born: October 21, 1925 - Died: September 29, 1991

Liberty County Times

October 2, 1991

# Jim and Mora Gottfried Die In Sunday Airplane Crash

Jim and Mora Gottfried, longtime Fort Benton area farmers, died Sunday, September 29, in a plane crash east of Roger's Pass. The wreckage was discovered Monday morning from the air by state aeronautic division administrator, Mike Ferguson, who was searching the area.

A search had begun Sunday night about 10:30 p.m. by sheriff's officers and search and rescue crews.

Lewis and Clark County Coroner Mikey Nelson identified the occupants of the single-engine plane as James A. Gottfried, 64 and Mora Erickson Gottfried, 65.

The couple was returning to Fort Benton from their retirement home at St. Ignatius and were overdue on a flight plan filed with the FAA.

## **James and Mora Gottfried**

Memorial services for James Alfred and Mora Gottfried of rural Fort Benton were held Thursday, October 3, 1991 at 1:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Fr. Jim Grosch officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried were killed Sunday, September 29th in a plane crash near Lincoln.

James was born April 25, 1927 in Sweetgrass, Montana the son of Adam

and Olga Gottfried. He was raised and attended schools in the area and married Mora Erickson December 31, 1954 at Great Falls, Montana. They resided on a farm near Fort Benton since. He was a member of the VFW having served in Japan during WWII, the Eagles Club and the Flying Club.

Mora was born October 21, 1925 in Warner, Alberta, Canada and attended school there. Her parents were Arthur Edward and Elizabeth Erickson. She was a member of the Teton Bench Hobby Club and Egly Country Club.

Vigil Wake Services were held

Hunters in the area reported hearing a low-flying aircraft between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Sunday evening in the area. There was fog in the area at the time. The plane failed to clear a ridge by about 75 feet.

The plane had flipped over and the wings were still intact, although it was badly damaged. Federal investigators should have reached the site by Tuesday.

Funeral services are pending with Rosary tentatively set for 7 p.m. Wednesday night at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fort Benton with funeral services at 1 p.m. Thursday at the church. Benton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Survivors include one son, Gary of Fort Benton; two daughters, Lynn Dempsey, Houston, Texas and Jacquelyn Gottfried, Tualatin, Oregon; and two grandchildren. James is also survived by four brothers, Joe, of Shelby, Montana, Lawrence of Hot Springs, Montana, Fritz of Maple Valley, Washington and Ed of St. Ignatius, Montana; and five sisters, Cecilia Neidhardt of Deer Lodge, Montana, Catherine Halverson of Conrad, Montana, Adeline Boltz of

North Pole, Alaska, Eileen Wartchow of Sedro Wooley, Washington, and Evelyn Wolfer of McMinville, Oregon; and his mother, Elizabeth Olga Gottfried, Conrad, Montana. Mora is also survived by two brothers, LeRoy Erickson, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada and DeLon Erickson, Sterling, Alberta, Canada; and one sister, LaVonne Ogden, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Both are survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society or charity of your choice are preferred.

# Plane crash kills Fort Benton couple

—From the Great Falls Tribune

A Fort Benton couple died in a single-engine plane crash whose wreckage was discovered Monday morning near Rogers Pass, authorities said.

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"Had they had another 75 feet of elevation, they would have cleared it," said O'Reilly, who was with a search and rescue crew that arrived at the site Monday morning.

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A helicopter crew from Malstrom Air Force Detachment 5 Air Rescue Squadron, however, was the first to land and search the scene.

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Benton Funeral Home in Fort Benton is handling the funeral arrangements.



RAYMOND CLIFFORD GRAY  
Born: September 2, 1920 - Died: December 2, 1991  
Liberty County Times  
December 18, 1991

# Obituary *Dec. 18 - 1991*

## ***Raymond Gray***

Funeral services for Raymond Clifford Gray, who died December 2nd at Newport, Washington, were held December 5th at the Sherman-Knapp Funeral Home in Newport with his son, Pastor William Gray, officiating.

Raymond was born September 2, 1920 at Cashmere, Washington.

Later he moved with his parents to Chester, Montana and attended Chester Schools with the class of 1941. He is survived by his wife Irene and daughter Patricia at home; two sons, Doug Burrell of Newport and William Gray of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one brother Leonard Gray of Newport.

**HATTIE Z. (BRADBURY) GUSTAFSON**  
**Born: June 18, 1904 - Died: September 22, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 2, 1991**



**Hattie Gustafson**

Hattie Z. Bradbury was born in Alexandria, Minnesota on June 18th, 1904. She was one of nine children born to Augusta Palmatier and Edward Bradbury. When she was an infant, her parents went to Canada and homesteaded in Alberta. They came to Montana in 1910, and her father and brother filed homesteads north of Rudyard. Hattie grew up on the family farm near Rudyard and attended school there. She was a member of the first graduating class of Rudyard High School in 1923. She then attended college in Havre and received her teaching certificate. In the few years that followed, Hattie taught at the Brennan & Een country schools. She was teaching school in the Minnesota community north of

Inverness when she met her husband-to-be, Fritiof A. Gustafson. They were married in Havre on November 10th, 1928. Fritiof helped on his father's farm for several years and Hattie continued teaching at the Lothair School. In 1935 they purchased a farm 15 miles north of Rudyard and made their home there during the rest of their married life. Fritiof died in 1970. Hattie remained on the farm until 1990, when declining health took her to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. She died at the Chester hospital on Sunday evening, September 22nd, at the age of 87 years...

Hattie was a longtime member of the Goldstone Lutheran Church north of Rudyard. She enjoyed many of the simple things in life, like the pure pleasure of working in her garden. She had one of the most beautiful tulip beds in the country and supplied flowers to her friends and relatives at the Liberty County Nursing Home for years. Hattie was an excellent seamstress and she did meticulous fanciwork (crochetting and embroidery). Although Hattie and Fritiof had no children, they enjoyed their family and friends. They made several memorable trips together and enjoyed the quiet solitude of fishing on Flathead Lake. Of interest was the fact that Hattie played the organ, but privately. She will be remembered as a gentle, kind and generous lady. Her generosity is best exemplified by her unselfish funding of the Gustafson Medical Scholarship, which was established in 1983. Hattie wanted

to perpetuate medical care in the Hi-Line community, so she established this scholarship fund to assist students in Liberty and Hill County who were seeking careers in the medical sciences. Many area students have received financial assistance from this fund, which will continue to "live on" even though Hattie's gone...

Hattie's only survivors include a brother, Ben Bradbury of Havre, and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by three sisters (Jessie, Myrtle and Edna) and by four brothers (Elmer, Theodore, Clint and Henry).

Memorial gifts will be given to the Gustafson Medical Scholarship, to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, or to donor's choice...

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 26th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiating. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Stanleigh Barbie. Vocalist, Terry Stevenson, sang "In the Garden" and "Beautiful Savior". Ushers were Bob Toner and Fred Rigg. Pallbearers included Dan and Terry Hybner, Stu Smith, Harold Moos, and Al Jr. and Calvin Tollefson. Old friends listed as honorary bearers were Morris Smith, Albert Gifford, Roland Ritter, Alfred Tollefson and Jerry Hybner. Following burial in the Rudyard Cemetery, a luncheon was provided at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

## LEAH LUCILLE BUFFINGTON HADD

Born: January 13, 1918 - Died: August 24, 1991

Liberty County Times

October 2, 1991

### Leah Lucille Buffington Hadd

Leah Lucille Hadd passed away August 24, 1991 at her home in Phoenix, Arizona.

She was born January 13, 1918 at the homestead of her parents, Green and Pearl Buffington, in what was then Chouteau County (now Liberty)

Lucille attended grade school at Russell, Montana, high school at Fort Benton and was graduated from Great Falls High School in 1938. A year later she entered nurses' training at Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls. After completing a three year program and becoming a registered nurse, Lucille joined the nursing staff of the Army Air Force and served for a time at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, before being sent to France during the U.S. involvement there in World War II.

In July, 1945, Lucille and Lt. Charles F. Hadd of Seattle were married in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. After living in various places where Charles was stationed they settled permanently in Phoenix where they have lived for thirty-five years.

Lucille was preceded in death by one son, Steven Robert, age 16, by her parents and three brothers.

She is survived by her husband; a son Charles F. Jr. of Tempe, Arizona; daughters Leilani of Glendale, Arizona and Victoria of Tucson; and by five sisters; Gladys Dedman, Fort Benton, Eunice Gerdsmeyer of Big Fork, Montana; Audie Lohr, Carter; Treva McKinley of Dillon; Sadie Witter of Skykomish, Washington; and by many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services were held at First Unitarian Church of Phoenix.

At Lucille's request her ashes will be brought back to Montana to be placed at the site of the homestead house where she was born. She spent many summers in Montana visiting family and friends. Her last visit was in May and June, 1991 to "see one more spring in Montana."

Lucille followed her profession for many years in Phoenix. After retirement as before, she gladly came to the aid of her neighbors and friends who needed her.

Several men and women now in careers of their own came to her memorial and testified that her kindness and wisdom had brought them through their troubled teenage years. The high standards of her profession carried over also into her love of animals and into many activities to improve the lot of animals, as well as of children and all others in need.

**CHARLES W. HADER**  
**Born: August 4, 1922 - Died: February 22, 1991**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**February 24, 1991**

**Charles W. Hader**

HARLEM — Charles W. Hader, 68, a former baker and a ranch and farm worker, died of cancer Friday at a Great Falls hospital.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Harlem. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial in the Harlem Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 4, 1922 in Savoy where he attended school.

In 1942, he married Lucy Rita Big Beaver in Chinook. They lived in Havre and he worked at Eddy's Bakery as a baker for 20 years. He also worked for various farm and ranches. They lived at Fort Belknap since 1986.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife; nieces, Rosie Crocker of Helena, Shirley Lybeck of Joplin, Dorothy Berger of Kalispell, Vonnie Klungland of Harlem; nephews, Richard Hader of Great Falls, Jack Hader of Columbia Falls, Jim O'Leary of Havre, Dick Hader of Kalispell and Donald Hader of Arizona.

Adams Funeral Home of Malta is handling the arrangements.

**EVAN R. HANSEN**

**Born: May 30, 1923 - Died: April 10, 1991**

**Liberty County Times**

**April 17, 1991**



**Evan Hansen**

Evan R. Hansen, 67 years of age, a retired farmer and a resident of Gildford, Montana, died of natural causes Wednesday, April 10, 1991 at a Great Falls hospital.

Evan was born May 30, 1923 at Havre, Montana to Peder and Minnie (Krogh) Hansen. He was a graduate of Hingham High School and also served in the U.S. Army during WWII. In June of 1944, he married the former Emma Swinney at Hingham and the couple had two children.

Evan served for 16 years as Director of the Federal Land Bank, and was on the Board of Directors of

the Citizens Bank of Havre. He also served as a member of the Hingham Lutheran Church Council and was a member of the Elks Lodge and a member of the Hingham Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Hansen, and one son, Richard Hansen, both of Gildford; one daughter, Zona Harris of Superior, Montana; three grandsons, Todd and Troy Hansen of Gildford and Kip Harris of Superior; two granddaughters, Tracy Hansen of Gildford, and Kim Harris of Great Falls, Montana.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Havre with Rev. Rand Drollman officiating. Soloist, Terry Stevenson, sang "I Am Not Alone", "Montana Melody", and "The Old Rugged Cross". Organist was Sharon Spicher. Ushers were Bill Spicher and Arvid Ous. Pallbearers included Monty Borlaug, Gary Brekke, Reuben Scheurman, Leif Kapperud, Larry Schuschke and Mack Brownlee.

Burial was in the Highland Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Dialysis Center at the Columbus Hospital or the Hingham Lutheran Church.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## ALFRED LUVERNE HANSON

Born: January 27, 1922 - Died: August 4, 1991

Liberty County Times

August 7, 1991



### Alfred Hanson

Alfred Luverne Hanson was born at Whitlash, Montana on January 27th, 1922. He was one of six children born to Leatha Katherine Morgan and Albert Chris Hanson. In 1928 the family moved to Chester where Al received his education. He worked one year for the C.C.C.'s before his induction into the U.S. Army in 1942. His military service during WWII was spent mainly in Italy and Africa, and he received a Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal. Al was honorably discharged in 1945 and he returned to Montana. December 19th, 1948 he married Ione C. Anderson in Chester, and they have made their home here since. In 1958 Al became the owner/operator of "Hanson's Texaco" on Hwy. 2 in Chester. He expanded his business with a bulk fuel plant in 1968. When Texaco left Montana in 1978, he closed the business. The following year he became the first manager of the newly opened Sweetgrass Lodge Retirement Home in Chester, and he held that position until his retirement in 1986. In the summer months he kept himself busy in his old fuel warehouse, where

he operated "Al's Antique and Secondhand Store". In November of 1988 he was diagnosed with cancer and had received numerous treatments since that time. Al died at the Liberty County Hospital Sunday morning (August 4th) at the age of 69 years...

Al was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and had served on the church council. Other

memberships included the Chester V.F.W., Lions and Rotary clubs. He had also served as alderman on the Chester City Council. More recently, he was active in the "Good Sam" motorhome club. Al had many hobbies over the years, including hunting, fishing, camping, bowling and golfing. He loved country western music and enjoyed dancing. He liked to play card games and was an excellent cook. In his earlier years he enjoyed boxing and wrestling; he helped coach a local boxing team and refereed numerous professional wrestling matches in Great Falls. Al liked people and always enjoyed visiting with friends. He loved children. He was a proud father and was always there when his family needed him. Al fought a courageous battle with cancer and never complained through it all.

His survivors include his wife, Ione of Chester; three sons, Larry (and wife, Juliann) of Helena, Calvin (and wife, Linda) of Chester, and Rodney of Chester; one daughter, Mrs. Mike (Darlene) Abeln of East Grand Forks, Minnesota; seven grandchildren; one brother, Albert of Chester; two sisters, Mrs. Ed (Beth) Jensen of Kalispell and

Mrs. Jim (Beverly) Bergh of Longview, Washington; and numerous nephews and nieces. Al was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters (Mary Louise Hanson and Edith Reams).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 7th, at Our Savior's Church in Chester. Reverend Tom Dunham officiated. The Oswood family (B.J., Michele and Bryan) performed "How Great Thou Art". Bryan Oswood played the guitar and sang "The Wind Beneath My Wings". At the end of the service a taped recording by Al's daughter, Darlene, entitled "My Tribute" was played. Juanita Wardell served as organist. Ushers were Lin Duffin and Walter Laas. Pallbearers included Tom Gummer, Ken Gilbert, Delmar Wolfe, John Nuxoll, Leo Wigen, Max Brown, Aden Ward and Cliff Hanson (by Curt Hanson). Interment was at the Chester Cemetery where military rites were performed. Darby O'Brien, representing the local V.F.W., made the flag presentation. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

## MARTHA RENNER HANSON

Born: ?, 1905 - Died: December 21, 1991

Liberty County Times

December 24, 1991

### Martha Renner Hanson

HAVRE — Martha Renner Hanson, 86, died early Saturday at a Havre nursing home of natural causes.

Mrs. Hanson was born May 14, 1905 in Foxholm, N.D. to Simon and Margaret Renner Nicodemus. The family moved to Minot where she grew up and graduated from high school.

She married Elvin Hanson in Minot, N.D. April 13, 1928. The couple moved to Havre in 1934, where he managed Bond Lumber Co. until retirement. She was an active volunteer at First Lutheran Church and for the Red Cross Blood Program, and during flood emergencies during the 1950s. She served as an election judge for many years, and was a Girl Scout leader for several years. She also volunteered at other places, such as the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd and the hospital.

She was a member of the First Lutheran Church and Royal Neighbors of America.

Her other interests included bowling, golfing, flower gardening, square dancing and painting. She was a charter member of the Havre Art Association and was treasurer-registrar for several years.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Arlene and Leigh Morgan of Havre, and her son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Margaret Hanson of Billings; nine grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; two sisters, Ethel Babin Hohmann of Springfield, Ore. and Nellie Rien of Eureka, Calif.; and one brother, Don Nixon of Palm Bay, Calif.

BARBARA J. "SUE" ROGNE HARJU  
Born: September 25, 1932 - Died: May 12, 1991  
Liberty County Times  
May 14, 1991

*14 May 1991*

**Barbara J. Harju**

Barbara J. "Sue" Rogne Harju, 58, a Havre homemaker and formerly of Great Falls, died of natural causes Sunday at her home.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Sun River Cemetery.

She was born Sept. 25, 1932, in Great Falls and attended Great Falls schools.

She married Norm Harju on June 18, 1954, at Ryan Dam. The couple lived in Harlem, Chester, Browning, Ennis, Big Sky and Big Timber before moving to Havre in 1981. She had worked in flower shops and had operated the Big Sky Post Office for a few years.

Survivors include her husband; mother, Marie Rogne of Sun River; daughters, Charlene Hledik of Glasgow and Cheryl Dubiaand of Havre; a son, Dan Harju of Glasgow; a sister, Eileen Getts of Sun River; and a brother, Bill Rogne of Sun River.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.



## BENJAMIN MARTIN HEIMBIGNER

Born: February 18, 1903 - Died: August 1, 1991

Liberty County Times  
August 3, 1991



Benny Heimbigner

Benjamin Martin Heimbigner was born in Ritzville, Washington February 18th, 1903. He was one of three children born to Katie Greenwald and Jacob Heimbigner. Benny received his education in Washington. His father died in Washington. At age 16 he came to Montana with his mother and they began farming some state land south of Chester. While here Benny

met Geneva P. Gibson, and they were married August 8th, 1922 at Sandpoint, Idaho. They have made their home in the Chester community since that time. In addition to farming on his own, Ben also worked for Earl McNutt, John Larson and Oliver Morkrid. He retired from farming in 1981. Benny's health remained relatively good until 1990

and he entered the Liberty County Nursing home that fall. He died there the early morning of Thursday, August 1st, at the age of 88 years.

In their younger years, Ben and Neva enjoyed dancing. Ben loved to play baseball and continued to be an avid spectator fan. He also enjoyed fishing and playing horseshoes. In his quiet hours at home he liked to read westerns and detective stories. As a hobby he enjoyed working on small motors. One of his favorite pastimes was playing cards; he liked solitaire, cribbage, whist and pinochle. Ben and Neva had been inseparable during their 68 years of married life together. One of the highlights of their life was in 1985 when they were crowned King and Queen of the Liberty County Harvest Festival. Neva preceded Ben in death November 24th, 1990...

Ben is survived by two daughters, Audrey Stewart and Mrs. Dean (Fay) Wolfe, both of Chester; eight grandchildren, including Debbie, Terry, Steve, Jodi, Deanna, Rod, Tracie and Jan; 13 great-grandchildren; one brother, Richard Bassett of Aurora, Colorado; and numerous nephews and nieces. In addition to his wife and parents, Ben was preceded in death by three brothers (Larry, Wayne and Cecil Bassett), two sisters (Rena Zorn and Annie Lobe), and one great-grandson (Bradley Lancaster).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 5th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Reverend Tom Dunham officiating. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by Stanleigh Barbie on the organ. Ushers were Quannah Bailey and Harley Rudolph. Pallbearers were Bill Morkrid, Max Brown, Bob Aitken, Ray Zorn, Roy Heimbigner and Harry Heimbigner Jr. Following interment in the Erickson Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

## LORRAINE B. HOCKETT

Born: March 5, 1915 - Died: December 8, 1991

Liberty County Times

January 1, 1992

### **Lorraine B. Hockett**

Lorraine B. Hockett, 76, retired Northern Montana College treasurer, died at a Havre nursing home after a lengthy illness Sunday evening, December 8th.

Miss Hockett was born in Havre March 5, 1915 to Guy and Olga Holen Hockett. She was a graduate of Havre High School and joined the faculty of Northern Montana College after attending Northern as a student and then earning her baccalaureate and master's degrees at Northwestern University.

She came to Northern in 1952 as an instructor and assistant business manager after serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In 1953, Miss Hockett was named treasurer of the college, a position she held until her retirement in 1976.

As treasurer of the college, Miss Hockett was the financial expert who guided and set much of the fiscal policy for the college during her 23 years of service.

During her career at Northern, she was involved in a number of community organizations, including the Havre Business and Professional Women's Club of which she served as president in 1962-63. She was a charter member of the Soroptimist club, a member of A.A.U.W., and was past secretary and treasurer of the Havre Chapter of the Retired Teachers Association. She was a member of the North Central Chapter of Montana C.P.A.s and in November of 1984 was initiated as an honorary member of the Montana Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, in addition to being a member of the American Institute of C.P.A.s.

Her professionalism and expertise were recognized by her nominations to "Who's Who in the West", "Who's Who in American College and University Administration," and in several editions of "Who's Who of American Women."

Miss Hockett earned the respect and admiration of many whom she worked with, both at Northern and in the Montana University System. Her professional standards and dedication to the college were recognized by those she came into contact with and in a salute to her contribution to the welfare of Northern Montana College, an Excellence Award was presented to her.

She enjoyed traveling, knitting and needlepoint, and her flower gardens.

She is survived by her sisters, Gladys Bialek of Rudyard and Doris Evans of Livingston; one brother, Guy Hockett of Lebanon, Oregon; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 12th at 10:00 a.m. at Van Orsdel United Methodist Church in Havre with the Rev. Terry Dunn officiating.

Burial was in Highland Cemetery with military graveside honors.

The musician was Regina Gabriel, who sang "I Know My Redeemer Lives" and "On Eagle's Wings."

Pallbearers were Bob Hockett, Jeff Hockett, Jim Downen, David Evans, Larry Broere and Kevin Flaherty.

Unified Veterans Council members conducted military graveside honors.

Memorials may be sent to the Northern Montana Scholarship Fund.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## HAROLD HODGES

Born: December 26, 1908 - Died: June 12, 1991

Liberty County Times  
June 19, 1991



### Harold Hodges

Harold Hodges was born at Highriver, Alberta, Canada on December 26th, 1908. He was one of six children born to Catherine John and James Hodges. The family lived in Illinois for a few years before coming to Montana in 1913. They began farming a relinquished homestead north of Joplin, and Harold received his education at the Tingdahl School near there. In the late 1920's Harold went to Chicago to attend a welding school, and while there worked for a paper distribution company. He returned to Montana and took a construction job at the Fort Peck Dam. While there he met his bride-to-be, Ruth A. Folden, and they were married in McCone County, Montana on December 8th, 1934. The following year

they returned to the Joplin community, where they continued to live and work the rest of their married life. In addition to farming, Harold worked as a mechanic, carpenter, electrician, and also sharpened saws and blades. In 1958 he started a grain seed-cleaning business, which the family still operates. Harold retired in 1971, but continued to live on the farm. His health remained relatively good over the years. On this past Wednesday night, June 12th, he became ill at home and subsequently died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. Harold was 82 years old.

The Hodges were active members of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, where Harold had served as council president and treasurer. He had also served on the Tingdahl and Joplin School boards, the A.S.C. and S.C.S. boards, the Liberty County Hospital board, and the Senior Citizen's Council. Harold had also worked as an election judge, a 4-H leader, and school bus driver.

Harold's hobbies were many. He was an avid reader; he read just about everything, but was especially fond of biographies and histories. He collected caps and enjoyed playing pinochle and whist. In addition to farming and mechanics, he loved wood-working projects. He and Ruth liked to travel and spend time with people. Harold loved kids and enjoyed being "Grandpa" to any and all children (from Joplin to Haiti). He felt kids deserved

special attention and affection, and he always tried to be sensitive to their needs. He was also conscientious about helping his friends and neighbors whenever he could. He enjoyed life and was very satisfied with his role here on earth...

Harold is survived by his wife, Ruth of Joplin; by four sons and their spouses, Ron and Betty of Everett, Washington, Wayne and Edi of Joplin and Akutan, Alaska, Willis and Elaine of Joplin, and Leroy and Carolyn of Newberg, Oregon; by a daughter and her husband, Midge and Ed Hippen of Buffalo Center, Iowa; 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Eugene of Kalispell; one sister, Maude Skari of Chester; and by numerous nephews and nieces. The family requests special note of a nephew and niece who shared their home over the years: Fred Folden of Bellevue, Washington and Ann Folden Thielman of Great Falls. Harold was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers (Bill, Jim and Donald).

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Sid Nelson at 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 17th, at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Edi Hodges. A vocal number by Bev Kelley was "Because He Lives" and a vocal duet by Twila and Naomi Hodges was "Mansion On A Hilltop". Ushers were Dean Hodges, Lloyd Wolery and Frank Richter. Pallbearers included Norbert

VanDessel, Kip Lybeck, Tom Graff, Robert VanDessel, John Laird and Donald Bjornstad. Memorial bearers were Bob Duncan, Ed Tempel, Eldon Graff, Olyn Wolery, Lynn Edwards, Ed McClellan, Palmer Skonard, Wayne Wolery and Harold's other friends and neighbors. Following interment in the Joplin Cemetery, a luncheon was held at Kjos Hall. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

## WILLIAM RAYMOND HUNTER

Born: April 2, 1971 - Died: March 23, 1991

Liberty County Times

April 3, 1991



### Willy Hunter

William Raymond Hunter, Jr. was born on April 2nd, 1971 in Livingston, Montana. He was the eldest of two children born to Kay Diemert and William Hunter. He became affectionately known by family and friends as "Willy". Willy grew up in Livingston and received his education there. He graduated from Park County High School in 1990. He was presently a student at Jamestown College in Jamestown, North Dakota where he had received a track scholarship for high-jumping. This past weekend he and his roommate went to Turner, Montana to attend a friend's wedding. On early Saturday morning (March 23rd) he was involved in a single vehicle accident near Turner, and he died from resulting injuries. Willy would have been 20 years old next month...

Willy had been very active at Park County High. He participated in football, track, cross-country, basketball and choir. He was very proud of the fact that he was the only senior in the class of '90 to have lettered in three sports that year: football, basketball and track. In addition, he placed second in the high-jump at the State Track Meet (he jumped the same height as the winner, 6'4", but was awarded second place on the basis of the number of misses). During his junior year at Park High he was selected as the Montana Centennial Exchange

Student and was delegated to Boy's State.

Willy loved music of all kinds. Because of personal interest he began taking piano lessons at age 15. He had always been a fierce competitor when it came to sports, and this probably dated back to his younger years when he had been active in the A.A.U. wrestling program. His favorite pastimes included skiing and playing basketball, but he also enjoyed golfing and floating the river. Willy was an avid fan of the N.B.A. and kept a yearly update on player trades and new recruits, and then implemented this information into a fantasy basketball game that he invented. He had other hobbies, too, like adding to his collection of baseball cards and shot glasses. But probably his favorite thing in life was simply enjoying those special times with family and friends. Willy will always be remembered for that big smile and little gleam in his eyes, both symbolic for his love and zest for life...

Willy's parents are both involved in the medical profession, so it seemed reasonable for him to have similar interests. He was attending Jamestown College with plans to become a nurse anesthetist.

Willy is survived by his parents, Bill and Kay of Livingston; his sister, Lynnell, also of Livingston; a maternal grandmother, Nellie Diemert of Lothair; a paternal grandfather, Raymond Hunter of Livingston; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Willy was preceded in death by a maternal grandfather, Clark Diemert, and a paternal grandmother, Ruth Hunter.

Because of Willy's love for athletics, a memorial fund will be established in his name at the First National Park Bank of Livingston. These monies will help supplement expenses for indigent athletes attending tournaments/events out-of-town.

Funeral services were held at the Holbrook United Methodist Church in Livingston at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 26th. Reverend Tom Boller officiated and eulogists were Willy's uncle, Rlynn Rockman, and Willy's lifelong friend, Terry Harrelson. Three musical tributes entitled "The Gift of Love", "The Theme from Cheers", and "The Wind Beneath my Wings" were performed by former classmates. Pianist was Edie Linneweber and accompanist was Nancy Brungardt. Friends serving as pallbearers included Terry Harrelson, Bobby Nichols, Shad McKnight, Deac Guidi, Chris Early, Charlie Humphries, D.J. Gurule, Ryan Russell and Shane O'Neill. A memorial luncheon followed the services. Local funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

## LESTER L. JENSEN

Born: May 5, 1908 - Died: March 6, 1991

Liberty County Times

March 13, 1991



### Lester Jensen

Lester L. Jensen was born at Lyons, Nebraska on May 5th, 1908. He was one of five children born to Ella Marie Jacobsen and Hans Christian Jensen. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Lester received his early education in Nebraska, but was forced to quit school at a young age following the death of his mother. In 1929 he came to Montana where he worked on farms near Ballantine and

Pompey's Pillar. June 15th, 1941 Les married Charlotte Bohl at Absarokee, Montana. In the few years that followed they lived at Ballantine, Pompey's Pillar, Laurel and Custer. In 1952 they moved to Cut Bank where Lester took a civil service job in the maintenance division at the Radar Base north of town. After the base closed in 1965, he was transferred to Great Falls, where he continued working at Malmstrom until his retirement in 1973. Les and Charlotte lived in Great Falls until October of 1990, when they moved to Chester to be near their daughter. They have resided at the Sweetgrass Lodge, but ill-health took Les to the Liberty County Nursing Home this past January. He died there on the early morning of Wednesday, March 6th, at the age of 82 years.

The Jensen's attended church at St. Paul Lutheran in Cut Bank and at the E.C.N.A. in Great Falls. They had been regulars in the square-dancing circuit in Cut Bank and Great Falls. Les loved fishing and he enjoyed bird-watching. In his younger years he liked to hunt deer and pheasants. Les was an avid card player and was especially fond of cribbage, pitch, pinochle and solitaire. He also enjoyed jigsaw puzzles and "Scrabble". In his quiet time at home he liked to read; his favorite books were "westerns" by Louis L'Amour. Les' favorite hobby was working with wood and completing carpenter projects. They built their own home in Cut Bank, they built all of the cabinets in their Great Falls home, and Les enjoyed building tables, chairs, and wooden toys for his children. Les loved his family. Although a very quiet and reserved man, he easily earned respect and affection from his grandchildren. He and Charlotte had been constant companions and friends over the years, and they would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this coming summer...

In addition to Charlotte, Lester is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Bob (Carol) Mattson of Chester; two sons, Peter of Kalispell and Timothy of Sheridan, Wyoming; nine grandchildren, including Kevin, Jeffrey, Chris, Suzie, Cindy, Linda, J.J., Eric and Nolan; six great-grandchildren;

one sister, Mildred Loman of Wichita Falls, Texas; one brother, William of Pompey's Pillar; and numerous nieces and nephews. Les was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers (Clarence and Ivan).

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 9th, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Tom Dunham of

Our Savior's officiated. Pastor Ken Oliver from the ECNA of Great Falls assisted. Organist, Karen Stack, accompanied the congregation, who sang "How Great Thou Art". A vocal quartette made up of Pastor Dunham, Cheryl Muncy, Mike Violett and Jan Christofferson performed "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Amazing Grace". Ushers were friends Knight Dean and Sid Brandon. Pallbearers were grandsons Kevin, Jeffrey and Chris Mattson, Eric and Nolan Jensen, and Mark Smith. Following interment in the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held for family and friends at the Sweetgrass Lodge. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**A. C. (MIKE) KAMMERZELL**  
**Born: March 15, 1908 - Died: November 7, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**November 13, 1991**



**Mike Kammerzell**

A.C. "Mike" Kammerzell, 83, died November 7, at the Havre Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd.

Mike Kammerzell was born in Ritzville, Washington, March 15, 1908, to Johannes and Anna Zell Kammerzell. He and his parents and brothers came to Montana in 1914 to farm close to Chester.

He attended school at Tiber and Chester, graduating from Chester High School in 1926. During high school he participated in athletics and worked for Chas. Baker at the Chester Trading Co. After high school he attended college in Nebraska, but was forced to withdraw because of finances.

Kammerzell returned to Chester and started farming leased land with Roy Walden in 1929. He later purchased land southwest of Chester and remained in farming his entire working life. He built his holdings into a

substantial operation in which his sons, Gordon and John, are still engaged.

In 1935 Mike Kammerzell married Lucille Lyders of Chester. They lived in Chester and on their farm until they retired in 1971 and moved to Great Falls. Three years later they moved to Lakeside where they lived on Flathead Lake until 1989 when they came to Havre to be near their family.

A.C. Kammerzell was one of Liberty County's leading businessmen. He operated several businesses including Triangle Hardware and the Chester Hotel. He was a member of the board of directors of Bancorporation of Montana for many years and was instrumental, along with his friend O.R. Rubie, in establishing the Liberty Bank of Montana in Chester. He was also a member of the board of directors of banks in Conrad, Great Falls, Havre and Valier.

Mike Kammerzell was a well known leader and public servant in Liberty County. He was a Liberty County Commissioner for several years and served on the Chester School board. He was a leader in the Boy Scouts, serving on the Montana Council of the Boy Scouts of America and was honored by being named a Baden-Powell Fellow of the national organization. He was at different times president of the Chester Rotary Club and the Chester Commercial Club.

Kammerzell was the head of the

building committee of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester.

He is survived by his wife Lucille, Havre; sons Gordon and John, Chester; daughters Gail Nussbaum, Kalispell; Linda Aasheim, Tacoma; and Katherine Warner, Havre; 18 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother Carl Brown of Great Falls and many nieces and nephews. Mike was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Fred Brown.

Memorials may be sent to the Boy Scouts of America.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (November 12th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Tom Dunham officiated, and was assisted by Jon Erickson (Pastor at the LHGS). Karen Stack served as organist and the congregation sang "Beautiful Savior". Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, performed "How Great Thou Art". Ushers were Jerry Shettel and Boyd Nealy. Friends serving as pallbearers included Fred Weber, Clarence Ritter, Archie Violet, Cliff Leighton, George Braun, Walt Jensen, Bob Dauwalder, Dayton Kolstad, Robert Pugsley Sr., Joe Meissner and Bob Nordstrom. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**JOHN F. (JACK) LAIRD**  
**Born: January 14, 1922 - Died : May 20, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 22, 1991**

**John 'Jack' Laird**

John F. "Jack" Laird, 69, of 3244 2nd Ave. S., a retired electrician, died of cancer Monday in a local hospital.

His funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at O'Connor Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Shodair Children's Home.

Born on Jan. 14, 1922, in Havre, he grew up on the family ranch near Joplin and graduated from high school in Joplin. He served in the Navy in the Philippines during World War II.

Laird married Mary Nemeč on March 12, 1949, in Great Falls.

He was an electrician for the Anaconda Co. for more than 30 years and retired when the local plant was closed.

He was an avid fisherman.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Meg Laird of Billings and Kathleen Pollard of Bozeman; a son, John R. Laird of Billings; a sister, Rita Melonas of Vancouver, Wash.; brothers, Bob Laird of Joplin, Jim Laird of Chester and Richard Laird of Great Falls, and two grandsons.

A brother, Donald, preceded him in death.

**LELAND CARROLL LARSON**  
**Born: May 28, 1911 - Died: August 6, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 9, 1991**

### ***Leland Larson***

Leland Carroll Larson, born in Niagara, North Dakota, on May 28, 1911, passed away August 6, 1991, in Pasco, Washington. He lived in the Tri-Cities community for 40 years and was a retired Prudential Life Underwriter. Leland was also involved with such organizations as the Life Underwriter's Training Council, the Masonic Lodge (a life member), the National Rifle Association (also life member), the Elks, and the Lutheran Church of the Master.

Survivors include his wife, Doris H. Larson; daughter, Carroll Lee Larson Meek, Ph.D. of Moscow, Idaho; son-in-law, Saul Matthew Spiro, M.D. of Moscow, Idaho; sister and brother-in-law, Doris and Martin Hinnaland of Billings, Montana; sister and brother-in-law, Ada and Marvin Shaughnessy of Casper, Wyoming; brother and sister-in-law, Gilman and Lorraine Larson of Seminole, Florida; mother-in-law, Grace Hearn of Pasco, Washington; sister-in-law, Dorothy Cook of Benton City, Washington; sister-in-law, Patricia Husband of Spokane, Washington; granddaughter, Sherrie Larson of Crescent City, California and great-grandson, Devin Rowen also of Crescent City; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at City View Cemetery Saturday, August 10th at 1:00 p.m. in Pasco, Washington. Contributions may be given to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210-2472 or to the Tri-Cities Chaplancy Hospice, 7525 W. Deschutes Pl. Suite 2-A, Kennewick, WA 99336.



**DARRELL EDWIN MARSHALL**  
**Born: December 4, 1923 - Died: March 25, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 3, 1991**



***Darrel Marshall***

Darrell Edwin Marshall was born in Chester, Montana on December 4th, 1923. He was one of nine children born to William and Sadie (Taplin) Marshall. Darrell grew up and received his education in Chester. In 1943 he was inducted into the U.S. Army during World War II, and he served in New Guinea and the Phillipines. Following his honorable discharge in 1946, he returned to Montana where he married Gladys Adams. They later divorced. In 1956 he married Elsie Mae Barnett of Winnett. They made their home in Chester where Darrell worked as a mechanic at the Ford garage. In 1962 they moved to Lewistown where Darrell continued his mechanic skills. Darrell and Elsie were divorced in 1974, so he moved

to Douglas, Wyoming. He worked for an oil company (Chinook Roustabout) until his retirement. Since then he has worked part-time for the Douglas Livestock Exchange. This past Monday, March 25th, Darrell apparently suffered a massive heart attack while driving down a city street in Douglas. Resuscitative efforts were to no avail. He was 67 years old.

Darrell had been a member of the V.F.W. Post in Chester. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, and he loved to work in his garden.

He is survived by four sons, Dan Heimbigner of Bozeman and Bruce, John and William Marshall, all of Douglas, Wyoming; two daughters, Darla LaFountain of Shelby and Bonnie Bundy of Fillmore, Utah; one brother, Jim Marshall of Chester; five sisters, Dorothy Stores of Chester, Maude Bassett of Chester, Janet Nesson of Great Falls, Mabel Jacobson of Chester, and Edith Cherry of Houston, Texas; 12 grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, by one brother (William Marshall, Jr.) and by one sister (Ethel Belstad).

Memorial services were held at 10:00 am Thursday, March 28th at the Converse Funeral Chapel in Douglas with Pastor Homer Ford officiating. Honorary bearers in Douglas included Lee Fields, Jerry Gibson, Marlin Anderson, Bil Lange, Gerald Stiepley, Don VanDusen and Ron Ewing.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm Monday, April 1st at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Reverend Tom Dunham officiating. Pastor Dunham sang "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross," accompanied by Karen Stack. Nephews serving as pallbearers included Monty Belstad, Randy Olson, Duane Aitken, and Butch, Scot and Kenny Marshall. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with military rites by the V.F.W. Post. A luncheon followed at the church. Local arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

A "Darrell E. Marshall" memorial fund in care of Key Bank, P.O. Box 1307, Douglas, Wyoming 82633, is being established.

**ELMER W. "BUD" MONDY**  
**Born: January 28, 1919 - Died: October 30, 1991**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**November 12, 1991**

**Elmer 'Bud' Mondy**

SHELBY — Elmer "Bud" Mondy, 72, of Otis, Ore., a former Chester and Shelby mechanic, died of cancer Oct. 30 in a Portland hospital.

A graveside service was in Willamette National Cemetery.

Born on Jan. 28, 1919, in Joel, Idaho, he came to Montana as a child and grew up and attended school at Galata. A World War II veteran, he had served three years in the South Pacific with the Army Air Corps.

He married Eloise Thielman on Dec. 26, 1947.

He was a mechanic in Chester and Shelby before moving to Oregon in 1964 to be a mechanic for the City of Portland. He retired in 1984. He and his wife spent several winters in Yuma, Ariz., after he retired.

Survivors include his wife of Otis; a son, Gary of Portland; a brother, Albert of Idaho Falls, Idaho; sisters, Effie Ness of Fortine, Hazel Hunt of Salem, Ore., and Iva Sherrard of Great Falls, and three grandchildren.

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**Elmer W. Mondy**

A graveside service for Elmer W. "Bud" Mondy of Otis, a retired mechanic for the city of Portland, will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Willamette National Cemetery.

He died of cancer Wednesday in a Portland hospital. Mr. Mondy was 72.

Born Jan. 28, 1919, in Joel, Idaho, he was raised and educated in Galata, Mont. A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, he moved to Portland in 1964. Mr. Mondy worked for the city of Portland until his retirement in 1984.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 44 years, Eloise; son, Gary of Portland; brother, Albert of Idaho Falls, Idaho; sisters, Effie Ness of Fortine, Mont., Hazel Hunt of Salem and Iva Sherrard of Great Falls, Mont.; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests that remembrances be contributions to the Salvation Army or Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

**CLEONE MORRIS**  
**Born: February 23, 1913 - Died : August 30, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 3, 1991**

***Cleone Morris***

Cleone Morris, daughter of Leo C. and Alice Milles, passed away Friday afternoon August 30, 1991 in a Tyler, Texas hospital after a short illness.

Born February 23, 1913 in Great Falls, Montana, she lived with her family on a ranch in the Sweetgrass Hills of Northern Toole County. She was a graduate of the Ursaline Academy and the Columbus School of Nursing in Great Falls. She married E.F. "Shortie" Morris of Lindale, Texas, May 25, 1938. They returned to Texas in 1940 and lived in Tyler.

Cleone was a member of the National Nurses Association and registered in the states of Montana, Texas, California and New Mexico. She also was registered with the Indian Health Services and was an accredited Red Cross Nurse. She was a charter

member of the Yucca Club of the National Federation of Grandmothers in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Cleone had an outstanding nursing career of 50 years. She was the Operating Room charge nurse at Mother Francis Hospital and helped set up the surgical department at Medical Center Hospital when it opened. She was also instrumental in establishing two licensed vocational nursing schools in Tyler and in Brownfield, Texas. Cleone was feted for her service by the Governor of New Mexico and other dignitaries at her retirement in 1985. She was a member of the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Tyler.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and James Gage of Hobbs, New Mexico, a grandson, Eric Gage, also of Hobbs and a brother, Leo C. Milles of Tyler, Texas.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, September 1, 1991 in the Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating was Deacon William O'Sullivan. Burial followed in Damascus Cemetery near Lindale, Texas.

**STAZZIE ADA MURR**  
**Born: February 21, 1888 - Died: October 2, 1991**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**October 6, 1991**

## **Montana homesteader, 103, dies**

**KALISPELL** — Stazzie Ada Murr, 103, who had homesteaded and farmed near Gilford, died of natural causes Wednesday at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Weatherford Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Stazzie Allen was born Feb. 21, 1888, in Macon, Mo., where she was raised and attended schools.

In 1918, she married Arthur A.

Murr in Macon. They later moved to Montana to homestead and farm near Gilford. They retired in 1946 and moved to Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband and several brothers and sisters.

She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested to the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

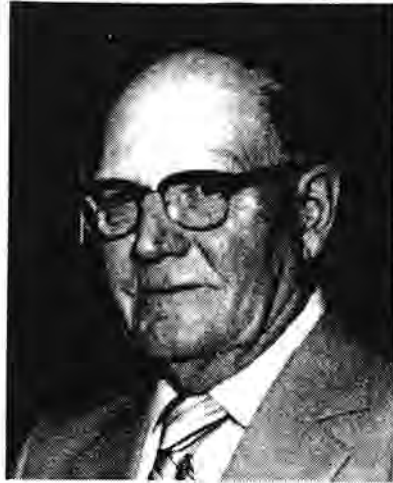
**BERNICE (FOLDEN) PECK**  
**Born: December 21, 1916 - Died: July 21, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 7, 1991**

***Bernice Folden Peck***

Bernice Folden Peck, a former Liberty County resident died in Long Beach, California July 21st of a lingering illness. She was born in McCone County on December 21, 1916. She lived on a farm south of Chester for ten years. Her son and daughter died in early childhood.

Survivors are sisters Inga Lee and Alice Hanel of Wolf Point, Ruth Hodges of Joplin; and brothers Bjarne Folden of Port Orchard, Washington and Ben Folden of Armour, South Dakota.

**LEONARD WILLIAM POIER**  
**Born: May 22, 1910 - Died: June 3, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**June 12, 1991**



**Leonard Poier**

Leonard William Poier was born in Langdon, North Dakota on May 22nd, 1910. He was one of five children born to Andrew and Etta (Draeger) Poier. The family homesteaded ten miles north of Rudyard, Montana. Leonard grew up on the farm and attended country schools near there. Following his formal education, Leonard went to Washington where he worked in the logging and trucking business. While there, he met his bride-to-be, Leannah Belle Wilder. They were married February 23rd, 1930 at Granite Falls, Washington. They eventually moved back to Rudyard and purchased the family homestead in 1936. They farmed until their retirement in 1965, and they made their home in Rudyard from that time on. Leannah died in 1982. Leonard continued to remain active in the community; however, his health had failed dramatically in the past few years. Leonard died at his Rudyard home Monday afternoon, June 3rd. He was 81 years old.

Leonard and Leannah had been active in Our Savior's Lutheran Church; Leonard was past member of the church council and had served as church treasurer. He had served on the Rudyard School board and the Hill County Cemetery Board. He held memberships in the Havre Elks Lodge and the Rudyard Gun Club. Leonard's

hobbies were many. He enjoyed hunting and trap-shooting. He also enjoyed fishing and fly-tying. He liked photography and had a large collection of photos and home-movies. He played the harmonica, but only on very special occasions. Leonard and Leannah loved camping and travelling, and made many memorable trips together. Probably Leonard's fondest hobby was either operating or working on some piece of equipment. He was an excellent mechanic and spent countless hours working on motors in his shop, a place he found contentment. His valuable skills and advice will be missed by his family and friends...

Leonard is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Elaine Poier of Phoenix, Arizona; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Ed Bordelon of Chester; four grandchildren, Machel, Michael, Larita and Brenda; two great-grandchildren, Tyler and Mikayla; one brother, Stanton Poier of Kalispell; one sister, Emma ("Babe") Funderhide of Loveland, Colorado; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by two sisters (Marion and an infant sister).

Funeral services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, June 6th. Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiated. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace", accompanied by Iris White on the organ. Vocalist, Terry Stevenson, performed "Abide With Me" and "Take My Hand, Precious Lord". Ushers were Lyle Twedt and Mike Wendland. Pallbearers included Bob Wehr, Bill Gorder, Dennis Anderson, Jack Rhodes, Dale Greeno and Ken Heydon. Old friends listed as honorary bearers included Bob Blake, Morris Ewald, Bob Sanvik, Selmar Sanvik, Tom Wilson, Don Koefod, Bob Toner, Morris Smith, Houston Lakey, Clarence Wendland, Roland Ritter, Ben Bradbury and Olyn Wolery. Following interment at the Rudyard Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were by

Rockman Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Rudyard Lutheran Church.

**BERNICE L. POLLINGTON**  
**Born: June 13, 1919 - Died: May 13, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 15, 1991**

***Bernice Pollington***

Bernice L. Pollington, 71, died of natural causes at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre the early morning of Monday, May 13, 1991.

Mrs. Pollington was born North of Gildford on June 13, 1919 to Bernard and E. Marie Shedon Dabelow. She attended grade school in Havre, and graduated from high school in Gildford. She attended the Great Falls Commercial College for two years. She was a member of the Hingham Lutheran Church and was a member of the Toastmasters, a 4-H leader and served on the Council for the Aging. She had been employed as a teachers aide for the Gildford School. She was an artist doing various paintings in oil as well

as water color. She married Ernest L. Pollington on July 3, 1940 at an uncles' farm outside Kremlin.

She is survived by her children, Bonnie Mosbrucker of Havre, Gail Pollington of Turner, Dick Pollington of Kremlin, Mary Larson of Dutton, and Patty Nordrum of Whitefish; her step-mother Ruth Dabelow of Havre; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and one sister of Boynton Beach, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 18, 1961, one brother, Carl, and her parents.

Memorials in her honor may be made to the Kremlin Park or to the Kremlin First Responders.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**ROY O. RAMBO**  
**Born: February 24, 1911 - Died: March 6, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 20, 1991**

## ***Roy Rambo***

Funeral services for Roy O. Rambo, 80 years of age, a resident of Hingham, Montana, who died March 6, 1991 at a Las Vegas hospital of natural causes were held Tuesday, March 12, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hingham Lutheran Church in Hingham, Montana with the Rev. Rand Drollman officiating. Burial was at the Highland Cemetery in Havre, Montana.

The soloist was Terry Stevenson who sang "The Lord's Prayer", "On The Wings of A Snow White Dove", and "The Wind Beneath My Wings". The congregational hymn was "How Great Thou Art". Organist was Sharon Spicher.

Ushers were Dave Jones and Donny Blake. The Active Pallbearers were Chan Hansen, Mark Burkhartsmeyer, Lee Richter, Alan Alex, Steve Rambo and Tim Rambo. Honorary Pallbearers included J.C. Burkhartsmeyer, Paul Burkhartsmeyer; Bill, Tom and Frank Burkhartsmeyer; Maynard Norenberg, Tod Hansen, Roger Blake, Eddie Alex, Denny Alex, John Alex, Tom Alex, Alvin Richter, Russell Richter, John Richter, Danny Rambo, and Curt Rambo and the rest of the family.

Mr. Rambo was born February 24, 1911 in Hingham to William and Elsie Knudson Rambo. He farmed south of Gildford from 1942 until his retirement in 1987. He was a member of the Hingham Lutheran Church and had served on the church council and as a Deacon. September 8, 1937 he married the former Vera Norenberg in Havre.

He is survived by his wife of Hingham; his children, Darryl of McAllen, Texas, Stanley of Great Falls, Gary and Greg, both of Las Vegas, Nevada and Gaynelle Gatzemeier of Rudyard; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one sister, Edith Dolezal of Havre and one brother, Art Rambo of Gildford.

He was preceded in death by one infant daughter, one brother and two sisters.

Memorials in Mr. Rambo's honor may be made to the Hingham Lutheran Church, American Cancer Society, the Havre Hospice or a person's choice.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



**VIRGINIA JOHNSON RATZBERG**  
**Born: ?, 1916 - Died : April 30, 1991**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**May 2, 1991**

**Virginia Ratzberg**

SHELBY — Virginia Johnson Ratzberg, 75, died in a Great Falls hospital Tuesday, natural causes.

Her funeral with Eastern Star rites will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Shelby Community Methodist Church. Burial will be in Mountainview Cemetery. Burns Funeral Home of Shelby is in charge.

Born in 1916, she was raised in the Sweet Grass Hills and also spent some time in Kalispell where she graduated from Flathead County High School in 1933. She married Dave Ratzberg on Oct. 26, 1939, in Great Falls. They farmed in the Ledger community.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Karl of Ledger; a daughter, Karen Quaschnik of Provo, Utah; a sister, Florence Van Norden of Scottsdale, Ariz.; grandchildren and one great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

**LESTER LEROY REESE**  
**Born: July 29, 1907 - Died: February 16, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 17, 1991**

**Lester Reese**

Lester LeRoy Reese, 83, 306 22nd St. N.W., a retired painter and member of the Horseshoe Hall of Fame, died Saturday at home following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Croxford & Sons Rose Room with burial in the Highland Cemetery.

He was born July 29, 1907, in Emmatsberg, Iowa.

In 1960, he married Elma Robbins in Great Falls.



Reese

He painted smokestacks before coming to Great Falls in the early 1940s. He worked as a painter at Deaconess Hospital for four years and then worked for a number of different painters. Eventually he had his own business and was self-employed for many years.

He pitched horseshoes for 30 years. In 1979, he was named "Mr. Horseshoe" and inducted into the Horseshoe Hall of Fame USA. He was past president of the 3 for 3 Horseshoe Club in Great Falls and was instrumental in putting in the horseshoe pits in Riverside Park. At the age of 71, he was champion pitcher of his age class at the World's Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1978.

He was preceded in death by his wife.

Survivors include stepdaughters, Mrs. Ben (Doris) Miller, Cascade, and Pat May, Victorville, Calif.; eight step grandchildren and numerous step great-grandchildren.

Croxford & Sons Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorials can go to the Gift of Life.

## EDWIN PETER RICHTER

Born: March 19, 1933 - Died: May 23, 1991

Liberty County Times

April 3, 1991



### **Edwin Richter**

Edwin Peter Richter was born on March 19th, 1933 in Havre, Montana. He was one of 15 children born to Margaret Schwan and George Richter. Eddie grew up in the Inverness community and received his education at Joplin. Following his graduation from Joplin High School in 1951, he began working in the automobile repair business. In 1953 during the Korean conflict he was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served in Germany in the Company 'A' 67th Tank Battalion. Following his honorable discharge in 1955, he returned to Montana. Eddie continued to work as a self-employed auto body repairman in the Missoula and Kalispell communities. He and his wife, the former Val Dickerson, lived in Shelby for a few years before moving to Traverse City, Michigan in 1986. While in Michigan, Ed continued his work in auto body repair. They recently purchased a home in Alba, Michigan. Eddie collapsed at home this past Saturday afternoon, March 23rd, and he died at the Kalkaska Memorial Hospital a short while

later. He had just celebrated his 58th birthday a few days before.

Edwin had been a member of the Moose Lodge and the V.F.W Post in Kalispell. He loved the "great outdoors" and some of his hobbies included hunting, fishing, and camping. He had a large collection of caps, and enjoyed taking care of their many houseplants. He also liked music and dancing. Ed loved animals and always had a few pet dogs and cats around the house. In his spare time he enjoyed restoring old vehicles.

Ed is survived by his wife, Val of Alba Michigan; one daughter, Terry Richter of Kalispell; three sons, Gregg and Brad of Wasilla, Alaska and Byron of Montana; three stepsons, Eddie, Jim and Paul; four brothers, John of Havre, Chris of Hingham, Frank of Joplin, and Raymond of Hingham; three sisters, Agnes Mader of Great Falls, Francy Fraser of Inverness, and Virginia Adams of Inverness; two granddaughters, Heather and Brianna; and numerous nephews and nieces. Eddie was preceded in death by his parents, by three brothers (George, Joseph and Jake), by two sisters (Lena and Mary), and by two infant siblings.

It was Eddie's wish to be buried with his family in Montana. Funeral services were held at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester on Thursday, March 28th at 2:00 pm. Father Tom Harney celebrated the chapel services. Iris White served as organist. Vocalist, Marcus Jochim, performed "Precious Memories" and "Amazing Grace." Terry Richter gave the eulogy. Pallbearers included Gregg and Brad Richter, Rudy Wanke, Jim Brandt, and Lee, Bob, Bruce and

Dennis Richter. As part of the services, a recorded tape entitled "Footprints in the Sand" was played in memory of Eddie. Interment was at the Inverness Cemetery where military rites were performed by the Havre V.F.W. and American Legion. A luncheon followed at Sacred Heart Church in Inverness.

## ERMA BERNICE RIECKE

Born: September 22, 1917 - Died: December 21, 1991

Liberty County Times

January 8, 1992

### ***Erma Bernice Riecke***

Erma Bernice Riecke died December 21, 1991, at her home in Eureka, California at age 74. She was a native of Chester, Montana and a resident of Eureka.

Born to Louis and Elise Gagnon on September 22, 1917, she lived on their farm with her six brothers and sisters until graduating from Chester High School in 1937. She and her sister, Jeanne, received their training as nurses at the St. Joseph's Training School of Nursing in Lewistown, Montana, and graduated in 1940. Erma left Montana in 1941 to work at the Los Angeles General Hospital.

In May 1942, she and her sister, Jeanne, entered the Army Nurses Corps. During World War II, they were

assigned to the 4th General Hospital staff and stationed in Melbourne, Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines before returning in September 1945 to Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, where she achieved the rank of captain before leaving the Army Nurse Corp. in 1948.

She married Leslie Riecke, a native of Requa, in Crescent City, and resided in Marysville and Yuba City before moving to Humboldt County in 1950. While working as a registered nurse at St. Joseph Hospital and General Hospital, she raised a family of six children. She retired from nursing in 1974, as surgical supervisor at General Hospital.

Erma kept busy with the upkeep of her rental properties and enjoyed the company of her six grandchildren. She

was a member of St. Bernard's parish, the Catholic Daughters of America and the Retired Nurses Association.

She is survived by her son and his wife, Paul Joseph and Hatsue Riecke of Cherry Point, NC; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Leslie Mina Riecke, Jeanné Marie Riecke of Eureka, Elise and Russell Garrett of Tualatin, OR, Michelle Louise and William Santsche of Eureka and Annette Cecile and Ronald Taylor of Roseburg, OR; three brothers and their wives, Ernest and Genevieve Gagnon, Joseph and Phyllis Gagnon and Narciss and Mina Gagnon, all of Chester, Montana; a sister, Jeanne Hull of Chester; and her grandchildren, Scott and Charles Garrett, Alan and Laura Taylor and Ryuta and Sayuri

Riecke. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Marcella Hull; and a brother-in-law and his wife, David and Gertie Phillips.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie Riecke; her parents, Louis and Elise Gagnon; a brother, Francis Gagnon; and a sister, Marie Boucher.

Committal services were held Saturday, December 28, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Bernard's Catholic Cemetery, with the Rev. Gary Timmons officiating.

Honorary bearers were William Santsche, Charles Garrett, Alan Taylor, Russell Garrett, Scott Garrett and Ronald Taylor.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Humboldt Inc., P.O. Box 3611, Eureka, CA 95502.

**CONNIE M. LARSEN ROCKMAN**  
**Born: May 29, 1931 - Died: September 10, 1991**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**September 12, 1991**

**Connie M. Larsen Rockman**

HELENA — Connie M. Larsen Rockman, 60, a retired telephone company worker, died Tuesday in a Helena hospital after a brief illness.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Retz Funeral Home. Burial of ashes will be in Fairmount Memorial Park in Spokane, Wash. Memorials are suggested to the Hospice of St. Peter's in Helena or a charity of the donor's choice.

Born May 29, 1931, in Kindred, N.D., she moved to Montana with her family when she was 4 years old and attended school in Havre, Malta and Spokane before graduating from Cut Bank High School in 1949. She went to work for Mountain Bell Telephone Co. in Cut Bank.

She married Leslie E. Rockman on March 29, 1961, and the couple lived in Shelby, Chester and Townsend while he worked on construction. They made their home in Helena in 1972 and she returned to work for the telephone company until retiring in December.

Her husband died in 1990. A stepson, David Rockman, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, Len Johnson of Billings; a daughter, Terrie McLaughlin of Spokane; a stepdaughter, Debbie Rockman of Great Falls, and six grandchildren.

**LESLIE E. ROCKMAN**  
**Born: February 17, 1926- Died : May 27, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 29, 1991**

*29 May 1991*  
**Leslie Rockman**

Leslie E. Rockman, 65, died at the Deaconess Medical Center in Billings last Monday afternoon of cancer.

He was born February 17, 1926, in Lothair, Montana, the son of Edward and Lucy Rockman. He attended the country school outside of Lothair and graduated from Chester High School in 1943. After graduation he worked with his father on the family farm. He then worked a short time for the Montana Power Company in Cut Bank.

He worked construction from 1961 to 1973 in the Helena area.

He married Connie M. Larsen on

March 29, 1961, in Helena. He later went to work for the State of Montana in the General Service Maintenance Department.

He was a member of various clubs and organizations in Montana, including the Elk's BPOE No. 193 in Helena. He loved yardwork, hunting, fishing and the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, David; and a sister, Vivian Dolezal.

Surviving family members include his wife Connie of Helena; a daughter, Debbie Rockman of Great Falls; a son, Len Johnson of Billings; a stepdaughter, Terrie McLaughlin of Spokane, Washington; six grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were conducted at the Retz Funeral Chapel Friday, May 24th at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Randall C. Olson officiating. Burial of ashes will be held at a later date in Spokane.

Memorials are suggested to The American Cancer Society, c/o Mrs. Edna Nelson, 703 Logan, Helena 59601.

**AMELIA ROSE (TAPLIN) JOHNSON RUBINO**  
**Born: July 23, 1906 - Died: October 18, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 23, 1991**



***Amelia Johnson Rubino***

Amelia Rose Taplin was born in Kingsley, Iowa on July 23rd, 1906. She was one of ten children born to Katherine Morwood and Solomon Taplin. Amelia came to Montana in 1911 with her family, who farmed 16 miles north of Chester. She attended the Fairview Country School near the farm. July 21st, 1927 she married Berger Johnson, Sr. at Havre. They made their home on Berger's farm located 6 miles north of Joplin. When they retired in 1954, they moved into Joplin. Berger died in 1963. Amelia remained in Joplin. June 5th, 1976 she married Joseph A. Rubino, who had recently retired from the railroad. They have made their home in Joplin since that time. In recent years Amelia had suffered from a heart ailment. This past Friday evening, October 18th, she suffered an attack at home. She was taken by ambulance to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester where she was pronounced dead. Amelia was 85 years old.

Amelia had been a longtime member of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. She was baptized and confirmed there. In her younger years she enjoyed working in the fields with her husband or attending card parties with friends. She enjoyed crocheting and sewing; she had made numerous wedding dresses over the years. Other hobbies included vegetable gardening, working word puzzles, and cooking (her family will always remember her wonderful lefse!).

Amelia is survived by her husband, Joseph of Joplin; two sons, Arnold

Johnson of Foremost, Alberta and John Johnson of Fort Benton; one daughter, Arlene Anderson of Joplin; one step-son Berger Johnson Jr. of Joplin; one step-daughter, Bertina Jerke of Bozeman; 17 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her first husband and her parents, but also by two brothers (Ralph and Roy) and by seven sisters (Bertha, Effie, Sadie, Agnes, Clara, Katherine and Annie).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 22nd, at the Bethel Church with Reverend Allen Haugen officiating. The congregation sang "Blest Be The Tie That Binds", accompanied by Susan Peterson. Two vocal tributes by Jerome Lincoln included "How Great Thou Art" and "The Wind Beneath My Wings". Ushers were Ed Mlinar and Harley Rudolph. Six of Amelia's grandsons served as pallbearers: Ron Anderson, Sandy Anderson, Steffan Johnson, Aaron Johnson, Marlon Johnson and Lloyd Johnson. Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery. A luncheon followed at Kjos Hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to donor's choice.

## EMILY JEAN OAKES SCALESE

Born: January 25, 1921 - Died: January 29, 1991

Liberty County Times

February 6, 1991

### *Emily Scalse*

Emily Jean Oakes was born to Anne Elizabeth Dunster and Raymond Allen Oakes at Flandreau, South Dakota January 25th, 1921. She was orphaned by age five and was raised by her grandmother Oakes of Wadhams, New York. Emily graduated from high school at Westport, New York in 1939. She aspired to become a home economics teacher, so she began attending normal school at Plattsburg, New York.

Emily came to Montana in September of 1941 with her aunt, Corlie Dunster, who was a social studies teacher at Shelby High School. Emily finished her education at Northern Montana College in Havre that winter. In the spring of 1942 she passed her examinations and was awarded a second grade teaching certificate. That summer she took a job at the Grandview Country School north of Galata. This was war time, so she handled the ration books for the rationed items of that era. In the fall her school entered the scrap iron drive, and delivered more scrap per pupil than any other school in Montana. As a result, they won a trip to Portland to christen Montana's first liberty ship, the "Jim Bridger". So Emily and student, Lucille Cavitt Russel, made the trip to Portland in

early 1943. After completing the summer term at Grandview, she took a teaching job at Kevin.

September 3rd, 1943 Emily married Thomas J. Scalse in Great Falls. In addition to ranching with Tom north of Galata, Emily began teaching at the Shelby Northside Grade School. Emily and Tom had three children: two daughters and one son. When the three kids were all in school, Emily was recruited by the Sweetgrass school district to ready their eighth grade class for high school. This took just four months, and Emily proudly followed the progress of that class through their college years. In 1959 Emily began teaching at the H.C. Davis School in Cut Bank, a job which she held until her retirement in 1985.

While in Cut Bank, she became interested in teaching students with learning disabilities. So in 1969 she went to Palo Alto, California for a year to attend the Charles Armstrong School (associated with the Slingerland Institute), which specialized in teaching those with learning disabilities. In the few years that followed, Emily headed up numerous S.L.D. seminars for teachers in Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, Utah, New York, New Hampshire and Vermont. In addition she supervised a class in the Cut

Bank school system with special learning disability students, and did considerable tutoring beyond the school system.

Emily and Tom maintained a home in Cut Bank and on the ranch north of Galata. In 1988 she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and her health deteriorated from that time on. Emily died on the early morning of Tuesday (January 29th) at the Glacier Memorial Nursing Home in Cut Bank. She was 70 years old.

Emily was an accomplished seamstress. She taught several girls the art of sewing, and many of them did well at the Marias Fair "dress revue". Emily also made many beautiful quilts over the years. She had been a member of the Galata American Legion Auxiliary and the Order of the Eastern Star (she twice served as Worthy Matron). She also held memberships in the Grange of New York State, Delta Kappa Gamma of the Slingerland Institute, the Orton Society, and the Montana Education Association. Emily was very proud and happy that she lived to see a granddaughter finish the first semester of law school in Cleveland, Ohio.

Emily is survived by her husband, Tom; two daughters, Mrs. Paul (Dorothy) Armstrong of Miles City and Mrs. Bob (Shirley) Wilson of St.

Marias, Idaho; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Diane Scalse of East Glacier; five granddaughters, Heidi, Stephanie, Tauna, Nancy and Vicky; two grandsons, Thomas J. II and Daniel; two brothers, Raymond Oakes of Syracuse, New York and Dean Oakes of Los Angeles, California; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister (Dorothy Sayre).

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday (February 1st) at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cut Bank. Reverend Charles Woodworth officiated. Linda Almas served as organist and the congregation sang "Abide With Me". Vocalist/guitarist Carole Hanson performed "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Mariah". Friends serving as pallbearers included Doug Demarest, Ken Tomayer, Les Eide, Bill Running, Paul Schilling and Tim Fenger. Usher was Leonard Matteson. Following the services, the ladies of St. Paul's provided a luncheon for family and friends. Graveside services were held at the Galata Cemetery at 4:00 p.m., and a coffee hour followed for Galata area friends. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Undesignated memorial gifts will be given to the Slingerland Institute in Seattle...



**JACOB (JACK) SCHWAN**  
**Born: June 21, 1915 - Died : ? , 1991**  
**Havre Centennel**  
**September 4, 1991**

**Jacob (Jack) Schwan**

HAVRE — Jacob (Jack) Schwan, 76, died at his home of natural causes.

Mr. Schwan was born June 21, 1915, in Goldstone to Anton and Juliana Schwan. He worked as a farm laborer.

On March 19, 1941, he entered the U.S. Army and served as a machine gunner attached to the 750th Tank Battalion stationed in Europe. He was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge, American Defense Ribbon, European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with three bronze service stars, Good Conduct Medal and the American Theatre Ribbon. He was discharged Nov. 2, 1945. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus for many years.

Survivors include his sisters, Eva Falla of Conrad, Julia Schwan of Havre, Aggie Schwan of Ronan, Pauline Lauepple of Havre and Theresa Houim of Spokane, Wash.; his brothers, Andrew of Rudyard, Anton of Havre, Frank of Lothair and Paul of Havre; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters, three nephews and his parents.

*the Centennial 4 Sept. 1991*

**YVONNE, BRIDGET AND RICHARD SEIDLITZ**  
**Yvonne born Aug. 12, 1958, Bridget born Aug. 2 1985**  
**Richard born Nov. 6, 1989**  
**Died: October 24 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 30, 1991**

*Oct 30-1991*

**Yvonne, Bridget  
and Richard  
Seidlitz**

Our community was saddened to learn of the tragic automobile accident and subsequent deaths of a former Chester mother and two children. The mother, Yvonne Campros Seidlitz (age 33), and her daughter, Bridget (age 6), both died at the scene of the accident, which occurred on Highway #87 about 25 miles north of Roundup this past Thursday afternoon, October 24th. Yvonne's three other children were flown to St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings, where her infant son, Richard (age 23 months), died shortly after admission. The two surviving daughters, Desiree (age 7), and Sara (age 4), are in guarded condition. Yvonne and the children were en route to Shelby when the van apparently crossed the centerline and collided with two trucks. They had just left their home in Roundup about 1/2 hour earlier...



**Yvonne "Boni" Campros Seidlitz**

Yvonne Ann Campros was born in Chester, Montana on August 1st, 1958. Her parents were Elaine Horalek and Andrew Campros, and she was one of ten children. Yvonne was baptized, confirmed, and received her religious training at St. Mary's Catholic

Church in Chester. She attended school at Chester and graduated from C.H.S. in 1977. Following graduation, "Boni" (as she preferred to be called), began working at the Chester Tasty Freez. Sometime later she began working as a dispatcher at the Liberty County Sheriff's Office in Chester. August 2nd, 1980 she married Richard E. Seidlitz in Chester. At that time Rick was employed as a deputy sheriff in Musselshell County, so they moved to Roundup and have lived there since. Boni continued her work as a dispatcher in Roundup and was presently employed as the dispatch supervisor for Musselshell County.

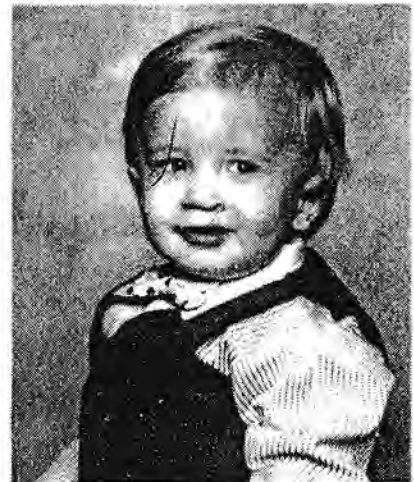
Since moving to Roundup, the Seidlitz's have attended church at St. Benedict's. Boni loved to be outdoors, therefore it seems reasonable that hunting, camping, jogging and horseback riding were some of her favorite pastimes. She was also a very artistic lady who enjoyed painting, sketching, needlepointing and rug-hooking. She also liked to read. Boni was proud of the fact that she and her husband were both in law enforcement and community service. Not only was she a dedicated mother and wife, but loyal to her church and to her God. Her family finds great comfort in this...



**Bridget Ann Seidlitz**

Bridget Ann Seidlitz was born in Roundup, Montana on August 2nd, 1985. She was the second daughter

born to Yvonne and Rick. Of special note was the fact that she was born on their wedding anniversary date. Bridget attended the Eppers pre-school program and was presently in kindergarten at Central Grade School in Roundup. She loved ponies and stuffed animals. She was affectionately called "Bridge-Bridge" by her family. She was a special child in the fact that she was tender-hearted, very quiet, and seldom complained about anything. She loved to "play mother" to the three other kids.



**Ricki Seidlitz**

Richard Donald Seidlitz was born in Billings, Montana on November 6th, 1989. "Ricki" was the youngest child and only son born to Yvonne and Rick. He was a typical little boy; he loved cars and trucks and other toys. This past spring the Seidlitz family took a memorable trip to Disneyland, and it was there that Ricki finally decided to learn how to walk, and he had not slowed down from that time on.

Bridget and Ricki had something in common: they were both born with cleft palates, a slight imperfection that seemed to "bond them together" and make them inseparable. They were always supportive and protective to each other, and consequently were very special siblings. Yvonne always worried about them — not only their general well-being but also about any surgeries and problems that might lie

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## IN LOVING MEMORY

### YVONNE ANN CAMPROS SEIDLITZ ("BONI")

**Born:** August 1, 1958 at Chester Montana  
**Died:** October 24, 1991 near Roundup, Montana  
**Age:** 33 years, 2 months, 23 days...

Rosary prayers were recited by Father Tom Harney at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester at 8:00 p.m. Monday, October 28th. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday by Father Harney. Music by St. Mary's choir included "Be Not Afraid", "Jesus Loves Me", "Valleys of Green", "You Are Near", and "The Wind Beneath My Wings". Scripture readings were by Jack Seidlitz and George Campros. Yvonne's brothers and brothers-in-law served as pallbearers. Following the Mass, a luncheon was held in St. Mary's basement.

Graveside services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 29th, at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls, Montana. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. A memorial fund is being established.

**Memorial Mass:** 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 28,  
St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Roundup

**Celebrant:** Father William Hogan  
**Music:** St. Benedict's Choir

**Rosary Prayers:** 8:00 p.m. Monday, October 28,  
St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester

**Funeral Mass:** 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 29,  
St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester

**Celebrant:** Father Tom Harney

### BRIDGET ANN SEIDLITZ

**Born:** August 2, 1985 at Roundup, Montana  
**Died:** October 24, 1991 near Roundup, Montana  
**Age:** 6 years, 2 months, 22 days...



### RICHARD DONALD SEIDLITZ ("RICKI")

**Born:** November 6, 1989 at Billings, Montana  
**Died:** October 24, 1991 at Billings, Montana  
**Age:** 1 year, 11 months, 18 days...



ahead for them. So in a way (in a spiritual sense) it seems fitting that these two special angels were taken together to be protected and loved by their mother forever...

Yvonne survived by her husband, Rick of Roundup; two daughters, Desiree and Sara of Roundup; her parents, Andy and Elaine Campros of Chester; four brothers, Warren of Libby, Kenneth of Great Falls, George of Kirkland, Washington, and Joseph of Green Bay, Wisconsin; four sisters, Diane Abrahamson of Shelby, Lana Juden of Great Falls, Janine Fox of Conrad, and Maria Morrell of Conrad; mother-in-law, Darlene Seidlitz of Scottsdale, Arizona; paternal grandmother, Ann Brown of Big Sandy, Texas; maternal grandfather, Stanley Horalek of Everett, Washington; and numerous nephews and nieces. Yvonne was preceded in death by a brother, Steven.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated by Father William Hogan at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Roundup at 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 28th. Music was provided by St. Benedict's choir. A coffee hour followed.

**Music:** St. Mary's Choir  
**Readers:** George Campros and Jack Seidlitz  
**Pallbearers:** Yvonne's brothers and brothers-in-law  
**Usher:** Joe Seidlitz

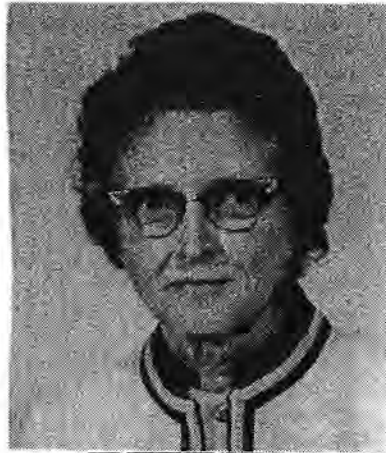
**Luncheon:** Immediately following the Mass in St. Mary's basement

*Funeral cortege will leave Chester at 12:30 p.m.*

**Graveside Services:** 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 28,  
Mount Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls

**Arrangements:** Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester

**FLOY SOPHER SHEESLEY**  
**Born: June 1, 1903 - Died: January 31, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 20, 1991**



**Floy Sheesley**

Floy Sopher Sheesley, 87, of 401 North C Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa died January 31, 1991 at Pleasant Park Manor, Oskaloosa of respiratory failure. She was born June 1, 1903 in Mahaska County, Iowa, the second child of Robert W. and Clara Summers Sopher.

She was married June 1, 1931 to Floyd Sheesley. He died in April 1966.

She was a graduate of Oskaloosa High School and William Penn College in Oskaloosa. She taught school 42 and 1/2 years in Montana and Iowa, including 21 years in the Oskaloosa Community School System. In 1946-47 she taught grades 4, 5 and 6 in Joplin, Montana under Supt. John Minnehan.

She was a member of the Central United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, Christian Challenge I., Oskaloosa Women's Club, the W.C.T.U., the I.H.N. Circle of King's Daughters, the Independent Garden Club, Mahaska County Historical Society, a Life Member of NEA, and a member of the local and state Retired Teachers Association.

She is survived by one sister, Vera S. Anderson, of Joplin, Montana, who has spent the last four years with Floy in Oskaloosa; one niece, Elaine Campbell of Des Moines, Iowa; and two nephews, Le Roy Sopher of Oskaloosa and Forest E. Sopher of California.

Floy was preceded in death by her husband, parents and two brothers, Earl and Max Sopher.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, February 2, 1991 with burial in Forest Cemetery at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

**MILDRED MAE SWANK SHETTEL**  
**Born: July 4, 1912 - Died: August 20, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**August 28, 1991**



**Mildred Shettel**

Mildred Mae Swank was born on her family's homestead south of Joplin, Montana July 4th, 1912. She was one of 14 children born to Rosa Wyman and Charles Swank. Mildred attended country school at Black Coulee and finished her formal education in Chester. October 30th, 1930 she married Alva N. Shettel in Shelby.

They lived and worked on a farm north of Joplin and then moved to Chester in 1936. In 1942 they purchased some land northeast of Chester and they have lived on that farm since. Mildred's health remained good until 1987 when she suffered a serious heart attack. On the evening of Tuesday, August 20th, she collapsed while working in her garden at home. Medical personnel were summoned to no avail. Mildred died at the age of 79 years...

Mildred had been active in the United Methodist Church and U.M.W. group. She was a past board member of the Deaconess Home in Helena. She had been instrumental in the early organization of the Liberty County Museum, spending countless hours displaying and cataloging museum items. She and Alva were members of the Hi-Line Auto Motor Club. They were very proud of the antique cars they had restored over the years; Mildred had done most of the upholstery work. She had many hobbies, including sewing, quilting,

decoupage, fishing and gardening. She collected spoons and plates. Mildred enjoyed cooking and kept an immaculate home. For many years she actively assisted with the farming operations and was considered "one of the best" combine drivers around. Mildred and Alva loved to travel in their motorhome and spend time with their families. Alva reported that Mildred was a faithful companion and friend and a "100% helper" in their 61 years of married life together... In addition to her husband, Mildred is survived by four sons, Franklin of Great Falls; Ralph of Chester, Jim of Malta, and Jerry of Chester; three daughters, Frances Hawks of Chester, Doris Coururier of Grant, Michigan, and Dorothy Forster of Sparks, Nevada; 24 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Devoe Swank of Valier and John, Dallas "Bud", and Ed Swank, all of Chester; two sisters, Lorraine Jacobson of Washington state and Grace Anderson of Portland, Oregon; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, by two sons (Dony in 1939 and John in 1957), by three brothers (Tuffy, Buckles and Casey), and by three sisters (Ruth, Maude and Edith).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 24th at the Chester United Methodist Church. The services were officiated by Reverend Charles A. Woodworth. The congregation sang "In the Garden", accompanied by Gail Cicon on the organ. An old family friend, Fred Barrett, sang "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by his wife, Ruth. A special vocal number performed by Mildred's grandchildren, including Jami, Kristi, Brad and Kevin Shettel, was "The Our Father".

Ushers were Chet Eveland and Dale Lalum. Her "grandsons" served as pallbearers. Interment was in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A coffee hour for family and friends followed at the church.

## RONALD ELLSWORTH SIEFKE

Born: August 18, 1958 - Died : January 13, 1991

Liberty County Times

January 16, 1991



### **Ron Siefke**

Ronald Ellsworth Siefke was born on August 18th, 1958 in Libby, Montana. He was one of seven children born to Mary Isabel

Cummings and Floyd Siefke. Ron grew up in Libby and received his formal education there. Following high school he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He received a medical discharge and returned to Montana. In 1979 he married Twila Reichel in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and the product of that marriage was three children (Ronald, Jr., April and Brandon). They made their home in Libby where Ron was employed by the city. They eventually moved to Great Falls and the marriage ended in divorce. On February 21st, 1986 Ron married Emily Gonzales at Lothair, and the product of this marriage was two children (Sarrina and Ashley). Ron and Emily made their home in Inverness. They commuted to Chester where they both worked at the Liberty County Nursing Home; Ron as an orderly and Emily as a

nurse's aide. During the summer months, Ron has worked on the Bill Woods farm near Inverness. They recently moved to Chester to be closer to their work at the nursing home. On the early morning of Sunday, January 13th, Ron died in Chester at the age of 32 years...

Ron loved the great outdoors and his favorite hobbies were fishing, hunting, camping, swimming and water skiing. He also enjoyed working on old cars and raising a vegetable garden. Ron and Emily loved to go dancing and socializing with people. At family gatherings Ron enjoyed playing cards, especially cribbage and pinochle. Ron was very proud of his job at the nursing home, and had become very fond of the residents there. Ron loved his kids more than anyone will ever know; he loved reading to them, playing with them, and simply taking care of them.

Ron is survived by his wife, Emily of Chester; his two sons and three daughters; his parents, Floyd and Isabel of Lothair; his brother, Fred of Libby; his three sisters, Darlene Doney of Tacoma, Washington, Mary Dickinson of Florence, Oregon, and Linda Backen of Lothair; and numerous nephews and nieces. Ron was preceded in death by a brother (Leonard) and a sister (Marlene).

Memorial services will be held at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 16th, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. The services will be officiated by Reverend Chuck Nowlen of the United Methodist Church. Dr. Richard Buker, nursing home physician, will share some personal comments. Cremation is planned according to Ron's wishes.

**DOROTHY M. SISK**  
**Born: March 15, 1914 - Died: November 3, 1991**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**November 5, 1991**

**Dorothy M. Sisk**

HUNGRY HORSE — Dorothy M. Sisk, 77, died of natural causes Sunday at North Valley Hospital.

A funeral service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Van Leuven Funeral Home. Burial will be 4 p.m. Tuesday at Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby. Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice.

She was born March 15, 1914, in Strathmore, Alta., the daughter of John and Catherine Rothwell. She was raised and educated in Alberta.

In 1963 she married Ben Sisk. They owned and operated Snow Slip Inn at Summit and then the Club Bar in Martin City.

Sisk spent winters in Mesa, Ariz., and summers in Hungry Horse.

She is survived by a sister, Pearl Richardson of Terrace, B.C.; two stepdaughters, Georgia Nelson of Shelby and Sue Fritz of Chester; one niece, Marlene McLeod of Ketmat, B.C.; four nephews, Steven McLeod, Jeff McLeod and Dean McLeod, all of Ketmat, B.C., and Geneva Sisk of Galata; and two great nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor Mantle, in 1961 and by her husband, Ben Sisk, in 1981.

**FRANCIS (FRANK) JOSEPH SKIERKA**  
**Born: November 6, 1907 - Died: May 19, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**May 22, 1991**

**Francis Skierka**

Francis Joseph "Frank" Skierka, 83, a former Chester area farmer, died Sunday in Pincher Creek, Alberta, where he had lived since 1987.

A prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Pincher Creek. His funeral will be in the church at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Eden's Funeral Home of Pincher Creek is in charge.

Born on Nov. 6, 1907, at Cameron, Wis., he moved to Montana with his parents in 1910 and settled on a farm south of Chester. He grew up there and acquired a farm of his own. He served in the Army-Air Corps during World War II.

Skierka married Alice Mansfield on June 20, 1945, in St. Ann's Cathedral in Great Falls. The couple reared nine children.

He bought a cattle ranch northwest of Lundbreck, Alberta, and the family moved to Canada in 1966. They lived there until moving to Pincher Creek in 1987.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Jack and Daniel, both of Lundbreck, David of Pincher Creek and Anthony of Claresholm, Alberta; daughters, Mrs. Howard (Ann) Enes and Mrs. Bruce (Jane) Cyr, both of Pincher Creek, and Mrs. Bryan (Susan) Warriner of Didsbury, Alberta; a sister, Aurelia Dalimata of West Glacier, and 29 grandchildren.

A son, Joe, died in 1980 and a daughter, Marie, died in 1953. Also preceding him were three brothers.



**JOANNE A. SMITH**  
**Born: October 23, 1939 - Died : January 19, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**January 23, 1991**

**Joanne Smith** # f

Joanne A. Smith, 51, of Great Falls, who formerly owned the Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream Store there, died from cancer Saturday in a Great Falls hospital.

Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at the Chapel of Chimes. Cremation has taken place and the ashes were buried in the Highland Cemetery.

Joanne was born October 23, 1939 in Joplin where she graduated from high school in 1957. She then attended Montana State University, graduating in 1962 with a degree in home economics. While at MSU, she was a member of the Phi Beta Phi sorority.

After graduating, she taught for a year in Joplin.

In 1963, she married Robb Smith in Joplin.

She later taught in Palos Verde, California and Los Angeles schools for six years. In 1977, they moved to Great Falls where she substitute taught. She was the owner of the Baskin-Robbins ice cream store from 1978 to 1989.

She enjoyed quilting.

She was preceded in death by two half-brothers.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Beth Ann Smith, both of Great Falls; a son, Timothy Smith, San Francisco; and a brother, Larry Anderson, Chester.

Chapel of Chimes was in charge of arrangements. Memorials can go to the American Cancer Society.

**ILLA ST. MARS**  
**Born: October 4, 1899 - Died: February 22, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 27, 1991**

### ***Illa St. Mars***

Illa St. Mars passed away Friday, February 22, 1991. Funeral services will be held March 1st at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre, Montana. Rosary will be at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home February 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Illa was born at Joliet, Illinois October 4, 1899 to Valentine Widlowski and Agnes Ratajezck. The family moved to Montana in 1910 and homesteaded northwest of Tiber, Montana. June 4, 1914 she married Joseph Fritz at Havre, Montana. To this union was born five children, Leonard and Raymond Fritz of Chester, Montana; Jean and Betty Struck of Mesa, Arizona; and Lillian Eggleston of Phoenix, Arizona.

Illa was preceded in death by husband Joseph, daughter Jean, her parents, two brothers and two sisters. She is survived by four children, 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren and by one sister Agnes Hull.

In 1961 she married Pete St. Mars. Pete passed away in 1968. She spent the rest of her remaining years in Havre and Mesa, Arizona.

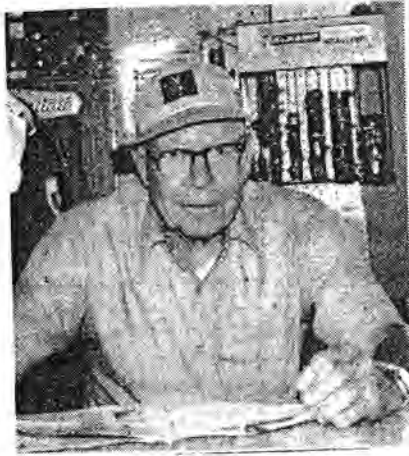
**CHARLES E. STEWART**  
**Born: ?, 1911 - Died : August 22, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 3, 1991**

***Charles E. Stewart***

Charles E. Stewart of Cape Coral, Florida passed away August 22, 1991, at his home. He was 80 years old. Charles had resided in Cape Coral for six years, moving from the Chester-Joplin area. Charles worked for the Montana Credit Union while residing in Chester.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Marion A. Stewart in 1981 in Chester. He is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Ann Fischer and son Ellis B. Stewart, both of Monroe, New York and his former daughter-in-law Judith Graff of Cape Coral, Florida (formerly of Joplin), eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**ALFRED WILLIAM STONE**  
**Born: June 14, 1914 - Died: February 17, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**February 27, 1991**



**Alfred Stone**

Alfred William Stone was born on June 14th, 1914 in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. He was the youngest son of nine children born to Hilma Blomst and William Stone. While growing up at Balsam Lake, he was affectionately known by his family as "Sonny". Following his formal education, Alfred began working in the carpentry trade. He also worked as a truck driver and logger in the Wisconsin lumber industry. On December 28th, 1937 he married Maxine Brebis at Center City, Minnesota. They lived and worked in Wisconsin and California before coming to Montana in 1950. Alfred worked on the Jim Pettapiece farm and for Grear Construction. He also worked on the Tiber Dam tunnel project and on bridge construction crews. Alfred's wife died in 1973 and he retired a few years later. He has made his home in Chester since that time. Following a short stay at the

Liberty County Hospital in Chester, he died on the evening of Sunday, February 17th. He was 76 years old...

In 1943 after the outbreak of World War II, Alfred was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served as a PFC in the 389th Field Artillery Battalion during the European African Middle Eastern campaign. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Alfred joined the Chester Methodist Church in 1955. He was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, and was a charter member of the local Sons of Norway.

Alfred had numerous hobbies. In his younger years he enjoyed playing hockey and was reportedly a "deadeye" with a slingshot. He had been an avid hunter who always practiced the idea that you only need "one shell in your gun". He loved to fish and had the "patience of Job" when it came to fishing. Alfred enjoyed yardwork and gardening, and he liked to help his friends and neighbors with related tasks. He loved to tinker on old vehicles or do "fix-it" projects around the house. He enjoyed playing horseshoes and cards (he was especially fond of cribbage and pinochle). In his quiet hours at home he liked to read. Alfred loved children and animals, and enjoyed babysitting the grandkids over the years...

Survivors include two sons, Stuart of Chester and Alfred "Spike" of Lincoln; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Susan) Story of Park City and Mrs. Mitch (Nancy) Hauge of Northpole, Alaska; ten grandchildren, including Collin, Kimberly, A.J., Angela, Carman, Tina, Zane, Ryan, Roy and Travis; two sisters, Priscilla Nelson of Balsam Lake, Wisconsin and Bernice Anderson of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin; and numerous nephews and nieces. Alfred was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by an infant son and daughter, a granddaughter (Tanya), a brother (William), and five sisters (Elsie, Vivadale, Lela, Letha and Norma).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 21st, at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Chuck Nowlen officiating. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by Karen Stack. Vocalist, Loren Hawks, sang "In the Garden". Ushers were Martin and Wilbur Eveland. Grandsons and friends serving as pallbearers included Collin Stone, A.J. Stone, Ryan Wickum, Zane Story, Glen Peterson, Vern Johnston and Kenneth Romain. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with military rites by the local VFW and American Legion organizations. A luncheon followed at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel. A memorial fund is being established...

**RICHARD ALLAN STRISSEL**  
**Born: January 6, 1968 - Died: August 30, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**September 3, 1991**



**Rick Strissel**

Richard Allan Strissel, 23 years of age, a resident of Havre, Montana, died August 30, 1991 following a train accident approximately four miles north of Ledger. There was a memorial service held in Havre Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Rev. George Sagissor officiating.

A memorial service will be held today (September 4, 1991) at 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Rev. Jeff Olsgaard officiating.

Richard was born January 6, 1968 in Chester, Montana to Allan and Delores (Genger) Strissel. He attended school in Rudyard and graduated from Blue Sky High School in 1987. He was active in sports at Blue Sky including football, basketball and track. He had set many sports records in his high school career. He also was a delegate to Montana Teen Institute (MTI) Camp. Richard attended Northern Montana College at Havre, Montana. While at NMC Richard was involved with (P.A.S.S.), Post Secondary Agriculture Student. He also attended Western Montana

College in Dillon, Montana where he played college football. He was a member of the Montana Trapshooters Association and American Trapshooters Association. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Rick is survived by his father, Allan Strissel of Rudyard; mother Delores Strissel of Havre; brother Bill Strissel and sister-in-law Nellie Strissel of Rudyard; brother David Strissel of Rudyard; sister Lana Strissel of Havre; uncles and aunts, Charles and Mitzi Genger of Havre, Dan and Barbara Schippman of Rapid City, South Dakota, Betty Strissel of Rudyard; three nephews, Jake, Matt and Josh Strissel; numerous cousins; girlfriend Krista Blake of Havre, good friends Jay Whitaker of Havre and Harvey Anderson of Havre.

A memorial in his honor will be established at a later date.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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**Richard Strissel**

HAVRE — Richard Allan Strissel, 23, a railroad man and avid sportsman of Havre, died Friday in a train accident four miles north of Ledger.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday in Havre at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Another memorial service will be held in Rudyard at Our Savior Lutheran Church at 11 a.m. Wednesday. A memorial in his honor will be established later.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

On Jan. 6, 1968, he was born in Chester to Allan and Delores (Genger) Strissel. He attended school in Rudyard and graduated from the Blue Sky High School in Rudyard in 1987. He set many records in high school sports at Blue Sky High, playing football, basketball and track.

He was also a delegate to Montana Teen Institute Camp.

He later attended Northern Montana College in Havre where he was involved with the Post Secondary Agriculture Student organization. He also attended Western Montana College in Dillon where he played football.

He was an avid trapshooter, hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his father of Rudyard and his mother of Havre; brothers, Bill and David, both of Rudyard; and a sister, Lana Strissel of Havre.

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**THELMA JESSIE SUNDGREN**  
**Born: June 26, 1912 - Died: October 14, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 23, 1991**



**Thelma Sundgren**

Thelma Jessie Sundgren passed into Glory this past Monday at the age of 79. She was born June 26th, 1912 in Clay County, Missouri, one of four daughters born to Ethel Everett and Jesse Tapp. Of interest is the fact that Thelma's grandparents had sharecropped a Missouri farm belonging to the notorious brothers, Frank and Jessie James. Thelma came to Montana as an infant with her parents on a special homestead train, and they settled west of Great Falls. In 1919 they moved into Great Falls where Thelma began her education. She attended the Emerson Elementary School and then graduated from the new Great Falls High School in 1933. After completing beauty school, she worked for a while as a hairdresser in Great Falls. Thelma was born with limited vision, so she understood the difficulties of the blind and visually-impaired. She and several other people were instrumental in the formation of a business enterprise that employed only the blind; this business was a vending stand located in the U.S. Post Office in Great Falls. Thelma

managed this business for several years. In 1948 she moved to the Chester community and began ranching with her husband, Swen. They lived on the farm located 16½ miles northeast of Chester. In 1959 they built a home in Chester, and moved there permanently in 1973. Although retired, they continued to remain active in the farming operations. Thelma's health was relatively good until six months ago. She recently moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home for special care. She died peacefully early Monday morning; October 14th...

In her younger years Thelma had numerous eye surgeries with only minimal correction. She didn't let this hamper her zest for life. She had been active in the United Methodist Church, the Dorcas Circle, and had held offices in the U.M.W. organization. In addition, she taught Sunday School for a number of years and loved to read the Bible. Thelma had also been active in the R.N.A., the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Democratic Women's Club. She loved handiwork like sewing, darning and crocheting (she had made many rugs, quilts, afghans, pillows, mittens and caps over the years). Even with poor eyesight, she was an immaculate homemaker and excellent cook. She enjoyed playing cards and board games. As a hobby she collected knickknacks, such as plates and salt-and-pepper shakers. Thelma had a tremendous love for music. She was an excellent pianist considering the fact that she couldn't see the sheet music; she simply memorized the notes and then played the beautiful chords. She loved to sing and dance, and encouraged her two sons to learn and appreciate music. Thelma had always been a very caring, considerate lady to her family and friends. And she had that special love for all of her grandkids...

She is survived by her husband, Swen of Chester; two sons, Harold (and wife, Marjorie) of Dickinson, North Dakota and Elvin (and wife, Janet) of Chester; seven grandchildren, including Tami, Keith, Paul, Haley, Kristie, Ashley and Eric; four great-grandchildren, including Jason, Renee, Stephine and Jessie; three sisters, Opal Powell of Fort Benton, Vera Sears of Great Falls, and Evelyn Sears of Edmonds, Washington; one aunt, Virginia Roberson of Great Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 17th; at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Chuck Nowlen officiating. Two special songs, "In the Garden" and "The Wind Beneath My Wings", were performed by Rudy Cicon and Tom Dunham. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by organist, Karen Stack. Ushers were Russ Tempel and Paul Johnson. Family members served as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers. The eulogy was shared by Evelyn Johnson. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon followed at the church.

**JOSEPHINE SCHROER SWANK**  
**Born: 7, 1905 - Died : December 24, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 26, 1991**

**Josephine Schroer Swank**

SHELBY — Josephine Schroer Swank, 86, died of natural causes at a local hospital Tuesday.

Her funeral will be 11 a.m. Friday at the Shelby Community Methodist Church. Burial will be in Mountainview Cemetery. Burns Funeral Home is in charge.

She was born in New York state and grew up in the Hingham area. She and Al Schroer, a Great Northern employee, were married in Havre in 1926. They lived in several communities before settling here. Her husband died in 1944.

She is survived by a son, Charles Schroer of Pawleys Island, S.C.; daughters, Lois Gagner of Shelby and Joanne Chandler of Spokane; 12 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She also was preceded in death by an infant daughter. *26 Dec 1991*

Married Donald "Casey" Swank.

**EDWARD GEORGE TEDDY**  
**Born: October 10, 1906 - Died: July 30, 1991**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**August 1, 1991**

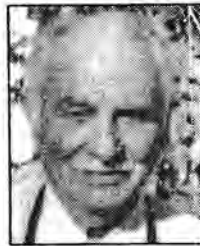
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**Edward George Teddy**

Edward George Teddy, 84, who worked with his son at Teddy's Jewelry, died in a local nursing home Tuesday after a long illness.

Services will be 11:15 a.m. Friday at the O'Connor Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Teddy, born Oct. 10, 1906 in Chester, attended schools in Chester and in Great Falls. While attending



**Teddy**

Great Falls High School, he participated in track and football, being part of the first Great Falls state championship football team in 1925. He graduated in 1926.

The next year, he married Lila A. Kurki in Great Falls.

After high school, Teddy served in the National Guard and then worked for National Laundry. He later held many other positions including supervisor and organizer of the Cascade County welfare program, a sales representative for Gamble Robinson and a sales representative at Ryan Mercantile.

He retired from Ryan in 1969 and later worked with his son at Teddy's Jewelry.

In addition to his work, he participated in the Eagle's Lodge and liked to bowl, fish and hunt.

Survivors include his wife; daughter, Connie Corontzos of Great Falls; sons, Ed Jr. of Great Falls and Bob of Reno, Nev.; brother, Phillip of Great Falls; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Gift of Life at Columbus Hospital.



## DANIEL THEODORE TEMPEL

Born: November 23, 1964 - Died: December 3, 1991

Liberty County Times

December 11, 1991



**Dan Tempel**

Daniel Theodore Tempel was born November 23rd, 1964 in Chester, Montana. He was the youngest of five children born to Elvina Cady and Theodore Tempel. Dan grew up on the family farm north of Joplin. He was baptized at the Immanuel Lutheran Church and confirmed at the Bethel Lutheran Church. He received his formal education in Joplin, graduating from J-I High School in 1983. In the few years that followed, Dan attended

Northern Montana College in Havre where he studied computer administration. Because of failing health due to a lifelong affliction of hemophilia, Dan dropped out of school and returned to Joplin. In 1988 he became a volunteer employee at the U.S.D.A. (S.C.S. Office) in Chester, where he worked in record maintenance and computer programming. His health continued to deteriorate, so he resigned his position at the S.C.S. Office this past June. He has lived and received medical care at his parents' home in Joplin, where he died on the morning of Tuesday (December 3rd). Dan had just turned 27 years old.

Dan had many hobbies. He enjoyed fishing, camping, golfing and bowling. He was an avid spectator fan of professional football and boxing. He liked to play cards of all kinds, but was especially fond of "pan". Dan was a dedicated movie buff (there weren't many movies he hadn't seen). He loved to read; he was proud of his collection of old comic books and he saved every "western" by Louis L'Amour. He enjoyed computers and video games.

During his high school years he contributed to the success of the boys basketball team by serving as manager.

A few years ago Dan was given a little pet dog, a Chinese chi'tzu. Even though the dog appeared petite, harmless, and cuddly, Dan's new pet was strong-willed and tough, so he gave it an appropriate name, "Duke". Dan and Duke were alot alike. Dan was small in stature with a quiet, unassuming personality, but he still earned the respect of his family and they referred to him affectionately as "Dan the Man". Dan was a man in the fact that he never blamed anyone for his disease, he went through excruciating pain and treatments without complaint, he exhibited no anger when complications developed, and he showed no fear even when death was near. It would have been understandable for Dan to have been hostile and bitter, but he simply accepted his situation, was happy to be here while he could be, and appreciated the love and affection of his family and friends...

Dan is survived by his parents, Ted

and Elvina of Joplin; two brothers and their wives, Edward and Kelly of Fremont, California and Greg and Trish of Joplin; one sister and her husband Renee and Mark Evans of Joplin; two nephews, Dusty and Matt; and three nieces, Tawnya, Kari and Kassandra. Dan was preceded in death by a brother, Jerry in 1988, and by a sister-in-law, Denise in 1989.

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Church in Joplin on Friday, December 6th, at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Allen Haugen officiated. The congregation sang "I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry", accompanied by organist, Susan Peterson. Vocal tributes by Sue Violett included "How Great Thou Art" and "The Wind Beneath My Wings". Ushers were Paul Johnson and Rex Gulick. Friends serving as pallbearers included Marty Wood, Gary Hodges, Rob Tempel, Dennis Henke, Jon Hodges and Ross Millar. Honorary bearers were listed as "friends and fellow workers at the S.C.S. Office". Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A luncheon followed at Kjos Hall in Joplin.

**STELLA EVA WARD THISSELLE**  
**Born: October 27, 1915 - Died: December 18, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 25, 1991**



*Stella Thisselle*

## **Stella Thisselle**

Stella Eva Ward was born in Chester, Montana on October 27th, 1915. She was one of six children born to Laura Martell and Les Ward, Chester area homesteaders. Stella received her early education at Rexford, Montana and completed her formal education at the Erickson School south of Chester. In the few years that followed she worked domestic jobs for several area ranches. November 3rd, 1934 she married Earl F. Thisselle at Shelby.

They made their home on the Marias River south of Chester where they farmed and ranched until 1953. Since then they have made their home in Chester. After moving to town, Stella worked parttime at the old Louise's Shoppe for several years.

Stella has battled rheumatoid arthritis for many years. Recently she developed severe complications and her general health deteriorated these past several months. She died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 18th. She was 76 years old...

Stella had been an excellent seamstress and had sewn many clothing items for her children and grandchildren over the years. As a hobby she collected plates and family photos. She enjoyed working crossword puzzles. Stella was a good homemaker and cook (her family will always remember her delicious "baking powder biscuits"). In their early married years, Stella and Earl liked to go square dancing or play cards with family and friends. Stella enjoyed traveling, and three years ago took a memorable motorhome trip to Alaska. She and Earl just celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary this past month...

In addition to her husband, Stella is survived by two sons, Stanley ("Pudge") of Chester and Vernon ("Buzz") of Missoula; one daughter, Beverly Pugsley of Chester; 13

grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; three brothers, Walter Ward of Fairfield, Aden Ward of Chester, and Larry Ward of Kalispell; two sisters, Vena McCulloch of Juneau, Alaska and Lila Laas of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Stella was preceded in death by her parents and two grandsons (Doug and Loren).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday (December 21st) at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Bill Mullette and Reverend Charlie Hanson officiating. Gail Cicon served as organist and the congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and "In the Garden". A special vocal number by B.J., Michele, and Bryan Oswood was "How Great Thou Art". Gail played a postlude organ rendition of Stella's favorite song, "After the Ball". Ushers were Dallas Denter and Ron Wolery. Several of Stella's grandkids and nephews served as pallbearers. Following interment in the Chester Cemetery, a reception was held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

**EDWIN CLIFFORD TOFSLIE**  
**Born: February 6, 1923 - Died: March 3, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 3, 1991**

***Edwin Tofslie***

Edwin Clifford Tofslie, 68, of Three Forks, died Sunday, March 3, at Mountain View Care Center in Bozeman.

He was born February 6, 1923, in Reynolds, North Dakota, to Evan and Gunver Tofslie. He was raised and went to grade school in Reynolds, until his early teens when he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps where he received his high school diploma.

He joined the Air Force in March 1943 serving as a chief mechanic and top turret gunner on a B-17 in World War II.

After the war he lived in Dutton until 1948 when on June 18 he married Alice Guiot at Three Forks.

The family made their home in Brady and Joplin where he farmed until 1962 when they moved to Havre. In 1963 they moved to the Gallatin Valley.

He was a member of the Dry Creek Bible Church north of Belgrade, the VFW and the Three Forks Senior Center.

He enjoyed being around his family. He also enjoyed oil painting, fishing and hunting, and cribbage.

He is survived by his wife Alice of Three Forks; four sons and daughters-in-law, Arlen and Vickie Tofslie of Laurel, Roger and Joanne Tofslie of Belgrade, Wayne and Val Tofslie of Billings, and Tracy and Renee Tofslie of Bozeman; two

daughters and sons-in-law, Pat and Ken Poelman of Manhattan, and Mary and Tom Lawrence of Bozeman; three brothers, Lyle Sander of Newberg, Oregon, Vernon and Alfred Sander, both of Grand Forks, North Dakota; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and his parents.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 7, at 1:00 p.m. in the K & L Mortuary, Three Forks Chapel, with Pastor Arlen Tofslie of Grace Bible Church of Laurel officiating. Military honors were presented at the graveside by Three Forks VFW and American Legion. Interment was in the Fairview Cemetery at Three Forks.

Memorials may be made to the Dry Creek Bible Church, Haiti Sister Church Fund, 8465 Dry Creek Road, Belgrade 59714.

**ANDORA LOUISE TUTVEDT**  
**Born: September 9, 1897 - Died: February 12, 1991**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**February 14, 1991**

**Andora Tutvedt**

KALISPELL — Andora Louise Tutvedt, 93, who farmed with her husband, died from natural causes Tuesday in the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday in the Stillwater Lutheran Church. Friends and family may visit at the Johnson Mortuary until 8 p.m. Thursday. Private family burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

She was born Sept. 9, 1897, in Kragero, Norway. She came to the United States in 1919 and worked three years in Hastings, N.D. and one year in Minneapolis before moving to Kalispell.

In 1925, she married Hans P. Tutvedt in Kalispell. They moved to the Stillwater community in 1929 when they started farming and bought their own farm in 1940. They lived on that farm for 58 years.

In 1988, she and her husband moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons.

Survivors include her husband; sons, Harold and Paul Tutvedt; daughters, Thelma Johnson, all of Kalispell, and Doris Knox, Winifred; a sister, Nina Pearson, Warren, Ore.; 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

Johnson Mortuary is handling the arrangements.

Memorials suggested to the Immanuel Lutheran Home or the Pew Fund at the Stillwater Lutheran Church. *f-6 14-1991*

**ALFRED MILTON VOSS**  
**Born: January 5, 1926 - Died: March 25, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 3, 1991**

**Alfred Voss**

Alfred Milton Voss, 65, a longtime Rudyard area farmer, died of a massive heart attack Monday, March 25 at his home in Tracy, Montana.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28 in Christ United Methodist Church in Great Falls, Montana. Cremation took place after the service. Private burial of ashes was to be held later in Highland Cemetery. O'Connor Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice.

Alfred was born January 5, 1926, in Chinook, Montana and attended school in Chinook and Havre. He was wounded while serving in the Army in the European Theater during World War II.

Voss married Doris Pauline Fjeld on November 1, 1943, in Chester. The couple lived in Havre and Chester before moving to Hamilton where they farmed for six years. From there they moved to the Rudyard area and farmed for 31 years. He sold the farm in 1989 because of ill health and the couple moved to Great Falls. They had moved to Tracy two weeks before last Christmas.

He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Eagles Lodge in Havre, the Elks Lodge in Great Falls and Christ United Methodist Church. He also was active in the Methodist Church in Inverness and was a Cub Scout leader for many years.

Survivors include his wife of Tracy; daughters, Mrs. Peter (Carol) Madsen of Great Falls and Colleen Voss of Monroe, Wisconsin; a son, Michael Voss of Missoula; a sister, Irene Miller of Havre, and three step-grandchildren.

**ALICE S. WALLA**  
**Born: September, 1911 - Died: November 15, 1991**  
**Great Falls Tribune**  
**November 17, 1991**

**Alice S. Walla**

KALISPELL — Alice S. Walla, 80, a retired nurse and missionary, died Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Home of natural causes.

Her funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Johnson Chapel. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Born Sept. 3, 1911, at Rolette, N.D., she attended schools there and at the Lutheran Academy in Grand Forks, N.D. She took her nurse's training at Good Samaritan Hospital in Rugby, N.D., graduating in 1935.

She married Joseph L. Walla in 1945. He was ordained as a Lutheran minister and they served the mission field in Columbia, South America, for four years. Later he served Lutheran parishes in North Dakota, Washington and at Chester and Ledger in Montana.

The couple retired to Kalispell in 1988.

Survivors are her husband, of Kalispell; a sister, Clara Underdal of Shelby, and two brothers, Ole Vetrus of Colfax, Wash., and Clough Vetrus of Hudson, Mass.

**VIRGIL A. WELLS**  
**Born: December 18, 1894 - Died: November 16, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**December 4, 1991**

# Obituary

## **Virgil A. Wells**

Graveside funeral services for Virgil A. Wells, 96, were held November 19th, at Bethel Cemetery at Steptoe, Washington. The Rev. Jack Doak officiated for the services. Mr. Wells, a long-time Plummer resident, died November 16 in St. Maries, Idaho.

He was born December 18, 1894 in Penalasa, Kansas, to Stephen and Sarah Kent Wells. He grew up near Elberton, Washington, and as a young man he worked as a farm hand.

Mr. Wells married Alice Jackson December 18, 1914 in Colfax, Washington. They lived at St. John and Elberton, Washington, where Mr. Wells worked on farms.

They moved to Plummer in 1924. Mr. Wells brought his own farm in Plummer in 1929 and ranched until his retirement in 1976. His wife died in 1964.

Mr. Wells was a 60 year member of the Plummer Odd Fellows Lodge, and a member of the Plummer Grange.

He was known around Chester, Montana as he spent his summers here and on a few occasions was a patient of Dr. Richard Buker at the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home.

He is survived by two daughters, Dora Christenot of Chester, and Gladys Bruce of Dillon, Montana; a sister, Dora Banning of Las Vegas, Nevada; four grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, William.

Pallbearers were Philip Lampert, Ralph Lampert, Harry Heimbigner, Stanley Heimbigner, William McCormick and Roger Heimbigner.

Yates-Hodge Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**WALTER S. (WIMPY) WELSH**  
**Born: March 24, 1924 - Died: March 13, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**March 20, 1991**

## ***Walter Welsh***

Funeral services for Walter S. (Wimpy) Welsh, 66 years of age, a resident of Hingham, Montana who died March 13, 1991 at Hingham were held Saturday, March 16, 1991 at the First Lutheran Church in Havre, Montana with the Rev. Gerald Ebelt officiating. The Crossbearer was Louie Lotton. Soloist Terry Stevenson sang "Montana Melody", "Fields of Grain" and "The Lord's Prayer". Organist was Sharon Spicher. Ushers were Michael Lipp and Michael Farnik. Pallbearers included Walter Meyers, Bill Spicher, Richard Spicher, Joseph Minnehan, Robert Rathbun, Otto Farnik and Phil Lipp. Burial followed at the Highland Cemetery with Military Graveside Honors by the Havre Honor Guard.

Walter was born March 24, 1924 at Havre, Montana to Steve and Doris (Erdman) Welsh. He was raised and attended school in Hingham, graduating from Hingham High School in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II, being discharged in 1945. After his discharge, Walter returned to Hingham. October 7, 1945, he married the former Doris Wilson at Havre. After their marriage, the couple farmed at Hingham. Walter was also a rural mail carrier in the Hingham area for over 20 years.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP), Chester American Legion and the Hingham Lutheran Church. He was an avid fisherman and hunter.

Walter is survived by his wife of Hingham; two daughters, Judy Larson of Conrad and Kathleen Aspevig of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Clara Wise of Hingham and Alyce Woolway of Bakersfield, California; three brothers, Clarence of Great Falls, Chester of Hingham and Orville of Gildford; and two grandchildren, Shari and Scott Larson. He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter Shelley Welch and one sister Doris.

Memorial funds will be given to the Hingham Economic Development Association (community center), the Hingham Quick Response Unit or the Rudyard Ambulance service.

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



## WESLEY WILLIAM WHITAKER

Born: September 21, 1906 - Died: November 7, 1991

Liberty County Times

November 13, 1991



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### Wesley Whitaker

Wesley William Whitaker was born in Grandville, North Dakota on September 21st, 1906. He was one of five sons born to Laura McGuinness and George Whitaker. At age 6 Wesley came to Montana with his family, and they homesteaded north of Rudyard in the Goldstone community. He attended country school near the farm. In the years that followed, Wesley worked in the Canada Coulee coal mines located in northern Hill County. June 14th, 1935 he married Ida A. Hall at Conrad. They continued working at Canada Coulee until 1942, when they began farming north of Hingham. They retired in 1987 and moved into Hingham, where they have lived since. Wes' health remained good over the years, but began to fail in recent months. He became ill at home this past Thursday (November 7th) and was taken by ambulance to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He died at the age of 85 years...

Wes was an avid hunter and

fisherman. He enjoyed being in the "great outdoors". He had been a hard worker during all of his life, and was reluctant to retire (even at age 81!). In his quiet hours at home Wes liked to read (he was especially fond of National Geographics). Wes and Ida raised nine children during their 56 years of married life together. They were very content with their life, their family, and their friends...

In addition to his wife, Ida of Hingham, Wes is survived by four sons, Russell of Furnly, Nevada, Richard of Madera, California, Kenneth of Shelby, and Wesley of Rudyard; four daughters, Lorraine Habner of Ellensburg, Washington, Loretta Whitaker of Shelby, Myrtle Ann Rubash of Kelliher, Minnesota, and Patty Penner of Buhler, Kansas; 31 grandchildren 26 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Wes was preceded in death by his parents, by four brothers, and by a daughter (Emily Bjerkness in 1989).

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 12th, at the Hingham Lutheran Church. The services were conducted by Pastor Tom Dunham of the Chester parish. Assisting with the services was Wes' grandson, Charles Habner. Sharon Spicher served as organist, and Jerry Toner sang "In the Garden" and "Whispering Hope". Ushers were Denny Anderson and Robert Greytak. Wesley's four sons and two family friends, Clarence Wood and Gilbert VandeSandt, served as pallbearers. Interment was in the Hingham Cemetery with funeral arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A coffee hour followed at the church.

**EDWARD A WURTZ**  
**Born: May 16, 1957 - Died: October 21, 1991**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**October 23, 1991**

***Edward A. Wurtz***

Edward A. ("Eddie") Wurtz, age 34, of the Sage Creek Hutterite Colony, died Monday morning (October 21st) at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. Eddie had been diagnosed with cancer just over a year ago and died from complications resulting from the disease...

Edward A. Wurtz was born in Choteau, Montana on May 16th, 1957. He was one of seven children born to Mary P. Waldner and Andrew J. Wurtz. At age four he came to the Sage Creek Colony north of Chester with his family. It was there that he received his education and learned the skills of a plumber. November 1st, 1981 he married Elsie Kleinsasser. They have lived and worked at Sage Creek since that time. Edward was affectionately known by his family as "Yapper".

Edward's survivors include his wife, Elsie; two sons, Jason and Kenny; one daughter, Amanda, all of Sage Creek Colony; his parents, Andrew and Mary Wurtz of Sage Creek Colony; two brothers, Joe and Tim Wurtz, both of Sage Creek Colony; four sisters, Mary Kleinsasser of Sage Creek Colony, Anna Hofer and Mathilda Hofer, both of the Ridgeland Colony in Bozana, Alberta, and Helen Wipf of the Milford Colony at Augusta; his mother-in-law, Anna Kleinsasser of Riverview Colony; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will begin at 12:15 pm. Wednesday, October 23rd, at the Sage Creek Colony Church. Services will be conducted by a colony minister, Paul Wipf. Burial will be in the Sage Creek Colony Cemetery. Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester assisted in the initial arrangements.

**JACOB ZIER**  
**Born: September 28, 1900 - Died: March 10, 1991**  
**Renton-Valley Daily News- Wa.**  
**March 11, 1991**

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Monday, March 11, 1991

**Renton man dies of injuries from accident**

**RENTON** - A 90-year-old Renton man who had been struck by a car while jaywalking last month died Sunday.

Jake Zier died at 9:20 a. m. at Valley Medical Center, a King County Medical Examiner's Office spokesman said. An autopsy is scheduled for today.

Zier was struck Feb. 2 as he crossed in the middle of the 300 block of Williams Avenue South. Renton police said the driver, a 16-year-old Renton girl, apparently did not see Zier until he was right in front of the car. The accident is still under investigation.

Jacob Ziers' father was a homesteader in the George community in the homestead era. His father died in 1918 here and is buried in the Erickson Cemetery. Some of the Zier children were born here. He was here a few years ago visiting Josie Wolfe and I did a tape on him. They went to school together.

April 1991: Wife--Mrs Marie Zier  
11620 Ranier Ave. So. #308  
Seattle, WA 98178

Jacob Zier <sup>Wally 2</sup>  
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Longtime Renton resident Jacob Zier

died March 10, 1991, in Renton. He was 90.

Mr. Zier was born Sept. 28, 1900, in Odessa, Wash. He worked as an instructor for Seattle Community College, retiring in 1966. Mr. Zier was a 12-year member of the Renton Mayors Advisory Board for the Renton Senior Citizens Center, a member of the Lakeridge Lutheran Church, Renton Historical Society and the Renton Senior Citizens Center. He loved working in his yard, being involved with church activities and making cabinets from wood.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Zier of Renton, two sons, Delbert (Gerry) Zier of Portland, Ore. and Vernon (May) Zier of Seattle, a brother, Herman Zier of Walla Walla, a sister, Eva Britton of Talent, Ore.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday at Greenwood Memorial Park Chapel. Burial will be at Greenwood Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to Lakeridge Lutheran Church. Arrangements are by Stokes Mortuary in Renton.

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**Jacob ZIER**

90, died in Renton March 10. He was the beloved husband of Marie. Father of Delbert and Vernon. Brother of Eva Britton and Herman Zier. Grandfather of three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Service will be Friday, 1 p.m., at Greenwood Memorial Park Chapel. Memorials to Lakeridge Lutheran Church. **STOKES MORTUARY, RENTON** in charge of arrangements.

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