

CLARENCE PAUL AEVERMANN

Born: January 10, 1916 - Died: February 20, 1995

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Clarence Aevermann

Clarence Paul Aevermann was born on the family homestead near Rudyard on January 10, 1916. He was the eldest of two children and the only son of Matilda Koch and Louis Aevermann. Clarence grew up on the family farm 1 1/2 miles south of town and he received his education in Rudyard. He farmed with his folks and made his home in the Rudyard community his entire life. His father died in 1952. After his mother died in 1978, Clarence retired from farming and leased his place to Bob Christenson. He continued to live on the farm until this past fall, when he moved to the Personal Care wing at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. Clarence suffered from complications of diabetes and eventually transferred to the nursing home for daily care. His health deteriorated quickly this past week and he died at the Liberty County Hospital on the early morning of Monday, February 20. He was 79 years old.

Clarence was baptized and confirmed at the former St. John's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. After the church closed in 1976, he transferred his membership to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havre where he has remained a loyal parishioner since. Clarence had also been active in the Farmer's Union organization.

When he wasn't working on the farm, he spent his time in and around the Hi-Line community. He loved attending auction sales; he enjoyed the social aspect of auctions and he kept meticulous records on what all the items sold for. Clarence also enjoyed fishing in his earlier days. During his quiet time at home, he liked to read or watch television.

Clarence was a gentle, kind person. Everyone who knew him, liked him. Although he never married and had a family of his own, Clarence was a loyal and supportive friend to his sister and her children.

Clarence's surviving family include his sister, Mrs. Clarence (Irene) Struck of Kalispell; two nephews, Clifford and Darvin Struck, both of Kalispell; and three great-nephews and nieces.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, February 24 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Pastor Chris Brandt of Havre officiated. Iris White was organist and the congregation sang "Beautiful Savior" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives". Vocalist Jerome Lincoln performed "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Ushers were Chuck Cross and Bud Een. Following the services a luncheon was provided by WELCA in the church basement. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home in Chester.

Clarence was cremated per his wishes and his ashes were scattered on his farm.

KIRBY ROYCE ALBRIGHT

Born: October 7, 1963 - Died: April 6, 1995

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Kirby R. Albright

Kirby Royce Albright was born in Chester, Montana on October 7th, 1963. He was one of two children born to Gerald Albright and Verna Lehrman. Kirby grew up in Chester and graduated from C.H.S. in 1982. Following high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Tucson, Arizona for four years. He was transferred to Bentwaters Air Force Base in England, where he met his wife-to-be, Caroline L. Sisson. They were married at Woodbridge, England on March 17th, 1990. They came back to the States in 1991, stationed at Minot, North Dakota. While there Kirby was diagnosed with cancer. Following medical treatments, he was honorably discharged in 1994. Kirby and his family came back to Montana, where they lived north of Galata on the Dexter

Aspevig farm. He continued to receive medical examinations and treatments. Recently his condition worsened, so he went to Denver for tests. Kirby passed away on the evening of Thursday (April 6th, 1995) at the Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was 31 years young.

Kirby had planned to make the Air Force his career. At the time of his medical discharge, he had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant E-6. during his 12-year enlistment, he served as an Aerospace Propulsion Journeyman and Jet Engine Technician. He served in support of Desert Shield/Storm from 1990-1994.

Kirby was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Since moving to the Galata community, he and Caroline became active at the Devon Lutheran Church.

During his high school years in Chester, Kirby participated in wrestling, football, boxing, photography, school plays, and music (he sang in the school choir, Men's Ensemble and "Choralliers"). He continued to enjoy music and his favorite group was the "Eagles". Kirby remained an avid football fan and he had a large collection of Dallas Cowboy memorabilia.

Kirby will always be remembered for his quiet, compassionate manner and his love for the outdoors, hunting, fishing, golfing and water-skiing. But most of all he had great love and dedication for his family. In fact, on the day of his passing Kirby was still thinking positive about getting well and

taking his kids to Disneyland.

Survivors include his wife, Caroline, and two children, Danielle (age 4) and Brandon (age 1), all of Galata; his parents, Jerry & Jan Albright of Devon and Verna & Gale Welch of Missoula; two sisters, Mrs. Mark (Kathy) Duffy of Helena and Kyla Welch of Missoula; one step-sister, Sandy Johns of Missoula; his parents-in-law, Christine and Keith Sisson of England; sister-in-law, Melanie Sisson of England; grandparents, Lester and Bertha Standley of Cascade; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Undesignated memorials will be placed in a fund for Kirby's children at the Norwest Bank in Chester, Montana.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday (April 12th) at the Devon Lutheran Church with Reverend Tom Hux officiating. The vocal quartette of Calvin & Peggy Kanning and Art & Diana Adamson will perform "Spirit Song". Vocalist, Carole Hanson, will sing "On Eagle's Wings". Hazel Munson, organist, will accompany the congregation to "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Ushers will be Pat Brinkman and Jerry Gjesdal. Pallbearers will be Mark Duffy, Shawn Meissner, Blaine Meissner, Doug Kimball, David Pugsley and Kurt Kammerzell. Memorial bearers are Dean Miller, Jody Krejci and all of Kirby's other good friends. Graveside services are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at the Chester Cemetery. Military rites are planned. A luncheon hosted by the Devon and Chester WELCA's will follow at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

GLEN LEROY ALEX

Born: February 9, 1914 - Died: February 15, 1995

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Glen Alex

Glen LeRoy Alex was born on the family homestead north of Hingham, Montana on February 9th, 1914. His parents were Anthony and Nettie (Greb) Alex and he was the youngest of seven children. He grew up in the Hingham community and graduated from Hingham High School in 1933. In the few years that followed Glen helped build dams and highways for the W.P.A. and also worked on thrashing crews in the Hi-Line area.

On October 11th, 1935 he married Claudette Meyer in Hingham. They made their home in Hingham for several years. Glen farmed for his father-in-law, Mike Meyers, and then became a partner in the Ford Dealership in Chester for awhile. After selling his interests in the Chester business, they bought a farm south of Inverness and Glen continued to operate that place the rest of his working life. He and Claudette have made their home in Inverness since 1937 - a great place to raise their five daughters. In addition they acquired a cabin at Swan Lake and enjoyed summer activities there. Glen and Claudette also liked their winter trips with friends to Las Vegas. In fact, they were recently in Vegas where they celebrated Glen's 81st birthday. Unfortunately, he wasn't feeling well so they came home a day early. He was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. Following a five-day stay there he died on the evening of Wednesday (Feb. 15th, 1995).

Glen was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. He was also active in the Elks and Eagles of Havre. In his early years he enjoyed bird hunting and fishing, and had been active in local bowling leagues. Glen liked to play cards (especially "pan" and cribbage) and enjoyed listening to music. He has always been an avid basketball fan; he played on a high school championship team, he played in the adult town-team leagues, he served as a high school basketball referee, he enjoyed watching college and NBA hoops on television, he loved attending boys and girls high school basketball games, and he was proud to watch all of his grandkids who played the game!

Glen enjoyed putting in his shop. He was a good mechanic who could always come up with some imaginative "short cut" to a problem. His skills as a welder were exceptional; he always said "he could weld anything but the 'break of day'". When he bought the farm, it was mostly sod, so he had to break it up. His life in farming dated back to horse-drawn implements, then to the purchase of his first "Big Brother" tractor, and now to the mega-horsepower engines of today. His pride and joy was his "900 Versatile"; he was the only one who could stand the noise, but he loved the power of this working machine!

Glen always enjoyed telling his kids and grandkids stories of the early days and people on the Hi-Line. He loved to cut a good wheat crop but he hated to mow the lawn! He loved to be with his family, especially at Swan Lake when he could simply relax under the shade of a tree and watch them all have a good time.

Glen has always had a "dry wit" and good sense of humor. He was easy to talk to and easy to like. For years family and friends have called him "Snuffy", a nickname affectionately given because of his love for "W.B. Cut" chewing tobacco.

Glen and Claudette celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary this past October. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters and spouses, including Purnee & Frank Altman of Havre, Arlita & Ken Fenner

of Deer Lodge, Leota & Don Hansen of Rudyard, Dana & Jan Phillips of Inverness, and Doral & Darwin Anderson of Rudyard; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, John Alex of Hingham; three sisters, Myrtle Ditmar of Rudyard, Eleanor Rathbun of Havre, and Mildred Sedivy of Hingham; and numerous nephews and nieces. Glen was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers (Eddie, Harry and Tony).

Rosary Prayers were recited at 7:00 p.m. Sunday (Feb. 19th) at Sacred Heart Church in Inverness. The Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Joseph Marmion at the church on Monday at 11:00 a.m. Iris White served as organist. Vocalists, Marcus Jochim and Lacey Fisher, performed "Hail Mary", "Hymn of Promise", "Beautiful Savior", and "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Ushers were Bob Rathbun and Chuck Lineweaver. Pallbearers included Frank Altman, Kenneth Fenner, Donald Hansen, Jan Phillips, Darwin Anderson and Darwyne Cady. Altar servers were Kaleb Phillips and Brandon Anderson. The communion gifts were presented by Ken and Eileen Han and LaVern McFadden. Eulogist was Alan Alex. Interment was at the Inverness Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

(The obituary for Glen Alex is being published in its entirety this week. The Times regrets the omission last week.)

MARY VACH BAKIC

Born: May 31, 1912 - Died: May 31, 1995

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Mary Bakic

Mary Bakic, resident of the Bangor district passed away on May 31 at the Yorkton Regional Health Center. She was 83 years of age. Mary Vach Bakic was born on May 31, 1912 in Kovalo, Slovakia, a daughter of Ignac and Roszelia (nee Pavelkova) Vach. She was baptized and confirmed in Slovakia and received her education there. On March 15, 1930 she was united in marriage to Vendelin Bakic from Oreske, Slovakia at Kapuskasing, Ontario. The couple moved to Bangor, Saskatchewan in the early 1930s to establish their farm. They went through many hardships and illnesses but through it all Mary always found a better tomorrow with the Lord's help. The couple worked hard and cleared the land and made a home for themselves. She was an avid gardener, always proud of her beautiful flowers, fruit trees and vegetable garden. She enjoyed cooking and making fancy pastries and she used to help cook at many weddings, church dinners and loved to entertain her many friends. She also loved attending bingos and playing cards. In her quieter years, she loved to do fancy work and write letters to her family and friends. She always had time for her family and was a very devoted wife and mother. On March 5, 1976 Vendel passed away and following that time Mary continued to stay on the farm with the assistance of her son, Milan. A devoted church member, Mary attended the Our Lady of Victories R.C. Church in Esterhazy, St. Michael's in Bangor, St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Stockholm. She was a member of the Slovak League in Winnipeg, the C.W.L. in Bangor and New Horizon Lodge.

Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her parents; daughters, Yolanda and Anne Muncy; son-in-law, Jennings Mattson; grandson, Stefan Mattson and by sisters: Angela, Anna and Celia.

She leaves to mourn her passing and to cherish her memory her son, Milan of Bangor (and friend Jean Rathgeber of Melville); her daughter, Olga Mattson of Chester, Montana; a grandson, Michael Mattson of Chester, and two granddaughters, Kathryn and her husband Ernie Johnson of Belgrade, Montana and Teresa and her husband Wes Fenger of Galata, Montana; two great-grandsons, Kevin and Bryce Fenger of Galata; two sisters, Caroline and Philomena, both in Slovakia; a sister-in-law, Eleanor Szynal of Morrow Bay, California, a special nephew, Dr. Frank and his wife Dr. Adelaide Elliott of Morrow Bay, California; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and her many other relatives and friends.

The Christian Wake Service was held Sunday evening June 4 from St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Bangor. Ivadelle Appel was the Lay-Presider, assisted by Mildred Thiele. The organist, Joan Bomberak led members of the Parish Choir in the singing of the hymns, "Come Back to Me", "The Lord Is My Shepherd", "How Great Thou Art". Mrs. Bomberak also read the poem, "Footprints".

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, June 5 from St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Bangor with Rev. Father Lorne Crozon as celebrant. Organist, Joan Bomberak led members of the parish choir and the congregation in the singing of the hymns "Be Not Afraid", "Come To Me", "Amazing Grace", "For the Beauty of the Earth" and "Immaculate Mary". A tribute to Mary was given by Kathryn Johnson and Teresa Fenger was the lay-reader. Ushers were David Jakubowski and Walter Mihalicz. Honorary pallbearers were Alice Huber, Betty Varga, Theresa Bucsis,

Agnes Havlick, Christine Skoloda, Mary Balacz, Ellis Mihalicz, Tony Bomberak, Hugh Jones, E.O. Lewis, Hans Dutchek and John Sukenik. The crossbearer was Amanda Piesinger and the altarservers were Melinda and Michelle Piesinger. Interment followed in the Parish Cemetery with Michael Mattson, Wes Fenger, Ronnie Mihalicz, Allynn Jurick, Tim Schick and Jerome Bomberak serving as the Casketbearers. Arrangements were entrusted to Bailey's Funeral Home.

MICHAEL RAE BALSLEY
Born: September 8, 1955 - Died: June 25, 1995
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Michael Balsley

Michael Rae Balsley, 39, of 5956 Ferry Drive, died of cardiac arrest on Sunday, June 25 at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena.

He was born September 8, 1955 in Chester to Roy and Karen Balsley. He was a 1973 graduate of Chester High School. Mike worked in the oilfields as a "roughneck" for ten years. He attended Portland College of Legal Arts and Portland Community College graduating with a degree in Industrial Video. He moved to Helena in 1991. He worked as a professional video cameraman.

On June 8, 1974, he married Shelly Allen in Glasgow. He was a devoted husband and father of four children.

Friends were especially important to him. He often joked, "I'm so far behind in helping my friends." He loved camping and the outdoors and loved to go to auctions with his brother.

Survivors include his wife, Shelly Balsley of Helen; children, Cheyloh, Michael, Shannon and Jamie, all at home; parents, Roy and Karen Balsley of Chester; two brothers, Phillard Balsley of Helena and "Fuzzy" Balsley of Chester; a sister, Marilyn Kealoha of Chester; and numerous nieces,

nephews and cousins.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. until noon, followed by a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 29th at the Retz Funeral Home in Helena.

Honorary pallbearers were Bill Allick, Duane Gregor, Greg Shields, Pat Myers, Gary Tyree, Mark Richford, Phillard Balsley and Jeff Propp.

A reception for family and friends was held following the memorial service at the Bavarian Room, Hoffbrau Restaurant.

The family suggests memorials to the children of Mike Balsley, 5956 Ferry Drive, Helena, Montana.

Michael Balsley

A former Glasgow resident, Michael Rae Balsley, 39, of 5956 Perry Drive, Helena, died of cardiac arrest at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena June 25, 1995.

A son of Roy and Karen Balsley, he was born Sept. 8, 1955, in Chester where he graduated from high school. He married Shelly Allen in Glasgow June 8, 1974. He worked in the oil fields as a roughneck for 10 years. Later, he attended Portland College of Legal Arts and Portland Community College in Portland, Ore., graduating with a degree in industrial video. He and his family moved to Helena in 1991 where he worked as a professional video camera man. He was devoted to his family and friends were especially important to him. He often joked, "I'm so far behind in helping my friends." He enjoyed camping, the outdoors and going to auctions with his brother.

Survivors include the widow, Shelly, in their Helena home; children, Cheyloh, Michael, Shannon and Jamie, all at home; his parents, Roy and Karen Balsley of Chester; two

brothers, Phillard Balsley of Helena and Fuzzy Balsley of Chester; a sister, Marilyn Kealoha; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; and his mother-in-law, Darlene Keil of Glasgow.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until noon, followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m., June 29, at the Retz Funeral Home.

A reception for family and friends will be after the service at the Bavarian Room/Hoffbrau Restaurant, 908 Euclid Ave. The family suggests that memorials go to his children.

CARMEN MAE BARRY

Born: December 30, 1990 - Died: November 17, 1995

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November 22, 1995

Carmen Barry

Carmen Mae Barry was born in Whitefish, Montana on December 30th, 1990. She was the oldest of two children born to Wanda Mae Hawks and James Lewis Barry IV. Her short 5 years of life were spent at the family home in Columbia Falls. Carmen was a healthy, happy girl who developed "flu"-like symptoms this past Wednesday. She died early Friday morning (November 17th, 1995) from complications of acute peritonitis at the Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Carmen had just started preschool at the Glacier Christian School in Columbia Falls. She recently completed beginners swimming lessons. She was a dedicated animal lover; she was presently caring for three kittens and her pet-mule named "Hee-Haw". She also had a large collection of stuffed animals.

The Barry's have a small construction business and Carmen loved riding in the trucks with her mother. She always insisted that they make an "ice cream stop", which they did. Carmen announced on numerous occasions that she was going to be a "truck driver" when she grew up!

Carmen and her Gramma Hawks had become "best buddies" after Gramma bought a place in Columbia Falls near them.

Carmen's family includes her parents, James & Wanda Barry of Columbia Falls; brother, James Lewis Barry V; half-sisters, Tina Richardson and Wendy McSloy, both of Columbia Falls; paternal grandparents, James Barry III of Kansas City, Missouri and Ann Munholland of El Dorado Springs, Missouri; maternal grandmother, Frances Hawks of Chester; maternal great-grandfather, Alva Shettel of Chester; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Carmen is also survived by some special neighbors, whom she affectionately referred to as "Grandma

and Grandpa Fisher". She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Leo Hawks (of Chester).

Funeral services were held at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls at 7:00 p.m. Monday (November 20th). Reverend Pat Pierce and Reverend Darrell Newby officiated. The congregation sang "Jesus Loves Me", "When the Role is Called Up Yonder", and "My Savior First of All", with accompaniment by Vivian Christiansen. A vocal tribute, "How Great Thou Art", was sung by Pastor Newby. Friends serving as pallbearers included Olaf Fisher, Charlie Fisher, Perry Pagett, and Russ Vukonich. A luncheon followed at the church.

Graveside services were held at the Chester Cemetery in Chester, Montana at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday. Graveside prayers were by Reverend Newby. A vocal tribute, "Face to Face" was sung by family friend, Delores Matteson. A church coffee hour followed the burial services at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.



NELSON GARRETT BINGHAM

Born: December 3, 1911 - Died: September 30, 1995

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Nelson Bingham

Nelson Garrett Bingham was born in Great Falls, Montana on December 3rd, 1911. He was the only son of two children born to James and Achsa (Parsell) Bingham. His father came to Montana in 1903 and settled on "Squatter's Rights" near Police Coulee north of the Sweet Grass Hills. So Nelson's early years were spent on the ranch. When his father became ill in 1918, the Bingham's moved to Kalispell and purchased a small farm near Kila, where Nelson attended first grade. The family returned to the Whittlash area ranch in 1920. Nelson finished his grade school education at the Bear Gulch County School. His high school years were spent in Chester, Spokane and Havre where he graduated from H.H.S. in 1932. Following his education, he returned to the family ranch and has lived there since.

Nelson married Beva L. Lester of Kalispell on September 17, 1937. There were three daughters born to this union. In addition to farming and ranching, Nelson became active in the oil business in 1950. He and his partner, Richard Barnett, drilled several wells for the Anaconda Copper Company before going into business on their own. He has been an independent oil producer with wells on the Bingham ranch and other leases since.

In 1980 they purchased a home in Shelby where they lived intermittently

between the ranch home. Nelson's health had failed this past year, specifically following a pinning injury in the bull barn several months ago. Even with his recuperation, he continued to work on a daily basis. Nelson was out checking his oil wells on this past Saturday morning, September 30, and died peacefully in his pick-up truck. He was 83 years old.

Nelson was a member of the Galata Masonic Lodge #106 and served as Master during their 50th anniversary year. He also served as Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Galata for several terms, and held membership in the Golden West Commandery of Shelby and the Royal Arch of Cut Bank.

Nelson was a member of the Montana Stock Growers, the Montana Farm Bureau, and the Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association. He had also served as a director of the Liberty Hall in Whittlash for many years and was a director of the original telephone co-op built by ranchers years ago.

He served as a school trustee at Bear Gulch while his girls were in school, and he helped supervise the building of a new school house. In the late 1940's he completed a vacated two year term as Liberty County Commissioner. More recently, he served for two years on the board of the Sweet Grass Lodge in Chester.

In those early years on the ranch, they raised sheep. Their mainstay became black Angus cattle. In 1936 Nelson purchased an acetylene welder and learned to weld. He eventually obtained a nice electric welder and did a lot of contract welding in the north country for many years.

Nelson could fix most anything, be it mechanical or electrical, and he loved tinkering with radios. He also enjoyed fishing in his pond, which he stocked each year.

In 1963 Nelson purchased an airplane, which became one of his greatest joys of life. Even though he took normal flight instructions, he spent many hours studying the manuals to become a proficient pilot. His border collie "Boots" made his solo flight with

him.

Nelson lived a good life and was an inspiration and teacher to all who knew him. He encouraged honesty and fairness in his dealings. His family is thankful that he died "running his own show" on the ranch he loved. And his dog "Boots II" was with him at the last.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Beva of Whittlash; three daughters, including Mrs. Marvin (Carol) Belcher of Seattle, Marjorie Tenney of Spokane, and Mrs. Gary (Judith) Wentling of Spokane, his sister, Olive Shepherd, Whittier, Alaska and her daughter, Marilyn Rabb, who Nelson and Beva helped to raise; 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces. Nelson was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 4 at the Community United Methodist Church in Shelby with Reverend Ernest P. Doyle officiating. Nelson's daughter, Judy read a eulogy. Vocalist, Rock Svenningsen performed "Goodnight and Good morning" and several other family favorites. Mary Lou Thornton served as organist. Pallbearers were the grandchildren. Memorial bearers included all of Nelson's many friends and his Masonic Brothers from Galata and Shelby. A luncheon will follow at the church.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 5 at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell with prayers by Pastor Doyle. Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials will be given to the Intermountain Deaconess Home, the Shriner's Hospital or donor's choice.

WILMAR E. BRANDT
Born: May 4, 1917 - Died: November 16, 1995
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WILMAR E. BRANDT

RUDYARD — Wilmar E. Brandt, 78, a retired farmer from Illinois, died Thursday, Nov. 16, at the University Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa.

Brandt was born on May 4, 1917, in Rudyard, the son of Ernest and Hertha (Krueger) Brandt. He graduated from Hingham High School before serving in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He married Deloris Menzemer in Schapville, Ill., on Feb. 22, 1949. He was a longtime member of the Schapville Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Deloris, in 1987; a daughter, Kathleen; and a brother, Loren.

He is survived by a son, Terry Brandt of Evanston, Ill.; a daughter, Mrs. Joe "Sherry" Phillips of Blandinsville, Ill.; two brothers, Irvin and Robert Brandt of Rudyard; two grandchildren; three nieces and six nephews.

LEONARD EUGENE BRANDVOLD
Born: June 26, 1919 - Died: February 15, 1995
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**Leonard
Brandvold**

Leonard Eugene Brandvold was born in Joplin, Montana on June 26th, 1919. He was one of eight children born to Ben and Julia (Lintvet) Brandvold. Leonard grew up in Joplin and attended school there. Following his formal education, he began working as a farm laborer in the Hi-Line community. In 1942 after the outbreak of World War II, Leonard enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He served in India, Burma, China, England, Alaska and Korea. After the war ended, Leonard decided to become a career military man. He attained the rank of Tech Sergeant and retired in 1964 after 22

years of service.

While serving in England, he met his wife-to-be, Edna Maddock. They were married in Topeka, Kansas on February 23rd, 1952. They moved to Layton, Utah in 1959. Leonard completed his military service in Utah and they continued to live there from that time on.

For the past few years Leonard has suffered from poor health due to complications from emphysema. He died peacefully at his home in Layton on the early morning of Wednesday (Feb. 15th, 1995). He was 75 years old.

Leonard was a member of the Layton V.F.W. His hobbies included fishing and reading. He could best be described as a quiet, unassuming man who didn't know the meaning of the word "envy". He was a very gentle person who simply lived each day as it came. Through all the years he remained a faithful and loyal husband and family man.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Edna of Layton, Utah; a daughter, Julie Chavez of Sunset, Utah; three grandchildren, including Heather, Christopher and Hilliary; one brother, Ken Brandvold of Great Falls; four sisters, Gladyce Romain of Grangeville, Idaho, Betty Krejci of Chester, Helen Henderson of Sun City, Arizona, and Doris Austin of Forrest, Mississippi; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and by two brothers (Donald and Bennie Brandvold).

It was Leonard's wishes to be cremated. Family services were held in Utah. Interment of ashes will be in the family plot at the Joplin Cemetery. Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

DORIS F. BURKHARTSMEYER
Born: July 13, 1922 - Died: June 16, 1995
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June 21, 1995

Doris 6-21-95
Burkhartsmeier

Doris F. Burkhardtmeier, 72, a homemaker and a resident of Hingham, died on Friday, June 16 at a Havre hospital, of cancer.

A prayer vigil service was held on Monday at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, with Father Joe Marmion officiating. Burial followed the service in the Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Doris was born on July 13, 1922 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, the daughter of Henry and Catherine (Donovan) Esplin. She was raised in Edmonton and graduated from High School there. After graduation from High School she attended art school in Vancouver, B.C. After graduation Doris moved back to Edmonton where she worked for several years as a commercial artist. In 1952 at Edmonton, Alberta she married Albert Horinek. After their marriage the couple moved to Hingham, where she resided since. Albert died in 1960. In 1962 at Hingham she married Michael

Burkhartsmeier. She then obtained her U.S. citizenship. Doris was very active in her community and her church. She taught private art classes for many years and helped form the Hi-Line Art Association. She was a member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church and their Circle. She also served as various officers in the church vicariate. Doris was also an Eucharistic minister. She loved to dance and also her gardening. She will be remembered for her love of hats.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one infant brother, Michael.

She is survived by her husband Michael Burkhardtmeier of Hingham, a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Craig Patrick and a son and daughter-in-law, Ralph and Kelli Burkhardtmeier, all of Hingham, also seven grandchildren, Trevin, Thad and Shilo Burkhardtmeier, Kile, Kimberli, Sadie and Robin Patrick all of Hingham.

Memorials in Mrs. Burkhardtmeier's honor may be made to Gift of Life or to a person's choice.

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

ESTHER MARION CADY
Born: June 23, 1914 - Died: December 31, 1995
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Esther Cady

Esther Marion Cady was born at Joplin on June 23, 1914. She was one of three children born to William "Bill" McGrath and Augusta "Gus" Dow. Esther grew up at Inverness and received her formal education there.

She married Elmer "Swede" Cady on February 10, 1933 at Goldstone, Montana. They lived in Inverness for a few years before moving to the Danielson farm in the Minneota community north of Rudyard. In 1946 they came back to the McGrath homestead ten miles north of Inverness, where they lived and farmed until Swede's death in 1962. Esther and her two youngest children moved to Inverness in 1964, and she has made her home there since.

Esther was diagnosed with cancer in June of 1995. The following month she entered the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester for extended care. She passed away at the nursing home on Sunday evening, New Year's Eve, December 31, 1995. She was 81 years old.

Esther loved the farm where she was born and raised, and she always referred to it as "home". She enjoyed feeding the chickens, cats and birds every day and she loved her flower

gardens at both the farm and town. Esther loved to attend rummage and garage sales; she collected many, many treasures in her day and was especially fond of her spoon collection. She liked to play cards (mainly "Whist" and "Kings-in-the-Corners") and she enjoyed visiting with her many friends. Esther loved the simple things in life, like Sunday drives to the Bear Paws and Sweet Grass Hills or enjoying the quiet solitude of rocking in her chair, or sharing "old memories" with family and friends. Esther was a loving grandmother and she made warm quilts for all of her grandkids. They all have fond remembrances of fun times and adventures at the farm with "Grandma".

Esther is survived by her children and their spouses, including two sons, Lloyd Cady of Kalispell and Lonnie (and Linda) Cady of Inverness; five daughters, Joyce (and Jim) Sedivy of Swan Lake, Frances Whitish of Malta, Daria (and Gary) Cook of Imperial,

Nebraska, Merla Warden of Ulm, and Bonnie (and Craig) Fraser of Inverness; 14 grandchildren including Doug, Donna, Donny, Dani, Darwyne, Dexter, Darcy, Deena, Chip, Lonnie, Lisa, Blaze, Molly and Mikinzie; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her twin siblings (Murel and Myrtle).

Funeral services were held Friday, January 5 at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Tom Hux of Galata officiated. Christy Fossen played keyboard and Jerome Lincoln sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Go Tell It on the Mountain". Esther's seven grandsons served as pallbearers.

Graveside services were held at 12:30 p.m. that afternoon at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. A luncheon followed at the V.F.W. Lodge in Havre.

Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home.

MARY LYNN (KNUTSON) CICON
Born: August 23, 1921 - Died: August 22, 1995
Liberty County Times
August 30, 1995



Mary Lynn Cicon

Mary Lynn (Knutson) Cicon was born in Great Falls, Montana on August 23rd, 1921. Her parents were George and Mary Lynn (Hill) Knutson. She grew up and received her education in Great Falls, graduating from Great Falls High in 1939.

Lynn's mother opened the first medical facility in Chester, the Mary Buck Hospital, so she came here to work. She met her husband-to-be, James F. Cicon, and they were married on November 22nd, 1939 at Shelby. They made their home on the Cicon ranch north of Chester from that time on. Mary Lynn enjoyed her role as ranch wife, homemaker, mother and grandmother.

Following the death of her husband in 1981, Lynn continued to live on the ranch. She was recently planning a move to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. On Thursday evening (August 17th) she suffered a massive stroke and was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital. She died peacefully on the morning of Tuesday (August 22nd, 1995), the day before her 74th birthday.

Lynn has been very active in the community. She was a charter member of the Bears Den Home Demonstration

Club and was nominated for the Montana "Mother-of-the-Year" award in 1985. She served on the Liberty County Hospital Guild and was a loyal volunteer at the "U Shoppe". She had also served on the Liberty County Council on Aging and assisted with the 4-H program for many years. Lynn was a supporter of "Heartbeat, Inc." and KXEI Christian radio network. She was a member of the Chester Assembly of God Church. During her youth and her daughter's youth, she was active in the International Order of Rainbow Girls. In recent years Lynn attended numerous Elder Hostels (educational adventures), and her goal was to attend a Hostel in Hawaii. In addition to all of this, she worked as head cook at the Chester School system from 1956-1964.

Lynn's hobbies included quilting, crocheting, knitting, gardening, and traveling with friends. During her travels, she collected fossils and bells. She enjoyed playing the piano and accordion. In her quiet hours at home, Lynn liked to read, do crossword puzzles, and study the Bible. It's not well known, but years ago she was affectionately referred to as "Missy" by her husband and brother-in-law. In later years she earned the name "Grandma Lynn", not exclusive to her grandchildren, but to all of the neighborhood kids whom she babysat and cared for over the years...

Lynn is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Deanie Cicon of Richland, Washington; a daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Bill Albee of Chester; a daughter-in-law, Maureen Cicon of Chester; seven grandchildren (including Gayle, Pamela, Tammy, Jim, Erin, Jodi and Kevin); eight great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Pearl Cicon of Chester; and two nephews, John and Rudy Cicon of Chester. She was preceded

in death by not only her husband and parents, but also by a son (James, Jr.) and an infant sister.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday (August 25th) at the United Methodist Church in Chester. Reverend Edroy Curtis conducted the service with assistance from Reverend Lyndon Kacick. Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, performed "In the Garden", accompanied by Karen Stack on the piano. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Special readings were shared by grandchildren. Ushers were Jack Jacobson and Leroy Green. Pallbearers included Eugene Peterson, Bob Dafoe, Dan Wolery, Loren Brandt, Wayne Dafoe and Lance McDowell. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A memorial luncheon followed at the church.

LOIS IONA SHETTEL CLEMENTS

Born: November 9, 1915 - Died: November 11, 1995

Liberty County Times

November 15, 1995



Lois Clements

Lois Iona Shettel was born at the family homestead five miles northeast of Chester on November 9, 1915. She was one of ten children born to John Shettel and Cynthia Snider. Lois received her early education at the Bison country school, then finished her schooling in Joplin and Chester.

On September 20, 1936 she married Charles A. Dicken at Chester. They lived in Montana for a while before moving to Illinois. Lois worked diligently as a wife and homemaker, and the product of their marriage was four children. After Charles died in 1949, Lois and the kids moved back to Chester. She worked as a cook and waitress at several restaurants here, including the "Golden West" and "Tip Top" cafes.

On January 17, 1951 she married

John H. Clements at Sunburst. They lived at Kevin where John worked in the oilfields. They also lived in Wallace, Idaho and Butte, Montana because of job opportunities at the mines. Lois was living in Missoula when John died in 1965. Not long after, she moved to California to be near a daughter. She worked at a factory in Glendora before being certified as a nurse's aide at a nursing home there. Lois spent a total of 11 years in California and enjoyed her role as "care giver".

In 1976 she moved to Tacoma, Washington to be near her other children. After a few years there, she came back to Missoula where she has lived since. Lois worked for a while as a kitchen-helper at a Missoula truck-stop, then finally retired. She remained independent and lived in her own trailer home until a few months ago, when her lung condition (emphysema) worsened. She moved to her son's home for personal care, then transferred to the "Hospice Residence" in Missoula on November 7, 1995. Lois died there on Saturday afternoon, November 11. She had just celebrated her 80th birthday a few days earlier.

Lois has held memberships in the Royal Neighbors of America and the Rebeccah's. Her hobbies over the years included gardening, crocheting, quilting, tri-chem embroidery, and bowling. She took great pride in motherhood, sharing her skills in baking, canning and sewing with her children. She was a strong person

who raised her family on the principles of good morals and work ethics. Her memory will not be soon forgotten.

Lois is survived by two sons, Robert Dicken of Missoula and William Dicken of Tacoma, Washington; two daughters, Juanita Amott of Tacoma and Iona Nickoley of Havre; 11 grandchildren, including Patricia, Diane, Barbara, Johnnie Joe, Kathy, Bill, Sally, Gary, Wanita, Jeff and Jacob; 26 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Alva Shettel of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Lois was preceded in death by her parents, her two spouses, three brothers (Roy, Levi and Clarence), five sisters (Florence, Alice, Clara, Lois and Lori), and several nephews and nieces.

It was Lois' wish to be brought "home" to Chester for services and burial. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 18 at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Interment will follow in the Chester Cemetery. Undesignated memorials will be given to the American Lung Association.

LUCILE (LARSEN) COCKRELL

Birth: October 9, 1919 – Death: March 13, 1995

Liberty County Times

March 22, 1995



Lucile Cockrell

Lucile Larsen Cockrell was born in Conrad, on October 9, 1919. She was one of two daughters born to Sophie Goplerud and Axel Larsen. Lucile grew up on the family farm north of Galata. She received her education in Galata, graduating from Galata High School in 1937.

Lucile married Jack Cockrell in Galata on October 28, 1941. In the few years that followed, they lived in Sarasota, Florida where Jack was stationed in the Army Air Corps during World War II. They returned to Montana in 1945, and made their home on the Cockrell farm south of Galata. Lucile worked as a farmwife and homemaker and they raised their two children on the farm. They sold the farm in 1969 and moved to Shelby. To keep herself busy Lucile took a job at Shelby Floral and Gift. She later worked in the bookkeeping department at First State Bank.

Jack died in 1984. Lucile remained in Shelby. In 1990 she was diagnosed with sarcoma and received cancer therapy. In 1992 she suffered a debilitating stroke and moved to the Liberty county Nursing Home in Chester. Lucile died at the nursing home on the early morning of Monday, March 13. She was 75 years old.

Lucile was a confirmed and lifelong member of Galata Lutheran Church. She had been active in the Galata

Good Neighbor Club until they moved to Shelby. She was also a member of the Sons of Norway in Cut Bank.

Of interest was the fact that Lucile was named after her mother's favorite book of poetry entitled "LUCILE". Lucile was only 16 when her mother died, so she inherited the book. Lucile's only granddaughter, Mary was given the middle name "Lucile", so the book of poetry has now been gifted to Mary.

Lucile loved music; she played the piano and enjoyed singing. During those early years in Galata she sang for special occasions (like weddings & funerals). In addition, she enjoyed singing in the church choir and directing the choir.

Lucile loved yard work and gardening. For years she raised a large garden, the product of which she canned and shared with her family and friends. She also enjoyed cooking, sewing, crocheting, reading, writing, dancing and crossword puzzles.

Lucile loved to do things with Jack. They enjoyed traveling, fishing, and camping and had made many family trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness. They also enjoyed golfing together.

Of interest was that Lucile took pilot lessons at one time. Although she never finished and received her pilot's license, she did make several "solo" flights.

Lucile taught her family of love and dedication. She was a loyal wife, mother and friend and her memory will not soon be forgotten.

Survivors include her son, Richard Cockrell of Columbia Falls; her daughter, Mrs. Jerry (Janet) Fenger of Galata; three grandchildren, Michael (and wife, Michelle), Matthew and Mary; one great-grandson, Alex; and one niece, Sharon Lerum of Galata. Lucile was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and only sister, Sylvia Halverson.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 16 at the Galata Lutheran Parish with Reverend Tom Hux officiating. Laila Lindberg was

organist, Carole Hanson was vocalist, and the congregation sang several favorite hymns. Lucile's grandchildren served as pallbearers and her two Godsons, Joe Larsen and Dean Lerum, served as ushers. Flower bearer was great grandson, Alec. Acolyte was nephew, David Lerum. A memorial luncheon followed at the Galata Church. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. that afternoon at the Mountainview Cemetery in Shelby. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

HELEN WELTER LANTZ CORWIN
Born: ? - Died: January 10, 1995
Liberty County Times
January 25, 1995

Helen Corwin

Helen Welter Lantz Corwin of Grants Pass, Oregon passed away January 10, 1995 as a result of a stroke and short illness.

Survivors are daughter and son-in-law Carol and Bob Connors and two granddaughters and a son Dennis Lantz. Helen was raised in the Gildford area and has many friends there in Kremlin and relatives in the Bears Paw Mountains and in the Banner area. She is survived also by her husband Boyd Corwin. Memorials may be sent to Carol Connors-1699 NE Beacon Drive, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526.

MICHAEL LEONARD DUFFIN

Born: December 7, 1959 - Died: December 26, 1995

Liberty County Times

January 17, 1996



Michael Duffin

Michael Leonard Duffin, age 36, passed away in Helena in the early morning of December 26 from a self inflicted gunshot wound. He was born in Missoula on December 7, 1959.

He moved to Chester with his

family and attended the Chester Schools, graduating from Chester High School in 1978. He attended Carroll College in Helena and the University of Montana in Missoula, graduating from the U of M in 1984 with a bachelors degree in education. While in High School Michael became interested in sign language for the deaf and became a certified interpreter.

Mike was an ardent Beatles lover, Star Trek fan and U of M Grizzly football follower and supporter. He loved his music and working on his computer.

He is survived by his parents, Lin and Peg Duffin of Chester; wife Trish of Helena; daughter Liz of Great Falls; former wife, Terri Duffin of Great Falls; sisters Linda Ford of Seattle, and Lisa Zimmer of Missoula; brothers Mark of Deer Lodge and Marty of Davenport, Iowa; nephews

J.D. Kirgan of Seattle, Bill Duffin of Chester; niece Nicole Ford of Seattle. He was preceded in death by his son Matthew in February 1995.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services were held at the O'Conner Funeral Home in Great Falls on Thursday, December 28. Musical selections were by the Beatles, performing "Let It Be"; his sisters, Linda and Lisa singing "I Climbed a Mountain"; a high school quartet, which included his daughter, Liz singing "Lean on Me"; a choral group from the Church of Christ singing "This World is Not My Home". Father Joe Marmion of St. Mary's Church of Chester and Father Denis Keane of St. Joseph's Church of Great Falls officiated.

Memorials are suggested to the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind in Great Falls or the U of M Alumni Association in Missoula.

ESTHER (ESSIE) EARLS
Born: April 8, 1917 - Died: March 14, 1995
Liberty County Times
March 22, 1995

Esther Earls

Esther (Essie) Earls, age 77, passed away peacefully at St. Peter's Community Hospital at 3:30 a.m. March 14, 1995 after a ten year battle with lung disease caused by smoking.

She was born April 8, 1917 to Michael and Annie Warhank at Goldstone. She attended schools in Rudyard and Beauty College in Billings.

Esther married John J. (Jack) Earls of Butte on December 27, 1941 in Hamilton. John preceded her in death

May 16, 1967. Esther was a member of the St. Helena Cathedral parish.

She enjoyed gardening, cooking, camping and fishing. Her family and friends, playing the piano and bowling.

In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Carl Warhank, sisters Wilhelmina (Billie) Patrick, Elizabeth, Evangeline and Cecelia.

She is survived by two children John Earls of Bozeman and Lynn Earls of Helena; grandchildren: Melissa and Shawn Duncan, Helena; Stephen Earls; two great grandchildren, two sisters: Barbara McCann of California, Margaret McNair of Inverness, a brother and sister-in-law Raymond and Pat Warhank of Rudyard and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Vigil service was held on Friday evening at the Retz Chapel. The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Saturday morning at the Cathedral of St. Helena. Burial will follow in Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association or to the United Way.

DAVID LORIN EASTMAN
Born: May 3, 1957 - Died: December 8, 1995
Liberty County Times
January 3, 1996

David Eastman

David Lorin Eastman, son of Joyce Burch and the late Russell Eastman, died in Portland, Oregon, on December 8, 1995.

David was born May 3, 1957 in Chester Montana. He attended schools in Portland, Oregon. He married Terri DeAngelo on January 17, 1977. They were later divorced. One daughter, Faith Marie Eastman, was born to this union.

David held a variety of jobs. He was an excellent carpenter and artist. In his quiet time he wrote poetry. His greatest loves were his daughter and immediate family. He was knowledgeable about antiques and enjoyed collecting a variety of things, including old scissors and books.

Memorial services were held at Wilhelm Funeral Home in Portland on December 14, 1995. His remains were cremated.

David was preceded in death by his father, Russell Eastman, and his brother, Blenn Eastman. He is survived by his former wife Terri Eastman and daughter Faith Marie; his mom, Joyce Burch; sisters Lisa Wiley (and husband Rick), Chelli Nellis (and husband Ron); brothers, Jeff Eastman (and wife Eva), and Derek Burch (and Angie) all of Portland. His grandparents are Wilbur Eveland (and the late Ruth Eveland) of Chester, Montana, and Jim Eastman (and the late Ruth Eastman) of Hermiston, Oregon. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and an extended family of friends.

GERALDINE MARGARET (KREJCI) EEN
Born: September 1, 1926 - Died: August 28, 1995
Liberty County Times
September 6, 1995



Gerry Een

Geraldine Margaret (Krejci) Een was born on September 1st, 1926 at home in Rudyard, Montana. She was the youngest and only daughter of four children born to Emily Anna Tichey and Joseph Krejci. Gerry was baptized and confirmed at Our Lady of Ransom Church in Hingham. She grew up in Rudyard and graduated from R.H.S. in 1945. She worked at Krejci's service station for a while, then married Clarence "Bud" Een at Hingham on April 26th, 1947. Bud owned and operated Rudyard Electric for several years before they started farming. They farmed south of Inverness but made their home in Rudyard their entire married life. After 16 years of farming, they sold their land in 1966. Since then they have stayed busy at Bud's Shop; Gerry handled the bookkeeping end of the business.

In April of 1995 Gerry was diagnosed with lung cancer. She died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the morning of Monday (August 28th, 1995). She was just a few days short of her 69th birthday.

Bud and Gerry had been members of the Moose Lodge in Havre, the Hi-Line area "Good Sam Club", the Hi-Line Antique Motor Club, and the Montana Pioneer & Classic Motor Club. They had worked together in restoring many antique cars, several of which they still own. In addition they enjoyed traveling in their motorhome to favorite camping, hiking and fishing spots.

In her earlier years Gerry enjoyed women's softball and bowling. Other hobbies included digging for sapphires, gardening, cooking and crossword puzzles. She also loved cards, "Aggravation", and Bingo.

Gerry is survived by her husband, Bud of Rudyard; her three brothers and their wives, Ervin and Dolly Krejci of Billings, Cliff and Betty Krejci of Chester, and Alvin and Helen Krejci of Rudyard; two brothers-in-law, Perry Een of St. George, Utah and Robert Een of Alexandria, Virginia; two sisters-in-law, Bernice Een Kittleston of Clarkston, Washington and Bertha Een Smith of Superior, Montana; and numerous nephews and nieces. Gerry was preceded in death by her father in 1943 and her mother in 1981.

Graveside services were 11:00 a.m. Thursday (August 31st) at the Rudyard Cemetery. Visitation was Wednesday at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials will be given to the "Gift of Life" in Great Falls.

Graveside services were conducted by Colleen Grass, Associate in Ministry. A vocal tribute by Terry Stevenson was "How Great Thou Art". The congregation sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Pallbearers were Dennis Anderson, Clifford Ulmen, Victor Gatzemeier, Ronald Vestal, Lyle Twedt and Allen Twedt. Following the committal prayers, a luncheon was held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard for family and friends.

CLIFTON ELLIOT EGGEN

Born: January 12, 1912 - Died: January 19, 1995

Liberty County Times

January 25, 1995



Clifton Eggen

Clifton Elliot Eggen was born on the family homestead southeast of Joplin, Montana on January 12th, 1912. He was one of five children born to Nelsine Otterness and Harold Eggen. Clifton grew up on the farm and attended country schools near there. He finished his education in Inverness, graduating from high school in 1930. He worked on the family farm for several years before acquiring his own land.

Clifton married Evelyn M. Jabes in Great Falls on October 14th, 1939. They made their home south of Joplin, where they raised three sons and continued to farm the rest of their married life. Clifton's health remained good over the years, so he never considered retirement. He raised and cut his own crop this last fall, and was looking forward to another farming year in 1995. However, on this past Thursday morning (January 19th) Clifton died peacefully in his sleep at home. He was 83 years old.

Clifton had been a member of the Farmer's Union. He was well-read on current events and farming trends. He was an excellent mechanic and always took good care of his equipment. In addition to farming, he raised cattle during those early years. He was a lifetime member of Bethel Church in Joplin.

Clifton had an undying love for his family. When they could be together, they enjoyed playing pool, board games, and cards (especially whist, gin rummy and cribbage). Clifton loved to win, and he instilled that competitive spirit in his kids and grandkids.

In addition he had a great love of music. He was a self-taught musician who played the violin and organ. He especially enjoyed "jazz", and he and Evelyn attended many Jazz Festivals over the years. Clifton was proud of

the fact that all of his grandchildren are involved in music, and two of them perform professionally.

Clifton loved animals; he always had several pet dogs and cats around the farm. He also enjoyed attending auction sales and visiting with implement dealers. He and Evelyn have done a lot of traveling in recent years. They were very content in their 55 years of married life together...

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn of Joplin; three sons and their spouses, Paul & Judy of Jacksonville, Florida, Maurice & Karen of San Antonio, Texas, and Roger & Vicki of Jacksonville, Florida; six grandchildren, including Michael & Nicole, David & Kirsten, and Jason & Kristen; one great-granddaughter, Cassandra; one brother, Adolph of Inverness; three sisters, Mayetta Olson of Havre, Violet Brandt of Richland, Washington, and Pearl Moore of Joplin; and numerous nephews & nieces. Clifton was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday (January 23rd) at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin, the first funeral since the construction of the new church building. Reverend Darrell P. Cousino officiated. Susan Peterson served as organist and the congregation sang "How Great Thou Art". A vocal trio of Dale Wicks, Karen Haughey and David Wicks performed "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" and "Living for Jesus". Ushers were Walt Wicks and Wilbur Swenson. Nephews serving as pallbearers included Russ, Dave and Dale Wicks; Lowell and Bruce Swenson; and Doug Moore. Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon followed at Kjos Hall. Memorials will be given to Bethel church or Donor's choice...

JUNIOR LEE ENGLISH
Born: ? - Died: October 1, 1995
Liberty County Times
October 18, 1995

A. English and Myrtle McDermott English. He grew up on a farm near Williamstown. Junior drove school bus in Missouri before entering the Air Force. He came to Montana to help Harry Patrick harvest, then taught at Center School north of Hingham. He taught in Gildford and in KG for one year in Kremlin before moving to Hinsdale. He retired in 1984.

Junior married Johce Mahler in Scobey on November 21, 1956. To this union was born one daughter Eva.

Junior was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, VPLM of the Order of Eastern Star, American Legion, Lions Club, Drivers Ed Instructor, NRA, Hunter Safety Instructor and Valley County Chief Instructor. He organized the BB Gun program in Hinsdale, was a member of United Methodist church, AARP, Retired Teachers, and was a life member of the Montana Senior Citizens Association. He was named Valley County Senior Citizen of the Year in 1994. He attended the Governor's Conference on Aging and the MSCA Conference. He was involved in collecting and crushing aluminum cans to recycle and collected newspapers in Hinsdale to haul to the Milk River Activity Center in Glasgow. He helped collect pop can tabs and delivered them to the Ronald McDonald House in Billings. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, doing leather work, working word-search puzzles, visiting with people, and bowling.

Survivors include Junior's wife Joyce of Hinsdale; daughter Eva Marie of Harlem, Montana; two sisters and one brother, Neva and

Charles Selway of Williamstown, Missouri, Jean and Bill Baumgartner of Chula Vista, California, Dean and Sue English of Brookfield, Missouri, and many nieces and nephews. Junior was preceded in death by both parents.

Pallbearers in Hinsdale were Bob Bird, Gary Benson, Don Goddard, Rick Aschim, Gary Howey, Ron Shumway, Gene Beil and Norman Kapperud. Ushers were Larry Fjeld and Orville Solum. Teddi Hendrickson Copenhaver and Jim Bowman sang, "One Day at a Time." Dorothy Hellstern played the piano. Lunch was served at the Legion Hall in Hinsdale by the Methodist women.

Pallbearers in Scobey were Norman Kapperud, Gene Beil, Gary Howey, Rick Aschim, Todd Mahler, John Roe, Jimmie and Mike English. Pastor Sanden and David Hahn held the graveside service at the Scobey Cemetery at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Ed and Charlene Fugate sang, "What a Day That Will Be." Pastor Ed played his guitar. Military rites were conducted by the Hinsdale American Legion Post #45. Taps was played by Bud Hillman with Mark Erickson playing the echo. The American flag was folded by David Hillman and Don Nelson and presented to his wife, Joyce. Honor guards were Sherman Lacock, Dennis Boucher, Dennis Wright, Clarence Olsen, Mark Johnson, Roy Schultz, John Arnold, Foran Drabbs, Shorty Carter, George Wright and Bob Claypool. They were commanded by David Hillman. Friends of the family served a lunch at the Lutheran Church following interment. Waller Funeral Home in Scobey was in charge of arrangements.



Junior English

Junior English passed away Sunday, October 1, 1995 at his home in Hinsdale, Montana, after a long history of heart problems. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 6, 1995 at the Hinsdale School in Hinsdale, Montana. The Rev. Everett Gustafson officiated.

Junior Lee English was born in Williamstown, Missouri, to Jimmie

GENA (MEDHUS) ENGLUND

Born: September 1, 1900 - Died: June 1, 1995

Liberty County Times

June 7, 1995



Gena Englund

Gena (Medhus) Englund was born on September 1st, 1900 in Leeds Township, North Dakota on the family farm in Benson County. She was one of ten children born to Even and Margit (Tufte) Medhus. Gena grew up and attended school in North Dakota, graduating from Leeds High School in 1918. She continued her schooling at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks where she studied elementary education. Gena taught school in North Dakota for several years before coming to Montana. She taught in Whitefish for a couple years, then came to the Hi-Line area where she taught at various country schools in Toole and Liberty counties.

Gena met a Lothair area farmer, John Englund, and they were married on February 1st, 1938 in Great Falls. They lived in Lothair in the years that followed. Gena continued teaching and worked diligently as a farmer's wife and homemaker. They retired in 1968. Following her husband's death in 1978, Gena moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. She lived there until her health began to fail in 1986, when she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home. Gena died peacefully at the nursing home on the early morning of Thursday (June 1st, 1995) at the age of 94 years.

Gena was baptized and confirmed at the Leeds Lutheran Church. After coming to Montana she became an active member of the Galata Lutheran Parish and the Ladies Aide. She was also involved in the Galata American Legion Auxiliary (Post #69).

Gena's hobbies included sewing, crocheting, gardening, reading and cooking. She was always a loving mother and grandmother; she was always concerned about the health and happiness of her family.

She is survived by her only son, John Englund Jr. of Chester; one granddaughter, Kathy Marie Englund of Missoula; and many nieces and nephews. Gena was preceded in death by her husband, parents, four sisters, five brothers, and grandson (Jimmy Dean Englund).

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Monday (June 5th) at the Galata Lutheran Church with Reverend Tom Hux officiating. Brenda Hux served as pianist and vocalist. Brenda sang "The Shepherd's Song" and the congregation sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "How Great Thou Art". Pallbearers included Curt and Richard Myhre, Grant Flage, Quinten Larson, Monte Lerum and Gerry Kulpas. Memorial bearers were listed as "Gena's old friends and neighbors". Burial was in the Galata Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A coffee hour for family and friends followed at the church.

JOSEPH OTTO EVANS
Born: February 19, 1928 - Died: November 19, 1995
Liberty County Times
November 22, 1995

Joe Evans

Joseph Otto Evans, 67, a native of Montana and a farmer, died Sunday at the Fort Harrison VA Hospital in Helena of cancer.

Cremation has taken place. Rosary will be recited at Riddle's Funeral Home in Browning Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. with a memorial service at 1:00 p.m. Friday at the CCD Center in Browning. Burial with military rites will be in Willow Creek Cemetery. Riddle Funeral Home is in charge. Memorials can be given to the charity of your choice.

Evans was born February 19, 1928 in Great Falls. He grew up in Chester where he attended school. He married Sally Ann Ward on August 30, 1950 in Chester. He served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps in Korea. During his time of service he was awarded the Korean Service Medal and the U.N. Medal. He operated a sheet metal and roofing business with his sons for several years in Browning and most recently was farming north of Browning. He enjoyed playing cards, dancing, fishing and bowling.

His wife survives at the family home, along with four sons Joseph Evans, West Glacier, Boyd Evans, Browning, Anthony Evans, Cut Bank, and James (Mike) Evans, Gallup, New Mexico; four daughters, Gwyn Andersen, Power, Rose Evans, Helena, Mary Evans, Great Falls, and Wendy Neilsen, Cut Bank; three brothers, Ross, Newberg, Oregon, Ray, Huntsville, Alabama and Garth and Dal both of Bigfork; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lila, four brothers and both parents.

JOHN MAURICE FALLA
Born: June 17, 1905 - Died: March 23, 1995
Liberty County Times
March 29, 1995



John Falla

John Maurice Falla, age 89, passed away Thursday at the Pondera County Nursing Home in Conrad.

Funeral services were held Monday at Holland-Bonine Chapel in Havre.

He was born June 17, 1905 in Rothsay, Minnesota, was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He was schooled and grew up in Minnesota.

In the fall of 1925 he worked his way to Montana with a threshing crew and finished work on Thanksgiving Day on the Burgstrom farm north of Rudyard. After that he spend some time visiting his father, brothers and sisters in Montana, then he decided to stay. The following spring he started farming

with his brother which he did for several years.

In 1936 he married Eva Schwan, bought some land and started farming on his own. In 1945 he bought a house in Inverness so the children could attend school but kept farming until he retired and sold the farm. He continued living in Inverness until 1978. he liked to see things grow so he kept busy planting trees, shrubs and planting lawn during the spring and summer months. In the winter months he was busy making canes out of diamond willows and also made some jewelry, which he proudly gave to family and friends.

In the fall of 1978 he sold the house in Inverness and moved to Conrad where he still kept busy with his lawn.

The last few years his health had been failing. In October 1990 he was admitted to the nursing home where he remained until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents, twelve brothers and sisters, several nephews and nieces and two great grandsons

Survived by his wife Eva of Conrad, three sons, John of Federal Way, Washington, Eddie of Conrad and Thomas of Fairfield, California; two daughters, Beverly Moog of Inverness; Julia White of Fort Worth, Texas; 24 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

GLADYS SHEETS FARRINGTON
Born: January 10, 1906 - Died: September 7, 1995
Liberty County Times
September 27, 1995



Gladys Sheets
Farrington 9-27-95

Gladys Sheets Farrington, 89, of Hamilton, Montana, died September 7, 1995 in Hamilton at the Valley View Estates.

She was born January 10, 1906 in Edina, Missouri, the daughter of the late James and Ida Mae Matticks Crim, the oldest of seven children. In 1927 she married John M. Sheets, also of Edina. He preceded her in death on April 13, 1985. On June 24th, 1995 she married Millard Farrington at Rudyard, Montana.

Surviving are her husband, Millard of Hamilton; three sons and their spouses, John and Billie Sheets of Corvallis, Karl Sheets of Hamilton, Roy and Hazel Sheets of Hamilton; three daughters and their spouses, Helen and Wayne Harris of Bozeman, Shirley and Lloyd Belville of Townsend and Julie Hildebrand of Billings; two brothers, Page of Missouri and Johnny Lee of California; two sisters Clea Mauck of North Carolina and Lucy Lora of Colorado; 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Two brothers, Frank and George, also preceded her in death.

Services were conducted at the Daly-Leach Chapel with Rev. Doug Goodell officiating. Interment was at the Corvallis Cemetery.

ESTHER E. FRANTSEN
Born: February 21, 1913 - Died: July 23, 1995
Liberty County Times
August 2, 1995

Esther Frantsen

Esther E. Frantsen, 82, formerly of Voltaire and the Parshall area, died Sunday, July 23, 1995 in a Minot medical center.

She was born February 21, 1913 in Velva, to Robert and Marie Schmidt. She was raised on the family farm, west of Strawberry Lake, near Ruso. She graduated from Velva High School. She attended college in Valley City for a year and then attended college in Minot, where she received her standard teacher's certificate.

She taught country school in the Ruso area for a short time, before she married Melvin Frantsen of Voltaire in 1935. They operated the Voltaire Mercantile from 1936 to 1949, until moving to Washington state, where she taught grade school. She later taught school in Minnesota.

Her husband was a Lutheran minister and they served parishes in Rudyard and Savage, Montana until 1966, when they moved to Parshall and served rural parishes at Fraub, Lucky Mound, and Wabek, until they retired to Lake Elsinore, California in 1978. After her husband died in 1980, she lived with her daughter in Rialto, California until moving to Minot in 1990.

She is survived by her son, Kearney, Burnsville, MN; daughter, Joan Frantzen, Minot, ND; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Otto, Pierre, SD.

The funeral was held in the Augustana Lutheran Church, Minot, ND. Burial was in the Rosehill Memorial Park in Minot. Thomas Family Funeral Home, Minot handled the arrangements.

Aug 2 - 1995

PAUL G. FUNDERHIDE
Born: July 7, 1935 - Died: February 17, 1995
Liberty County Times
March 1, 1995

Paul Funderhide

Paul G. Funderhide, 59, a former resident of the Lothair area west of Chester, died Friday, Feb. 17 in Seattle after an extended illness.

Services were Tuesday in Seattle.

Funderhide was born July 7, 1935 in Lothair. He attended school in Lothair, boarded for two years in Great Falls and graduated from Chester High School.

He served in the Marines during the Korean conflict and then went to work for Boeing in Seattle. In 1960 he married Ruby Witherbee in Seattle.

Survivors are his wife of Seattle; two stepdaughters, Jeanne Chagen of Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and Lynn Pcheco of Victorville, California; two stepsons, Walter Witherbee of Seattle and Roger Witherbee of Washougal, Washington; two sisters, Rebecca A. Manthey of Columbia Falls and Sister Pat Funderhide of Billings; a brother, Robert A. Funderhide of Kremmling, Colorado, and four grandchildren.

AUDREY JEAN FUSK
Born: December 6, 1930 - Died: June 16, 1995
Liberty County Times
June 28, 1995



Audrey Fusk

Audrey Jean Fusk, age 64, died at her home on Friday evening, June 16, following a battle with cancer. She had received personal care at home by her family during the past six weeks.

Audrey was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on December 6, 1930. She was one of six children born to John and Nola (Lenz) Miller. Audrey received her elementary education in Oshkosh. As a teenager she came to Montana to live with an aunt, Naomi Hansen. She completed her education at Joplin, graduating from high school in 1949. Audrey enrolled in nursing school at Great Falls and went on to receive her R.N. degree.

On June 15, 1952 she married Donald V. Fusk at Joplin. They have made their home on the Fusk farm located 27 miles north of Joplin from that time on. Audrey worked diligently as a farm wife, homemaker, and mother of four.

She has been an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church north of Joplin. Audrey was very interested in fossil hunting; in recent years she attended several hunts with well-known Montana paleontologist, Jack Horner. Other hobbies included cooking and baking, crocheting and needlepoint, and watching professional ice-skating.

Her family and friends were of foremost importance in her life. Audrey and Donald celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary the day before her death.

Including her husband, she is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Leonard and Sarah Fusk of north Joplin; three daughters and sons-in-law, Christine and Steve Sapp of Havre, Debbie and Paul Dees of Havre and Ellie and Bill Keeley of Havre; 12 grandchildren; two brothers, Jim and Donnie Miller of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; two sisters, Phyllis Willert of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin and Shirley Miller of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; her mother, Nola Miller of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; and numerous nephews and nieces. Audrey was preceded in death by her father, a brother (Wally Miller), and a special aunt and uncle (Naomi and Hank Hansen).

It was Audrey's request for private family graveside services, which will be scheduled later this week at the Joplin Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday and Friday at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Undesignated memorials will be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church for the siding fund or hymnal fund.

(Audrey Fusk's obituary has been reprinted this week due to errors in last week's publication.)

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LUCIEN A. GIBSON
Born: DECEMBER 19, 1910 - Died: June 7, 1995
Liberty County Times
June 14, 1995

Lucien Gibson

Lucien A. Gibson was born December 19, 1910 in Bellevue, Saskatchewan, Canada, the son of Joseph Dumont and Antonette Marie Massoz. Lucien came to the United States by covered wagon in 1914. He became a U. S. citizen in 1922. He was a former U. S. Marshal.

Lucien married Marjon Frances Stroebe on June 28, 1937 in Dillon,

Montana and homesteaded north of Havre. They farmed and ranched in the Kremlin area. Lucien died at the Northern Montana Care Center in Havre, Montana on June 7, 1995 at the age of 84 years.

He is survived by a daughter, Ann Marie Stanley of Auburn, Washington. Lucien was preceded in death by his wife.

LEONA GOMKE
Born: March 15, 1906 - Died: May 3, 1995
Liberty County Times
May 10, 1995

Leona Gomke

Leona Gomke, 89, a resident of Havre, died on May 3 at a Great Falls hospital of natural causes.

Funeral services were held on Saturday May 6 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Havre with reverend Christopher Brandt officiating. Burial was in the Highland Cemetery.

Leona was born on March 15, 1906 at Lehr, North Dakota, the daughter of Wilhelm and Dorathea (Steacker) Kramlich. She attended a country school at Kulm and graduated from the 8th grade there. On October 2, 1925 at Ellendale, North Dakota she married Christ Gomke. After their

marriage the couple moved to three miles south of Kremlin where they farmed until 1967 when they retired and moved to Highland Park in Havre. On October 30, 1973 Mr. Gomke died. Her hobbies were gardening, crocheting and quilting. She was also a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church of Havre.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one daughter Irene Swartz, one infant son William and two grandsons, Allen and Dick Nordstrom.

She is survived by her children, Frances Bitz of Bremerton, Washington, Alma Klobofski, Eleanora Larson all of Havre, Melvin Gomke and Donald Gomke both of Kremlin, one stepdaughter, Ann Beattie of Stavely, Alberta, Canada, two sisters, Emma Howser of Havre, Cecelia Gebhardt of Lehr, North Dakota, one brother, Otto Kramlich of Arthur, North Dakota, 21 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Also numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials in Mrs. Gomke's honor may be made to the St. Paul Lutheran Church or to a person's choice.

The pallbearers were Denis Klobofski, Steve Klobofski, Larry Larson, Rich Nordstrom, Bill Gomke and Tim Gomke.

The soloist was Judy Solomon who sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Thy Will Be Done".

The organist was Carla Spackman. The congregational hymn was "Amazing Grace".

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JASON RONALD GROSECLOSE

Born: July 26, 1972 - Died: December 20, 1995

Liberty County Times
December 27, 1995



Jason Groseclose

Jason Groseclose, age 23, well-known Hi-Line area man, died from injuries received in a snowmobile accident near Hingham on the early morning of Wednesday (December 20th, 1995).

Jason Ronald Groseclose was born in Chester, Montana on July 26th, 1972. He was the eldest of two sons born to Ronald and Beverly (Rathbun) Groseclose. Jason grew up in Hingham. He received his education in Hingham and Rudyard, graduating from Blue Sky High School in 1990. He attended the University of Montana in Missoula for a year before returning to Hingham to pursue a farming career with his grandfather, Bob Rathbun. He has made his home in Hingham since that time.

Jason was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was an active member of the Hingham Lutheran Parish.

During his high school years at Blue Sky, Jason was a 3-sport letterman. In his Junior year, Blue Sky placed third in the State "C" basketball tournament and Jason was named to the First Team All-State. He was also an All-State selection in track, and is still a record holder at Blue Sky in several track events. Jason and his brother, Jeff, are the all-time leading scorers and rebounders in basketball at Blue Sky.

Jason's hobbies included hunting, fishing, camping, boating, bowling, golfing, weight-lifting, softball and basketball. He has always been a sports enthusiast, as both a participant and a spectator. He was an avid fan of the New York Yankees, the Montana Grizzlies, and the Rams and Dolphins of the NFL.

In his spare time at home, Jason enjoyed carpentry and wood-working projects. He was a loyal community person; he attended many social functions and helped with local projects whenever he could.

Jason is survived by his parents, Ron & Bev of Hingham; brother, Jeff of Hingham; maternal grandparents, Bob & Barb Rathbun of Gildford; paternal grandparents, Delmar & Gerry Wolfe of Chester; maternal great-grandmothers, Eleanor Rathbun of Havre and Julia Stuart of Gildford; paternal great-grandmother, Josie Wolfe of Chester; uncle, Bill (& Dawn) Rathbun of Hingham; aunts, Sharon (& Robert) Gomke of Kremlin and Linda (& Don) Dill of San Diego, California; several cousins; and special friend, Hildee Rockman of Chester. Jason was preceded in death by grandmother (Doris Rathbun) and grandfather (Malcolm Groseclose).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Dec. 23rd) at the Blue Sky High School Gymnasium in Rudyard. Reverend Tim Hauge of Hingham officiated. Mike McLean served as eulogist. Vocal music included a taped selection entitled "One Friend" as sung by Scott Spicher, a song by Nick Alex entitled "On Eagle's Wings", a song by Terry Stevenson entitled "For Those Tears I Died", and a taped selection dedicated to Jason by Hildee entitled "Goodbye My Friend" (sung by Linda Ronstadt). Mike Stevenson provided piano accompaniment. Ushers were Mike Lipp,

Kerry Patrick and Mike Farnik. Pallbearers were Rod Spicher, Scott Spicher, Bryan Watson, Pat Foster, Jody Hansen, Scott Marshall, Ross Ceynar, Dusty Boucher, Travis Faulhaber and Steve McClung. Memorial bearers were listed as Jason's cousins and his many, many friends. Interment was at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. A luncheon followed at the Hingham Community Center. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

G. DALE GUTCHER
Born: August 3, 1927 - Died: July 3, 1995
Great Falls Tribune
July 12, 1995

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G. Dale Gutcher

HAVRE — G. Dale Gutcher, 67, a university professor, died July 3 in College Station, Texas, of natural causes.

Services were held in College Station. Memorials are suggested to the Bryan Public Library.

Gutcher was born Aug. 3, 1927, in Havre. He received his master's and doctoral degrees from Colorado State University and served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He was a professor of industrial and vocational education at Texas A&M University 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Doris of College Station; daughters, Robin M. McNeely of Ozona, Texas, and Jayne G. Owen of Coppell, Texas; a sister, Betty A. Bitz of Kalispell; brothers, Robert H. Gutcher of Kaneohe, Hawaii, and Kenneth Gutcher of Joplin; and four grandchildren.

HOWARD EDWARD HALL

Born: November 20, 1909 - Died: December 12, 1995

Liberty County Times
December 20, 1995



Howard E. Hall

Howard Edward Hall was born in Minot, North Dakota on November 20, 1909. He was one of three children born to Louise Rieck and David Hall. Howard grew up and received his formal education in North Dakota. He came to Montana in 1928 and began working on the construction of Fort Peck Dam. He also worked on the Prescott Ranch north of Chester.

Howard married Mildred B. ("Millie") Christiansen on June 17, 1935 at Minot. They came to Montana in 1936 and began farming north of Inverness,

where they made their home until their retirement in the early 1980's. In 1983 they moved to Shelby to be near their daughter. Millie died at Shelby on April 25, 1986. Howard moved to the Crossroads Housing Retirement Apartments where he lived for eight years. When his health failed in 1994, he transferred to the Toole County Nursing Home, where he died on the morning of Tuesday, December 12. He was 86 years old.

Howard had been a loyal Mason over the years. He was a member of Joplin Lodge #114, an honorary member of Shelby Lodge #143, and participated in the Shelby Chapter #113 O.E.S. Howard and Millie were active in the State Eastern Star programs for 40+ years.

Howard's hobbies included hunting, fishing and dancing. During their 51 years of marriage, Howard and Millie enjoyed traveling. They made many extensive trips throughout the United States and Mexico, plus two memorable trips to Norway. Howard could best be described as a "people person"; he enjoyed visiting with people and spending time with friends. He was especially fond of his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Mickey and Ken Wolf of Shelby; his son and daughter-in-law, Ben and Patty Hall of Chinook; six grandchildren, Cory and Jay Pierson, Jody Fields, Kristi Thompkins, and Bonnie and Millie Anne Hall; and two great-grandchildren, Jill Marie Pierson and Nikki Lee Pierson. Howard was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by a brother (George), a sister (Dewetta), and a son (Edward).

Memorial services were conducted by Reverend T. Dennis Reese at the Community United Methodist Church in Shelby at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 14. Vocal tributes by Rosemary Johannsen included "Over the Sunset Mountains" and "Going Home". Mary Lou Thornton served as organist. A taped selection by son, Ben, was "Thy Will Be Done". Ushers were Leroy Hagen and Bud Baldwin. Memorial bearers were Howard's friends in the Masons, and Masonic prayers were recited by Ron Swenson of Chinook. A coffee hour followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials will be given to the Shelby Senior Center or donor's choice.

DOROTHY LORETTA HANSEN
Born: September 7, 1902 - Died: June 25, 1995
Liberty County Times
July 12, 1995

Dorothy Loretta Hansen, 92, of Kalispell died Sunday, June 25, 1995, at Heritage Place nursing home in Kalispell.

She was born September 7, 1902, in Grand Ridge, IL to Clarence and Mary Frances Langley. As a child, her family homesteaded near Chester, where she attended school. She was a member of the first graduating class of Chester High School and attended Western Montana College in Dillon.

On January 24, 1922 she married Wesley Ainley in Havre. They lived in Spokane until 1935 when they moved east of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley on December 1963.

She worked as bookkeeper at Conrad Bank and at Sisters of Mercy Hospital.

In August 1966 she married Elmer F. Hansen in Havre. They made their home there until 1982 when she moved to Kalispell. She lived in the Mountain Villa Apartments for 12 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer, in February 1976.

She was a member of the Methodist Church and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Adah Chapter 17.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary

Vergene Johnson of Marion; two grandsons, Gordon and his wife, Kay Johnson of Kalispell and Steven and his wife, Dawn Johnson of Kalispell; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating.

KATHLEEN MURPHY HATCH

Born: February 2, 1924 - Died: September 22, 1995

Great Falls Tribune

September 23, 1995

Kathleen M. Hatch

Kathleen Murphy Hatch, 71, of 1000 Durango, a retired businesswoman, died Friday of a stroke in a local hospital.

Memorial services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Croxford and Sons Funeral Home, with burial in Highland Cemetery.

Although her parents lived in Chester, she was born in Manitowoc, Wis., on Feb. 2, 1924. She returned with her parents to Chester when she was 6 weeks old. She went to school there and attended the University of Southern California for two years.



Hatch

She married Emmett J. Murphy in 1941 and they returned to

Great Falls to raise their family. They operated Murphy Construction Co. until their divorce in 1962.

In 1964, she married Logan B. Hatch of Shelby. They moved to Oregon for four years then settled in Reno, Nev. Hatch was a co-owner and general manager of a realty business there for 20 years. She and her husband returned to Great Falls in 1990.

Hatch enjoyed traveling, especially to Washington, D.C.

She is survived by her husband at the family home; two sons, Jerry E. Murphy of Sarasota, Fla., and Patrick M. Murphy of Washington, D.C.; two stepsons, Lance Hatch, of St. George, Utah, and Mike Hatch of Vancouver, Wash., and two grandsons.

A son, Dan J. Murphy, has died.

MILDRED M. HILLSTROM
Born: April 16, 1921 - Died: September 20, 1995
The Sentinel
September 27, 1995

MILDRED M. HILLSTROM

SITKA, Alaska — Mildred M. Hillstrom, 74, died after an illness, Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1995, at the Sitka Pioneer Home in Alaska.

She was born in Turtle Lake, N. D. to Carl and Katherine Helmbrecht, on April 16, 1921.

She graduated from Scobey High School, and in 1941 she married James A. Hillstrom.

For the past 25 years they lived in Palmer, Wasilla and Sitka, Alaska.

She was a member of Eastern Star throughout her life and was a member of the Episcopal church.

She is survived by her husband, James; two daughters and sons-in-law, Judi Fenton and Art Beaman of Seattle, Wash., and Gwen and Rik Klein of Appleton, Wis.; a son, Ron Hillstrom, Palmer, Alaska; 11 grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Florence and Wayde Johnson of Salem, Ore.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Vernon and Toby Helmbrecht of Havre and Speck and Dee Helmbrecht of Havre.

Hillstrom was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Ken Helmbrecht; and an infant sister.

ALFRED EUGENE HODGES
Born: April 1, 1925 - Died: August 20, 1995
Liberty County Times
August 23, 1995



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Eugene Hodges

Alfred Eugene Hodges was born at Alma, Montana on April 1, 1925. He was the youngest of six children born to James and Catherine (Johns) Hodges, and he grew up on the family farm north of Joplin. Eugene received his early education at the Tingdahl Country School. He graduated from Havre High School in 1943. In the ten years that followed, Eugene traveled and worked various jobs in the western United States.

He returned to Montana in 1953. Eugene and his aging parents moved to Kalispell. In 1955 Eugene began working at the Arco Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls. He retired after 30 years of employment there.

Eugene's health had been relatively good until 1990, when he had heart surgery. Other problems developed, including a neuro-muscular disease. In January of 1995 Eugene moved back to the HI-Line where he resided in the Liberty County Nursing Home in

Chester. He died there on Sunday afternoon (August 20, 1995) at the age of 70 years.

About 20 years ago Eugene met a widowed lady, Elinor Falcon, and they became friends and companions from that time on. During those years he developed a friendship with Elinor's sons and became a "grandpa" to their children.

Eugene enjoyed his life in the Flathead Valley. His hobbies included fishing, woodworking, Pinochle, chess and cooking. He enjoyed country western music, reading, and raising roses. Eugene was a great handyman, especially when it came to electrical, mechanical, and electronic skills. He was also a video camera buff. In recent years (after his physical health failed), he learned to operate computers. During his stay at the nursing home, Eugene shared his computer talents with friends and residents there.

He is survived by his friend, Elinor Falcon of Kalispell; her family, Dan and Kim Falcon of Great Falls, David and Teresa Falcon (and daughter Jessica) of Kalispell, and Gary and Leslie Falcon (and sons Larry and Kevin) of Bonners Ferry, ID; three sisters-in-law, Helen and Ruth Hodges of Joplin and Lillian Hodges of St. Paul, MN; numerous nephews and nieces. Eugene was preceded in death by his parents, by four brothers (Bill, Jim, Donald, and Harold), and by one sister (Maude VanDessel).

Memorials will be given to M.D.A. (Muscular Dystrophy Association).

It was Eugene's wishes to be cremated followed by burial of his ashes in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 am Wednesday August

23, 1995 at the Chester Cemetery with Rev. Darrell Cousino officiating. A luncheon will follow at Kjos Hall in Joplin.

Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

KATHARINA (MENDEL) HOFER
Born: September 7, 1915 - Died: July 18, 1995
Liberty County Times
July 25, 1995

Katharina Hofer

Katharina (Mendel) Hofer, age 79, died at the Eagle Creek Colony 25 miles northwest of Chester on the evening of Tuesday, July 18th, 1995. Funeral services were at noon on Friday, July 21st at Eagle Creek with burial in the Colony cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

Katharina was born at Milltown, South Dakota on September 7th, 1915. Her parents were Katharina Entz and Michael Mendel, and she was one of fourteen children.

On November 8th, 1939 she married Jacob J. Hofer at Warner, Alberta. In addition to raising a family, she served as head cook at the Rimrock Colony for many years. They have lived at Eagle Creek Colony since 1982. Katharina loved to sew and knit.

She is survived by her husband, Jacob of Eagle Creek; 2 sons, Michael and Jacob of Eagle Creek; 2 daughters, Justina of Harlotown and Katie J. of Eagle Creek; 13 grandchildren; 5 sisters, Susie and Anna of Clear Springs Colony (Keneston, Sask.), Elizabeth and Sara of Kings Lake Colony (Foremost, Alberta), and Mary of Willow Creek Colony (High River, Alberta); seven brothers, Michael Paul, John and Lawrence of Kings Lake Colony, Peter and George of Egan Springs Colony (Warner, Alberta), and Joseph of Warner, Alberta; Her step-mother who helped raise her, Sarah Mendel of Kings Lake Colony, and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, 1 son (Sam), 2 daughters (Justina and Emma) and one sister (Rebecca).

NOAH SHERWOOD HOLLINGSWORTH

Born: November 28, 1951 - Died: June 5, 1995

Liberty County Times

June 21, 1995

Noah Hollingsworth

Noah Sherwood Hollingsworth, 43, died June 5 at Kalispell Regional Hospital due to multiple complications following a traumatic accident.

He was born November 28, 1951 to Alex and D.J. Raagas in Manila, Philippines. When he was two, the family moved to San Antonio, Texas. He attended Jefferson High School and graduated with a double degree in psychology and forestry from Shephan Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Upon graduation from college he began work with the National Park Service. He enjoyed working at the Grand Canyon, Death Valley and Mount Rainier.

In 1981 he moved to Whitefish where he spent several years in management and as a bartender at the Remington. He enjoyed interacting with people and during his years of employment at Video Cassette Rentals, Radio Shack, Cavanaugh's, and the Pine Lodge he got to know many people throughout the valley. During the past four years, he was employed as night auditor at the Pine Lodge and continued to work at Video Cassette Rentals.

On February 10, 1989 he married Kay Schumacher Preta in Whitefish, where they purchased a family home and have continued to reside.

He was an avid fisherman and greatly enjoyed the company of his daughter Lorien on many of his successful excursions. He also enjoyed family activities, jazz and classical music, wine, movies, reading and cats.

One of his main concerns in life was ensuring the comfort and contentment of those around him. His thoughtfulness and compassion touched many. He acquired a varied and vast network of friends and family

during his short lifetime. He will be sorely missed by all.

Hollingsworth was preceded in death by his father Alex.

He is survived by his wife Kaye, a daughter, Lorien; two stepsons, Samuel and Shiloh; his mother, D.J. Raagas of San Antonio, Texas, and a sister, Sue Raagas of Dallas, Texas.

An informal memorial service for friends and family was held at Mountain Trails Park in Whitefish on June 11.

In lieu of flowers, a trust fund has been established at the Whitefish Credit Union for his daughter, Lorien.

He is the son-in-law of Pete and Kathy Schumacher of Chester.

Kaye Hollingsworth's address is 309 Kalispell Ave., Whitefish, Montana.

THOMAS EDWARD HOYER
Born: May 14, 1934 - Died: November 29, 1995
Liberty County Times
December 6, 1995



Thomas Hoyer

Thomas Edward Hoyer was born in Havre, Montana on May 14, 1934. He was an only child born to George and Rosalie (Brandt) Hoyer. Tom grew up in Havre and received his education through grade 8 at St. Jude's Parochial School. He graduated from Havre High School in 1952. Shortly thereafter, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Korea. Following two years of active military service, Tom was honorably discharged and he returned to Montana.

Tom attended college at M.S.U. in Bozeman and received his Business Administration degree. He continued his schooling at Western Montana College in Dillon to complete his teaching credentials. Tom finished his education at U of M in Missoula, where he was awarded his Masters in Education degree in 1960.

Tom spent the rest of his working life in the field of education. He taught school in Hingham for a few years before accepting a position in

Meeteetse, Wyoming. While there he met his wife-to-be, Charleen M. Mees, and they were married at Cody, Wyoming on June 4, 1966.

The Hoyer's moved to Oakridge, Oregon where Tom worked as guidance counselor and teacher for seven years. They moved back to Montana where he served as assistant superintendent at Box Elder for six years. Tom accepted the job as elementary principal in Harlem for three years, then served in the same capacity at Conrad for three more years. His last position was at Heart Butte, where he was serving as superintendent when he developed some vascular problems. Tom retired from teaching and they moved to Gildford. Within a short time, Tom suffered several debilitating strokes. Charleen cared for him at home for a few years, then he transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in 1991. Tom died peacefully at the rest home on the morning of Wednesday, November 29. He was 61 years old.

Tom had been active in the Elks, Lions and V.F.W. organizations. He had served on the Montana School Administrators Association and was a board member of the North Central Montana Federal Credit Union.

Following his discharge from the Army, Tom served in the Guards. Sometime later he enlisted in the Army Reserves and eventually retired after 20 years of service.

Tom enjoyed football and was proud to have participated in the sport at Havre High School and Western Montana College. In his later years Tom enjoyed golfing, skiing and motorcycling. In addition, he obtained his private pilot's license, so he enjoyed

flying.

In his quiet time at home, Tom liked to read (he read anything and everything). Of interest was the fact that he was an exceptional "whistler".

A tribute to his life was his dedication to teaching and his love of children. If not for his decline in health, Tom would still be whistling down some hallowed halls of a high school.

He is survived by his wife Charleen of Gildford, two daughters, Sara Fisher and husband, Jerry of Gillette, Wyoming and Kenna Hoyer of Missoula, a student at U of M; one grandson, Jonathan Fisher; his mother, Rosalie Brettene of Gildford; three cousins who grew up with Tom, including Stella Palm, Rosalie McCormick and Pauline Murray; and several nieces and nephews. Tom was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Robert Grosch at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 2 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre. Assisting with the services was Pastor Tim Hauge of Hingham, Church organist, Regina Gabriel, accompanied the vocalist, Jeanette McCormick, who sang "On Eagle's Wings" and "Take My Hand Precious Lord". Ushers were Gary Grant and Kenny Hanson. Pallbearers were Jerry Fisher, George McCormick, Bill Murray, Mark McCormick, Bill Orsello and Randy Solberg. Memorial bearers were listed as "Tom's fellow-educators and friends from the Army Reserves". Interment was in the Highland Cemetery with military rites by members of the Havre V.F.W. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the Baptist Church in Gildford. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

ALICE E. IVERSON
Born: December 7, 1909 - Died: July 27, 1995
Great Falls Tribune
July 28, 1995

Tribune July 28, 1995

Alice E. Iverson

HAVRE - Alice E. Iverson, 85, formerly of Chester, died Thursday at a local hospital of cancer.

Her funeral is at 2 p.m. Monday at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Chapel here, with burial in Highland Cemetery.

Iverson was born Dec. 7, 1909, in Lawrence, Wash. She moved to Eureka as a child with her family and graduated from high school there. After attending college, she taught in rural schools in the Libby area.

In 1937 she married Carl M. Iverson in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and they lived in Chester. She retired from the Montana Power Co. after 25 years.

She was involved in Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church. She enjoyed reading.

Surviving are her daughter, Nancy Wilmes of Havre; two sisters, Kathryn Brock of Eureka and Mary Friske of Fairbanks, Alaska.; a brother, Richard Gaertner of Whitefish; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and by a son, Carl M. Iverson Jr.

LORENE JACOBSON
Born: ? 1927 - Died: September 13, 1995
Liberty County Times
September 20, 1995

***Lorene
Jacobson***

Lorene Jacobson, age 68, a former Chester resident, passed away September 13 in Denver, Colorado. She had been in failing health for several years.

She is survived by three sons, Bill and wife Charolette of Arvada, Wyoming; Bob and wife Vicky of Sterling, Colorado and Tim of Seattle; six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Also three brothers, John Swank, Bud Swank and Edward Swank of Chester and a sister Grace Anderson of Vancouver, Washington. She was preceded in death by a son Gordon.

Memorial services were held in Sterling, Colorado.

FRANK RAPHAEL JOCHIM
Born: October 6, 1918 - Died: June 1, 1995
Liberty County Times
June 7, 1995

Frank R. Jochim

Frank Raphael Jochim was born at Inverness, Montana on October 6th, 1918. He was one of 11 children born to Martin and Mariana (Mangold) Jochim. The Jochim's had homesteaded south of Inverness in 1913, so Frank grew up on the family farm. He received his formal education in Inverness. In the few years that followed, Frank worked as a farm hand in the Hi-Line area and then as a laborer with the C.C.C.'s. At the outbreak of World War II, he was inducted into the U.S. Army. Frank served in the South Pacific in the Engineer corps; he operated a bulldozer and helped build roads and airstrips for the war effort. Following his honorable discharge he returned to Montana and began leasing the Fisher farm south of Hingham.

Frank married Hazel J. Zeltinger at Tolley, North Dakota on June 2nd, 1949. They made their home in the Hingham community the rest of their married life. In addition to farming, Frank did some dozer work, custom

farm work, and he drove a Hingham school bus. He retired in 1992.

For the past few years Frank has been treated for a heart ailment. He died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the afternoon of Thursday (June 1st, 1995). He was 76 years old.

Frank and Hazel have been active members of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Frank's favorite pastimes over the years included bowling, snowmobiling, boating and traveling. He loved cars and doing mechanical things. In his quiet hours at home he enjoyed reading historicals and biographies. Frank was a self-taught musician; he had the unique ability to "play by ear". His instruments were the organ and accordion. His love for music intensified when he and Hazel went square-dancing. The two of them were best friends and partners for the past 46 years...

In addition to his wife, Frank is survived by three brothers, Martin of Inverness, Jacob of Vancouver, Washington, and Tony of Inverness; two sisters, Elizabeth Wood of The Dalles, Oregon and Barbara Fisher of Havre; his extended family, the Velk's; numerous nephews and nieces; and a loyal four-legged friend, Oreo. Frank was preceded in death by his parents, by a sister (Magdalena Hagel), and by four siblings who died in infancy/childhood.

Rosary Prayers were recited at 7:00 p.m. Sunday (June 4th) at Our Lady of Ransom by Father Joseph Marmion. The funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Monday at the church. Special music was provided by organist Iris White and vocalists Marcus Jochim, Allison Jochim and Lacey Fisher. Other mass participants included reader Tom Jochim, eulogist Larry Jochim, altar server Logan Fisher, eucharistic ministers Kay and Tom Jochim, ushers Steve Dahinden and Garrett Fisher, and communion gifts by Jean Edwards and Peggy Currie. Pallbearers were Tom and Larry Jochim, Richard and Allen Fisher, Vic Velk, and Bradley Bjork. Burial services were conducted at the Hingham Cemetery with military rites by members of the Havre V.F.W. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

GERALD A. KELLER
Born: January 10, 1923 - Died: April 5, 1995
Liberty County Times
April 12, 1995



Gerald Keller

Gerald A Keller, 72, died at his home in Chester, Montana on Wednesday, April 5 of an apparent heart attack. He was born January 10, 1923, in Kalispell, the only son of Michael and Annie Keller. He was raised and educated in the Flathead Valley, having graduated from Flathead County High School in the class of 1941. In 1944, he was married to June Eliason at Somers. In 1946, the couple moved to Libby, Montana where Mr. Keller worked for J. Neils Lumber Company, St. Regis and Champion International Company for 39 years prior to his retirement in 1985. In 1994 he moved to Chester, Montana. Mr. Keller had been a former member and past secretary-treasurer of the Lumber and Sawmill Local 2581 of Libby. He was preceded in death by his parents and is now survived by his wife, June, at the home in Chester; his son, Michael "Mike" Keller and wife, Nancy, of Libby; five grandchildren, Jennifer, Jarrod, Chris, Michelle and John. Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 8, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell with Rev. Father Robert Noonan of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial was at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell.

Local arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

DONALD KIDD
Born: January 23, 1923 - Died: July 13, 1995
Liberty County Times
August 2, 1995

Donald Kidd

Born January 23, 1923 in Great Falls, Montana, died July 13, 1995 in Escondido, California at the age of 72 after a brief but fierce bout with cancer. A memorial service was held on July 19 following interment in Escondido.

He was raised in Joplin on the family farm. He moved to Burbank, California where he owned a motel and a little later on an apartment building in Glendale. He then moved to Escondido in 1967 where he worked in real estate and retired still active in property management. He also still retained a farmstead in Montana where he returned each year at harvest-time.

He was an active Real Estate Broker as well as being very involved in community services such as Rotary, Christian Business Men's Club, Salvation Army, Gideon's Bible Society, Toastmasters, and a board member of the Light and Life Free-Methodist Church in Escondido.

He is survived by his wife of six years, Edith S. Kidd of Escondido, three sons, David M. Kidd and Daniel Big Sandy and Robert A. Kidd of Del Mar, California, seven grandchildren and one great grandson.

The family requests that memorial donations be sent to Bethel or Immanuel Lutheran Church in Joplin, Montana 59531 or to the Salvation Army or organization of choice.

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JOSEPH A. KISSOCK, SR.
Born: March 13, 1922 - Died: January 18, 1995
Liberty County Times
January 25, 1995

Joseph Kissock, Sr.

Joseph A. Kissock Sr. passed away Wednesday, January 18th, 1995 in a Butte hospital.

He was born in Butte on March 13, 1922, the son of Alex and Brigette (O'Hara) Kissock. Mr. Kissock served in the US Navy from 1942 to November 30, 1945. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific and American Area Campaigns. He was injured in action on Guam.

He was an underwriter for Western Life Insurance until he medically retired. He was a member of Butte City Council for eight years during the late 40's and early 50's. He was a member of Silver Bow County Commissioners and its Chairman in 1972. Mr. Kissock was an active member of the Disabled American Veterans and was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the Butte Lodge of Elks BPOE No. 240 for 45 years and was a member of the Butte Country Club for 46 years. He loved to golf and be with people. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Andrew and a daughter-in-law Kate Kissock.

He is survived by his wife Betty of Butte; daughter and son-in-law Romelle and Dave Keltz of Missoula; son Joseph A. Kissock Jr. of Butte; son and daughter-in-law Tim and Karri Kissock of Vancouver, WA; grandchildren Kale Keltz of Phoenix; Karrin Kissock of Butte; T.J. and Colton Kissock of Vancouver, WA; brother and sister-in-law John R. and Jean Kissock of Clackamas, OR; Sam Kissock of Butte; sisters Mary and Hershel Davis of Whitehall; and Margaret Hunter of Butte. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Memorial services were Saturday, January 21st at 9:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church where they were married.

Betty is the former Betty Haldorf of Box Elder and Havre. They have many relatives in the Gildford, Kremlin and Havre areas. The family home is at 34 North Lake Dr., Butte, MT 59701. Brother-in-law Bill Haldorf and family and sister-in-law Lou Harrell and family also survive.

LUKE KLEINSASSER
Born: September 27, 1993 - Died: November 10, 1995
Liberty County Times
November 22, 1995

Luke Kleinsasser

Luke Will Kleinsasser, 2, of the Sage Creek Colony died November 10 at the Primary Children Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, of heart failure. He was born on September 27, 1993 in the Liberty County Hospital in Chester.

Funeral services were at the Sage Creek Colony Church on November 12 at 12:30.

He is survived by his parents, Will and Barbara Kleinsasser, sister Diane and a brother Willie.

Grandparents at the Sage Creek Colony are Sam and Annie Kleinsasser and Joseph and Annie Hofer of the Clearview Colony in Canada, also numerous aunts and uncles.

He will be greatly missed by his family.

SHIRLEY ANN (EWALD) KULPAS

Born: September 3, 1918 - Died: August 30, 1995

Liberty County Times
September 6, 1995



Shirley Kulpas

Shirley Ann (Ewald) Kulpas was born in Java, South Dakota on September 3, 1918. She was the youngest of seven children born to William and Mary (Henning) Ewald. The Ewald family came to Montana and Shirley grew up in the Fort Shaw, Rudyard and Centerville communities. Following her graduation from Centerville High School in 1936, Shirley continued her education at Columbus School of Nursing in Great Falls. She received her R.N. degree in 1939, then began working for Public Health Service at the Browning Hospital. While there she met Edward J. Kulpas and they were married on March 8, 1944. Shirley worked until 1945 then began raising her family of two.

Ed was transferred in his railroad job to Lothair in 1947, so that became their home for the next 25+ years. In the 1950's Chester was short on medical professionals, so Dr. Buker convinced Shirley to get back into nursing. She began working at the Liberty County Hospital in 1957 and continued to be a dedicated employee until her retirement in 1990.

Husband Ed, died in 1972. Shirley continued to live in Lothair until 1976, then moved to Chester and has lived here since. Her health had been relatively good until a few months ago, when she developed abdominal problems. She was diagnosed with colon cancer. She died at the Liberty County Hospital on the evening of Wednesday, August 30 at the age of 76 years.

Shirley was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester and the Chester Lionettes. She was presently serving on the Liberty County Hospital Advisory Board and was a volunteer at the Liberty County Library and Liberty County Hospice. Her personal interests over the years included bowling, reading, playing "bridge", and watching her grandchildren participate in school and sporting events.

Other than her family, the most important part of her life was nursing. She was an integral part in keeping the Chester Hospital running at a time when nurses were at a premium. Shirley spent many hours (over and above her regular work schedule) at the hospital. She didn't view this as drudgery or hard work but rather as an effort of love and compassion for the sick who needed her.

Shirley is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Karla Kulpas of Chester; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Dan Devine of Great Falls; two grandchildren, Kelci and Jeremy Kulpas of Chester; and several nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and six siblings (Myrtle, Rosie, Bess, Dan, Morris and Glen).

Memorial services were conducted by Reverend Tom Dunham at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 5 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Karen Stack served as organist. Rock Svenningsen sang "How Great Thou Art" and "We Will Rise Again". Memorial bearers were listed as "Shirley's friends, neighbors and co-workers". Following the service a luncheon was held in the church basement. Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Hospital or the building fund at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Shirley's remains will be entombed at the Hillcrest Mausoleum in Great Falls. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

HOUSTON A. LAKEY
Born: March 3, 1914 - Died: April 14 1995
Liberty County Times
April 19, 1995

Houston Lakey

Houston A. Lakey, 81, of Kalispell, passed away on Good Friday, April 14, in the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. He was the second child of six born to Alexander and Melvina Abel Lakey on the family homestead north of Chester, on March 3, 1914. Houston married Nellie Adams in Havre on November 7, 1938 and continued to work on the family farm. In the mid 40's he started employment in the oil industry until purchasing his own private business in Terry in 1958. He retired from business at the age of 57 and traveled throughout the West from Arizona to Alaska. Houston and Nellie settled in the Flathead Valley in 1991 and Houston continued to pursue his favorite hobbies of fishing, hunting

and hiking the mountain trails. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers and one grandson. He is survived by his loving wife of over 56 years, Nellie Lakey at the home in Kalispell; his sons, John and his wife Kathy of 29 Palms, California; Jim and his wife Patty of Tioga, North Dakota; daughters, Sheila Coulston of Bainville, Naomi Leonard and husband Pat of Eagle River, Alaska; Sharon Swartz and husband Keith of Baker; sisters, Irene Mattson and Ethel Rasmussen both of Chester, 20 grandchildren, one great-grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel of Kalispell. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

LOUIS GEORGE LAMBOTT
Born: January 7, 1937 - Died: July 27, 1995
Liberty County Times
August 9, 1995

Louis Lambott

Louis George Lambott passed away July 27, 1995 in Edmonds, Washington after a bout with cancer.

Louis was born January 7, 1937 in Havre, Montana and graduated from Rudyard High School in 1955.

He married his wife, Wilma, in 1962 in Great Falls, Montana while serving in the Army. They moved to Brier, Washington in 1964.

Louis is survived by his wife Wilma; daughter and son-in-law Stephanie and Tracy McLain of Havre; a son Kevin Lambott and wife Caroline of Lynnwood, Washington; two grandchildren Jill and Jesse McLain; brother Ron Lambott of Springfield, Missouri; three sisters, Jean Johnson of Joplin, Ginger Morrison of Madras, Oregon, and Crystle Patrick of Durham, California.

He was preceded in death by a son Kelly, his mother and father George and Melissa Lambott, and a brother Gary Lambott.

Memorial services were held at Floral Hill Cemetery in Lynnwood, Washington with Rev. Terry Maasen officiating. Memorials can be sent to the Cancer Society.

LOUIS HENRY LAMBOTT

Born: August 25, 1903 - Died: January 8, 1995

Liberty County Times

January 11, 1995



Louis Lambott

Louis Henry Lambott was born at Hillsboro, Oregon on August 25, 1903. he was one of nine children born to Ellen Louise Bosserdet and Victor Emil Lambott. He came to Montana in 1910 with his family. They homesteaded north of Inverness where his father passed away on the farm. The Lambott family moved to another farm south of

Rudyard in 1916 where Louis lived and worked with his mother for many years.

He married Gertrude Laura Benjamin in Shelby on November 4, 1940. They made their home in the south Rudyard community where they farmed and raised their two children. Louis retired in 1970, but continued to live in the Rudyard area from that time on.

Because of failing health, Louis and Gertrude moved to Townsend this past July to be near their son. They have resided at the Broadwater County Health Center. On Sunday evening, January 8, Louis died peacefully at the Medical Center in Townsend. He was 91 years old.

Louis loved to travel. They made many automobile trips throughout the United States and Canada, making their lifetime memories for their children and other family members. And during many of those traveling years, they wintered in the Phoenix and San Diego areas.

Louis' formal education consisted of just a few years of country school, but it didn't end there. Because of his love of reading and zest for learning, he became your basic "self-educated man".

Louis enjoyed his life on the farm...everything from tinkering in the shop to a good hard day in the field! He always kept his buildings and equipment in good repair and maintenance.

Louis had always been fond of horse. One of his proudest accomplishments was when he restored a small horse-drawn buggy for use in parades and special occasions. Many Rudyard youngsters enjoyed a ride in that buggy.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Gertrude of Townsend; a daughter and her husband, Luella and Emil Ponich of Billings, a son and his wife, Leonard and Pam Lambott of Toston; seven grandchildren (including Ben, Beth and Emily Allington and

Wanda, Karen, Carmen and Wendy Lambott); and numerous nephews and nieces. Louis was preceded in death by his parents and all of his siblings (including brothers Ed, Arthur, Fred and George and sisters Emma Adams, Mary Hinkle and Anna Peabler).

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, January 13 at the Blue Sky High School Gymnasium in Rudyard. The officiants will be Lowell Stidolph and Larry Stevens. Vocal duets by Barb Durkee and Rod Kitto will be "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "I've A Friend Who Meets My Every Need". Accompanist will be Lorraine Kitto. nephews will serve as pallbearers. Interment will be in the family plot at the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. A luncheon for family and friends will follow at the Rudyard Youth Center.

Memorials will be given to the Blue Sky High School, the Rudyard Senior Citizen's Center, or donor's choice.

HELEN B. LAUENER
Born: January 1, 1920 - Died: December 23, 1995
Liberty County Times
January 3, 1996

Helen Lauener

Helen B. Lauener, age 75, passed away at the Cooney Convalescent Home in Helena, Montana on December 23, 1995.

she was born on January 1, 1920 in Livingston, Montana to Blanche and William Buettner. Growing up she lived in various places in Montana, including: Power, Sunburst and Kalispell, as her step-father O. Bert Haugen managed lumber yards and they moved every few years.

She graduated from High School in Kalispell and attended two years of nurses training at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls.

On June 16, 1943 she married George E. Lauener in Whitlash, Montana. They owned a cattle ranch in the Sweet Grass Hills near Whitlash. After her husband's death in 1968, she moved to Shelby. She continued to own and operate the ranch. She became very involved in the community and belonged to many organizations and boards, including: Toole County Blood Chairman, Business & Professional Women groups, CowBelles, church groups and Triangle Mental Health Board. She had been active in both the Methodist and Lutheran churches.

In 1989 she moved from the Sweet Grass Lodge in Chester to the Liberty County Nursing Home. In 1995 she moved to Cooney Convalescent Home to be closer to her daughter in Helena.

She enjoyed cooking, reading, traveling and especially being involved in community activities.

Survivors include one daughter, Diane English-Castona (and husband Jerry) of Helena; grandchildren, Cathryn English-Straub (and husband Carl) of Norwood, MA, Randy English, Shauna English, Thomas Castona, all of Helena; a brother, Edwin Buettner of Missoula; and a half-sister, Billye Lou Storey of Casper, WY. She was preceded in death by a half-brother, Russell Haugen.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be scheduled in the early spring of 1996.

Memorials may be made to either the Whitlash Home Demonstration Club, Yellowstone Boys Ranch, Liberty County Nursing Home or donor's choice.

Local arrangements were handled by the Hagler-Anderson Mortuary in Helena.

PALMA(DYBWAD) LEE
Born: September 24, 1904 - Died: May 20, 1995
Liberty County Times
May 31, 1995

Palma (Anderson) Lee

Palma Lee, 90, of Devils Lake, North Dakota, formerly of the Glenfield and Sutton, North Dakota area, died Saturday, May 20 at Mercy Hospital, Devils Lake.

Funeral services were Wednesday, May 24 at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Devils Lake. Reverend Gary W. Van Hunnik officiated and burial was in the Glenfield Cemetery, Glenfield.

Serving as Active Pallbearers were Palma's grandchildren: Allen Anderson, Lois Smith, Myrnell Brusegaard, Barry Wegener, Jay Wegener, Ava Bergan, Wendy Soule, Ross Wegener, Richard Lowe, Anthony Lowe, Daniel Lowe, Donald Lowe and Paula Dietz.

Palma Dybwad was born September 24, 1904 in McHenry, North Dakota, the daughter of John and Karen (Peherson) Dybwad. She was raised and educated in McHenry.

She was united in marriage to Arthur Anderson in 1922 at Carrington, North Dakota. They farmed at Sutton, North Dakota and later moved to Wahpeton, North Dakota. She came to Devils Lake as Matron of the Odd Fellows Home in 1953 and retired in 1966. She married Jarl T. Christianson on June 11, 1958. He died January 5, 1963. On April 13, 1967 she was united in marriage to Rudolph Lee in Devils Lake. They lived in Glenburn, North Dakota. He died in 1978 and she returned to Devils Lake to make her home.

She was a member of St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Devils Lake and was active in many community organizations throughout her life, such as Parent Teachers Associations, 4-H Leader, church organist at the Mable Lutheran Church in Sutton, the Rebekah Lodge and Volunteer Hostess at the Chamber of Commerce

Welcome Centre in Devils Lake. She held many offices in the Rebekah's and notably was assembly chairwoman of the Rebekah's in 1964-65, and was a Past Noble Grand. She was the Matron at the Devils Lake I.O.O. F. Home from 1954 to 1966. Palma became a resident at the Odd Fellows Home in 1984.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Armand and Joyce Anderson of Chester, Montana; daughters and son-in-law Myrna Anderson Camp and Harry Camp of Danville, California; and Avis Lowe of McHenry; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; sisters, Elsie DeLand of Grass Valley, California; Betty King of Sun City, Arizona; and Beatrice Hugelmann of Coarsegold, California and brothers, Morris Dybwad of Fargo and Alton Dybwad of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her son Lorris G. Anderson.

Gilbenson Funeral Home of Devils Lake was in charge of arrangements.

ELIZABETH (BETH) ADELIA LEIGHTON
Born: May 17, 1915 - Died: April 20, 1995

Liberty County Times
April 26, 1995



Beth Leighton

Elizabeth ("Beth") Adelia Markuson was born on May 17th, 1915 on the family homestead north of Galata, Montana. She was the 5th of 11 children born to Swedish emigrants, Linus and Ester (Naslund) Markuson. Beth grew up on the family farm and received her early education at the Green Hill Country School. She graduated from Great Falls High School at age 17, then attended Montana State Normal College in Dillon (known now as Montana State University/Western). Beth took her first teaching position the following summer at the Trommer School north of Lothair. She returned to college for a quarter before completing an 8-month teaching session at Whitlash, then finished two more quarters to receive her "First Class Certification in Elementary Education". Beth's next teaching position was a country school north of Galata. During that term she married Clifford C. Leighton on December 6th, 1935 at the Markuson ranch. In addition to teaching, Beth was now a farm wife and homemaker.

Beth taught at the Bear's Den School north of Chester before accepting a position at the Chester Elementary School in 1962. During her stint at Chester she continued with her college education at Northern Montana College (night

classes and summer school). She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1969, and was very close to her Master's Degree at the time of her retirement. Beth remained a full-time teacher (mainly grade 3) in the Chester School system until 1979, when she retired.

Cliff and Beth made their home in Chester during their retirement years. They enjoyed traveling and were active in the Good Sam Club. When Beth's health began to fail in 1993, she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home. She died there on the afternoon of Thursday (April 20th, 1995) at the age of 79 years.

Beth had been an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church; she taught Sunday school, she was involved in the circles of the A.L.C.W., and she enjoyed attending Bible study groups. Beth was a very artistic woman who enjoyed painting, sewing and ceramics. In her younger years she was an excellent swimmer and tennis player. In her later years she enjoyed collecting fossils and dinosaur bones or the simple pleasure of working in her garden. A friend of Beth's was asked to describe Beth in one word, and she replied, "Happy, smiling... I can tell you this, when Beth sees kids, she just beams all over!"

Beth is survived by her husband, Clifford of Chester; six children, including Sharlene Hanson (and husband, Ron) of Havre, Sandra Schumacher (and husband, Dean) of Overland Park, Kansas, Larry Leighton (and wife, Bonnie) of Santa Cruz, California, Mark Leighton of Helena, Randi Holland (and husband, Jim) of Gig Harbor, Washington, and Chelli Fossen (and husband, Marlowe) of Joplin; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; five sisters, Emmi Kelso and Lillian Fenster of Kalispell, Evelyn Jones and Marie Berry of

Jacksonville, Oregon, and Mildred Visocan of Raynesford; and numerous nephews and nieces. Beth was preceded in death by her parents, by three brothers (Gunerud, Leonard and Harold Markuson), and by two sisters (Ingrid and Ethel Kinyon).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday (April 24th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Officiant was Pastor Tom Dunham and eulogist was Allen Kolstad. The congregation sang "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Amazing Grace", accompanied by organist, Juanita Wardell. Vocalist Carole Hanson performed "I Was There To Hear Your Morning Cry" and "On Eagle's Wings". Ushers were Cliff Hanson and Reuben Halverson, and pallbearers were Armand Anderson, Charles Green, Allen Kolstad, Gary Jensen, Jerry Hendrickson and Gary Violet. Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Memorials will be given to Liberty County Nursing Home or Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

MARIE RUTH(PACKER) LINCOLN

Born: January 8, 1915 - Died: August 25, 1995

Liberty County Times

August 30, 1995



Marie Lincoln

Marie Ruth (Packer) Lincoln was born on the family homestead 18 miles north of Rudyard, Montana on January 8th, 1915. She was the eldest of five children born to Erwin and Martha (Suckow) Packer. Her early education was completed at a country school near the farm. Marie attended Havre High School as a freshman, then finished her schooling in Rudyard, graduating from R.H.S. in 1934.

Marie married a neighbor, Edgar A. Lincoln, on June 29th, 1935 at Havre. They made their home on the Lincoln farm north of Rudyard and raised their family of five.

Edgar died on September 20th, 1955 of cancer. Marie remained on the farm until 1963, when she moved into Rudyard. She has lived there since. Marie's health remained good over the years. She recently suffered a heart attack and died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the early morning of Friday (August 25th, 1995). She was 80 years old.

Marie had been involved in many activities. She was an early member of the Sage Hens Home Demonstration Club of Rudyard, a past chairwoman of the Hill County Farm Bureau, and a member of the Christian Women's Club of Chester. She worked as a cook at

the Rudyard School for a few years and helped with several summer Bible camps. Her main interest in life (beyond her family) was her love of the Calvary Evangelical Church and her dedication to O.M.S. International. Marie had a strong, undying faith in the Lord and was always eager to share and support her beliefs. When she moved into Rudyard, Marie dedicated her home to the Lord. Consequently, her house became a haven to visiting ministers and her car provided excellent escort for many missionaries.

Marie's hobbies included yard work and gardening, reading and embroidery. She had a small collection of salt-and-pepper shakers and cups-and-saucers. She enjoyed writing letters and corresponding with friends and family. Marie kept herself in shape, both spiritually and physically; she took brisk walks of 2-3 miles around Rudyard most every day! Of interest was the fact that she entered the "Bear Paw Run" about three years ago and finished the 5-K event in 43 minutes! Marie was also an exceptional homemaker and hostess; when anyone stopped by, she was always ready with fresh coffee and her delicious homemade cinnamon rolls.

Marie was ecstatic this past summer when her entire family gathered to celebrate her 80th birthday. She loved her family dearly, and having them all ~~together was truly the "icing on her cake"~~

Marie took delight in doing nice things for people without expecting acknowledgement or praise. The story goes that Marie once helped a family member, who was concerned about repaying the debt as soon as possible. Marie's reply was simple: "Repay the favor someday by doing a favor for someone else who needs help". This was the essence of her life!

Marie is survived by three sons and their wives, Joe and Sandra Lincoln of Rudyard, Lee and Karol Lincoln of Missoula, and Art and Jan Lincoln of Kalispell; one daughter and her husband, Ruth and Fred Newton of

Diamond Bar, California; one daughter-in-law, Fern Larson of Burlington, Washington; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Doris Kegel of Havre, Cora Mae Theobald of Boston, Massachusetts, and Dorothy Duncan of Joplin; one sister-in-law, Winnie Packer of Billings; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son (Roy), and brother (Bruce Packer).

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. Monday (August 28th) at the Calvary Evangelical Church with Pastor Nolan Spentst officiating. Marie's nieces assisted with the music; Tammy Duncan served as organist and Rhea Duncan was soloist. Vocal tributes included "Someday the Silver Cord Will Break" and "The Eastern Gate".

The congregation sang "At Calvary" and "My Jesus, I Love Thee". Ushers were nephews Roger Lincoln, Bruce Duncan and Keith Duncan. Grandchildren serving as pallbearers were Lisa, Janet, Leah, Lori, Jeff, Kelly and Edgar Lincoln. Memorial bearers were the remaining grandchildren: Kim Kaleva, Angela Grandbois and Lisa Kasbohm. Immediately following the services, a luncheon for family and friends was given at the Rudyard Catholic Youth Center. Graveside prayers and burial was at 6:30 p.m. at the Grace Church Cemetery located 18 miles north of Rudyard. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials will be given to Calvary Church or O.M.S. International.

LELAND ONEAL LOMEN

Born: August 19, 1928 - Died: August 21, 1995

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Lee Lomen

Leland Oneal Lomen was born in Lengby, Minnesota on August 19th, 1928. He was one of six children born to Olaf and Cora (Sorgaard) Lomen. Lee was baptized and confirmed at the Lutheran Church and received his formal education at Lengby. In the years that followed Lee worked as a journeyman marble-setter for the Drake Marble Company of Minneapolis.

In 1953 he was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served in Germany during the Korean Conflict. Lee was honorably discharged in 1955.

He began working as a farm laborer in eastern Montana and eventually ended up in the Hi-Line community. In December of 1959 Lee married Glore Broadhurst in Shelby. They lived in Chester where Lee worked as a mechanic and welder for Tiber Tractor and Thielman Implement. In later years he worked odd jobs for local farmers/ranchers. He took disability retirement in 1985 and continued to live in Chester.

Lee's health has gradually deteriorated. On this past Monday (August 21st, 1995) Lee and a friend were driving to Lake Elwell on a fishing expedition when Lee suddenly collapsed in the car. He was rushed by ambulance to the Liberty County Hospital, but resuscitative measures were to no avail. He died at the age of 67 years.

Lee was a past member of the V.F.W. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and other outdoor activities. In his younger years he was an excellent dancer. He loved country western music, especially albums by Eddy Arnold. He enjoyed singing along to his favorite recordings, and at one time he tinkered with the accordion and guitar. When socializing with friends, Lee liked to play the card game "pitch" or shake the dice cup. In his quiet hours at home he enjoyed reading; he was especially fond of "westerns". He was an excellent mechanic and "fix-it" person, and he always kept his automobiles in tip-top shape.

Lee is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Rod (Terri) Rick of Havre; a son, Barry Lomen of Chester; two grandchildren, Madeline and Melissa Rick; two stepchildren, Rollene Fain of Woodbridge, Virginia and Stuart Scabery of Conrad; two stepgrandchildren, Valerie McAlpine and Brad Holland; one brother, Arnold Lomen of Lengby, Minnesota; three sisters, Mildred Bakken of Fosston, Minnesota, Mavis Iverson of Bagley, Minnesota, and Martys LaVoi of Grand Forks, North Dakota; and numerous nephews and nieces. Lee was preceded in death by his parents and a brother (Harold).

Memorial services for Lee were conducted by Pastor Tom Dunham at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester on Thursday (August 24th) at 11:00 a.m. A friend, B.J. Oswood, played the keyboard and sang "How Great Thou Art". As part of the service, Lee's favorite song by Eddy Arnold, "The Cattle Call", was played on tape. At the end there was military "taps" and the veterans flag was presented to the family by Don Buffington. A luncheon followed at the Vets Club basement; the lunch was provided by friends in the VFW Auxiliary. The family plans to return Lee's ashes to Minnesota to be buried with his folks there. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

BARBARA M. (PEHLKE) LUDWIG
Born: June 25, 1933 - Died: March 5, 1995
Liberty County Times
March 8, 1995



Barbara Ludwig

Barbara M. (Pehlke) Ludwig was born at Whitewater, Montana on June 25, 1933. She was the only daughter of three children born to Lydia Dahlman and Erwin Pehlke. Barb grew up in Havre and received her education there, graduating from Havre High School in 1951. She attended Northern Montana College for two years, then began teaching school, one year in Poplar, and one year in Rudyard. While teaching in Rudyard, Barb met her husband-to-be, Lee L. Ludwig. They were married in Hingham on Barb's birthday, June 25, 1955. They lived and farmed in the Rudyard community for five years, then moved to a farm south of Chinook. When Lee began working in the telephone business in 1965, they moved to Cut Bank and lived there for 11 years. In 1976 they moved to Havre where Lee retired from Triangle Telephone Cooperative in 1988. The Ludwig's purchased a home in Chester in December of 1992 and have lived here since.

Barbara's health had been excellent over the years. In November of 1994 she was diagnosed with a brain tumor and her medical status changed dramatically from that time on. She died on the early morning of Sunday (March 5, 1995) at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. She was 61 years old.

Barb had been active at St. Jude's Church in Havre and worked as a teacher's aide at the Highland Park Elementary School in Havre for 10 years. After moving to Chester, she

enjoyed helping with church activities at St. Mary's.

Barb's favorite sporting activities included softball, bowling and golfing. She and Lee enjoyed traveling in their motorhome, and they made many memorable trips since their retirement. She always had a good time on their trips to Nevada because she liked the excitement of the slot machines and playing Keno and Bingo. During her quiet time at home, she enjoyed working crossword puzzles.

Barb's whole life was based around family activities. She loved to plan and attend reunions. Being with her children and grandchildren meant more to her than anything. She taught the meaning of love by example; she lived life graciously and she died with dignity.

Barb is survived by her husband, Lee of Chester; two sons and their wives, Joe and Connie of Houston, Texas, and Steve and Stacy of Glasgow; one daughter and her husband, Gail and Kent Matkin of Chester; eight grandchildren, including Nicholas, Sarah, Mallory, Brittany, Ashley, Kendra, Kayle, Kurt; one brother and his wife, Don and Beryl Pehlke of Glasgow; her mother, Lydia Pehlke of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Barbara was preceded in death by her father and a brother (Milton Pehlke).

Vigil prayers were recited at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday (March 7th) by Father Joseph Marmion at the Rockman Funeral Chapel. The Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Joe at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday (March 8th) with readings and the eulogy. St. Mary's Choir provided special music. Ushers were Fred Rigg and Bob Johnson. Pallbearers included Dave Toner, Jim Carr, Brian Ludwig, Joe Little, Mike Carr and Marty Little. Friends listed as honorary bearers were Ed Norenberg, Dick Ditmar, Don Kline, Lyle Knudson, Bob Johnson, and Fred Rigg. Eucharistic minister was Pat Ludwig and the communion gifts were presented by Shannon Guse and Shelley Hopfauf. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery, followed by a luncheon for family and friends at the church. Memorials will be given to Hi-Line Health Service Foundation in Chester or donor's choice.

CALVIN FLOYD LYBECK

Born: May 8, 1950 - Died: January 30, 1995

Liberty County Times

February 8, 1995



Calvin Lybeck

Calvin Floyd Lybeck was born in Havre, Montana on May 8, 1950. He was the third child of eight and the first son born to Shirley Hader and Clifford Lybeck. He grew up on the family ranch 38 miles north of Chester near the Canadian border. Calvin attended the Laird Country School through grade 5; he excelled in reading and math. In addition, he attended Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sunday School and Church Camp. He loved fishing, boxing, and playing competitive games. As an adolescent he had a great zest for life; he was a fun-loving jokester who filled each day with lots of activities and then completed those activities in full gear! Calvin loved his life on the ranch, especially working with horses and cattle. On June 12, 1962 he was involved in a near fatal accident on the ranch during branding season. He was riding a pony that he had previously broken when both he and the horse toppled over in full stride.

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He was rushed to the Liberty County Hospital and Dr. Buker; then transferred to the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls for multiple brain surgeries and tracheotomy. Because of his comatose state, he was sent to the Shodair Children's Home in Helena. After six months Calvin regained consciousness and was able to be home. During the next 10 years of rehabilitation, he began as an infant, relearning to crawl, walk, talk and dress himself. His abilities were limited, so he attended training centers in Billings, Boulder, Great Falls and Glasgow. This rebuilding process also included the "beginnings" of new homes, dorms, parents, advisors, teachers, roommates and friends for Calvin.

In 1972 he moved to the Harlem Rest Home. Fortunately, his Uncle Willard and family lived nearby so they became a close family link. Calvin was a very special resident in Harlem because of his ability to make friends easily and his willingness to settle for whatever came his way. He had a knack of making the staff and caretakers laugh, and they enjoyed him as a patient.

When the administration retired in Harlem, the rest home closed, sending residents to surrounding areas. State restrictions limited Calvin's options.

He was sent to the Bozeman Care Center in 1991. While in Bozeman, Calvin continued to charm his caregivers; he was able to participate in many activities; he especially loved swimming, coffee time, checkers, "Bingo", and music and while there, he received plenty of "TLC".

During this past year he was confined to a wheelchair and needed help in feeding. Calvin suffered from seizures. He passed away peacefully on the evening of Monday, January 30. He was 44 years young.

The family is comforted to know that Calvin is happy to be returning to his heavenly home. He spoke of it often and was ready to go. And after 32 years, accepting with grace his lot in life, he will be so welcome!

Survivors include his parents, Cliff and Shirley of Chester; three brothers and their families, Kip and Della of Chester, Colin and Julie of Chester and Chad and Jayna of Cheyenne, Wyoming; four sisters and their families, Lynda Colby of Portland, Oregon, Lonna and David Tempel of Joplin, Janis Hanson of Spokane, Washington and Judy and Russ Tempel of Chester.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 7 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Reverend Tom Dunham officiating. Marlene Grammar played prelude/postlude music and accompanied the congregation who sang "The Old Rugged Cross". Nieces Mari and Maci Tempel sang "How Great Thou Art". Soloist, Wayne Wardell performed "He's My Brother", accompanied by his wife Juanita. Pallbearers were

brothers Kip, Colin and Chad; sisters Janis and Judy and best friend Arnie Woods. A eulogy was shared by brother Kip. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery followed by a luncheon at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

LILAMAE MCCARTER
Born: June 7, 1940 - Died: May 6, 1995
Liberty County Times
May 24, 1995

Obituary 5-24-95

Lilamae McCarter

Lilamae McCarter, 54, of rural Shelby passed away Saturday, May 6 at a Great Falls Hospital due to a sudden illness.

She was born June 7, 1940 at Hardin to Russell and Dorothy Swaby and graduated from Great Falls High School in 1958.

She married Stan McCarter August 7, 1971 and was very active in the First Baptist Church of Shelby enjoying her family and gardening.

Lilamae is survived by her husband Stan of Shelby; daughters,

Tami Park of Great Falls, Penny Stephens of Dillon and Stacy DeLacey of Shelby; sons, Keith Sundgren of Miles City, Paul Sundgren of Inverness and John McCarter of Shelby; eight grandchildren; parents, Dorothy and Russel Swaby of Great Falls; sister, Elaine Meyer of Kennewick, Washington; brothers, Gordon Swaby of Great Falls and James Swaby of Helotes, Texas.

Memorial services were May 9th at the First Baptist Church of Shelby. The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church.

Whitted Funeral Chapel of Shelby was in charge of arrangements.

MICHAEL EARL MCCLUE
Born: March 7, 1950 - Died: September 15, 1995
Liberty County Times
September 27, 1995

Michael McClue

Michael Earl McClue of Kalispell died Friday, September 15th. He was born March 7, 1950 in Great Falls to Jerry and Hazel McClue. He attended school in Conrad and Chester. He served one tour of duty in Viet Nam, attended Special Helicopter Training School in Fort Rucker, Alabama and graduated as a Warrant Officer. He was Honorably Discharged and served several years in the National Guard. He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; two sons, Spec. Thaddeus McClue of Fort Carson, Colorado, and Toby McClue of Columbia Falls; a step-daughter, Amanda; two brothers, Don McClue and Dick McClue, both of Phoenix, Arizona; two sisters, Clerae Pichford of Billings, and Maxine Woods of Chester. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service was held Thursday, September 21st at the Columbia Falls Assembly of God Church, where he was a member. Burial was at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with Military Honors provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

JOSEPH CARL MEISSNER

Born: June 11, 1917 - Died: November 18, 1995

Liberty County Times

November 29, 1995



Joseph Meissner

Joseph Carl Meissner was born in Fort Benton on June 11, 1917. He was one of seven children born to Margaret Eckert and George Meissner, Sr. He grew up on the family farm south of Chester and attended the Meissner School near there. Following his formal education, Joe began working for area farmers, including L.D. Pugsley, Henry Kolstad, and Morris Stewart. He eventually came back to the family farm to become a lifelong working partner at Meissner Ranches. Joe handled most of the business affairs associated with the ranch. He was instrumental in the purchase of "Big Bud Tractors" in 1989, which is now known as "Meissner Tractors" of Havre and Denton.

Joe was diagnosed with leukemia in March of 1995. He was treated at the Great Falls Columbus Hospital for fifty days before coming home. Joe continued to work on the ranch since, although his health slowly deteriorated. He was recently admitted to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester where he died on the evening of Saturday, November 18. He was 78 years old.

Joe was a board member of the BLM in Lewistown and was also active in the Montana Stockgrower's Association. He had served as a brand inspector for 30+ years. Joe enjoyed working with horses and had raised several thoroughbred race horses over the years. He liked to go to the horse races and rodeos in his spare time.

During his quiet hours at home he enjoyed playing the fiddle.

Joe is survived by four brothers, George (and wife Gladys), Frank, Lawrence and Paul (and wife Arlene); one sister, Margaret; four nephews, including Shawn, Blaine, Wallace and Ken; two nieces including Joey and Pam. Joe was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Ernest in 1993.

Vigil prayers were recited by Tom and JoAnn Osterman on Tuesday evening, November 21 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Joseph Marmion at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Iris White was organist and members of St. Mary's choir sang "On Eagle's Wings", "Hosea" and "Bread, Blessed and Broken". Oscar Erickson sang "Home on the Range" as a postlude. Ron Harmon served as eulogist and Tom Osterman as reader. Tom and Ken Osterman helped serve the mass. Ushers were Ross Williams and Larry Elings. Pallbearers included Garth Good, Chuck Saxton, Robert Pugsley Jr., Allen Brown, Ron Harmon and Arnold Lalum. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery. Joe's friend, Jack Smith of Geraldine, escorted the procession to the grave with Joe's riderless horse, "Snyder". A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

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SYLVIA LUCILLE MIDGE
Born: June 2, 1922 - Died: November 16, 1995
Liberty County Times
November 22, 1995

Lucille Midge

Sylvia Lucille Midge was born on her parents' homestead farm near Ledger, Montana in Pondera County on June 2nd, 1922. Lucille was the only daughter of five children born to James and Rose (Bell) Offerdahl. She received her education at a rural school through grade 8, then completed her education at Shelby High School.

On August 10th, 1940 Lucille married Ronald J. Midge in Shelby. They lived in Great Falls where Ronald worked at the Pioneer Dairy. Lucille worked as a wife and homemaker, and their first three children (Paulette, Bonnie, and Larry) were born while they were living in Conrad. They later moved to the Midge farm in the southeast corner of Toole County. Their last six children (Karen, Sherry, Randy, Steven, Robin and Dennis) were born in local hospitals and raised on this farm.

Lucille was widowed in August of 1964 when Ronald and their son, Larry, were killed in a car accident east of Conrad. Daughters Bonnie and Karen married, and Lucille sold the farm in 1968 and moved to Great Falls with the remaining children. While there she worked as bookkeeper at Sherwin-Williams, until her asthmatic condition forced a move to Arizona in 1975. Lucille and son, Dennis, lived in Phoenix until he graduated from high school, then she moved to Richland,

Washington to live with her daughter, Randy.

Allergies and asthma forced her to move again, back to Montana, where she spent six years in Billings and three years in Great Falls. In October of 1992 her illness escalated to the point of home care, so Lucille moved to Helena to live with daughters, Bonnie and Karen. In 1994 after several severe asthma attacks, Lucille was admitted to the Helena Nursing Home. She died there on the evening of Thursday (November 16th, 1995). She was 73 years old.

Lucille enjoyed sewing, traveling, and gathering genealogical information. After moving to Helena, she enjoyed attending the Sons of Norway meetings. Some of her memorable travels included a trip to Mexico in 1957 with her husband, brother, and his wife; a flight to England in 1974 with daughter, Randy; and a tour of Scandinavia in 1985 with daughter, Karen.

Her survivors include four daughters, Bonnie Ambuehl and Karen Fenger, both of Helena, Randy Otness of Kalispell, and Robin Robertson of Phoenix; two sons, Steven Midge of Green Bay, Wisconsin and Dennis Midge of Denver, Colorado; eight grandchildren, including Marty Ambuehl (of Billings), Jon Ambuehl (of Helena), Renee Cicon (of Helena), Rachelle Fenger (of Chester), Justin and Burton Otness (of Kalispell), and Amber and Joy Midge (of Havre); two great-granddaughters, Kimberly and Kelli Jo Cicon (of Helena); three brothers, Jim Offerdahl of Vaughn, Vernon Lee Offerdahl of Great Falls, and Bill Offerdahl of Great Falls; and numerous nephews and nieces. Lucille was preceded in death by her husband, son (Larry), infant daughters (Paulette and Sherry), brother (Ernest Offerdahl), and parents (Jim Offerdahl and Rose Capouch).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday (Nov. 20th) at the St. Olaf Lutheran Church east of Conrad with Reverend Tom Dunham officiating. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace". Lucille's son, Steve was the eulogist. Special music was provided by vocalist, Nellie Sherman, who sang "Jesus Loves Me", "In the Garden", and "Song of the Angels". The pianist was Debbie Sheasby. Ushers were Ramsey Offerdahl and Gail Aaberge. Lucille's six children served as pallbearers. Interment was in the family plot of St. Olaf's Church Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. A luncheon followed at the church.

OSBORNE CHARLES MURRAY
Born: February 3, 1904 - Died: July 17, 1995
Billings Gazette
July, 1995

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Osborne Charles
Murray

TUCSON, Ariz. — On July 17, 1995, at the age of 91, Osborne Charles Murray, known as Os or O.C., a former resident of Billings, Mont., died in Tucson, where he had resided since 1986.

Mr. Murray managed the Farmers Union Cooperative at Devon, Mont., before going on to an executive position with Farmers Union Central Exchange (now Cenex) in South St. Paul, Minn. After retirement, he became vice



MR. MURRAY

president of Dome Petroleum in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Following a second retirement, he co-founded HC Oil Co. in Billings, Mont. In 1981, he moved to Mesa, Ariz.

Mr. Murray was born in Mineral Wells, Texas, Feb. 3, 1904, a son of Charles "Tom" and Nannie Burnham Murray, and grew up in Toole and Liberty counties in Montana on the ranch in the Sweet Grass Hills that his parents started in the 1800s. He married Esther Imogene Hellinger on Jan. 12, 1929. She preceded him in death in 1981.

He is survived by a daughter, Nancy Brown (Jack) of Ben Lomand, Calif.; sons, John (Marilyn) of Laurel, Mont., and Gerald (Jean) of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Paul of Hamilton, Mont.; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date, announcement to follow. Memorials donations may be made to Community Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association or the charity of your choice.

MABEL FRANCIS NEALY
Born: May 23, 1909 - Died: October 7, 1995
Liberty County Times
October 11, 1995



Mabel Nealy

Mabel Francis Nealy was born on May 23rd, 1909 at home in a two-room sod house near Burwell, Nebraska. Her parents were Charley and Cora (Wright) Ashman and she was the eldest of seven children. Mabel grew up and received her formal education near Burwell.

On November 3rd, 1927 she married Leonard Lavern Nealy at Taylor, Nebraska. They made their home in Henry, Nebraska where they farmed with Lavern's father. Mabel worked diligently as a homemaker and mother in raising nine children.

In 1953 the Nealy's came to Chester (Montana) to work on the McNutt Farm; Earl McNutt was Mabel's great-uncle. They lived and worked in Chester until Lavern died on December 7th, 1965.

Mabel moved to Eugene, Oregon to cook for the McNutt's from 1966 to 1968, then returned to Chester. She worked in the kitchen of the Liberty County Hospital as helper and part time cook until 1976. Following a short time as cook at the Chester Senior Center, Mabel retired to enjoy the Center, her yard, and her family.

In 1973 Mabel moved into a small trailer in Chester that has been her home since. Because of recent failing health, she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home where she died on the early morning of Saturday (October 7th, 1995). She was 86 years old.

Mabel had been a member of the Rebecca Lodge in Nebraska. After moving to Chester she joined the Royal Neighbors of America. In addition she was a member of the Chester Methodist Church where she was baptized as an adult and was a member

of the United Methodist Women organization.

Mabel loved to play cards, especially pinochle and rummy. In her quiet hours at home she enjoyed reading, crocheting and embroidery. She collected bells, thimbles and spoons. She was an excellent cook, and her family will always remember her delicious breads, cinnamon rolls, and pies!

Mabel enjoyed watching the "Nashville Network" on television. She loved country western music, especially the gospel hymns by the Statler Brothers. One of the highlights of her life was a trip to Nashville and a performance at the "Grand Old Opry".

Mabel is survived by her children, including five daughters and spouses, Evelyn and Bob Henderson of Alliance, Nebraska, Margy and Junior Cochran of Melbeta, Nebraska, Charlotte and Cliff Hanson of Chester, Rose and Bud Ish of Chester, and Karen and Herb Englehart of Eugene, Oregon; three sons and spouses, Leonard and Edna Nealy of Boulder, Colorado, Boyd and Donna Nealy of Chester, and Monty and Beverly Nealy of Billings; 26 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Hazel Shelton of Loveland, Colorado and Lucille Callies of Denver, Colorado; one

brother, Archie Ashman of Burwell, Nebraska; a sister-in-law, Veda Ashman of Minnesota; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mabel was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a daughter (Harriet Waters), a granddaughter (Cynthia Waters Haynes), a brother (Bud Ashman), and a brother and sister (who both died in infancy).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (October 10th) at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Lyndon Kacick officiating. Juanita Wardell served as organist and the congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross". Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, performed "In the Garden" and "One Day At A Time". Ushers were Ron Hanson and Rod Keith. Grandsons serving as pallbearers included Rod, Brad and Kenneth Nealy, Jack and Bob Cochran, Ben Ish and Curt Hanson. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A luncheon followed at the church.

WILBUR EDWARD NORRIS

Born: August 13, 1916 - Died: December 31, 1995

Liberty County Times

January 3, 1996



Wilbur Norris

Wilbur Edward Norris was born at Hancock, Maryland on August 13, 1916. He was one of two sons born to Agnes G. Whorton and Hartford H. Norris. Wilbur grew up in the home of his grandmother, Elizabeth Ashkettle. He received his formal education in Maryland, then began working for the C.C.C.'s (Civilian Conservation Corps) as a truck driver.

Wilbur married Alice G. Miller at Bell Grove, Maryland on September 22, 1940. He began working at Glen L. Martin Aircraft in Baltimore, where he helped in the construction of airplanes. He continued this work at Fairchild Aircraft in Hagerstown, a job he held until 1960 when he was laid off due to cutbacks in airplane production.

In 1963 Wilbur and Alice came to Joplin to be near their daughter and family. While there, Wilbur worked on the Frank Richter farm, at the Farmer's

Union Elevator, and at the Husky Service Station. He retired in 1982 and has continued to live in Joplin since.

Wilbur's wife died in 1986. Wilbur's health remained relatively good until this past November, when he suffered a stroke. He was recuperating from the stroke when he fractured his hip, then he transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. He died peacefully at the rest home on New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31, 1995. He was 79 years old.

In his younger years Wilbur enjoyed boating and fishing in Maryland. He loved deer hunting in Montana, and was looking forward to the hunting season this past fall at the time of his stroke. Although he had no formal musical training, Wilbur could play a few of his favorite songs on the piano and guitar. He is best described as a "homebody"; he enjoyed the simple things in life, like gardening, watching television, or just sitting around and talking about "old times". Wilbur led a very conservative, gentle life. Many years ago he was given the nickname "Wimpy", which he fondly accepted from friends and family.

Wilbur is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Eunice and Jerry Robo of Fort Benton; a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Carol Norris of Joplin; four grandchildren including James and Jeff Robo and Jack and TiAnne Norris; his brother, James Clyde Norris of Hancock, Maryland; and numerous nephews and nieces. Wilbur was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, January 3 at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Reverend Tom Dunham of Chester will officiate. Susan Peterson will serve as organist and Ton Dunham will sing "Peace in the Valley" and "Beyond the Sunset". Pallbearers will be Frank Richter, Bruce Richter, David Tempel, Duane Johnson, Kenneth Miller and Norbert VanDessel. Rick Richter will serve as usher. Interment will be in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon will follow at Kjos Hall.

LUCY O'BRIEN
Born: 7, 1904 - Died: June 18, 1995
Liberty County Times
June 28, 1995

Lucy O'Brien C-29-95

Lucy O'Brien, age 91, died on June 18, following a stroke at a hospital in Ephrata, Washington. Funeral services were held in Spokane, Washington at St. Ann Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Born in McHenry, North Dakota, Mrs. O'Brien died in Ephrata, where she had lived with her son Marty and family for the past three years. She had lived in Chester from 1928 until 1943 when she and her husband and family moved to Spokane. She was a furrier for Spokane Fur and Alfred Boge Furriers for many years. She was a member of St. Ann's Parish. Her husband, Joseph "Jim" O'Brien, died in 1980 in the Liberty County Nursing Home.

She is survived by three sons, Darby O'Brien of Essex, Dennis O'Brien of Seattle, and Martin O'Brien of Ephrata; one daughter, Mary Vassar of Spokane; 18 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

HELEN (HILMA) ANDERSON OTHEIM
Born: May 15, 1896 - Died: February 8, 1995
Liberty County Times
February 15, 1995



Helen Otheim

Helen (Hilma) Anderson was born in Breckenridge, Minnesota on May 15, 1896. She was one of nine children born to Caroline Kjorn and Hans Anderson. Helen received her formal education in Minnesota before moving to Canada (Lake Alma, Sask.) at age 15 with her family.

She married her first husband, Ed Solberg in 1914. They farmed north of Westby, Montana and had two daughters (Evelyn and Heloice "Lois"). Husband Ed died in the flu epidemic in 1918 and their daughter Evelyn died in 1920.

Helen married her second husband, Emil Nelson in 1922. They lived in Bismarck, North Dakota where Helen attended Beauty School. Husband Emil was a railroad conductor. He died from injuries caused by a fall from a train in about 1940.

Helen's third husband was Sig Otheim. They were married in 1944. He owned a hardware store in Crosby, North Dakota and Helen operated a beauty shop there. They moved to Wadena, Minnesota in 1948 and ran a grocery store until their retirement. In the years that followed, they lived in Arizona, California and Florida. Husband Sig died in Florida in 1967. Helen remained in Florida for the next 15 years.

In 1982 she moved to Chester,

Montana to the Sweetgrass Lodge Retirement Center, which was being managed by her niece and husband, Ione and Alfred Hanson. Helen remained at the Lodge until five years ago, when she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home because of declining health. Helen died at the nursing home on the early morning of Wednesday February 8 at the age of 98 years.

Helen enjoyed her twilight years here in Chester. A fond memory in 1985 was when Helen and her male-friend Si Warrington, were voted "King and Queen" of the Liberty County Harvest Festival.

Helen was fortunate to live to a ripe old age with relatively good health. She out-lived three husbands and her second daughter Lois died in 1992. In addition she was preceded in death by her parents and all of her siblings (seven brothers and one sister).

Her only survivors include two grandchildren, Marc Kiewel of Minnetonka, Minnesota and Jane Whitfield of Tallahassee, Florida; several great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Elsie Anderson of Melita, Manitoba and Hilda Anderson of Weyburn, Saskatchewan; and numerous nephews and nieces.

It was Helen's request to be cremated. No immediate services are scheduled; however, burial of her ashes with memorial services are planned in Westby at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery later this spring. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

ROBERT PARSELL
Born: 1901 - Died: December 31, 1995
Liberty County Times
January 10, 1996

The community was saddened with the sudden death of Robert Parsell, 94, at his home, December 31. He had lived his entire life in this area. The funeral was held January 1 at the Whitlash Community Church with Hugh Brown officiating. Pallbearers were grandsons, Mark, Jay and Allen Middlesworth, Fred, Harold and David Parsell with burial in the Gold Butte Cemetery. Phyllis Bryson, his daughter and all of her children were here as well as all of the children of Bob and Doris Parsell. His son Fred was unable to attend but Shirley and their son Fred were here. Many of the great-grandchildren also came. After the services, a lunch was served to all the friends and relatives. Robert was a very interesting person and loved to visit. He was a good gardener and was willing to share his expertise. Sincere sympathy to all of his family.

LYDIA ROSE PEHLKE
Born: December 2, 1905 - Died: December 16, 1995
Liberty County Times
December 20, 1995

Lydia Pehlke

Lydia Rose Pehlke, 90, died of natural causes December 16, 1995 at the Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow, Montana. Services were held Tuesday, December 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Havre, Montana with the Rev. Ken Duvall officiating. Pallbearers included Kelly Tobin, Edwin Hopfauf, Harold Guse, Steven Ludwig, Kent Matkin and Mike Knudson, Bell Mortuary of Glasgow was in charge of arrangements.

Lydia was born December 2, 1905 in Stanton, Nebraska to Andrew Dahlman and Wilhemina Schuenpaum Dahlman. She was raised in South Dakota, and came to Whitewater, Montana in 1928 where she met Ervin Pehlke. They were married on August 27, 1928 at Malta, Montana. They lived in Whitewater and Malta, moving to Havre in 1941. He passed away in 1990. She lived in Chester, Montana from 1991 to 1995, coming to Glasgow in September where she has resided at the Valley View Nursing Home. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Havre, a member of the Eastern Star and White Shrine. She was a homemaker and super

grandmother; she really enjoyed her grandchildren.

She is survived by one son, Don and Beryl Pehlke of Glasgow, Montana; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and her close relative Marion Ochsner of Malta. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Barbara Ludwig, in May of 1995; and one son, Milton Pehlke, in March of 1994.

Lydia Rose Pehlke

Lydia Rose Pehlke, 90, an early day resident of the Whitewater community, died in Valley View Home Dec. 16, 1995.

A daughter of Andrew and Wilhemina Schuanbaum Dahlman, she was born in Stanton, Neb., Dec. 2, 1905. She grew up in South Dakota, moving to Whitewater in 1928. She married Ervin Pehlke Aug. 27, 1928 in Malta. They lived in Whitewater and Malta until moving to Havre in 1941. Her husband died in 1990. She lived in Chester from 1991 to September, 1995, when she moved into Valley View Home. She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Havre, the Order of Eastern Star and White Shrine. A homemaker throughout her life, she was considered a super grandmother.

Survivors include a son, Don Pehlke and his wife, Beryl, of Glasgow; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and other relatives in this area, Marion Ochsner of Malta and Ray and Phyllis Pehlke of Glasgow.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Ludwig, in May, 1995, and a son, Milton Pehlke, in March, 1994.

Services were held at 2 p.m., Dec.



LYDIA ROSE PEHLKE

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Serving as pallbearers were Kelly Tobin, Edwin Hopfauf, Harold Guse, Steven Ludwig, Kent Matkin and Mike Knudson.

Bell Mortuary of Glasgow was in charge of arrangements.

HAZEL A. PENNIWELL
Born: March 2, 1899 - Died: August 12, 1995
Liberty County Times
August 23, 1995

Hazel Penniwell

Hazel A. Penniwell, 96, a resident of Gildford, died on Saturday, August 12 at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre of natural causes.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15 at the First Baptist Church in Gildford with Reverend Edward Fallo officiating. The soloist was Terry Stevenson who sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Going Home". The organist was Sharon Spicher. The congregational hymn was "In the Garden. Pallbearers were Donald Miller, Lowell Miller, Dale Miller, Carl J. Donovan, Nick Pyrak and Chad Nahr. The usher was Stuart Brownlee. Burial was in the North Gildford Cemetery.

Hazel was born on March 2, 1899 at Copenhagen, New York, the daughter of Henry and Louise (Marcellus) Poore. In 1910 she moved with her family to a homestead north of Gildford. She attended grade school in Gildford. She graduated from High School in Havre, she attended State Normal School in Lewistown and graduated with a teaching degree. Hazel then taught school north of Gildford at the Miller School. In 1925 at Lewistown, she married Kris Hansen. After their marriage the couple lived north of Gildford where they farmed. Mr. Hansen died in 1951. Later in Great Falls, she married Carl Penniwell. After their marriage the couple farmed at

Gildford. He died in 1969. Mrs. Penniwell lived in Gildford until her death. She was a member of the Daughters of American Revolution and the Rebekahs. She also attended the First Baptist Church in Gildford.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, and one grandson.

She is survived by two daughters; Mrs. Orville (Leta) M. Welsh North of Gildford and Mrs. Kenneth (Audrey) Flynn of Kremlin, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

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

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

BRENT WALTER PERDUE

Born: February 13, 1985 - Died: August 21, 1995

Liberty County Times

Perdue Family...

August 30, 1995

Three members of the Perdue family of Chester died in a car-truck accident late Monday evening (August 21st, 1995) on Highway 223

south of town. Those fatally injured included husband Jerry (age 55), wife Donna (age 48), and son Brent (age 10). Another son, Brandon, was

critically injured in the accident and is hospitalized at Deaconess Medical Center in Great Falls.

The Perdue's are survived by two sons, Brian and Brandon of Chester. In addition to his two brothers, Brent is survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Jerry is survived by two brothers, Leland Perdue of Gould, Oklahoma and J.C. Perdue of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and one niece, Marsha Perdue of Oklahoma City. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, a brother (Kenneth), and a nephew (Gary). Donna is survived by two brothers, Roy Heimbigner of Great Falls and Donald Heimbigner of Chester; three sisters, Ruby Borst of Havre, Opal Borske of Great Falls, and Pearl Morton of Culloden, West Virginia; and numerous nephews and nieces. Donna was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services for the Perdue's were 3:00 p.m. Sunday (August 27th) at the C.H.S. Gymnasium. Reverend Lyndon Kacick of the United Methodist Church officiated. Gail Cicon provided prelude and postlude piano music and accompanied Jerome Lincoln, who sang "Hymn of Promise" and "On Eagle's Wings". Karen Stack accompanied the vocal quartet of Glenn Wolfe, Jeff Mattson, Adam Standiford and Chris Mattson as they sang "Amazing Grace". Two recorded selections by Elvis Presley were "Peace in the Valley" and "Love Me Tender". Ushers were Mike and Mauri Novak. Jerry's pallbearers were "combiners" including R.E. Thomason, Mike Thomason, Page Wilson, Carroll Miller, Jason Bennett,

Brian Springer, Mike Brady, Ray Lawrence and Jeff Gehring. Donna's pallbearers were "nephews" including Brett and Blake Borst, Clarence J. and Thane Borske, and Donovan and Conrad Heimbigner. Memorial bearers were all of their many friends, past and present. Burial was in the Heimbigner family plot at the Chester Cemetery with committal prayers by Pastor Kacick, military 'taps' and flag presentation by Ray Standiford, and a balloon ceremony by Brent's 5th grade class. A luncheon followed at the C.H.S. multipurpose room. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A memorial fund is being established for a Scholarship Fund for Brian and Brandon Perdue.



Brent Perdue

Brent Walter Perdue was born in Chester, Montana on February 13th, 1985. He was the youngest of three sons born to Jerry and Donna. His short ten years have been spent here in Chester. This past spring Brent completed the 4th grade at Chester Elementary School. He enjoyed school and was an excellent student. Other interests included Cub Scouts, church youth activities, swimming, bicycling, and tropical fish.

Donna and Jerry both assisted with the local scouting programs and were active with their children at the United Methodist Church in Chester. The Perdue's all had a good sense of humor and enjoyed playing practical jokes on their family and friends.

DONNA JEWELL PERDUE

Born: April 30, 1947 - Died: August 21, 1995

Liberty County Times

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Donna Perdue

Donna Jewell Perdue was born in Chester, Montana on April 30th, 1947. She was one of six children born to Walter C. Heimbigner and Alice Agnes Shettel. She grew up in Chester and graduated from C.H.S. in 1965. Donna continued her schooling at the Great Falls Beauty College the following year. She worked as a beautician at the Blue Gardenia Beauty Salon in Havre

before coming back to Chester. While here she worked as a dispatcher at the Liberty County Sheriff's Office and as a waitress at the old Tip Top Cafe. It was during that time she met Jerry and got married. When they moved to Oklahoma she began her role as homemaker and mother. After they returned to Chester, Donna opened the Southside Beauty Salon near her home. She ran this business for a few years, then began subbing as a teacher's aide and kitchen helper at the school. In addition she has handled the janitorial duties at the

Methodist Church the past few years and has worked as custodian at the Chester Post Office this past year. She was also currently employed at Mike's IGA in the bakery.

Donna's hobbies included embroidery, cake-decorating, camping, dancing, and watching good old western movies. She also loved rodeos, but was always too busy with kids and work to run off to a rodeo! Donna always had a fear of

water, so was very proud when she overcame it and learned to swim as an adult. In addition she was an avid Elvis Presley fan, and had a large collection of his albums and memorabilia.

JERRY GLENN PERDUE

Born: October 14, 1939 - Died: August 21, 1995

Liberty County Times

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Jerry Perdue

Jerry Glenn Perdue was born in Gould, Oklahoma on October 14th, 1939. He was one of four sons born to Henry A. Perdue and Clara Mae Davidson. He grew up in Oklahoma and graduated from Gould High School in 1957. Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served 3-1/2 years during the Vietnam Conflict. Following his honorable discharge,

he returned to Oklahoma. He continued his education in Oklahoma City at Draughon's School of Business, where he studied accounting. Jerry worked in Oklahoma for several years before taking a job with Thomason's Custom-Cutting Crew, who travel the wheat-cutting circuit from Kansas to Montana each year. They were harvesting in Montana in 1975 when Jerry met his bride-to-be, a Chester girl named Donna Heimbigner. They were married in Chester on August 28th, 1975. They moved to Hollis, Oklahoma for several years where Jerry worked at the cottonseed oil mill. They came back to Chester in 1978 and Jerry began working as a truck driver in the cement business for Harden Brothers. In 1983 he took a job as maintenance man at the Chester School. He was serving as head custodian at the school at the time of his death.

Jerry's interests were many. He enjoyed working in his yard and garden; rumor has it that he raised

some of the biggest vegetables in the county! Jerry had a small collection of silver coins. He enjoyed 50's music and liked to read books with a western theme. He loved antique cars and knew a lot about automobiles in general. Jerry was a basic "jack-of-all-trades" who could fix anything. In addition he loved to cook; some of his specialties included fried chicken, pickled okra, biscuits and gravy, and pies.

ALFRED DAVID PETROVICH
Born: July 1, 1930 - Died: September 18, 1995
Liberty County Times
October 4, 1995

Alfred Petrovich

The funeral Mass for Anaconda resident Alfred "AL" David Petrovich Sr., 65, was celebrated at St. Peter's Catholic Church by Father Jeff Fleming.

Ground inurnment followed in Sunset Memorial Park; there were no visitations, wake or vigil services.

Mr. Petrovich died September 18 with his family at his side at his residence after a long illness.

He was born July 1, 1930 in Anaconda to Croat parents Frank and Atonia Pangre Petrovich. He was reared in Anaconda and educated at St. Peter's school.

He worked odd jobs before enlisting in the United States Army August 1, 1947, serving until he was discharged on May 23, 1949. He went to work for the Anaconda Company in 1952, working for two years in the Butte mines as a blacksmith helper, then working as a blacksmith helper in the Anaconda foundry for 27 years until the smelter closed in 1980.

He married Katherine "Kay" McCann July 24, 1954 in her hometown of Inverness. They made their home in Anaconda. She was a nurse for many years.

Mr. Petrovich was a member of Anaconda Catholic Community and attended St. Peter's Catholic Church, where he was baptized, received his first communion and was confirmed. He was a member of Anaconda Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1876 and the Old Timers and Pensioners Club. He enjoyed taking walks, playing cards, Sunday drives, watching TV (especially western movies) and reading, mostly western novels. In his younger years he enjoyed fishing and bowling.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Eugene and Steven "Zab" and a sister, Virginia Gates.

Survivors include his widow; five daughter and sons-in-law, Diane and Mike Mickelson of Stevensville, Peggy

and Jim Knibbs of Elkins, WV., Sherry and Fred Staedler of Anaconda, Janice and James Ouldhouse of Billings and Connie Petrovich of Anaconda; three sons and daughters-in-law, Alfred Jr. and Angela Petrovich of Fort Polk, La., Michael and Michele Petrovich of Kent, Washington and Daniel and Brenda Petrovich of Aloha, Oregon; 15 grandchildren, Jory, Jamie, Ryan, Eric, Stephanie, Christopher, Nathan, Rebecca, Christina, Sandra, Joseph, Stephen, Bradley, Danielle and Kennet; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Fred and Nickie Petrovich of Anaconda, Ebie Petrovich of Deer Lodge, Henry and Jane Petrovich of Mequon, Wisconsin, and Dorothy Petrovich of Anaconda; sisters and brothers-in-law, Genevive and Raymond Zook of Great Falls, Marion and Terry Caulfield of Anaconda and Jeanette and Eli Matosich of Opportunity; mother-in-law Helena McCann of Joplin and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services and cremation were under the care of the KT Riddle Funeral Homes of Anaconda. Memorials are preferred to Pintler Hospice, P.O. Box 596, Anaconda.

CLIFFORD V. RAMBERG
Born: September 16, 1915 - Died: February 11, 1995
Liberty County Times
March 1, 1995

Clifford Ramberg

Clifford V. Ramberg, 79, of Pilot Rock, died February 11 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

There was no formal funeral service.

Mr. Ramberg was born September 16, 1915 at Minneota, Montana to Carl and Albertina Gustafson Ramberg. He grew up in Montana and attended schools there, graduating from high school at Inverness.

On July 29, 1939 he married Glayds M. Tofte at Havre. The couple lived in Montana until 1962 when they moved to Pendleton. Mr. Ramberg was employed as an automotive technician and had been employed at various businesses and dealerships in Washington and Eastern Oregon before moving to Pilot Rock in 1972 where he worked with his sons at Gary's Auto Service.

He and his wife also operated Doris Fabrics and Antiques in Pilot Rock for a time.

Mr. Ramberg returned to Montana where he lived for a few years before returning to Pilot Rock in 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Glayds, at the home; sons Gary of Hermiston and Todd of Haines; daughters, Carole Lingel of Hubbard and Doris Spray of LaGrande; brothers Harold of Havre and Clarence of Joplin; a sister, Ethel Jurenka of Havre; 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. A brother, Larry died earlier.

Bishop Funeral Chapel of Pendleton was in charge of arrangements.

VERA J. RAMBO
Born: December 26, 1920- Died: July 16, 1995
Liberty County Times
July 19 , 1995

Vera Rambo

Vera J. Rambo, a homemaker and resident of Havre, died on Sunday, July 16, 1995 at a Great Falls hospital of natural causes.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 20, 1995, at the First Lutheran Church in Havre with Reverend Gerald Ebelt officiating. Burial will be at the Highland Cemetery.

Vera was born on December 26, 1920 north of Hingham, the daughter of Edward and Alma (Voss) Norenberg. She attended school in Hingham. On September 8, 1937 at Havre, she married Roy O. Rambo. After their marriage the couple lived at Hingham. The couple moved to Bynum, Montana. In the 1940's the couple moved to a farm south of Kremlin. Later they moved to Hingham. Vera enjoyed quilting, crocheting, cooking, doing crossword puzzles and reading. She was a member of the Hingham Lutheran Church, A.L.C.W. and the Lutheran Church Circle.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Roy Rambo in 1991, three sisters, one brother and one infant daughter.

She is survived by one daughter, Gaynelle Gatzemeier of Rudyard; sons Greg Rambo of Las Vegas, Nevada, Gary Rambo of Kansas City, Missouri, Stan Rambo of Great Falls, Montana, Darryl Rambo of McAllen, Texas; two sisters, Marlene Hanson and June Richter, both of Havre; one brother, Ed Norenberg of Rudyard; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials in Mrs. Rambo's honor may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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JAMES T. REINOWSKI
Born: November 28, 1930 - Died: November 23, 1995
Liberty County Times
November 29, 1995

James Reinowski

James T. Reinowski, 64, a farmer and resident of Kremlin, died on Wednesday, November 23 at a Havre hospital of natural causes.

A prayer vigil service was held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 26 at the Holland and Bonine Chapel in Havre with Father Patrick Zabrocki officiating.

The Funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 27 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Havre with Father Patrick Zabrocki officiating. Burial with military honors was at the Highland cemetery.

Eulogist was Judy Gomke. Pallbearers were Wayne Donovan, Fred Horning, Lowell Donovan, Leo Wall, Don Overcast, Norman Dees and Arlen Knutson. Honorary Pallbearers were Don Gomke, Donnie Dees, Bill Vosen, Charles Melby, Charlie Inman, Kenny Flynn, Dr. Jim Elliott, Walt Dion, Doc Berg and Frank Welsh.

Ushers were Tom Dahl and Steve Dees. The organist was Regina Gabriel.

Special music was provided by Ray Miller who played the saxophone and Kenny Overcast who accompanied himself on the guitar. The music selections were "It Is No Secret What God Can Do", "Amazing Grace", "Whispering Hope", "How Great Thou Art", "One Day at a Time", "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands", "Waltz Across Texas", "There Will Be Peace in the Valley", "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen", "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", "Release Me", "Ava

Maria", "Could I Have This Dance" and "Howard's Song" by Kenny Overcast.

Jim was born on November 28, 1930 at Harvey, the son of Frank and Lydia (Rudnick) Reinowski. He attended school in Anamoose, and graduated from the Anamoose High School in 1948. Jim attended the Telepher School in Minneapolis for two years. In 1951 Jim joined the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1952 at Hingham he married the former Agnes (Aggie) Gomke. After their marriage the couple lived in Cherry Point, North Carolina where Jim was stationed with the military. After his discharge from Military Service the couple moved to Kremlin, where they have lived since. Jim worked for the railroad until 1967. He then farmed near Kremlin until his death.

He was a member of the Havre Eagles Club F.O.E. #166 and a former Elks Club member. He enjoyed collecting stuffed animals and showing them off, flying his plane with his grandson Darren and his many friends and also fishing and hunting, and most of all may he be remembered for his sense of humor and his love of farming. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife Aggie Reinowski of Kremlin, daughter Peggy and son-in-law Ray Huestis and their children Dusty, Darren and Tami, two sons, Larry and Ron Reinowski and Ron's special friend Terri, step-grandchildren Shane and Isaac Nault all of Havre, two brothers, Lawrence and Francis Reinowski both of Anamoose, North Dakota, and one sister, Gert Miller of Belen, New Mexico.

Memorials in Mr. Reinowski's honor may be made to the Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, the Northern Montana Hospital Dialysis Unit or to a person's choice.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HILARION S. (LARRY) RILEY
Born: January 19, 1934 - Died: October 8, 1995
Liberty County Times
October 11, 1995



Larry Riley

Hilarion Riley

Hilarion S. (Larry) Riley died Monday morning, October 8 at his home in Tacoma, Washington at the age of 61 years. Although a part-time resident of Inverness since cancer forced his retirement four years ago, Larry may be best remembered here for his contributions to Hi-Line schools during the earliest years of his long career in education. From 1954-1967, many Montanans knew him as teacher, coach, referee, or school principal. Beginning at Minneota country school, then moving on to Rudyard, Inverness and Big Sandy grade schools, he often integrated his love of sports into student activities. Initiating Minneota's play day and elementary level basketball competition, he invited the whole community to share in the fun.

A Minnesota native born January 19, 1934, Larry followed his heart west to Montana. Marrying Annette May of Inverness and fathering seven children, he soon claimed the area as his own. Although fellowship awards to pursue further education took him out of state and career opportunities kept him away he always enjoyed his memories of Montana. For almost 25 years, students in Tacoma, Washington benefited from the caring and "experience" he exhibited as their guidance counselor, but it was

retirement that finally enabled his return to the Hi-Line in 1991.

Although his last years were quiet and sometimes restricted by poor health, they were also graced by the friendship and prayers offered by so many friends.

Larry is survived by his wife of 41 years, Annette Faith May Riley, his sons: Patrick, Lawrence and Robert Riley and daughters, Joan Riley Jager, Adrienne Barbon, Theresa Riley and Pauline Petersen; 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. His sharp wit and intelligence, the grace and acceptance with which he faced diminished capacities and death as well as his lifelong concern for others leaves behind a rich legacy. He will be missed.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, October 12 at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Tacoma. Interment of his ashes will be held in the Inverness Cemetery at a later date. Remembrances in his name may be offered to the Sacred Heart Church of Inverness to help fund children's programs.

Personal notes may be directed to Annette at 5420 South "L" Apartment 1, Tacoma, Washington, 98408.

CLARENCE HENRY RITTER
Born: November 22, 1913 - Died: March 8, 1995
Liberty County Times
March 15, 1995

Clarence Ritter

Clarence Henry Ritter, age 81, passed away March 8, 1995 at his home in Lakeside. Clarence was born November 22, 1913 in Rudyard, Montana to Henry and Sarah Ritter. Clarence grew up in Rudyard, graduating from Rudyard High School in 1931. Clarence married Lucille Demarest on January 2, 1942 in Seattle, Washington. They started farming in Turner, Montana in 1944; he loved being known as a good dryland farmer. Clarence was a Blaine County commissioner for several years; he was also appointed by the Montana governor to the Montana State Wheat Research and Marketing Committee. Clarence was also a member of the Turner School Board.

He was an active farmer until he retired in 1976. Clarence and Lucille moved to Lakeside in 1976 where he resided until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille, at their home in Lakeside; daughters Harriet Mauritsen, Spokane, Washington; Donna Turcott, Helena, Montana; Carolyn Jorgenson, Billings, Montana; sons Russell Ritter of Missoula, Montana; Ted Ritter, Vancouver, B.C.; Claude Ritter of Oregon City, Oregon; one sister, Mary Lincoln, Ledger; two brothers, Roland Ritter, Rudyard, and Sam Ritter, Sidney; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were held Friday, March 10 at 9:30 a.m. Lakeside Chapel, with Torrance Harvey officiating. Memorial services were held in Turner, Montana March 11 at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Joe Strandjord officiating.

*Memorials to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, Washington.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements and cremation.

HUBERT E. "RODY" RODEBERG

Born: November 8, 1905 - Died: May 29, 1995

Liberty County Times

June 21, 1995

Hubert Rodeberg

Hubert E. (Rody) Rodeberg, 89, of Mesa, Arizona, formerly of Bozeman, died May 29 of natural causes.

He was born November 8, 1905 in Montevideo, Minnesota and came to Roundup, Montana in 1918. Rody was a long time agricultural education instructor in the state including high schools in Joplin, Chester and Malta before becoming a professor of agriculture education at MSU of Bozeman.

He retired in 1969 and he and his wife moved to Mesa, Arizona in 1970.

He is survived by his wife, Maynie, of Mesa, a sister, Mildred Foote of Laurel and a niece, Mrs. Vern Robertson of Devon.

FRANK EUGENE SHANKS
Born: November 12 1928 - Died: October 12, 1995
Havre Sentinel
October 18, 1995

FRANK EUGENE SHANKS

GLASGOW — Frank Eugene Shanks, 66, of Glasgow died of a heart attack Thursday, Oct. 12, 1995, in a Whitefish hospital.

Shanks was born Nov. 12, 1928, to Frank and Myrtle (Stein) Shanks in Scobey.

He moved with his family to Bainville, where he attended school and graduated in 1948. He enjoyed playing sports and worked to help support the family.

On Oct. 21, 1950, he married Gloria Robinson in Bainville. They had three children.

He served in the U.S. Army.

Shanks hired out as a brakeman on the Great Northern Railroad in 1950. He also worked for Amtrak as a trainman for six years in Havre, before retiring in 1988.

He enjoyed dancing, especially waltzes.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria of Glasgow; two sons, Frank Jr. of Glasgow and Leo of

Whitefish; a daughter, Melody Lind of Great Falls; two sisters, Ruby of Chester and Maxine of Gillette, Wyo.; a brother, Norman of Chester; and 10 grandchildren.

ANNA HULDA SHIPMAN

Born: May 1, 1899 - Died: October 17, 1995

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Anna Shipman

Anna Hulda Shipman was born on May 1, 1899 at Glasston, North Dakota. She was the youngest of eight and only daughter born to Emma Raedal and Gustav Schwartz. Anna received her formal education in North Dakota. In 1913 she came to Montana with her mother and two brothers. Her mother homesteaded in the Goldstone area north of Rudyard, so Anna grew up there and helped on the farm.

On October 10, 1929 she married Ernest Shipman at Havre. They farmed in the Goldstone community until their retirement in the late 1950's. They made their home in Rudyard from that time on. Husband Ernest died on April 21, 1976. Anna remained in Rudyard until her health began to fail in 1993, when she became the first resident at the Liberty County Hospital personal care wing in Chester. She transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in November of 1994. Anna died at the nursing home early Tuesday morning, October 17. She was 96 years old.

Anna was a charter member of the Goldstone Lutheran Church. After moving to Rudyard, she transferred her membership to Our Savior's Lutheran, where she was also active in the church circles. In addition Anna was an early member of the Goldstone Home Demonstration Club and had served as an election judge for the

Goldstone school board. She was a charter member of the Rudyard Senior Citizen's and always enjoyed spending time with her "second family" at the center.

Anna had many hobbies. She loved to cook and will be remembered for her exceptional breads, biscuits and pies. Every year (even into her 90's) Anna raised a large vegetable garden. She enjoyed canning and making jellies. In her quiet hours Anna did a lot of crocheting and handiwork. All of her family, especially her grandchildren, have enjoyed her handmade afghans and quilts. Anna had made literally hundreds of tatted "crosses" over the years and offered them to family, friends, and visitors as spiritual keepsakes. Anna loved to play cards, especially pinochle and "Kings Corners". She read her Bible on a daily basis and enjoyed listening to the "old-time hymns". She collected religious clippings and poems. To sum it up, she could best be described as a special lady with a loving heart and helping hands.

Anna is survived by four daughters, Louise Richter of Omak, Washington, Doris Ludwig of Rudyard, Marian Gilson (and husband, Ron) of Guernsey, Wyoming and Donna Nealy (and husband Boyd) of Chester; a son-in-law Don Smith of East Glacier; two step-daughters, Bernice Wolery of Inverness and Ann Tracht of Kalispell; a step-son, Ercell Shipman of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; 26 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Anna was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by a daughter (Ruthie Smith), two sons-in-law (Joe Richter and Roger Ludwig), seven brothers, and a great granddaughter, Jennifer Harrison.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, October 20 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Pastors Bart Coleman and Tom Dunham officiated. Terry Stevenson sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "He the Pearly Gates Will Open". The congregation

sang "What A Friend We Have in Jesus". Sharon Spicher was organist. Grandsons serving as ushers and pallbearers included Merlin, Sterling, and Leroy Wolery; Myron, Clyde and Walter Richter; Dale, Ed and Brian Ludwig; Lloyd Tracht and Mike Gilson. Memorial bearers were listed as "all of Anna's many friends at the Rudyard Senior Center." Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon followed at the church.

LOIS (MIDDLETON) SHORTEN
Birth: January 15, 1914 - Death: September 1, 1995
Liberty County Times
September 6, 1995

Lois Shorten

Lois Middleton Shorten was born January 15, 1914 on the family farm at Manvel, North Dakota. She was the second of seven children born to James Warden Middleton and Winifred (Stead) Middleton. She lived on the family farm until the family moved to Fosston, Minnesota when the older children were ready for high school. Later they moved to Minneapolis. During a visit to relatives in Montana, she met Forrest Wayne Shorten. They were married and to this union was born one son, Thomas Wayne Shorten.

Lois was employed at Yellowstone Boys Ranch for 18 years, first as cook. Later she mended, purchased, and issued clothing to the boys. After her retirement from Boys Ranch they lived for a number of years north of Rudyard near her sister and brother-in-law, Bruce and Winnie Packer.

Lois passed away at Valley Health Center in Billings on September 1, 1995 after an extended illness.

Lois was a very loving, compassionate person, much beloved by the boys at the Ranch the years she lived there. Her motherly care made a real impact on several of the boys. She loved her Lord and spent her whole life serving Him and serving others. Her gentleness and sweet spirit will long be remembered by those who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, three sisters and her husband, Wayne. She is survived by her son Tom of Billings, sister Winifred Packer of Billings, brother Bob Middleton of Fort Collins, Colorado, and 11 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are being held today (September 6) at the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Chapel. She will be buried at Grace Evangelical Cemetery north of Rudyard, beside her husband.

JOHN SIMON

Born: August 30, 1916 - Died: September 17, 1995

The Sentinel

September 27, 1995

JOHN SIMON

SELAH, Wash — John Simon, 79, died after an extended illness in Selah, Wash., on Sunday, Sept. 17, 1995.

He was born Aug. 30, 1916, to Joe and Edith Slaymaker Simon in Rudyard. He attended schools in Rudyard and Hingham.

He was in the United States Army during World War II from 1941 to 1945 where he spent tours of duty in Alaska, Europe and the United States.

He fought in the Battle of the Bulge in Europe under General George Patton. He received a Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medal for his service in the Army.

When he returned to the U.S. he worked with the CCC in Glacier Park. He also worked as a mechanic in Rudyard, and along the Hi-Line.

He married Ruby Graves and they had two children, Ronnie Simon and Cindy Simon Luckey. In 1963 they divorced and he moved to Big Sandy where he worked as a mechanic.

In 1965 he married Glenda Robertson Fowler. Shortly thereafter they moved to Hamilton where John worked for Lew Hoblitt Tire Company in Hamilton and from there he retired.

John was an avid fly fisherman and enjoyed bowling. In 1994 he moved to Yakima, Wash., to live with his daughter.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, a brother, his son Ronnie, step-daughter Dorothy Roy, and wife Glenda.

He is survived by two sisters; daughter, Cindy Luckey of Yakima, Wash.; step-daughter, Dolores Mikesell of Florence; step-sons, Dale Fowler of Hamilton, and Donald Fowler of Florence; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

John Simon

John Simon, 79, died after an extended illness in Selah, Washington on Sunday, September 17, 1995. Services were held Saturday, September 23, at 2:00 p.m. at Florence-Carlton Community Church in Florence.

He was born August 30, 1916, to Joe and Edith Slaymaker Simon in Rudyard, Montana. He attended schools in Rudyard and Hingham. He was in the United States Army during World War II from 1941 to 1945 where he spent tours of duty in Alaska, Europe and the United States. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge in Europe under General George Patton. He received a Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medal for his service in the Army. Prior to his service tour he worked with the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) in Glacier Park. He also worked as a mechanic in Rudyard, and along the Hi-Line.

He married Ruby Graves and they had two children, Ronnie Simon and Cindy Simon Luckey. In 1963 they divorced and he moved to Big Sandy where he worked as a mechanic.

In 1965 he married Glenda Robertson Fowler. Shortly thereafter they moved to Hamilton where John worked for Lew Hoblitt Tire Company in Hamilton and from there he retired.

John was an avid fly fisherman and enjoyed bowling. In 1994 he moved to Yakima, Washington, to live with his daughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, a brother, his son Ronnie, step-daughter Dorothy Roy, and wife Glenda.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Noel (Viola) Davidson of Havre, and Mrs. Jerry (Gladys) Homstad of Helena; daughter, Mrs. Russell (Cindy) Luckey of Yakima, Washington; step-daughter, Dolores Mikesell of Florence; step-sons, Dale Fowler of Hamilton, and Donald Fowler of Florence; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dowling Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

EDWIN RAYMOND SORENSON
Born: March 13, 1932 - Died: October 1, 1995
Liberty County Times
October 11, 1995



Edwin Sorenson

Edwin Raymond Sorenson, 63 years of age, a retired farmer and former resident of Hingham, died at his home in Kalispell on Sunday, October 1 of natural causes.

A funeral mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 5 at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham with Father Joe Marmion as celebrant and Dan and Terry Hybner as altar servers.

Pallbearers were Ron Brockway, Dalton Dahlke, Donald Cline, Donald Sponheim, Joe Schweitzer and Dr. Robert Rector. Ushers were Clarke Streeper and Jack Oliver, all special friends of the deceased. Honorary pallbearers were "all of Edwin's many friends".

Organist Iris White accompanied soloist Marc Jochim. Lowell Nickens, Edwin's nephew, was the layreader and Dr. Marcella Kocar, Edwin's cousin, delivered a tribute. Interment followed at the Hingham Cemetery.

Edwin was born in Havre on March 13, 1932, the son of Oscar and Mary (Sedivy) Sorenson. He received his education in Hingham and graduated from Hingham High School in 1949. He attended College at the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado; Northern Montana College and the University of Montana. He worked for his father, who co-owned the Hingham Garage and the White Eagle Service Station. After his father sold his business in Hingham, Edwin farmed with his father and continued farming until his retirement this year.

In July he sold his home in Hingham and built a new home in Kalispell.

Edwin traveled extensively. He spent several winters in Florida with his parents. He was on a cruise to the Caribbean and took a farming tour of the European countries. He had been to Mexico and Canada, and almost all of the states including Hawaii and Alaska. He spent the past several

winters in Arizona.

In his early years he drove taxi in Florida, then worked for several years at the Hi-Line Lanes in Havre. He was a member of the Elks, the Eagles and the Moose in Havre. He liked to play golf, which was his main recreation in later years. He also enjoyed playing cards.

Edwin was a very kind hearted person and never hesitated to help anyone in need. Wherever he went he always met someone he knew.

He is survived by his partner, Kathy Kelly of Kalispell; a sister and brother-in-law Mae and Murray Nickens of Spokane, Washington; a niece Bonny Nickens of Spokane; a nephew Lowell and (Vicki) Nickens of Portland, Oregon; aunts, Rose Kocar and Mildred Sedivy of Hingham; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother.

Memorials in Edwin's name may be made to the Hi-Line Community Center (HEDA) Box 84, Hingham 59528 or the Gift of Life Foundation, Box 1821, Great Falls, MT 59403 or the donor's choice.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARLIN EARL SPICHER
Born: August 12, 1918 - Died: May 6, 1995
Liberty County Times
May 10, 1995



Marlin Spicher

Marlin Earl Spicher was born at Hingham, Montana on August 12, 1918. He was one of six children born to Chester and Nora (Cox) Spicher. Marlin grew up on the family farm and received his education in Hingham. Following his school years he worked for the C.C.C.'s on the construction of Fort Peck Dam and as a fire fighter in Washington.

Marlin married Eva L. Mork on July 22, 1939 at Chinook. They farmed and lived in the Hingham community the rest of their working lives. They also acquired a farm in the Joplin area, which is still part of the family operations. When they retired in 1981, they moved to Kalispell and have lived there since.

Marlin's health remained relatively good over the years. In 1993 he suffered a stroke with partial paralysis. In July of 1994 he moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester for extended care. Marlin died there on

the early morning of Saturday, May 6. He was 76 years old.

Marlin had been a member of the Havre Eagles Lodge and the Modern Woodman organization. He was a long time board member of the Farmer's Merchant Bank of Rudyard and a director of the Hingham Farmers Elevator. Marlin was also a past member of the Hingham Lutheran Church council.

Marlin's hobbies included fishing and boating. He like to tinker with old machinery, work on little construction projects around the house, or revamp his boatdock at Finley Point. He especially enjoyed working with wood. Marlin was fond of the music of "The Mom and Dad's" and he liked to whistle. He was always willing to help out anyone who needed a hand. Many of his old friends referred to him affectionately by his nickname, "Chet". Marlin loved a good ham dinner, but no matter the meal, he always saved room for the watermelon!

Marlin was very proud of his family and was happy during his 56 years of married life with Eva. In addition to his wife, he is survived by four daughters, Ardith Lingle of Kalispell, Sharon Borlaug of Gildford, Twyla Anderson of Rudyard and Darlene Spicher of Kalispell; four sons, Marlin ("Sonny") of Joplin, Wayne of Inverness, Ronald of Hingham and Douglas of Petaluma, California; 16 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; three sisters, Mildred Farrell of Spokane, Washington, Stella Greb of College Place, Washington, and Nora Terwolbeck of Havre; one brother, Ralph David Spicher of Sandpoint,

Idaho and numerous nephews and nieces. Marlin was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Stanley.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 9 at the Hingham Lutheran Church with Reverend Tim Hauge officiating. Sharon Spicher served as organist. Special vocal tributes were performed by Terry Stevenson, "The Old Rugged Cross"; Krysti Borlaug, granddaughter, "He Gave Me Lord Jesus" and Vicki Danhof, niece, "Amazing Grace". Marlin's grandsons served as pallbearers and his granddaughters served as ushers/acolytes. Burial was in the Hingham Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the church. Memorials will be given to the donor's choice.

CHARLOTTE MARIE McNARY STARK
Born: August 13, 1916 - Died: June 30, 1995
Liberty County Times
July 26, 1995

Charlotte Stark

Charlotte Marie McNary Stark, 78, of Polson died June 30 at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She was born August 13, 1916 in Pingree, ND to Edna Luchsinger McNary and J.W. McNary. She grew up in Ellendale, ND and St. Paul, MN.

She graduated from Derham Hall High School and attended St. Catherine's College. She graduated from the University of Minnesota in dietetics and music, and interned at Massachusetts General. She spent summers at Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park and sang with a dance band.

Charlotte married Max Stark on October 1, 1940 in St. Paul. They settled in Bozeman where she was food director at the Student Union.

From Bozeman they moved to Chester where Max coached one year from 1942-1943, then they moved to St. Ignatius where they lived for five years. They moved to Polson in 1949. Max and Charlotte moved to Fairbanks, AK in 1980 for five years.

She was a member of the American Association of University Women, was an organist at her church in Polson and Fairbanks, worked with foreign exchange students and enjoyed having foster children in her home.

Her seven sons probably have more total points in interscholastic track and field events than any other mother's sons in Montana.

Charlotte possessed a wonderful wit and great intelligence which were always accompanied with humor and humility. She remained firm in her beliefs, never compromising her views in the face of toughest controversy or adversity. She and Max enjoyed travel and international faces, never hesitating to leave on a moment's notice much to the concern of their family. Somehow, their guardian angels always led them safely home, full of adventurous and wonderful tales.

Compassion for those less fortunate was prominent throughout her life. She served as an outstanding example to those she leaves as she begins her greatest journey. Her family and friends who have admired and loved so much will miss her greatly.

She is survived by her husband Max at home; two brothers, Timothy McNary of Memphis and Jim McNary of Rochester, MN; a sister Margaret Bauchner of Chicago; and her children and their spouses: Patricia Mercure of

St. Paul, Mike and Barbara Stark of Royal City, WA, Barbara and Charlie Klammer of White Bear Lake, MN, Tim and Nancy Stark of Tacoma, WA, Mary and Nils Rosdahl of Coeur d'Alene, ID, Andy and Debbie Stark of Polson, Rob and Margo Stark of Bozeman, Chris and Mary Stark of Fairbanks, AK, Jeff Stark of Dallas, TX, and Paul and Nancy Stark of Fairbanks, AK; 29 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass was held Friday July 7th at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Gary Reller as celebrant.

At her request, her body was donated to medical research. Arrangements were by Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula.

EVELYN ELLEN (PETTAPIECE) STRIEGEL
Born: May 2, 1907 - Died: October 28, 1995
Liberty County Times
November 8, 1995



Evelyn Striegel

Evelyn Ellen (Pettapiece) Striegel died October 28, in the Bartlett Memorial Hospital in Juneau, Alaska. She was 88 years old.

Evelyn was born May 2, 1907 in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada to James H. and Mary Elizabeth (Ovens) Pettapiece. In 1912 the family moved to Montana where they homesteaded in the Goosebill area south of Chester.

After graduating from Spokane University in 1930 Evelyn moved to Valdez, Alaska. Her fiance, Alois H. Striegel soon joined her there and they were united in marriage on October 10, 1930. They continued to live in Valdez with the exception of nine years (1934-1943) spent in Washington State until Alois Striegel's death on October 18, 1956.

Evelyn then returned to the Chester area where she taught in Hay Coulee, Bear Den, and Whitlash country schools. Vacations were spent studying at Eastern Washington College where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 1964.

From 1965 until her retirement in 1973, Evelyn taught elementary school in Craig, Alaska. Since then she had been living with her daughter, Effiemae Seagrave and granddaughter, Alois Marie Seagrave in Juneau, Alaska.

With the special care of Effiemae and Alois Seagrave and great-grandchildren, Joshua and Tanya Lerum, she was able to remain at home through her last days.

One of Evelyn's biggest joys in life were her family and numerous friends. She kept in close contact with all of them with letters, telephone calls and whenever possible visiting them in person.

Survivors include her son John Striegel (and wife, Donna) of Bothell, Washington; daughters, Effiemae Seagrave of Juneau, Alaska and Ellen Cushing (and husband David Cushing) of Billings, Montana; 10 grandchildren, including George (and wife, Donna) Gene and Alois Seagrave, Effie Dean (and husband Bill) Razotnik, James Armstrong, Randy (and wife, Colleen) Hartley; Demaree Mulanax and John J. Striegel; Daniel (and fiance, Rebecca) Cushing and Diane (and husband, Thomas) Mathews; 15 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Beth Graham of Chester, Montana and Annabelle Barbie of Inverness and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, James and Robert Pettapiece.

Funeral services were held at Alaska Memorial Park and Mortuary in Juneau. Evelyn Striegel was laid to rest alongside her husband in Valdez Cemetery, Valdez, Alaska.

ALLAN RICHARD STRISSEL
Born: August 11, 1933 - Died: May 29, 1995
Liberty County Times
May 31, 1995



Allan Strissel

Allan Richard Strissel was born in Rudyard on August 11, 1933. He was the youngest of two sons born to William and Wilhemina (Elting) Strissel, homesteaders in the Rudyard community. Allan grew up on the family farm and received his education in Rudyard, graduating from high school in 1952. He worked on the family homestead and eventually took over the farming operations.

Allan married Delores Genger in 1965 at Havre. Many years later they divorced. Allan continued to live and work on his south Rudyard farm from that time on.

About six years ago Allan was diagnosed with cancer of the prostate. In 1991 he lost both of his arms above the elbows from injuries in a farming accident, which complicated his medical situation. With recent reoccurrence of the cancer, Allan was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He died there on Monday morning, Memorial Day, May 29, at the age of 61 years.

Allan was baptized and confirmed at the old St. John's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. In later years he held membership at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Allan enjoyed his life as a farmer. He liked to work in his yard and he always kept his shelterbelt and hedges in good shape. Allan enjoyed people, so attending social activities, like auctions and school sporting events were important to him. As a hobby he collected antiques, and his favorite pastime was hunting and fishing. After the loss of his arms, he continued to work, hunt, play and enjoy life as best he could. He appreciated his friends in the Hi-Line communities for their concern and support during his times of trouble.

Allan is survived by three children including Bill Strissel and wife Nellie Jo of Rudyard, David Strissel of Rudyard and Lana Strissel of Rapid City, South Dakota; four grandchildren including Jake, Matt, Josh and Ashton and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, by his brother Bill and by a son Rick.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, June 1st at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Reverend Jeff Olsgaard officiating. Special music will be provided by organist Pat Sponheim and vocalist Terry Stevenson. Ushers will be Gerry Langel, Buster Ness and Dave Anderson. Pallbearers will be Dick Ditmar, Ed Norenberg, Dale Wendland, Bob Toner, Jr., Don Kline and Bob Wehr. Honorary bearers will be Fred O'Neil, Charlie Adams and Dalton Dahlke. Burial will be in the Rudyard Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. A luncheon will follow at the church. Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester or Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

Allan was a charter member of the Rudyard Gun Club. In addition he held memberships in the Montana Trapshooters Association, the Northern Montana Trapshooters Association and the Montana Graingrowers. At the time of his death, Allan was serving on the board of the Hill County A.S.C.S.

ELMER CLEMENT STRISSEL
Born: July 10, 1899 - Died: August 16, 1995
Liberty County Times
August 23, 1995

Elmer Strissel

Elmer Clement Strissel, 96, a former Rudyard and Havre resident, died Wednesday of cancer in a Ronan nursing home.

Services were at 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ronan, with graveside services at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rudyard Cemetery. Shrider Mortuary is in charge.

Born July 10, 1899, in Butler, S.D., his family moved to Rudyard in 1910, where he grew up. He and Leona Wendland married in Havre in 1929.

They farmed and ran a dairy near Rudyard, then moved to Havre in 1945 where he worked as a carpenter until retirement.

Surviving are his wife of Ronan; a daughter, Elone Blevins of Ronan; a son, Richard Strissel of Bellevue, Washington; a brother, Orien Strissel of Superior; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

LINDA DIANE SUNDERLAND
Born: March 12, 1946 - Died: July 18, 1995
Liberty County Times
July 26, 1995



Linda Sunderland

Linda Diane Sunderland was born on March 12, 1946 in Havre, Montana. Her parents were Frank & Tracy (Schweitzer) Heck, and she was one of six children. Linda grew up on a family farm near Inverness and received her education there, graduating from Inverness High School in 1964. She spent the next few years studying Liberal Arts at Northern Montana College in Havre.

On December 30, 1967 Linda married Marvin Sunderland in Inverness. Marv coached at North Dakota State, so they lived in the Fargo community for seven years before moving to Great Falls in 1976. While living in Great Falls, Linda worked as a mother, homemaker, and community volunteer. She was diagnosed with cancer ten years ago and has had numerous treatments and hospitalizations since that time. Following a long stay at the Columbus Hospital, Linda died on the morning of Tuesday July 18, 1995. She was only 49 years old.

Linda's interests were many. She had served as a room mother and P.T.A. legislative representative at Meadowlark School. She assisted with the PRIDE Program at Meadowlark and Paris Gibson Jr. High School. She chaired the organizing committee for the C.M.R. Senior Class party in 1992. Linda had served on the boards of the Mercy Home and Y.M.C.A., and had assisted with many fund-raisers. She had served on the social committee at Meadowlark Country Club and also as a hostess at the C.M.R. Museum Invitational. Linda worked on the Great Falls Symphony Guild, assisting with ticket sales, Symphony Balls and decoration. In addition to being a friend of the arts, she helped organize the

Rankin Run and served in the Great Falls Leadership Alumni. She worked on the Junior League community calendar fund, assisted with Cardiac Rehab Fitness Training at the "Y" and gave presentations on stress management.

Linda's personal hobbies included music, dancing and reading (she was especially fond of novels). She was a knowledgeable sports fan who enjoyed running and aerobics. She was dedicated to her family and friends.....

She is survived by her husband, Marv; daughter Shay; son Brock; all of Great Falls; four sisters, Mrs. Mike (Kaylee) Nussbaum of Great Falls, Mrs. Roger (Ann) Stromberg of Missoula, Mrs. Mike (Gail) Sweeny of Hong Kong, China, and Vicki Heck of Reno, Nevada; one brother, Tom Heck (and wife Theresa) of Havre; her mother-in-law Rosalie Sunderland, Chester; and aunt (who has assisted with her care during her illness) Lottie Rehal of Chester; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Linda was preceded in death by her parents.

Vigil services were held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester with prayers by Father Charles Mears. Rosary services were held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls with prayers by Father Tony Schuster. Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Friday July 21st at St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church in Great Falls. Father Schuster celebrated the Mass with assistance by Father Jim Sekora. Mary Lynn Wojtowick served as organist and the vocalists were Jay Stimac and Sheila Giesler. Songs included "You Are Mine," "Wind Beneath My Wings," "Mass of Creation," "Eat This Bread," and "Blest Are They." A taped selection by the family was "Beautiful In My Eyes." Eulogists were Marv and Brock Sunderland, and reader was Rosann Johnson. Ushers were Bob Green and Mark Williams. Pallbearers included Barry Kenfield, Larry Martinson, Dennis Connor, Lee Scott, Tom Hall, and Russ Corn. Memorial bearers were Roseann Johnson, Jan Connor, Joanne Knutson, Sue Wenz, Gay Scott, Donna Karnas, Roxy Davant, Abby Meschberger, and Muriel Moretti. Following interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls a luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel in Chester. Memorials will be given to the "Gift of Life Foundation" in Great Falls.

RONALD GENE SUNDERLAND

Born: September 13, 1940 - Died: June 23, 1995

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June 28, 1995



Ron Sunderland

Ronald Gene Sunderland was born in Havre on September 13, 1940. He was the eldest of two sons born to Elliot and Rosalie (Rehal) Sunderland. Ron grew up and received his education in Chester, graduating from C.H.S. in 1958. He enlisted in the U.S. Airforce during the Vietnam Conflict in 1960; his military training was at Lackland AFB (Texas), Rantoul AFB (Illinois), and Malmstrom AFB (Montana). At the time of his honorable discharge in 1964, Ron was a member of Malmstrom's 29th Fighter Inceptor Squadron.

Following his military stint, he began working as a salesman for the Combined Life Insurance Company in Great Falls. On May 15th, 1965 he married Joy Banovich at Coeur d'Alene Idaho. They lived in Great Falls until 1968, when Ron accepted a position as regional manager of Combined Life in Colorado Springs, Colorado. After working about five years in Colorado Springs, Ron transferred to the Administrative Office in Salt Lake City for a year. He returned to Colorado and continued working in the insurance business until the late 1970's.

Ron came home to Chester in 1980. Following the death of his aunt (Louise Rehal), Ron operated her business, Louise's Shop, until it was sold. He returned to Colorado Springs and began working in the real estate business. In addition to selling real

estate, Ron and his partner published the Colorado Springs "Guide" (a publication that advertised multiple listings in the area). He worked in real estate until 1987, then took a job as a stock broker. Presently he was employed in marketing for M.C.I. Telephone Company in Colorado Springs.

Ron suffered a major heart attack in 1982. His health stabilized until this past November, when he began having recurring heart problems. He suffered an attack early Friday morning, June 23 and died at the Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs. He was 54 years old.

Ron was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester and had served as an altar boy during his youth here. While in the Chester School system, he was active in football, basketball and music programs. He was an excellent trumpeter and often played military taps at funerals during his earlier years in Chester. Ron enjoyed boating, fishing, bowling and golfing. He had served as a member and officer of the Colorado Springs Realty Association. His greatest enjoyment was socializing with family and friends.

Ron is survived by his mother, Rosalie Sunderland of Chester; his brother and sister-in-law, Marv and Linda Sunderland of Great Falls; niece and nephew, Shay and Brock Sunderland of Great Falls; two aunts, Lottie Rehal of Chester and Kathryn Green of Great Falls; his former wife and friend, Joy Sunderland of Colorado Springs; four step-children who he helped raise, including Lori Neuland of Vacaville, California, Douglas Neufeld of Colorado Springs and Dan and David Banovich of Colorado Springs; seven grandchildren and several cousins. Ron was preceded in death by two aunts, Louise and Eleanor Rehal, one uncle, Norman Rehal and grandparents Shebel and Sophie Rehal.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. June 27 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester with Father Joseph Marmion officiating. Iris White served as organist and Jerome Lincoln sang "Fill My Cup, Precious Lord". Friends serving as pallbearers included James "Lefty" Wigmore, Dale Staudacher, Ray Seidlitz, Larry Lambott, Roger Wolfe and Jerry Albright. Ron's cousins, Bob and Steve Green, were honorary bearers. Brother, Marv, shared some personal thoughts at the close of the service. Interment with military rites was at the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Undesignated memorials will be given to the "Gift of Life" in Great Falls.

ALICE HELEN (ANDERSON) TERNSTROM
Born: December 27, 1902 - Died: February 8, 1995

Liberty County Times
February 13, 1995



Alice Ternstrom

Alice Helen (Anderson) Ternstrom was born in Sims, North Dakota on December 27, 1902. She was the third of eight children (four boys and four girls) born to Anna Seim and Hogan Anderson. Alice received her formal education at Almont, North Dakota. Following high school graduation, she enrolled in the State Teacher's College at Valley City (1921-1924), then finished her education at the University of Chicago in 1925. She began teaching school.

Alice met and married Archie B. Ternstrom on June 13, 1931. They adopted Alice's four year old nephew, Louis B. The Ternstrom's worked as dryland wheat farmers in the south Joplin (Montana) area for 30+ years, retiring in 1962. Since then their land has been farmed by Palmer Lalum, Ande Lalum and Steve Dahinden. After 35 years of marriage, Archie passed away in 1966.

In addition to being a farmwife and mother, Alice was a dedicated elementary school teacher for 25 years (she taught in the states of North Dakota, California, Idaho and Montana). Her loyalty to education continued when she served as the Liberty County Superintendent of Schools from 1946-1963. In her later years Alice lived in various retirement

homes at Havre, Chester, Kalispell and Tacoma. For the past five years she has lived in Kalispell, specifically at the Brendan House and the Windward Way Assisted Care Apartments. Her health failed dramatically

these past few months. She died on the morning of Wednesday, February 8, at the Kalispell Regional Hospital. She was 92 years old.

Alice was a longtime member of the Joplin Bethel Lutheran Church and "Deborah" Circle. She loved the old hymns and choruses and at age 92 could still sing the words to "How Great Thou Art".

During their married life, Alice and Archie traveled extensively throughout the United States, Europe, Mexico, Hawaiian Islands, and the Holy Land. In later years Alice made two separate trips to Europe and also toured Russia.

In 1967-68 Alice worked for VISTA (Volunteers In Service to America). She was paid \$39 per month to teach underprivileged children in the slum areas of Washington, D.C. It was with obvious pride that she served in this program!

Alice was very active in many organizations over the years. She served as chairwoman for the following groups: County T.B. Seals (1946-53), Junior Red Cross (1946-63), Liberty County Red Cross (1950-56), and the American Cancer Society Educational Committee. In addition she served as a delegate to the National Conference of County and Rural Superintendents in 1952; she was a life member of the National and Montana Educational Associations; she was a charter member of the Senior Citizens of America, she toured Europe with the National Farmers Union in 1955-56; and she held memberships in the Montana State Library Association, the A.A.R.P., and the Airways Club. It isn't a wonder that her name appears in the Marquis Biographical Book, "Who's Who in the West!"

Alice's favorite pastime was playing her fiddle! She enjoyed entertaining her friends in the retirement homes with her fiddling melodies. She loved to see her granddaughter Shari or her nephew Eddy come visit with their guitars because she delighted in making music with them!

Alice always enjoyed letters, phone calls and visits from her many friends and relatives. She looked forward to the "home cooked" meals at family gatherings. A special memory for Alice was when she was honored with a surprise 80th birthday party at the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester; longtime friend David James served as Master of Ceremonies and all of her favorite people were there to celebrate with her.

Alice is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Louis and June Ternstrom of Kalispell; three grandchildren, including Vicki Karki, Shari Young and Steven Ternstrom; one great-grandson, Christopher Karki; two sisters, Millie Lagrou of Sandpoint, Idaho and Dorothy Lalum of Kalispell and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents, by four brothers (Leonard, Oliver, Albert and Monty Anderson) and by one sister (Clara Halvorson).

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin on Monday, February 13 at 2 p.m. Reverend Darrell Cousino officiated. Vocalist Jerome Lincoln performed "The Lord's Prayer". Alice's great-You". Violinist Marcella Hull, played "Amazing Grace". The congregation sang "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less", accompanied by organist, Susan Peterson. Pallbearers included Bill Fraser, Raymond Lincoln, Charles Fraser, Dean Lyle, Duane Fraser and Steve Dahinden. Ushers were Robert Lake and Sandy Anderson. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. A luncheon for family and friends followed at Kjos Hall. Memorials will be given to Bethel Church, Brendan House or donor's choice.

LAWRENCE B. TERWOLBECK
Born: May 22, 1909 - Died: December 20, 1995
Liberty County Times
December 27, 1995

Lawrence Terwolbeck

Lawrence B. ("Shorty") Terwolbeck was born in Chester, Montana on May 22nd, 1923. He was one of three children born to Frank and Agnes Terwolbeck. He grew up and received his education in Joplin, graduating from Joplin High School in 1941. In those early years Lawrence worked with his father in the blacksmith trade. They eventually went into the implement business, called "Terwolbeck & Sons", and sold/repaired machinery.

Lawrence married Irene M. Sullivan in 1951. They made their home in Joplin the rest of their married life.

After the advent of television, Lawrence attended a school in Billings to learn about television mechanics. He operated a small T.V. sales and service shop in Joplin until his retirement in 1993.

Lawrence was diagnosed with cancer three months ago. He passed away peacefully at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the evening of Wednesday (Dec. 20th, 1995). He was 72 years old.

He is survived by his wife, Irene of Joplin; a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Tom Ratterman of Cincinnati, Ohio; three grandchildren, including Jeff, Kim and Scott Ratterman; a sister, Theresa Fossen

of Joplin; and numerous nephews and nieces. Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents and a brother (Joseph).

Lawrence bequeathed his body to the Anatomical Department of the W.A.M.I. Medical Program at Bozeman.

A Memorial mass is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. today (Wed., Dec. 27th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester with Father Joe Marmion officiating. Special music will be provided by St. Mary's Choir with accompaniment by Richie Hamel and a vocal selection by Heather Laird entitled "We Will Rise Again". Special readings will include scriptures by Mary Hodges, a poem by Madelina LaValley, and special thoughts by Mary Ann Fossen. Ushers will be Kenneth Miller and Terry LaValley. Eucharistic Ministers will be Marge Dahinden, Margaret Graff and Tom Graff. A luncheon will follow at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

ESTHER K. TWEDT
Born: February 26, 1894 - Died: January 25, 1995
Liberty County Times
February 1, 1995

Obituary ²⁻¹⁻⁹⁵



Esther Twedt

Esther K. Twedt, 100 of Hingham, passed away Wednesday at the Northern Montana Care Center in Havre due to natural causes.

She was born February 26, 1894 to John and Mattea (Sylte) Klemetson at Becker County, Minnesota. Worked as a professional seamstress there, before her marriage to Bert Twedt on December 9, 1915. He died August 8, 1960. They moved to Montana after their wedding and homesteaded at Black Coulee, south of Rudyard, where she was a farm wife for many many years. Moved to Hingham in 1964 and had just recently gone to the care center.

She had been very active in the Lutheran Church all her life, teaching Sunday School, serving with the ladies group and just doing whatever needed to be done at the church. She enjoyed reading, doing cross word puzzles, sewing and gardening. She was a member of the Hingham Lutheran Church.

Survivors include daughters: Margaret Petrick of Hingham, Ether Amundson of Sun City West, Arizona, son Lowell Twedt of Hingham. Brother, Gustaf Klemetson of Ulem, Minnesota, 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son Lloyd.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Hingham Lutheran Church with burial in the Hingham Cemetery,

Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester is in charge of arrangements.

CHARLES EDWARD VAKOCH
Born: May 1, 1907 - Died: March 12, 1995
Liberty County Times
March 15, 1995



Charles Vakoch

Charles Edward Vakoch was born at Thief River Falls, Minnesota on May 1, 1907. He was one of seven children born to Barbara Kosanda and John Vakoch. Charlie received his formal education at the Geddies Country School near the family farm in Polk County, Minnesota. His religious upbringing was at Sacred Heart Church in East Grand Forks. Charlie worked on the family farm until it was sold in 1948, then he and his brother (John) bought a home in East Grand Forks. He lived there for the next 10 years, employed as a mechanic at Valley Motors, a factory worker at the American Crystal Sugar Company and a general carpenter. In 1957 Charles came to Hingham to attend the funeral of his cousin Vincent Sedivy. He agreed to stay in Hingham to help Mrs. Sedivy on the farm. He enjoyed his farming job and the people in the Hingham community, so he spent the rest of his working life here. After 25 years on the Sedivy farm, Charlie retired in 1982. Because of declining health in December of 1994, he moved to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre. He eventually transferred to the long-term care wing at Northern Montana Hospital where he died on the early morning of Sunday, March 12. Charlie was 87 years old.

Charles was a member of the East Grand Forks eagles Club and recently was the proud recipient of a 50 year membership pin. After coming to Montana he frequented the Eagles Club in Havre.

Charlie was a simple man with simple pleasures. He enjoyed owning and maintaining nice automobiles. He took pride and care in his equipment

and tools. As a hobby he collected monogrammed pencils. During his quiet hours he enjoyed playing "solitaire" or reading magazines (especially ones about cars or tractors).

Charlie never married. His family was the Sedivy family these past 37 years. In fact, when the young Sedivy children were growing up they referred to Charlie affectionately as "Grandpa".

His survivors include a brother, Edward Vakoch, and two sisters, Sophie and Helen Sirek, all of East Grand Forks, Minnesota; cousins, Mildred Sedivy of Hingham and Jim Sedivy (& family) of Swan Lake, Montana; and several nephews and nieces. Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, by two brothers (George and John J. III), and by an infant sister (Barbara).

A liturgy service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham with Father Joseph Marmion officiating. Organist will be Sharon Spicher and vocal music by Terry Stevenson will include "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art". A coffee hour will follow at the church. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials will be given to donor's choice.

The body will be shipped to Minnesota for additional services. Visitation will be Friday evening, March 17 at Norman's Funeral Home in East Grand Forks. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 18 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church by Father Timothy. The Sacred Heart Guild will provide a luncheon for family and friends. Charlie will be buried next to his brother John at Resurrection Cemetery in East Grand Forks.

ELSIE HULDA(HEINTZ) WALKMAN
Born: August 2, 1908 - Died: June 24, 1995
Liberty County Times
■ **June 28, 1995**



Elsie Walkman

Elsie Hulda (Heintz) Walkman was born on August 2, 1908 at Berry, Wisconsin, Dane County. She was one of three children born to Rudolph and Emma (Redders) Heintz, a family of German heritage. Elsie grew up and received her early schooling at Berry. After her family moved to Madison (Wisconsin), she finished her education at East High School there.

Elsie came to Montana and hadn't been here long when she met her husband-to-be, Jacob Herbert Walkman. They were married in Great Falls on November 23, 1932. At about that time, Jake had purchased a small farm located three miles east of Lothair. They lived and worked on that farm until their retirement in 1981. In early 1984 they moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. Jake died on November 15, 1984, at the age of 81 years.

Elsie remained at the Sweetgrass Lodge until her physical health failed in 1990, when she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. She died peacefully at the nursing home on the early morning of Saturday, June 24. Elsie was 86 years old.

The Walkman's had been active members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. They led an active social life and never missed a Saturday night dance in Galata in years gone by. They were fond of the Chester community and had donated much of their memorabilia to the local museum, so their "bits of history" will continue to be part of our community for years to come.

The Walkman's had no children. They were best friends, constant companions and working partners on their farm during their 52 years of married life together. Before her health failed, Elsie enjoyed long walks around Chester. She was a "character" in her own right; she said what she felt and remained loyal to her convictions!

Elsie is survived by two sisters, Mabel Schultz and Linda Boyum, both of Madison, Wisconsin and one niece, Dorothy Baltes, also of Madison. She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

It was Elsie's wishes for a simple graveside service with burial next to Jake. These services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 27 at the Chester Cemetery with Pastor Tom Dunham officiating. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials will be given to Hi-Line Health Service Foundation. *June 28-1995*

HAROLD RICHARD WANKE

Born: February 7, 1928 - Died: September 23, 1995

Liberty County Times

September 27, 1995



Harold Wanke

Harold Richard Wanke was born at Havre, Montana on February 7th, 1928. He was one of two children born to Rudolph and Christina (Thennis) Wanke. When Harold was 1-1/2 years old, his mother died from injuries sustained in a fire. Consequently, his grandparents (Ole and Mathilda Selmyhr) raised him and he grew up on their ranch in the Little Sage community north of Rudyard. Harold received his education at the Oreana Country School and in Rudyard, graduating from Rudyard High School in 1946. He began working for E. H. Thompson in Rudyard and delivered bulk fuel to area farmers.

Harold married Evelyn Berge on September 17th, 1949 at Cut Bank. They lived in Shelby for 13 years where Harold worked at the Great Northern Railroad business office. They were given an opportunity to lease a farm from relatives, Sam and Inez Berge, so they moved to this farm in 1960. They lived and worked 30 miles north of Rudyard for the next 18 years and gradually acquired land of their own in the Goldstone community. They built a new home in 1978 on their farm 18 miles north of Rudyard and have lived there since.

Harold's health had been relatively good over the years, although he did have a mild heart condition. He died peacefully in his sleep at home on the early morning of Saturday (September 23rd, 1995). He was 67 years old.

Harold had been a longtime member of the Goldstone Lutheran Church and served as council president for many years. He was baptized as an infant at the old St. John's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. During his years in Shelby, he was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

At the time of his death Harold was Chairman of the Board of the First Security Bank of Havre, president of the Milk River Branch of the Lutheran Brotherhood, and president of the North Rudyard Water Users Association. He was a past city councilman in Shelby and held memberships in the Hereford Breeder's Association, Montana Grain Growers, and Montana Farmer's Union.

During his school years, Harold played basketball and football (he was on Rudyard's first football team). He was essentially a self-taught man who was capable of fixing most anything from plumbing to mechanical jobs. Harold and Evelyn enjoyed their life as farmers, and in those early years on the farm they raised registered horned hereford cattle.

As a hobby Harold collected coins and stamps. He enjoyed playing card games like pinochle and whist, but his favorite was "bridge" (and he played to win). In his younger years he enjoyed watersports (boating and skiing). In later years he and Evelyn enjoyed traveling, and they made many memorable trips to Europe, Hawaii, and other interesting places. They just celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary this past week.

In addition to his wife, Evelyn of north Rudyard, Harold is survived by six half-sisters, including Marjorie Schaper of Manhattan, Judy Morrell of Anaconda, Connie Arnold of Fort Benton, Tarcella Rickman of Bettendorf, Iowa, Loucella Parrish of Tacoma, Washington, and Jonnie Rae Teets of Gillette, Wyoming; six half-brothers, including Rudolph Wanke, Jr. of Shelby, Leonard Wanke of Sumner, Washington, and George,

Mike, Kenneth and Jerry Wanke, all of Gillette, Wyoming; four aunts, including Delores Sauby of Kevin, Frances Stevens of Spokane, Florence Jenkins of Seattle, and Viola Wehr of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews. Harold was preceded in death by his parents, by an infant sister (Josephine), and by two half-brothers (Walter and Chris).

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday (September 27th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Reverend Tim Hauge of Hingham will officiate and he will be assisted by Colleen Grass. Jerome Lincoln will sing "How Great Thou Art" and "Nearer My God To Thee", accompanied by organist Stanleigh Barbie. The congregation will sing "Holy, Holy,

Holy". Pallbearers are Norman Kapperud, Donald Stark, Verges Aageson, Knud Grosen, Bud VandeSandt, and Ferris Ness. Ushers are David Aageson and Lloyd VandeSandt. Interment will follow in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials will be given to donor's choice.

MABLE WARNER

Born: July 3, 1918 - Died: December 27, 1995

Liberty County Times

January 3, 1996

Mable Warner

Mable Warner, 77, a Libby area resident for the past 30 years, died Wednesday at a Libby care center of natural causes.

Her funeral was Saturday at Libby Christian Church, with burial in the Libby city cemetery. Nelson and Vial Funeral Home is in charge.

Warner was born July 3, 1918, in Laken, Kansas and later moved with her family to Texas. In 1935 she married Charles O. Warner in Ruthron, New Mexico, they lived throughout the West until moving to Rudyard in 1955, where she was a cook in the public schools. They later lived in Haugen before moving to western Montana in 1965, building and operating the Cherokee Strip tavern in the Yaak from 1968 to 1974. They then settled in Libby, where she drove a school bus and was a cook at the Ten Pin Cafe and the Libby Senior Citizens Center.

Her husband died in 1977. She resided at Treasure Manor for the past several years, where she enjoyed providing transportation, sewing and quilting.

She was a member of the Libby Christian Church, the Libby Senior Citizens, the Women of the Moose, the Rebekah Lodge and the Eagles Auxiliary.

Surviving are a daughter, Lavonne Herman of Havre; two sons, Edgar "Ed" Warner of Libby and Charles O. Warner Jr. of Anchorage, Alaska; a stepson, Neil Nelson of Libby; a sister, Lois Sorenson of Centralia, Washington, a brother, William Barnes of Brinnon, Washington; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren a great-great-grandson; two stepgrandsons and a stepgreat-granddaughter.

FATHER TIMOTHY WERNER
Born: October 26, 1911 - Died: January 14, 1995
Liberty County Times
February 22, 1995

**Fr. Timothy
L. Werner**

Father Timothy Werner, age 83, after long and faithful service as a member of the Norbertine Community and a Norbertine priest, passed to his eternal reward on January 14. Father Werner was born on October 26, 1911, in Green Valley, Wisconsin, to George and Anna (Becher) Werner. His home parish is Sts. Peter and Paul, Hortonville, Wisconsin.

Father Werner is survived by two sisters: Sister Georgiana, C.S.A., and Sister Regina Marie, C.S.A., Fond du Lac; a brother, Joseph (Charlotte) Werner, Appleton; a niece, Charlene (Michael) Bernaski; three nephews: Charles (Susan) Werner, Jerome and

James Werner; two great-nieces: Amanda Werner and Sarah Ann Bernaski; and the Norbertine Community. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters: Sister Donatilla and Mrs. Dolores LaVelle.

Father Werner graduated from St. Norbert High School, DePere in June, 1930 and graduated from St. Norbert College, DePere in June, 1934 with a B.A. degree in Philosophy. Father Werner entered St. Norbert Abbey on August 28, 1930, where he was vested as a novice. On August 28, 1932, Father Werner professed his Simple Vows and on August 28, 1935, he professed his Solemn Vows. Father Werner was ordained to the Diaconate on August 20, 1937 and on August 21, 1937 he was ordained to the Priesthood.

Father Werner's assignments include serving on the faculty of St. Norbert High School, DePere and Southeast Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He served as Assistant Pastor at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Essexville, Michigan and Our Lady of Ransom Parish, Hingham, Montana. Father Werner was pastor of the following parishes: St. Mary, Chester, Montana; St. Martin (Tonet) Luxemburg, Wisconsin; St. Margaret, Cut Bank, Montana; and St. Francis, Valier, Montana. In July 1983 Father Werner resided and assisted at St. Benedict Parish, Roundup, Montana for two years after which time he took up residence at St. Norbert Abbey.

While in Montana, Father Werner served as Senator for Religious Priests in the Diocese of Helena Priests' Senate and was also Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus for several years. The Reception of the Body/Vespers of the Dead Service will be held in the St. Norbert Abbey Church on Monday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial was held in the St. Norbert Abbey Church, Tuesday, January 17. Rev. E. Thomas DeWane, O'Praem., Abbott of St. Norbert Abbey presided at the funeral liturgy. Burial was in the St. Norbert Abbey Cemetery.

RUTH ESTHER WIGMORE
Born: December 11, 1919 - Died: May 9, 1995
Great Falls Tribune
May 10, 1995

Ruth E. Wigmore

FORT BENTON -- Ruth Esther Wigmore, 75, a former secretary and bookkeeper, died Tuesday at a Fort Benton hospital of cardiopulmonary disease.

A memorial service is 7 p.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Fort Benton. Rockman Funeral Home in Chester is handling arrangements.

She was born Dec. 11, 1919, in Medicine Lake. She graduated from Medicine Lake High School and attended Western Montana College in Dillon.

In 1939 she married Dewey Wigmore; they divorced in 1975.

She worked as a secretary, receptionist and bookkeeper in several Montana communities as well as Spokane, where she retired.

A member and president of the Business and Professional Women and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, she enjoyed cooking and gardening.

Survivors include a daughter, Judy Geyer of Big Sandy; a son, Jim Wigmore of Great Falls; a brother, Willard Johnson of Tacoma, Wash.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

PAUL FORREST WILLIAMS
Born: February 23, 1932 - Died: July 31, 1995
Liberty County Times
August 9, 1995

Paul Williams

Paul Forrest Williams, 63 years of age, a resident of Fort Benton, Montana died on Monday, July 31, 1995 at a Great Falls hospital of natural causes.

Paul was born on February 23, 1932 at Dulleton, California, the son of Byron George and Alice (Norden) Williams. January 14, 1950 he married his childhood sweetheart, Beverly I Stenjem in the Lutheran church in Havre, Montana.

Paul worked for the Vita Rich Dairy in Havre, Culligan, a member of the Montana National Guard, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station at Fort Assiniboine, before accepting a position as Chouteau County Deputy Sheriff and Big Sandy Police Officer on October 1, 1956. He was active with the Big Sandy Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance Service as well as the Salvation Army. Paul gained statewide respect and recognition in the law enforcement profession not only for his uncanny ability to apprehend criminals, but also for his total dedication and compassion for the people he served. During the Big Sandy years, Paul and Beverly were known as a team with Beverly handling the telephone and radio from home as Paul consistently worked 16 and 17 hour shifts. Paul was a life-long

member of the National Sheriffs Association and the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association. He also was the recipient of numerous community awards. January 31, 1978 Paul was appointed sheriff by the Board of Commissioners to fill retiring John Saksa's term and has been overwhelmingly re-elected each succeeding term. Besides handling a number of nationally spotlighted incidents, Paul opened the Chouteau County Law Enforcement facility and placed into effect many policies and innovative methods widely copied among other agencies. He brought D.A.R.E. and many other programs

on prevention for youth into the county. He worked in law enforcement in Chouteau County over 39 1/2 consecutive years.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Williams of Fort Benton, daughter Paula Baker and husband Bob and their children Aaron Paul Baker of Great Falls, Christin Baker of Bozeman, Rachell and Robert Baker, Jr. of Van Wert, Ohio; son Doug and wife Linda Williams of Fort Benton, and their daughter Kaylene Williams of Seattle, Washington; brothers Raymond Williams of Big Sandy, and Byron Williams of Crockett, California; sister Sherry Taylor of Great Falls; step-father George Taylor of Conrad; uncles Peter C. Norden of Big Sandy, and John Norden of Havre; aunt Maxine Catt of Havre, and numerous nieces and nephews from the Big Sandy area.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 4, 1995 at the Big Sandy High School gym with Rev. Robert H. Foote officiating. Burial was at the Big Sandy Cemetery.

Special music was by Rusty and Nona Danreuther. Rusty sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "A Song for Reflection", a medley tribute to Paul.

Pallbearers were Frank Anderson, Richard Burrows, Charles Floyd, Stan Gardipee, Lawrence Jappe, Jr. and Don Seifert.

Honorary pallbearers were all of Paul's fellow law officers and his many friends.

Ushers were Lloyd Allen, Henry Grossman, Dale Skaalure and Jay Worrall.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Memorials may be sent to the Norwest Bank in Big Sandy, Montana and a memorial will be established later in Mr. Williams' honor.

MARGARET (HADER) WOODS
Born: May 31, 1933 - Died: May 15, 1995
Liberty County Times
May 31, 1995



Margaret Woods

Margaret (Hader) Woods, 61, passed away the early morning of May 15 at her home in Loon Lake, Washington, due to complications of emphysema. Her services were conducted by her children at Bear Lake County Park near Deer Park, Washington. Riplinger Funeral Home was in charge of cremation.

Woods was a self-employed beautician and was born in Chester. She had lived in Loon Lake for 13 years and owned a beauty shop.

She is survived by her husband, John Woods; one son, Jeff Woods of Republic, Washington; two daughters, Jennie Watkins of Jump Off Joe, Washington and Patti Lea Erickson of Klamath Falls, Oregon; one sister, Shirley Lybeck of Chester, Montana; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The following eulogy was by her daughter, Patti Erickson:

"Margaret Verdell Hader, Margie or Margo, was born to Jenniemae and Floyd Hader on May 31, 1933 in Havre, Montana.

"She was raised and educated in Chester, graduating Senior Class president in 1951. She was a member of the Chester High School band all four years in school.

"While in Chester, Mom worked as a bookkeeper for Standard Garage, Chester Bakery, waitress and telephone operator. It was there she met her future husband, Wayne (Woody) Woods.

"In her lifetime, she amazed family and friends with her energy and zest for life, studying and exploring new vocations and accomplishments, including accounting and business management, top salesperson for Russans Ladies Apparel and District manager of Payless Shoes. In 1976 Mom graduated from Mt. Pilear Community College in Idaho and went on to become senior instructor for Western Cosmetology College, later establishing her own hair salon in Loon Lake, Washington.

"Mom believed in community service and attained a certified EMT technician's card, also spending time as a volunteer member of the Loon Lake Fire Department.

"Margo held with deep respect the elderly and less fortunate and often throughout her years, would visit convalescent centers with homemade cookies, candies, music and always an outreaching hand of hope and comfort.

"As the wife of a lineman" there were times when we moved with the job throughout the United States. In whatever town or city we lived in Mom had the unique "gift of passion" for her family to make our home a place of love, laughter, "an illumination of life!"

"Our mother was the "fun mommy" on the block, children and people in general were drawn to her caring, unselfish nature, always putting others first.

"She was an avid gardener, she liked her yard to look colorful and welcoming. She loved to golf with her girl friends, she bowled, an excellent swimmer and the "head stand queen" on the diving board. There was inventiveness about her creativity in all she did.

"One vision of years ago comes to my memory of our Mom and Dad jitterbugging in our living room and we would laugh and clap - always sounds of singing, guitar playing (echoes of our family).

"Dad and Mom would occasionally snow bird down south making life-long friends along the way.

"Mom had a remarkable sense of humor and wit, was always the first to laugh at herself.

"Mamma loved our Lord and cherished talks and scripture readings and Bible Study. She lived life on her own terms. She was a "touchstone" for anyone who knew her, the first to lend a helping hand to any person in need.

"All of our lives will be forever changed by her passing, but we need to take strength in the legacy of love, laughter and courage. She has left us and she will live on in our hearts."

DAVID J. WURTZ
Born: May 16, 1914 - Died: November 21, 1995
Liberty County Times
November 29, 1995

David Wurtz

David J. Wurtz, age 81, died Tuesday evening, November 21, at his residence at the Riverview Colony south of Chester.

Funeral services were Friday, November 24 at 12:30 p.m. at Riverview Colony with burial in the Riverview Colony Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

David Wurtz was born on May 16, 1914 at the Rockport Colony at Alexandria, South Dakota. He was one of seven children born to Susie Waldner and John Wurtz. He grew up and received his education at Rockport. In 1934 he moved to Raymond, Alberta where he married Susie Kleinsasser in 1936. They lived at the O.K. Colony until 1949, when they moved to the Miller Colony at Choteau. In 1960 they moved to then to Riverview Colony south of Chester in 1980. David's wife, Susie, died on August 1, 1987. He has remained at Riverview since that time. His occupation was a leather tanner.

He is survived by three sons, John Wurtz of Sagecreek, Jake Wurtz of Riverview and Butch Wurtz of Riverview; four daughters, Susie Waldner and Dorothy Waldner of the Duncan Ranch Colony at Harlowtown, Annie Kleinsasser of Sagecreek Colony and Katie Waldner of Riverview; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces. David was preceded in death by his wife and parents, a son David in 1980, four brothers, Joe, George, John and Jake and two sisters, Katie Hofer and Susie Wurtz.