

GLENN EVERETT AIKEN
Born: March 23, 1917 - Died: January 21, 1998
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Glenn E. Aiken

Glenn Everett Aiken, Age 80, a Whittlash area rancher, died at his home on the early morning of Wednesday, January 21, 1998. He had been suffering from colon cancer for the past 9 months.

Mr. Aiken requested that there be no funeral services. Arrangements and cremation are being handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials are suggested to the "Gift of Life" or donor's choice...

Glenn was born March 23, 1917 on the family homestead located six miles north of Dunkirk, Montana. He was the youngest and only son of two children born to Samuel and Loie (Murray) Aiken. His mother died when he was just a few weeks old, so Glenn was raised by his grandparents, George and Ida May Murray. The Murray's ranched near Whittlash, so Glenn received his early schooling in the Gold Butte community.

When he was nine years old, his grandfather died. Glenn and his grandmother continued to operate the ranch and keep things going. Glenn finished his formal education in Shelby, then returned to the Murray ranch, which he owned and operated the rest of his life.

On March 29, 1956 he married his Whittlash sweetheart, Evelyn D. Allen, at Great Falls. They made their home on their ranch, located four miles west of Whittlash, from that time on.

Glenn was a hard worker his entire life. He was happy in his role as a Montana rancher and was proud of his Hereford cattle herds. He remained active in the ranching business until the past few years, when he developed complications from diabetes. Glenn had his first cancer surgery in April of 1997, and his condition has slowly deteriorated

since. He was fortunate to remain at home during this time and receive personal care from his wife.

Glenn has always had a love for electronics. When he attended high school in Shelby, he worked parttime for Ray Stimps at the Norwest Radio Lab (he helped build and repair radios). In his later years he enjoyed listening to the ham radio operators around the country.

During his relaxing time at home Glenn enjoyed watching TV sports; he was especially fond of boxing, wrestling, and auto racing. He loved the quiet and peaceful tranquility of living and working near the Sweetgrass Hills.

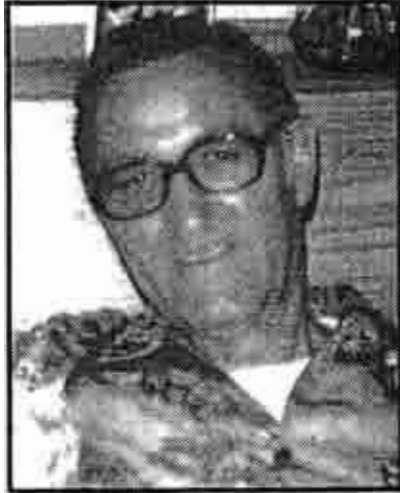
He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Evelyn of Whittlash; his mother-in-law Louisa Anderson of Whittlash; two sisters-in-law Golda Morrison of Chester, and Winnie Barnett of Helena; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Glenn was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and his only sibling (sister Edith Hoeh).

ROBERT GEORGE ALBRIGHT

Born: November 24, 1921 - Died: May 9, 1998

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Robert Albright

Robert George Albright was born at Chester, Montana on November 24, 1921. He was one of four children born to Ernest and Helen (Lilly)

Albright. Bob grew up in the Chester community and received his formal education here. He farmed with his folks near Chester and eventually took over the farming operations.

On April 10, 1941 he married Elsie Adams at Shelby, Montana. They made their home in Chester and raised a family of three. The marriage ended in divorce.

On September 15, 1969 Bob married Kathryn Ugrin Bauer at Great Falls. He continued to farm at Chester, living in both Chester and Great Falls. When he retired from farming in 1979, he and Kay made their permanent residence at 720-33rd St S in Great Falls. In addition, they wintered in Arizona for 11 years before Bob's health began to fail in the early 1990s.

Bob suffered from cardiopulmonary problems. He has been cared for at home by his wife during the past few years. He was recently admitted to Benefis East Medical Center, where he died on the morning of Saturday, May 9, 1998. He was 76 years old.

Bob had been a member of the Eagles, Moose, and Elks Lodges in Great Falls. Favorite hobbies during his life included hunting, fishing, dancing, and playing cards (especially Pinochle, and Norwegian whist). During his quiet time at home, Bob enjoyed watching television or reading (he was especially fond of Westerns by Louis L'Amour, and publications like *U.S. News and World Report* and *Consumer Report*).

Bob is survived by his wife Kay of Great Falls; two daughters Sandra Berger of Chinook, and Dawn McAllister of Shelby; one son Joe Albright of Malta; three step-children Marlene DeVoto of Kentfield,

California, Cheryl Bauer of Missoula, and Dave Bauer of Helena; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; five step-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, by an infant sister, by two brothers (Willard and Leslie Albright), and by a grandson (Jody Staudacher).

It was Bob's wishes to be cremated. His ashes were buried in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery with private family services on Tuesday, May 12, 1998. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials will be given to the American Cancer Society per Bob's wishes.

MARGARET BEATRICE (MAGGIE) ANDERSON
Born: February 13, 1923 - Died: April 6, 1998
Liberty County Times
April 8, 1998



Margaret Anderson

Margaret Beatrice "Maggie" Anderson, age 75, died from complications of cancer on Monday morning April 6, 1998 at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am Thursday, April 9 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Rev. Darrell Cousino officiating. Interment will follow in the Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials are suggested to Bethel Church, Liberty County Hospice, or the "Healing Tree" at the Liberty County Hospital.

Maggie was born on the family farm north of Joplin, Montana on February 13, 1923. She was one of six children born to August and Louise (Heyen) Tempel. She received her early education at the Tingdahl Country School, then graduated from Joplin High School in 1941. Maggie moved to Seattle where she worked for relatives. When she came back to Montana, she worked for several farm families and also worked as an aide at the Mary Buck Hospital in Chester.

December 17, 1947 she married Enoch B. Anderson at Somers, Montana. They made their home on the Anderson farm south of Joplin,

where they raised a family of four. They retired from farming in 1973 and moved into Joplin in 1978. That same year Maggie began working as a nurse's aide at the Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home, a job she held until 1986. Enoch died in 1994. Maggie remained in her Joplin home until October of 1997, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester. The following month her health began to fail and she was diagnosed with cancer.

During her youth, Maggie attended the Immanuel Lutheran Church north of Joplin. She transferred her membership to the Bethel Church in Joplin where she was active in the Ladies Circle. Maggie was an exceptional housekeeper and good cook; she liked to entertain in her home and most of the family holiday meals were held there. In earlier years she enjoyed playing Pinochle, and bowling in the Hi-Line leagues. She enjoyed reading, especially Christian literature and health magazines. In her quiet time she liked to play the piano or do quilting projects. Maggie enjoyed being outdoors, either working in her flower/vegetable garden or taking leisurely walks around the neighborhood. As a hobby she collected bird figurines and bird houses. She also enjoyed traveling, especially when trips meant spending time with her daughters and grandchildren.

Maggie is survived by four children including Nancy Elliott (and husband Earl) of Churchill, Tennessee, Barbara Turney of Phoenix, Arizona, Ena Spiker (and husband Wayde) of Lewiston, Idaho, and Delbert Anderson (and wife Connie) of Joplin; ten grandchildren, including Erin, Ethan, Jae Marie, Ryan, Travis, Jonathan, Jesse, Kimberly, Mandy, and Hope; two sisters Eilen Overton of Great Falls, and Dorothy Heydon of Bozeman; three brothers Ernest "Ernie" Tempel of Joplin, Kenneth

"Kenny" Tempel of Chester, and Clint Tempel of Great Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews. Maggie was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by an infant son (James Anderson) and a grandson (Jonathan Jarrett).

THELMA MARGUERITE (FREELAND) ANDERSON
Born: April 13, 1916 - Died: September 16, 1998
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September 23, 1998



Thelma Anderson

Thelma Marguerite (Freeland) Anderson was born at Havre, Montana on April 13, 1916. She was one of three children born to Leon and Stina (Haakenson) Freeland. She grew up in Joplin and graduated from Joplin High School in 1933.

Thelma married Sanford L. Anderson on July 29, 1933 at Chinook, Montana. They made their home on the Anderson farm north of Joplin, where Thelma worked as a homemaker and mother to three daughters.

The Andersons retired from farming in 1982. They continued to make Joplin their home; however, they spent the past four winters living in Helena near a daughter.

Thelma's health had failed in recent years and she was being treated for congestive heart failure. On this past Monday she was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. She died there on Wednesday evening September 16, 1998. She was 82 years old.

In her younger days she enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and gardening. Thelma also liked to read (especially mysteries) and work crossword puzzles. She and Sanford loved to travel and they made many memorable trips throughout the years.

Thelma played the piano and organ.

She shared her musical talents by serving as the church organist at Bethel Church for 45 years. Her church family was important to her; she was active in the Martha Circle and the ALCW quilting group for many years.

Thelma adored her family. But the love of her life was Sanford, her soulmate and companion for the past 65 years. They were overwhelmed with joy this past summer when all of the children and grandchildren came to Montana to celebrate their 65 years of married life together.

Thelma is survived by her husband Sanford (also known as Spike) of Joplin; three daughters Sandra McKee and husband Lou of Tucson, Arizona, Jan Anderson and husband Jim of Helena, and Gail Olson and husband Larry Vogl of Lewistown; eight grandchildren including Susan McKee, Lynn Hodges, Kerry Davis, Jami Lynch, Kelly Elder, Michael Anderson, Brian Olson, and Kevin Olson; six great-grandchildren including Aaron, Lauryn, Taylor, Ashleigh, Kayla, and Andrew; her sister Mrs. John (Leone) Tempel of Lakeside; an uncle J.C. Freeland of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews. Thelma was preceded in death by her parents and a brother (Charlie Freeland).

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 21, 1998 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Rev. Darrell Cousino officiating. Iris White was organist. The congregation sang some of Thelma's favorite hymns, including "In the Garden," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee." Ushers were Ed Mlinar and Dean Lyle. Pallbearers were Denis Freeland, Sandy Anderson, Ellsworth Graff, Larry Olson, Tim Tempel, and Butch Tempel. Honorary bearers were listed as "all of Thelma's friends." Following graveside services at the Joplin Cemetery, a luncheon was held at Kjos Hall. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to Bethel Church.

VERA S. (SOPHER) ANDERSON
Born: January 10, 1906 - Died: November 21, 1998
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Vera Anderson

Vera S. (Sopher) Anderson was born January 10, 1906 at Oskaloosa, Iowa. She was one of four children born to Robert W. and Clara Jane (Summers) Sopher. Vera grew up in Iowa and received her education there. She was a graduate of Oskaloosa High School and William Penn College. In the few years that followed she taught in rural schools near Oskaloosa.

In the mid-1920s Vera came to Montana to teach school. She met a Joplin area man Clifford P. Anderson. They were married in Hingham on June 1, 1928. During their early married years Vera taught school in various Montana communities, including Chinook, St. Regis, Brady, Chester, and Joplin. They made their home in Joplin during most of their married life, where Clifford farmed and was a partner in the Joplin Meat Market. They retired in 1975.

Clifford died on November 2, 1983. Vera remained in Montana for several years, then moved back to Oskaloosa to help care for her ailing sister. She has been in Iowa since that time. This past summer Vera's

health began to fail, so she moved to the Siesta Park Estates Nursing Home in Oskaloosa. She passed away at the rest home on the evening of Saturday November 21, 1998. She was 92 years old.

Vera held memberships in the Montana and Iowa Retired Teachers Associations, the Oskaloosa Women's Club, and the Mahaska County (Iowa) Historical Society. During her life in Joplin she was a member of the Bethel Lutheran Church.

Vera and Clifford never had children. Her only survivors are a nephew and his wife LeRoy and Effie Sopher of Oskaloosa, and a niece Elaine Sopher Campbell of Des Moines, Iowa. Also surviving are her Anderson in-laws from Montana including: Neil and Laura Beatty of Great Falls, Hazel Anderson of Joplin, Sanford Anderson of Joplin, Beulah Anderson of Edgewood, New Mexico, and Robert Anderson of Augusta. Vera was preceded in death by her parents and husband, by two brothers Earl and Max Sopher, and by her sister Floy Sheesley.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 am Tuesday November 24, 1998 at the Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa with Rev. Ralph Lohman officiating. Graveside services will be 11:00 am Monday November 30 at the Joplin, Montana Cemetery with Rev. Bart Coleman officiating. Local arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

MILDRED E. BEAUDOIN
Born: June 29, 1909 - Died : August 19, 1998
Great Falls Tribune
August 20, 1998

Mildred E. Beaudoin

SHELBY — Former teacher Mildred E. Beaudoin, 89, died Wednesday in a local hospital of natural causes.

Private services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, with Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home handling arrangements.

She was born June 29, 1909, in St. John, N.D., and attended Western Montana College in Dillon and Minot Teachers College.

Beaudoin began teaching at the age of 17 in the Butte Mining District. She later taught at Winifred, Gildford and Sweetgrass, and spent many years at Meadowlark Elementary School in Shelby.

During World War II she was a railroad telegrapher in Bozeman.

Beaudoin was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority and a 55-year member of the VFW Auxiliary Post 1087, where she was on the drill team. She also taught piano lessons and art classes.

Beaudoin's hobbies including crafts and collecting antiques.

Surviving are a brother, Sylvain Beaudoin of Great Falls; a niece, a nephew and one cousin.

ELSIE (HOCHBERGER) BERG

Born: October 2, 1914 - Died: October 15, 1998

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October 21, 1998



Elsie Berg

Elsie (Hochberger) was born at Hawkeye, Iowa on October 2nd, 1914. She was one of ten children born to Hulda Hehmke and Frederick Hochberger. The family moved to North Dakota when Elsie was very young. She received her education at Fingal, North Dakota, graduating from high school there in 1934.

Elsie met her husband-to-be, Emmers Lee Berg, while living in North Dakota. He had moved to Montana and found a job at Olsen's Ford in Harlem. Elsie came to Montana and they were married in Chinook on August 22nd, 1935. During the next nine years they lived in Harlem, Cut Bank, and Pocatello, Idaho (where Emmers worked in a gun plant during the war), and then back to Harlem. In 1944 they came to Chester where Emmers bought the Hi-Way Garage from his brother, Lloyd. The business became "Berg Motors" after they acquired the Ford franchise in 1947; they also sold Minneapolis-Moline implements. Elsie worked as the book-keeper at the garage until they retired in 1960. Their business was sold to a local corporation, then repurchased in 1970 by a son-in-law; the dealership is now called Chester Motors.

The Bergs have lived in Chester since 1944. Emmers died in 1988. Elsie has continued to live in their home and remained active in the com-

munity. On this past Thursday morning (October 15th, 1998) she was getting ready to go to a local funeral when she unexpectedly collapsed at her home. Medical personnel were called and she was pronounced dead. Elsie had just turned 84 years old earlier this month.

She had been very active in Our Saviors Lutheran Church and held many offices in the A.L.C.W. and W.E.L.C.A. over the years. In addition to being a member of Lydia Circle, she taught Sunday School and sang in the church choir for many years. Elsie helped organize the first Altar Guild at the church and served as Chairman of the Guild until two years ago when she started to have some minor health problems. She was also active in the church quilting group; it was her job to take the quilts home and put on the finishing edges with her old heavy-duty Singer sewing machine! Elsie was always a willing worker at all church activities and helped however she could.

Elsie loved to travel and never missed an opportunity to take a special trip. She and Emmers travelled to Hawaii, Alaska and Europe, and they always enjoyed their winter trips to Las Vegas. Since Emmers' death, Elsie has enjoyed travelling with her two daughters. In addition to these "ladies only" escapades, Elsie arranged for several nice trips for her daughters and their husbands.

Elsie was active in the Liberty County Council on Aging and was past president of the Chester Council. She was a member of the Chuckwagon Band and the Swingin' Seniors Band; she played an "egg-beater" kazoo and always got a big kick out of it!

In her early years she was an avid bowler, winning many trophies and awards. She also enjoyed fishing, whist and Bingo. Elsie liked to play dominoes with her grandkids. She never missed her favorite soap opera, "General Hospital". She was an exceptional cook; some of her family

favorites were cupcakes and Angel pie. In her quiet time at home she enjoyed reading her Bible and devotions or solving crossword and "seek-&-find" puzzles.

Elsie was always a neat and well-organized lady. Her house was always immaculate, her yard was always well-groomed, and her flower beds were always beautiful. She had a good sense of humor; she loved to laugh and she did so often. Last, but not least, Elsie was a loving and caring mother and grandmother. She was always prompt in remembering her

family's birthdays and special times. She will be deeply missed by all...

Elsie is survived by her two daughters and their spouses, Betty and Don Raunig of Chester, and Beverly and Gary Violett of Lothair; four grandchildren and spouses, Randall (and Karen) Violett, Ron (and Teresa) Violett, Denise (and Daron) Johnson, and Dean Raunig; six great-grandchildren, Megan, Krista, Mitchell, Amanda, Trevor and Blake; one sister, Mabel Hochberger of Chester; one brother, Clarence "Bill" Hochberger of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Elsie was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by two sisters, five brothers, and a granddaughter (Donna Jean).

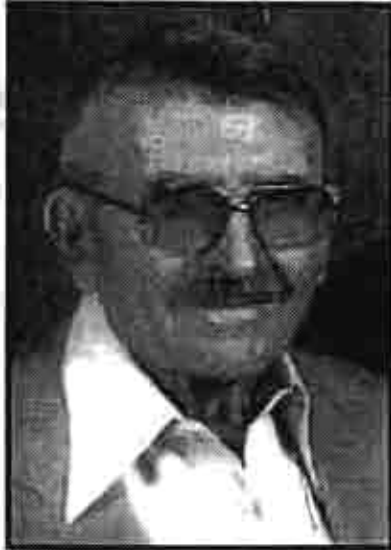
Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday (October 19th) at Our Saviors Lutheran Church with Reverend Peter Erickson officiating. Karen Stack was organist and the congregation sang "My Faith Looks Up To Thee". Wayne Wardell sang "In the Garden" and "Beyond the Sunset". Ushers were Charles Maska and Armand Anderson. Pallbearers were Bill Cole, Allen Kolstad, Hugh Brown, Irvin Hutchison, Charles Green and Cliff Hanson. Honorary bearers were listed as "all of Elsie's friends". Interment was at the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Memorials will be given to Our Saviors Lutheran Church or Hi-Line Health Service Foundation.

LEO BIALEK

Born: March 23, 1909 - Died: September 12, 1998

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Leo Bialek

Leo Bialek was born at Staunton, Illinois on March 23, 1909. He was the youngest of four children born to John and Amalie Bialek. When Leo was a child, the Bialek's came to Montana to a homestead 13 miles south of Inverness. Leo grew up on the family farm and received his formal education at local country schools. In the years that followed, he lived and worked on the farm.

During World War II Leo enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He entered the military in 1942 and spent two years of service in India, where he served in the 1040th Army Air Force Battalion. Leo attained the rank of corporal. He was honorably discharged in 1945 and returned to Montana.

Leo continued farming in the south Inverness community. In 1976 he retired and sold his farm to Bartow Haaland. That same year he moved his farmhouse into Rudyard and remodeled it.

On July 11, 1977 he married Gladys Hockette Wodarz at Havre. They made their home in Rudyard from that time on. When Leo's health failed in 1994, he transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. He died there on the early morning of Saturday, September 12, 1998. He was 89 years old.

Leo was a longtime member of the Havre VFW and was a 20-year member of the Havre Eagles Club. He and Gladys enjoyed traveling in their motorhome and were past members of the Good Sam Club. They also were active in the Rudyard Senior Center.

As a young man, Leo enjoyed playing baseball on the Hi-Line leagues. His love for the game continued; he has remained an avid spectator fan of professional baseball. Other interests over the years included fishing, reading, dancing, playing pool, and playing cards. In addition, Leo enjoyed working in his yard and garden, and he played the accordion and harmonica.

He is survived by his wife Gladys of Rudyard; a step-daughter Sharon Toscano of Kalispell; four grandchildren, including Karen, Nick, Sharon and Dana; and several nieces and nephews. Leo was preceded in death by his parents and his three siblings (Alfonse, John and Mary).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, 1998 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Rev. Bart Coleman officiated. Iris White was organist and Terry Stevenson sang "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," and "I Love to Tell the Story." Pallbearers were Ron Kinder, Glenn Solum, Gary Dion, Marcel Solum, Clarence Een and Barlow Haaland. A reception followed at the church.

Graveside services were 4:00 p.m. at Highland Cemetery in Havre. Prayers and military rites concluded the services. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

FRANCIS WILLIAM BIEGALKE
Born: September 11, 1928 - Died : June 4, 1998
Liberty County Times
June 24, 1998



Bernicé Skierka of Chester, Dolores Hortsch of Portland, Oregon, Madonna Lovelace of Reading, Pennsylvania, and Rosemary Montayne of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Paul Biegalko.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association.

Francis Biegalko

Francis William Biegalko, age 69, died June 4, 1998 in a Great Falls hospital of a heart attack.

Funeral services were held in Stanford with burial in Benchland Community Cemetery. The O'Connor Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Francis was born September 11, 1928 in Havre to Paul and Matilda Biegalko. He was the second son in a family of four daughters and two sons. He was raised on the family homestead north of Chester and attended Chester schools.

On March 2, 1950, he married Beulah Royal at Chester. The couple farmed and ranched in the Stanford area where they raised a family of three children.

Francis served on the Windham School Board, the ASCS committee, and was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

His hobbies were reading, conservation, and guns.

Survivors include his wife Beulah, a son Michael Biegalko of Camas, Washington; two daughters Bonita Biegalko of Atkens, Ohio, and Collette McEntire of Kennewick, Washington; three grandchildren; four sisters;

ADA FLO (HENRY) BLAIR
Born: June 24, 1907 - Died: November 16, 1998
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November 25, 1998



Ada Flo Blair

Ada Flo (Henry) Blair, age 91 died Monday afternoon November 16, 1998 at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester.

She was born on the family homestead north of Galata, Montana on June 24, 1907. Flo was one of four children. Her parents were Frank and Mary (Niering) Henry.

Flo grew up on the family ranch and attended the Grandview Country School. She finished her education in Galata, graduating from high school in 1927.

On November 9, 1928 she married Jesse R. Blair in Great Falls. They made their home on the Blair ranch north of Lothair and eventually took over the ranching operation in 1940. After they retired in 1962 and turned the place over to their boys, they remained in their ranch home. In 1980 the Blairs moved to Shelby. When Jess's health began to fail in 1984 they came to Chester. Jess entered the Chester rest home, where he died on January 23, 1985. Flo moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge, where she lived until her health failed in 1996. She transferred to the nursing home and lived there from that time on.

Flo enjoyed gardening and flowers; she could raise the most beautiful African violets. She was an exceptional cook, best remembered for her delicious donuts and breads. She loved crocheting and embroidery; she made numerous afghans, tablecloths, and bedspreads for her family and friends. As a fun hobby Flo collected bird figurines. During their early married years the Blairs enjoyed dancing. At the time of Jess's death they had been happily married for 57 years.

Survivors include three children Clifford Blair and wife Nell of Hobson, Carolyn Seidlitz and husband Joe of Chester, and Floyd Blair and wife Arline of Denton; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter; one sister Myrtle Johannsen of Shelby; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by two siblings Harold Henry and Dorothy Adams.

Funeral services were 2:00 pm Friday November 20, 1998 at the Chester United Methodist Church with Rev. Kama Morton officiating. Scripture readings were done by grandson Michael Blair. Other grandchildren participated: usher was Robert Pulst and pallbearers were Eugene Seidlitz, Don Pulst, and Frank, Lynn, Michael, and Jerry Blair. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" accompanied by organist Iris White. Vocal tributes by Wayne Wardell and Kama Morton included "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" and "On Eagle's Wings." Burial was at the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A luncheon followed at the church. Memorials will be given to the Sweetgrass Lodge, the Hi-Line Health Foundation, or donor's choice.

GEORGE K. BRAUN
Born: February 8, 1910 - Died: January 25, 1998
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February 4, 1998



George Braun

George K. Braun was born at Sparta, Wisconsin on February 8, 1910. He was the youngest and only son of three children born to Robert G. Braun and Emma Schwankee. His sister Clara, died at age 9 months. After Emma died in 1912, Robert and the two surviving children (George and sister Freda) came to Montana. They settled on a homestead 7 miles north of Chester. George grew up on the farm and attended the Sunnyhill Country School nearby. Following his formal education, George became a working partner on the farm with his dad. George's father died in 1942.

George met his wife-to-be Elsie Porter, and they were married in Chester on October 18, 1944. They lived and worked on the Braun farm

during their happy life together. Elsie died on January 24, 1967.

George continued to farm until 1979. His nephew Dale Muncy, handled the farming operations for a few years before George sold the place. He moved to his home in Chester in 1981, and has lived there since.

George had heart bypass surgery in 1984 and lived a good active life from that time on. During this past year his health began to fail. On this past Friday evening he suffered chest pains and discomfort, so was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital. George died at the hospital on Sunday afternoon January 25, 1998. He was just two weeks short of his 88th birthday.

George has been a lifelong active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. He had served many terms on the Church Council and helped build the existing church. In the 1970s he was an active board member at the ASCS office in Liberty County. In his retirement years, he enjoyed eating and socializing at the local Senior Citizen's Center.

George and Elsie made several memorable trips together, namely to Europe, Scandinavia, and Hawaii. In later years George was always eager to travel with friends on weekend junkets to Nevada. He loved to play the electronic and slot machines, and his favorite card games were Poker and Pan.

George had been a big, strong, hard-working man during his life. He

enjoyed good food, and good fun. During the past 10 years, he and his good friend, Lillian Wright, dined out together at least once a week.

George loved his role as a Montana farmer. His implements of choice were "John Deere." He always kept his machinery in great shape. He was proud of his immaculate automobiles and equipment. His yard and home in Chester were sharply maintained and well-kept at all times. After moving to town and living alone, George bought himself a purebred bulldog named "Dallas." They were constant companions and buddies until Dallas' death a few years ago.

George had no children. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his sister (Freda Muncy) and a nephew (Elmer Muncy). His only survivors are Freda's children and their children. George's nephew is Dale Muncy of Helena and his nieces are Lorraine Polacek of Bullhead City, Arizona, and June Haupt of Cut Bank.

Funeral services were 11:00 am Thursday, January 29, 1998 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Rev. Tom Dunham officiating. Vocalist Marcus Jochim performed "Faith of Our Fathers." The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art." Ushers were Don Raunig and Cliff Hanson. Pallbearers were Lyle Muncy, Terry Muncy, Bryan Muncy, Wes Fenger, Pat Dailey, John Kammerzell, Bob Nordstrom and Sandy Anderson Sr. Honorary bearers were Kenneth Wolfe, Robert

Pugsley Sr., Wilbur Eveland, Bill Hochberger, Cliff Leighton, Martin Eveland, Earl Keith, Ty Rockman, John Troy, and all of George's other friends. Interment was at the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A luncheon followed at the church.

ROSALIE BRANDT BRETTENE
Born: January 9, 1911 - Died: March 5, 1998
Liberty County Times
March 11, 1998

Rosalie Brandt Brettene

Rosalie Brandt Brettene, 87, died at Northern Montana Care Center in Havre, Montana on March 5, 1998 of natural causes. Graveside services were at Highland Cemetery at 11:00 am on March 9, 1998.

Rosalie was born January 9, 1911 at Adair, Iowa to Mary and Tom Brandt. They homesteaded in the Joplin area in 1914. She graduated from Joplin High School and Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Havre.

She was married in the early 30's to George Hoyer. They had one son.

She worked as a registered nurse in the Havre hospitals and also for various doctors in Havre and Big Sandy.

She married Elmer Brettene of Gildford in 1957. He died in 1988. She was also preceded in death by her son Tom Hoyer.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law Charlene Hoyer; two granddaughters, Sarah Fisher of Gillette, Wyoming, and Kenna Hoyer of Missoula; and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three nieces, Stella Palm of Great Falls, Rosalie McCormick of Santa Rosa, California, and Pauline Murray of Whitefish, and many, many friends.

Memorials may be sent in lieu of flowers to the charity of your choice.

REV. DONALD BROWN
Born: ?, 1910 - Died: December 1, 1998
Liberty County Times
December 30, 1998

In Memory of Don Brown

By **BRUCE BROWN**

On Tuesday, December 1, 1998 I witnessed the end of an era. At 5:05 a.m. I watched as my dad gently slipped away into the arms of our Heavenly Father. He was 78 years old and I wasn't ready to let him go.

Dad grew up during the depression, joined the Navy at 16. He came home from World War II as a decorated Navy Commando, met his three-year-old daughter for the first time, and met me nine months later. From my first breath we were not just father and son, we were friends.

My father was the best friend I ever had; he raised me from the time I was

a month old until he slipped away in my 52nd year. From my earliest memories I can hear him telling me that he would be my best friend, but would first be my father, and he always was Father first, friend second.

When I was very young he would work all day and walk the floors with me at night. He would tell me stories, sing to me, or just hum until I would fall asleep, then he would get what sleep he could until he would have to get up to go to work. Then the cycle would start all over again. As I grew, we began hunting and fishing, working on cars, anything that would allow us to be together. We had a relationship that my other friends could only hope to have with their dads. Not a day went by that my dad didn't tell me he loved me. It wasn't until I was 6 or 7 that I realized not all fathers were like mine. I couldn't understand why every kid in town called him Dad, he was truly one of a kind.

I was 9 when I contracted polio; it paralyzed my right side. My weight dropped, and the doctor said if I ever came out of it, I would always be smaller on that side. I remember Dad coming into my room every night to massage my right arm and leg to stimulate the muscles. Then he worked with me to exercise those same muscles as they came out of the paralysis so they would grow and become as strong as the left side. At 52 years old I still have no effects of the polio.

The last few months it was hard for him to get around, his body weakened by years of degenerative heart failure, but even then he was the strongest man I ever met. He was able to express his love and to show his love for his son. He left me a legacy to pass on to my two sons, a legacy of love born of strength. My dad was always there when I needed him; I never wondered if he loved me. He showed me every day. I could talk to him about anything and knew it would never go any further. By his example, he taught me what my Heavenly Father is like. His last words were "I love you, Son, God Bless..." His life ended as my life had begun, letting me know he loved me.

He is survived by my mother, my wife, two grandsons, and myself, but more than us, he is survived by a legacy of love born out of strength.

Goodbye Dad, I love you, God Bless...

(Rev. Don Brown pastored the Chester Methodist Church from approximately 1951-1966. Chester and the people in and around town were always on his heart and in his prayers. His son Bruce and wife, along with his daughter-in-law and two grandsons are living in Coram, MT.)

RONALD OLA CHRISTOFFERSON

Born: September 15, 1936 - Died: April 6, 1998

Liberty County Times April 15, 1998



Ronald Christofferson

Ronald Ola Christofferson was born at Fort Benton, Montana on September 15, 1936. He was one of five sons born to Carl and Marguerite (Tyler) Christofferson. He grew up on the family farm in the Kenilworth community near Big Sandy. Ron attended country school through Grade 8 and graduated from Big Sandy High School in 1954. He continued his education at Northern Montana College in Havre before enlisting in the U.S. Army. Following a two-year enlistment, he was honorably discharged and returned to Montana. Shortly thereafter, Ron began farming with his brother Orval, and they had an excellent working relationship together.

On June 5, 1960, Ron married Janice Bissell at Big Sandy. They farmed together and raised four children. Ron and Jan took over the Christofferson farm south of Chester in 1977, and they lived and worked there from that time on. This past month they sold their farm/ranch operation and were in the process of moving to a new home in Great Falls.

Ron was diagnosed with Parkinsons Disease about 3-1/2 years ago. He was adjusting to his condition and making plans for their retirement. On this past Friday morning (April 3) he became suddenly ill at their home in Great Falls. He was admitted to Benefis West Hospital, where his condition rapidly deteriorated. Ron passed away on the early morning of Monday April 6, 1998. He was 61 years old.

Ron held memberships at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester and St. Olaf's in Ledger (where he had served as president of the church council). He served on the Board of Directors of the Sweetgrass Lodge for eight years and also served on the Liberty County Tax Board for several years. In addition he was a member of the Montana Grain Growers and American Quarter Horse Association.

Ron loved his role as a Montana farmer and cattleman. He raised commercial black Angus and he would spend countless hours checking and caring for his herd. And for the fun of it, he raised a few emus. Ron was extremely proud in the early 1970s when he was given an OYF Award (Outstanding Young Farmer).

Ron loved people. One of his favorite pastimes was "talking on the phone." He called his very best friends on specific days or times, just like clockwork, and those calls were always appreciated.

Ron loved country western music. He was quite good with a guitar. During his private times he would disappear to the basement where his family could hear him playing and singing his favorite Hank Williams' songs.

At family gatherings, Ron enjoyed board games and cards. He loved to play pranks on his brothers and close friends. Ron had many "adopted" children, including cousins, nieces, nephews, and other friends. He loved

visiting with all of his relatives and cared deeply for each of them. And he always looked forward to "nights out" with special friends.

Other interests included fishing, swimming, and raising a large vegetable garden. Ron collected belt buckles. He was an immaculate housekeeper, an excellent bookkeeper, and a very meticulous man in both work and play. He was a dedicated husband, father, and friend who will be sorely missed...

He is survived by his wife Jan of Great Falls; two sons Justin of Ledger, and Bret of Missoula; two daughters, Karlan Reilly of Arlington, Washington, and Stefani Jennings of Seattle, Washington; eight grandchildren including Austin, Karl, Cody, Jordan, Quinton, Camille, Macale, and Erica; three brothers, Orval of Big Sandy, Ken of Superior, and Larry of Sand Coulee; and many nephews and nieces. Ron was preceded in death by his parents, by an infant brother (Darrell) and by an infant granddaughter (Leslie).

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 am Wednesday, April 8, 1998

at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester by Rev. Richard Jespersen. Prelude music included spiritual tapes by country western artist Red Foley, and Ron's favorite song "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," was featured at the start of the service. Juanita Wardell played the piano, Ron Violett played the guitar, and Brian Barrows sang "Look At Us," and "I'll Fly Away." The congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Ladies from Riverview Colony sang "Tyrolia" and "Way Up In Heaven." Ushers were Bob Mattson and Don Dahlen. Pallbearers were Clayton, Colin, Todd, Mike, Dayton and Kevin Christofferson, Mark and Ronnie Bissell, James Dahlen and Glen Braun. Honorary bearers were members of the Big Sandy High School "Class of 1954" and all of Ron's other friends. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery where the military flag was presented to the family by Don Buffington. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

MARIE MANGOLD CROSS

Born: September 25, 1924 - Died: April 10, 1998

Liberty County Times

April 15, 1998



Marie Mangold Cross

Marie Magdalena Mangold Cross, age 73, died of natural causes at her daughter's home in Butte on Friday morning April 10, 1998. She and her husband had traveled to Butte to spend the Easter weekend there.

Marie was born at the family farm near Inverness, Montana on September 25, 1924. She was one of ten children born to Katherine Beck and Adam Mangold. Marie received her education at Inverness, graduating from high school in 1943.

She married Charles E. Cross on November 28, 1946 at Hingham. They made their home in Rudyard where they raised a family of two. In those early married years, Marie worked as a grocery clerk and bank teller. The Crosses owned and operated the Hi-Line Movie Theater and the Hi-Line Service Center in Rudyard.

Since their retirement, Rudyard has continued to be their home. They enjoyed spending their summers at

their cabin on Swan Lake. Marie's health had been relatively good over the years, but she did suffer from osteoporosis and asthma.

Marie was baptized and confirmed at Sacred Heart Church in Inverness. The Crosses were members of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham and they frequently attended church services at St. Mary's in Chester.

Marie had many hobbies. She enjoyed cooking and had a large collection of cookbooks. She loved flowers and gardening. She enjoyed bowling and watching sports. In her quiet time at home Marie liked to sew and crochet. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Chuck of Rudyard; her son and his wife Marlin and Margie Cross of Great Falls; her daughter and husband Della and Rick Allen of Butte; five grandchildren including Tara Hilde of Ulm, Jolene Cross of Great Falls, Melanie Langel and Ryan Langel of Missoula, and Wil Allen of Butte; one great-granddaughter Katelyn Hilde of Ulm; two sisters including Helen Gangness of Plymouth, Minnesota, and her twin-sister Barbara Schaefer of Chester; and many nieces and nephews. Marie was preceded in death by her parents and seven brothers including Frank, Joe, Leon, Walter, Mike, Andrew and Nick Mangold.

A memorial Mass was celebrated by Father Joseph Marmion at 11:00 Tuesday, April 14 at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Special music by Marcus Jochim included "In the Garden," "Amazing Grace," "Ave Maria," and "The Wind Beneath My Wings," with accompaniment by Iris White. Ushers were Ryan

Langel and Chris Kline. Altar Server was Dennis Mangold, scripture reader was Kelly Kline, the communion gifts were presented by Elayne, Mark and Chad Wickum, and Eucharistic Minister was Jerry Hybner. Granddaughter Tara Hilde served as eulogist. Interment of ashes followed in the Rudyard Cemetery. A luncheon was held at the Rudyard Catholic Youth Center. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to the "Gift of Life" Foundation in Great Falls.

AURELIA SKIERKA DALIMATA
Born: September 25, 1904 - Died: March 7, 1998
Liberty County Times
March 18, 1998

Aurelia Skierka Dalimata

Aurelia Barbara (Skierka) Dalimata, 93, died of natural causes Saturday at her home in Nyack Flats.

Rosary was Monday March 11, 1998 at 7:00 pm. Her funeral was 11:00 am Tuesday March 12, 1998 at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell, with burial in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to "Wings" c/o Jennifer Schaffner, Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Aurelia was born September 25, 1904 in Rice Lake, Wisconsin and grew up south of Chester.

In 1927 she married John M. Dalimata in Chicago, Illinois.

She served as Postmaster for Hay Coulee from 1929-1936. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Martin City and Hungry Horse, Montana, and sponsored the Marion Hour Rosary program on KOFI Radio for many years.

She enjoyed gardening.

Her husband has died.

Survivors include a son John Dalimata; nine grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

CAROLYN (LIPP) DAVIES
Born: March 9, 1948 - Died: December 14, 1998
Liberty County Times
December 30, 1998



Carolyn Davies

Carolyn (Lipp) Davies, age 50, died of breast cancer on December 14, 1998 at a Missoula hospital.

She was born in Havre on March 9, 1948, raised in Hingham and graduated from Hingham High School. She attended Carroll College for one year, graduating from St. Vincent's School of Nursing in Billings in 1970. Carolyn worked for various doctors in Missoula and in recent years had been active in Hospice.

A memorial Mass was conducted Friday, December 18, 1998 at Christ the King Church in Missoula followed by a gathering to celebrate her life at the Doubletree Inn.

Survivors include two daughters: Sara Davies of Spokane, Washington, and Jessica Davies of Chicago, Illinois; her parents Phil and Clara Lipp of Kalispell, Montana; her mother-in-law Marge Davies of Missoula; four sisters and their spouses Marge and Bob Hoene of Bigfork, Montana, Jane and Nate English of Missoula, Montana, Rita and John Laird of Chester, Montana, and Diane and Keith Engebretson of Kalispell, Montana; nieces and nephews, and her many friends.

TANOR QUENTIN DEES
Born: March 5, 1998 - Died: March 12, 1998
Liberty County Times
March 18, 1998

Tanor Quentin Dees

Tanor Quentin Dees, 7 days old, infant son of Paul and Debbie Dees, died on Thursday March 12, 1998 at a Great Falls hospital.

Tanor was born on March 5, 1998 in a Great Falls hospital, the son of Paul and Debbie (Fusk) Dees.

He was preceded in death by a maternal grandmother Audrey Fusk.

Tanor is survived by his parents; two brothers, Jason and Trevor Dees of Havre; a maternal grandfather Donald Fusk of Joplin, Montana; paternal grandparents Mary and Norman Dees of Havre, Montana; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Private family services will be held with burial at Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

BEN T. DOLEZAL

Born: December 16, 1907 - Died: June 4, 1998

Billings Gazette - Liberty County Times

June 6, 1998 - June 24, 1998

Ben T. Dolezal

Ben T. Dolezal, 90, of Billings, formerly of Chester, died Thursday, June 4, 1998, at St. John's Lutheran Home.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Michelotti, Sawyers & Nordquist Alderson Chapel is in charge.



Ben Dolezal

Ben T. Dolezal, age 90, passed away at St. John's Nursing Home in Billings, Montana June 4, 1998.

He was born in Olivia, Minnesota on December 16, 1907 to Frank and Mary Dolezal. At the age of 12 he moved to Montana where the family homesteaded north of Chester. He lived and worked on ranches and construction in the Chester - Lewistown area most of his life.

Ben served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945 and was stationed in England until the end of the war.

In his later years he was cared for by Cecelia Rockman's daughter Bernadette Rockman.

Dolezal is survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five sisters (Mary Francine Dolezal, Mary Miller, Cecelia Rockman, Beatrice Oswood, Lil Serbus), and three brothers (Hank Dolezal, Frank Dolezal, and John Dolezal).

Cremation has taken place and services are pending.

LORRAINE (LORIE) DONOVEN
Born: June 9, 1931 - Died: March 2, 1998
Liberty County Times
March 11, 1998



Lorraine 'Lorie' Donovan

Lorraine "Lorie" D. Donovan, age 66, Havre resident, died early Monday morning March 2, 1998 at a local hospital of Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome. A prayer vigil was held Wednesday evening March 4 at 7:00 pm at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Home. A celebration of the Funeral Mass was Thursday afternoon at 1:00 pm at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father Robert D. Grosch officiating. Burial followed in the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Memorials are suggested to the "Gift of Life" or to the donor's choice. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lorie was born June 9, 1931 to Joseph and Gertrude Balucki in Douglas, North Dakota. A lifetime homemaker, Lorie also worked at the ASCS Office and retired after 20 years. Lorraine married Gene Donovan on January 19, 1985 in Havre. She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, enjoyed bowling, loved to walk, and especially enjoyed playing "Solitaire."

Lorie was preceded in death by both parents, two brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband Gene of Havre; a daughter Linda Shirts of Port Townsend, Washington; a brother Robert Balucki of Douglas, North Dakota; a grandson Rick Olson of Irondale, Washington; three great-grandchildren, two nieces and six nephews.

JOHN DOSTAL

Born: September 24, 1949 - Died: June 6, 1998

Billings Gazette

June 8, 1998

Mother Patricia Carr Dostal formerly of Rudyard

John Dostal

John Dostal, 48, died of pancreatic cancer at his home in the loving arms of his family on Saturday, June 6, 1998.

John was born in Geraldine, Sept. 24, 1949, the son of Elmer and M. Patricia Dostal.

He attended Nelson School (the country school) for six years before attending two years in Geraldine. John then went on to Assumption Abbey in Richardson, N.D. After receiving a BS in chemical engineering at the University of Notre Dame, he continued his education at the University of Montana Law School. In 1975, John obtained his Jurist Doctorate. From there he went on to get his LLM degree in 1984 from the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, Calif.

John began his law practice in Missoula, which included working as a public defender. In 1984, he moved to Billings and continued his work as a tax and real estate attorney with Brown Law Firm.

On Aug. 28, 1976, he was united in marriage to Susan Olsen. They began married life in Missoula and in 1984 brought their relationship to Billings where the family still lives today.

John's greatest joys in life stemmed from spending time with his family, both immediate and extended. Recreations included baseball, gardening, hiking, and football. In his college days, John played rugby.

Acting as a visionary for many volunteer organizations in the com-



MR. DOSTAL

munity, his labors produced many expansions for the Billings Food Bank and the Moss Mansion Preservation Society; serving time as board president for both. He also worked as a baptism and marriage counselor for his church. John showed all of us how tireless work can benefit everyone in a society. "Christ did not come into the world to be a king, but just to be a servant. And so let us take a moment of silence to remember who we are, why we are here, and who we are serving." was a quote that John tried to live by everyday of his life.

Survivors of John's family include his wife Sue, of 22 years; and their four children, Nathan (16), Daniel (14), Mark (11), and Rebecca Rose (9). Other family survivors are comprised of his mother, Pat and his many siblings, Sister Mary, Frank (Gay), Robert (Kathy), Paul, Patricia (Jay Eklund), Margaret (Kevin Vaughn) Elizabeth (Bill Thompson), and Veronica (Bart Adao) from whom he has many nieces and nephews. John also had numerous close personal friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Elmer.

This obituary was written with love by Nathan Dostal. We'll miss you Dad.

There will be a remembrance of John's life at a prayer service 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 11 at Dahl Funeral Chapel. The celebration will continue at the Moss Mansion from 6-9 p.m. with food, formal storytelling and partying. A Funeral Mass will be at Holy Rosary Parish 11 a.m. on Friday, June 12, followed by a luncheon in the church basement. Memorials may be made to the Dostal Children's Education Fund, c/o Brown Law Office, P.O. Drawer 849, Billings, Mont. 59103-0849.

HELEN EDMUNDS
Born: June 14, 1914 - Died: May 26, 1998
Liberty County Times
June 3, 1998

Helen Edmunds

Helen Edmunds, age 83, of Hot Springs, passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 1998 at Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains, Montana.

Helen was born on June 14, 1914 at Coos Bay, Oregon, the daughter of Everett and Annie Jack Pettit. She grew up in Coos Bay and attended school there. Helen married Jack Johnson and the couple had one daughter, Viola June Johnson. They later divorced. Helen married Oscar Edmunds and they made their home in eastern Montana near Hingham where they farmed. In 1966 they retired

to Hot Springs. Helen was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and was active in their Dorcas activities. She loved to bake and enjoyed watching soap operas. Her most enjoyable time was spent playing with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Helen was preceded in death by her daughter Viola June Hill, by her husband Oscar Edmunds, and by one grandson Rick Halverson.

Edmunds is survived by five grandchildren: Mike Richter and Randy Halverson, both of Spokane, Washington, Gary Falcon of Forsyth, Montana, Bob Halverson of Tustin, California, and Robin Fielder of Marysville, Tennessee; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 1, 1998 at 1:00 pm at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Hot Springs. Burial followed at Murray Memorial Cemetery in Lonepine.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.

PERRY LESTER EEN
Born: April 7, 1913 - Died: July 30, 1998
Liberty County Times
August 19, 1998

Perry Een

Perry Lester Een, age 85, passed away July 30, 1998 in St. George, Utah.

He was born April 7, 1913 in Rudyard, Montana, a son of Alfred and Jenny Hilda (Warness) Een.

He married Lola Redd August 2, 1952 in Salt Lake City. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

Perry was reared and educated in Rudyard. He received his elementary education in a one-room school house called the Een School. He worked as a farmer until age 35, and then moved to Salt Lake City where he started driving trucks. He started his own trucking firm in Salt Lake City, Perry Een Trucking. He retired in 1977.

Perry and his wife Lola served in the California Sacramento LDS mission from 1979 to 1981. They started going to St. George for the winter months in 1983, and moved to St. George permanently three years later.

Perry was an active member of the LDS Church, and always loved every calling he had, especially working with the priesthood brethren. He enjoyed working with his hands and doing his own mechanic work. His favorite saying was, "I've done so much with so little for so long, that now I can do anything with nothing."

Survivors include his wife Lola of St. George; six children: LaMont (Carol) Een of Bountiful, Utah, Kay (Don) Rasmussen of Brigham City, Utah, Patricia (Jay) Schiffman, David (Sandy) Een both of Bountiful, Utah, Kim (Miriam) Een of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Kristie (Steven) Heyborne of Taiwan; one son-in-law

Marlin Milner of Albuquerque, New Mexico; 26 grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren; two brothers Clarence Een of Rudyard, Montana, and Robert Een of Warren, Virginia; two sisters Bernice Ketalsen of Clarkston, Washington, and Bertha Smith of Montana. He was preceded in death by his daughter Susan Milner in December 1997.

Funeral services were held Monday August 3, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. at the East Stake Center, St. George, Utah. Interment was in the St. George Cemetery.

Arrangements by Spilsbury & Beard Mortuary, St. George, Utah.

TALMAGE ELIASSEN

Born: September 14, 1907 - Died: January 7, 1998

Liberty County Times

January 14, 1998



Talmage Eliassen

Talmage "Tom" Eliassen was born at Union, North Dakota on September 14, 1907. He was one of nine children born to Peter and Thea (Wold) Eliassen. Talmage grew up at Grenora, North Dakota and received his formal education there. In the years that followed, he worked as a farmhand in North Dakota.

In the late 1930s Tom took a job at the smelter in East Helena, Montana. While there he married his North Dakota sweetheart, Inga O. Iverson on May 10, 1940. They returned to North Dakota after the onset of World War II. Tom began working for an elevator in Grenora in 1942. He maintained that job until 1958, when he was transferred to the Farmer's Elevator in Hingham, Montana. He worked at the Hingham elevator until 1967, then accepted a job as manager

of the State Liquor Store in Hingham. Tom retired in 1972.

The Eliassens remained in Hingham until 1984, when they purchased a home in Great Falls. They lived in Great Falls for ten years. Tom suffered from arthritis and other ailments of aging, so they decided to move to Chester to be near their eldest daughter and family. They moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester in 1994 and have resided there since. Tom spent 7 months in the Liberty County Nursing Home in 1996-97, and was able to return to the Lodge after his health improved.

On this past Tuesday morning (Jan. 6) he experienced a fainting episode at home. He exhibited symptoms of a stroke, so was admitted to the Chester hospital. His condition rapidly deteriorated. He died the following morning (Wednesday Jan. 7, 1998) at the age of 90 years.

In his younger years Tom had been an excellent horseman. He loved to play baseball and continued to be an avid spectator fan of the national leagues. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, fishing, boating, and playing pool. In his quiet time at home he liked to read the daily newspaper, watch TV "westerns" and play Solitaire. Tom loved music; he enjoyed humming and singing, and playing the violin and harmonica. He was a general handyman who could fix most anything. And he was proud to be a Republican.

Even though his physical health continued to fail, Tom always kept a positive mental attitude about his life. He continued to make plans to do

some gardening, fishing, and other projects that were probably beyond his physical capabilities. He appreciated his family and their recent celebration of his 90th birthday. And he was happy and content during his 57 years of marriage to Inga.

In addition to his wife of Chester, he is survived by three daughters: Myrna Gjesdal (and husband Duane) of Chester, Twyla Lawrence (and husband Bob) of Seattle, Washington, and Lonnie Cross (and husband Justin) of Glendive; one son Gene Eliassen (and wife Pam) of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson; three sisters, Elna Marshall of Moses Lake, Washington, Pearl Iverson of Joplin, and Inez Stromstad of Security, Colorado; and numerous nephews and nieces. Talmage was preceded in death by his parents, by two sons (Perry and Hal), by one grandson and by five brothers (Art, Selmer, Marvin, Herb, and Kermit).

Funeral services were 11:00 am Saturday (January 10) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Rev. Tom Dunham officiating. Iris White served as organist and the congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Vocalist Wayne Wardell performed "In the Garden" and "It Is Well With My Soul." Tom's grandchildren served as pallbearers. Honorary bearers were his many friends and relatives. Following the services a luncheon was provided by WELCA at the church.

Cremation was completed and his ashes will be buried in the family plot at the Highland Cemetery in Havre, Montana. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

ESTHER LOUISE EVELAND

Born: November 16, 1905 - Died: March 2, 1998

Liberty County Times

March 11, 1998



Esther Louise Eveland

Esther Louise Eveland, 92, retired farm wife passed away Monday at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester, Montana.

Funeral services were 2:00 pm Saturday, March 7, 1998 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with Rev. Tom Dunham and Rev. Alfred Ebel officiating, with burial in the Chester Cemetery. Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester was in charge of arrangements.

Esther was born November 16, 1905 in Pierce County, Nebraska to Richard and Louise (Nimmer) Wachter. She was confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska June 13, 1920. Her Confirmation verse was I Corinthians 1:18. Esther attended parochial school in Hader, Nebraska.

She came to Chester in 1939 to care for her aunt and uncle, Walt and Anna Widner. She married Richard Eveland October 14, 1959 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. The couple farmed south of Chester for many years until retiring in 1970. Richard passed away in 1993.

Esther was well-known for her cooking ability and dearly loved having company and preparing meals for her family and friends. She had also been an active volunteer at the nursing home and with other civic activities in the community.

Church was a big part of Esther's life and she was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havre. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband in their motorhome and going back home to Nebraska and Iowa to visit relatives. Canning, gardening, and planting flowers were also high on the list of things she loved to do.

Survivors include two step-sons Gary Eveland of Lafayette, Oregon, and Rodney Eveland of Gillette, Wyoming; four grandchildren; a niece Margaret Neusch of Norfolk, Nebraska who has helped care for Esther for some years; and several other nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Esther was preceded in death by three sisters and three brothers.

KENNETH R. FLYNN
Born: July 30, 1927 - Died: October 2, 1998
The Sentinel, Havre, Mt.
October 14, 1998

KENNETH R. FLYNN

Kenneth R. Flynn, 71, died Friday, Oct. 2, 1998, at a local hospital of a heart condition.

Flynn was born July 30, 1927, in Gildford to John "Jack" and Ruth (Baker) Flynn. He attended grade school and high school in Gildford, graduating in 1946. He



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entered the Army and graduated Fort Benning, Ga., Jump School as a paratrooper and was later honorably discharged.

He returned to Gildford and entered into business with his brother, Ray Flynn, and his father, Jack Flynn, owning and operating the Gildford Bar. He and Ray then started the Flynn Amusement Company.

He married Audrey Hansen in 1949 in Havre. He established Flynn Realty in 1950. He was the state president of the Montana Association of Realtors in 1965. He was also a private farmer in the Gildford/Kremlin area.

Flynn was a Mason, a member of the Elks Club, and a member of First Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey Flynn of Kremlin; sons, Jeffrey A. Flynn of Kremlin, and K. Jay Flynn of Gildford; daughter, Janis Flynn Pyrak of Havre; brothers, James R. Flynn of Havre, and Raymond L. Flynn of Mesa, Ariz.; sister, Jean Watson of Havre; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Roger

GEORGE M. GAU
Born: ?, 1921 - Died: June 4, 1998
Liberty County Times
July 1, 1998

George Gau

George M. Gau, age 77, passed away June 4, 1998 in Spokane, Washington.

Dr. Gau was born in Chester, Montana and had been in Spokane for five years.

He was a veteran of World War II U.S. Navy, and was a dentist.

Memorial Mass was celebrated Monday, June 8 at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Spokane. The Rev. Joseph Bell celebrant.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn Gau of Spokane; son James Gau; daughters Marianne Winters and Linda Bepples; sisters Anne Chambers and Grace Susak; ten grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Private interment. Hennessey-Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ANDREW F. GILBERT
Born: November 15, 1910 – Died: March 6, 1998
Sentinel Havre
March 18, 1998

ANDREW F. GILBERT

CHINOOK — Andrew F. Gilbert, 87, died Friday, March 6, 1998, at a Great Falls nursing home of natural causes.

Gilbert was born Nov. 15, 1910, at Fort Morgan, Colo., to Millard and Emma Talmon Gilbert. He grew up in Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana. As a young man he worked at the Flynn Ranch east of Chinook. He and his father were trappers and became fur buyers for Pacific Hide & Fur in Havre.

Gilbert married Frances Hellman of Harlem on July 11, 1936. They moved to Fort Peck where he worked as a welder on the dam.

After returning to Blaine County they farmed near Chinook and Harlem. They operated the Montana Cafe in Harlem, then managed a hotel and bar in Great Falls and later bought a tavern in Conrad.

Gilbert is survived by sons, Larry Gilbert of Lethbridge, and Gary Gilbert of Casper, Wyo.; daughter, Donna Rae Noble of Scottsdale, Ariz.; sisters, Loutsa Woepfel, Lilly Kretchmer, and Elsie Nelson, all of Havre, and Iris Hay of Hood River, Ore.; brothers, Lewis and Charles Gilbert of Harlem, Kenneth Gilbert of Chester, Gaylord Gilbert of Vaughn, and Quentin Gilbert of

Acworth, Ga.; 14 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

RONALD CHARLES GILCHRIST
Born: May 25, 1906 - Died: May 26, 1998
Great Falls Tribune
May 28, 1998

Ronald Charles Gilchrist

SHELBY — Ronald Charles Gilchrist, 92, a retired railroad worker, died of natural causes Tuesday at a Shelby care center.

His funeral is 10:30 a.m. Friday at Community United Methodist Church, with burial in Mountain View Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He was born March 25, 1906, in Marysville, and grew up in the Flathead Valley area.

In 1940 he married Lois Welin in Butte. He worked as a signal maintainer for the Great Northern Railway for more than 36 years until retiring.

They lived in Gildford and Lohman before moving to Shelby in 1958.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, Shelby Federal Credit Union, and served on the Lohman rural school board.

He enjoyed working with upholstery, building toys and gardening.

Survivors include his wife of Shelby; a daughter, Myrna Damm of Pocatello, Idaho; a son, Eldon Gilchrist of Helena; and four grandchildren.

ROBERT GRAHAM
Born: July 6, 1919 - Died: June 6, 1998
Liberty County Times
June 17, 1998

Robert Graham

Retired funeral director Robert J. Graham, 78 years of age, a resident of Havre, Montana died on June 6, 1998 at his residence of complications of cancer. A vigil service was held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 10 at the Holland & Bonine Chapel in Havre.

Funeral Mass was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 1998 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre, Montana with Father Patrick R. Zabrocki officiating. Burial followed at the Calvary Cemetery with military graveside honors. Memorials in Mr. Graham's honor may be made to Bear Paw Hospice, the American Cancer Society, St. Jude's Scholarship program, or to a person's choice. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Robert was born July 6, 1919 at Williston, North Dakota, the son of Patrick Francis and Mary Ellen (Donohue) Graham. When he was a few weeks of age, the family came to Havre. He was raised in Havre and attended St. Jude's school through the 8th grade. In 1936 he graduated from Havre High School. Bob attended Northern Montana College for five quarters. He was an employee of the *Havre Daily News* for a few years, and later for "Kolar's Grocery." He entered the Army Air Corps on October 21, 1941. Bob was schooled by the Army at Shepherd Field, Texas, and joined the 327th Squad 92nd Bomb Group (B-17's) 8th Air Force and served in England and French Morocco as a Tech. Sgt. Ground Crew Chief. Bob was discharged on September 29, 1945 at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He started working for Holland & Bonine Funeral Home in December of 1945 and then attended Mortuary College at St. Louis, Missouri from 1946-1947. He returned to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home where he worked for 43 years and also was a co-owner until his retirement June 1, 1989.

On June 23, 1949 at Havre he married the former Amber (Mickey) I. Beck.

He was a life member of the Havre V.F.W., a member of the American Legion for 53 years, the American Association of Retired Persons, 92nd Bomb Group, Havre Eagles Club, Havre Round Table, and a lifetime member of the Havre Lions Club since 1952, where he had served as Past President and Past Zone Chairman.

He was also a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church. May Bob be remembered for his wit and humor.

He was preceded in death by parents, one sister (Patrice Lowrey of California) and his wife Mickey Graham.

He is survived by sons Patrick J. Graham and Thomas E. Graham, both of Havre; daughter Norma J. Vylasek of Great Falls, Montana; brothers Richard R. Graham of Havre, and Shawn A. Graham of Kirkland, Washington; one sister Peggy Zartman of Havre; one aunt Marguerite Donohue of Havre; and five grandchildren.

Cantor for the funeral Mass was David Rice; organist was Bill Lisenby. Pallbearers were Pat, Tom, Rick, Shawn, and Jason Graham, and Bob Vylasek.

NORMAN R. GROVEN
Born: December 30, 1915 - Died : November 1, 1998
Liberty County Times
November 4, 1998

Norman R. Groven

Norman R. Groven, age 82 of Corvallis, passed away peacefully at his home on November 1, 1998.

Norman was born December 30, 1915 in Joplin, Montana, the son of the late Nels K. and Betsy (Nelson) Groven. He graduated from Joplin High School. On December 14, 1940 he married Rose Obie in Havre, Montana. The couple made their home in Joplin where they farmed until 1953. They then moved to Shelby where they owned and operated the Beacon Motel until retiring to the Bitterroot Valley in 1981.

Norman's first love was his family; he also enjoyed his garden and the outdoors.

Survivors include his wife Rose, who lovingly and tirelessly cared for him during his illness; 3 children Darrol Groven and wife Pat of Boise, Idaho, Patty and husband Herb Smith of Helena, Montana, and Kim and husband Rick King of Corvallis, Montana; 7 grandchildren including Allen Cleveland, Chrystal Cleveland, Lisa Ehni, Brad Groven, Robin Smith, Tanya Fritz, and Indika DeSilva; 11 great-grandchildren including Tosha, Tyler, Cassie, Chelsea, Alyssa, Brynn, Casey, Brandon, Brittany, Melinda,

and Shawnika; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Norman was preceded in death by daughter Sharon and son-in-law Mike Cleveland, grandson Darrol Corey Groven, two brothers, and three sisters.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 pm Wednesday November 4, 1998 at the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton with Rev. Stephen Van Gilder officiating. Urn placement followed at the Corvallis Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice.

SIVERT DALE "TEED" GUMMER
Born: July 26, 1924 - Died : July 16, 1998
Liberty County Times
August 5, 1998

Sivert Gummer

Sivert Dale "Teed" Gummer of 1947 S Wyoming, Butte, Montana, died Thursday morning, July 16th at Fort Harrison, Montana.

He was born in Havre, Montana on July 26, 1924 to Charles R. and Sylvia T. (Gunby) Gummer.

He married Beverly N. May, the daughter of Nathan A. and Anna A. (Stopher) May in Butte on January 24, 1949.

He worked for the Anaconda Company for 20 years, most of them at the Mountain Con Mine, and then worked for Jim Nielsen Truck and Salvage until his retirement. He served in the Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

He played basketball, baseball, and softball for many years, coached farm league and major league baseball at the Longfellow Little League, and in his later years became an avid bowler with the Senior Citizens and ARCO League.

He loved hunting, fishing, and camping with his friends and family, and was an active member of the ARCO Club.

He is survived by his wife Bev; sons and daughters-in-law Dale A. and Janice, Larry R. and Jay A. all of Butte; daughter and son-in-law Joy Ann and Mike Beyl of Miles City; grandchildren; Danetta (daughter of Dale A. and Diane Cunningham) wife of Dave Briggs of Elyria, Ohio, Deanna (daughter of Janice) wife of Mike Johnson of Butte, Robert McGarry

(son of Janice) his wife Roberta of Spokane, Washington, Nicole Gummer (daughter of Larry R. Gummer and Deborah White) Dale Charles Gummer (son of Larry R. Gummer and Deborah White), all of Butte, Nicole Nedeau (daughter of Jay A. Gummer and Jeanine Nedeau) of Kalispell; brother and sister-in-law Thomas "Todd" and Helen Gummer of Spokane; sister-in-law Hilda Gummer (wife of Donovan) of Chester; numerous nieces, nephews, and many, many friends.

Funeral services were Monday, July 20th at 2:00 with burial in Sunset Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the ARCO Club in Butte.

Arrangements by Warynen-Richards Funeral Home, Butte, Montana.

IDELLA MARY (WALDEN) HUNNEWELL
Born: July 3, 1920 - Died: December 30, 1998
Liberty County Times
January 6, 1999



Idella Hunnewell

Idella Mary (Walden) Hunnewell was born at Great Falls, Montana on July 3, 1920. She was one of two daughters of Claude and Edna (Ray) Walden, who farmed in the Chester community. Idella grew up in Chester and graduated from Chester High School in 1938. She continued her schooling at the University of Montana in Missoula where she studied English education, graduating in 1942. In the few years that followed, she taught high school English at Fort Shaw, Malta and Chester.

Idella married Richard E. "Bud" Hunnewell on December 22, 1945. They lived and farmed in the Chester community from that time on. Idella quit teaching in 1947 so she could dedicate her time as a homemaker and mother of two sons. When her boys became of school age, she served as a substitute teacher in the Chester school system.

The Hunnewells retired in 1976 and purchased a home in the Lakewood community of Tacoma, Washington. They continued to spend their summer months here in Chester. Bud

died on April 26, 1985. Idella's health remained good until this past year. She was recently admitted to the St. Clare Hospital in Lakewood with heart and lung problems. She died there on the early morning of Wednesday, December 30, 1998. She was 78 years old.

Idella had been a longtime member of the United Methodist Church in Chester and the Eastern Star in Joplin. In the early 1960s she served on the Chester School Board.

Idella loved music; she played the piano and organ and had a wonderful singing voice (in fact, she sang at many weddings and funerals during her early years in Chester.) In her younger years she enjoyed sewing and she loved to play bridge. During their early retirement years, she and Bud enjoyed traveling. In addition they were both staunch Republicans.

In later years Idella became interested in genealogy and did research on her family trees. She was a supporter of the local Broken Mountains Genealogical Society here in Chester.

Her hobbies were many. She collected selected antiques and Hummel figurines. She loved to go to art shows; she especially loved Western art and had a nice collection of bronzes and paintings. She was an avid reader, fond of biographies. She enjoyed gardening; she maintained a beautiful yard of ornamental trees and shrubs. Idella was a good cook—her overnight pancakes, hash, and delicious breads were some of her family favorites. She was a proud lady, always meticulous in her home, her appearance, and her life.

Survivors include two sons Dick of Tacoma, Washington and Dave and wife Yvonne of Chester; four grandchildren Rachel, Aaron, Branden and Camon; one great-

granddaughter Clarissa; one brother-in-law Ken Spingola of Arizona; and numerous nephews and nieces. Idella was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister Patricia Spingola.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 4, 1999 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Rev. Peter Erickson officiating. A special reading was done by Branden Hunnewell. Karen Stack was organist and the congregation sang "Rock of Ages" and "Just As I Am." Vocalist Marcus Jochim performed "The Wind Beneath My Wings" and "The Lord's Prayer." Ushers were Larry Anderson and Dennis Snyder. Pallbearers included Vern and Steve Dahinden, Sterling and Ron Wolery, Craig Fraser and Scott Johnson. Honorary bearers were listed as Frank Wanken, Delmar Wolfe, Albert Hanson, John Nuxoll and R.E. Thomason. Interment was at the Chester Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A luncheon followed at the church. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Community Piano Fund.

JOSEPH ROBERT HUNT
Born: February 2, 1955 - Died: May 29, 1998
Liberty County Times
June 3, 1998



Joseph Hunt

Joseph Robert Hunt, a Shelby attorney, died of cancer at his home Friday, May 29, 1998. He was 43 years old.

Joe was born in Missoula on February 2, 1955, the son of Mary and William E. Hunt, Sr. He attended schools in Chester and Helena and graduated from Helena High School in 1973.

Joe received a Bachelor's degree in history with high honors from the University of Montana in 1977, and a Juris Doctorate degree from George Washington University in 1980.

Hunt had a private law practice for 18 years in Shelby where he also worked as city attorney for four years until resigning recently because of ill health. He previously practiced law in Washington, D.C.

Joe was a member of the Shelby Elks Club and belonged to BS Club (formerly the Optimists Club). He had been an active member of the Toole County Community Theater, directing several plays, including *Nunsense*, and acting in others.

Joe was a hunter, fisherman, and bowler and an occasional golfer, who enjoyed working in his yard and collecting antiques. He was a generous donor to various charities and

organizations in Toole County.

Survivors include his parents Justice William E. and Mary Hunt of 165 Fairway Dr. in Helena; two brothers James G. Hunt and his wife Barbara B. Howe and their daughters Hannah and Isabella of Helena, and William E. Hunt Jr. of Missoula; and two sisters Katherine F. Hunt and her husband Todd Johnson and their children Arlo and Jane of Creston, and Patricia A. Hunt of Helena and her friend Charles Johnson.

Also surviving was Joe's longtime buddy Percy the Cat.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, 1998 at St. William's Catholic Church in Shelby. A Vigil was held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby.

Pallbearers will be Charles Dietz, Warren Iverson, Judge Marc Buyske, Merle Raph, Malcolm Johnson, and Robert Olson. Honorary pallbearers include Myrna Jackson, Tippy Burch and all of Joe's friends.

Private burial services will be at Resurrection Cemetery in Helena, followed by a reception at the residence of William and Mary Hunt, with the details to be announced later.

For those wishing, memorials may be sent to the Toole County Hospital and Nursing Home, in care of First State Bank of Shelby.

ROGER CLARK HUNTLEY
Born: October 2, 1937 - Died : May 30, 1998
Liberty County Times
June 3, 1998



Roger Huntley

Roger Clark Huntley was born at Morris, Minnesota on October 2, 1937. He was the only son of four children, born to Urvin and Renee (DeMartin)

Huntley. The Huntleys came to Montana in 1941 and began farming north of Rudyard. Roger received his education at Rudyard, graduating from high school in 1956.

He married Beverly Askling at Hettinger, North Dakota on October 20, 1956. They farmed in the Rudyard community during their married life and raised their family of five children. They were divorced in 1987.

Roger married Betty Olson at Rudyard on May 29, 1992. He continued to live and work in Rudyard. His marriage to Betty also ended in divorce.

Roger enjoyed farming, but was forced to retire in 1997 due to poor health. He became extremely ill this past month and was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. Following a week's stay there, he died on Saturday morning May 30, 1998. He was just 60 years old.

Roger was a past member of the Rudyard Jaycees. In his earlier days on the farm he was selected by the Jaycees as the "Young Farmer of the Year." His hobbies included music, woodwork, and carpentry.

He is survived by five children including: Scott Huntley and wife Rhonda of Lolo, Montana, Perri Ann Huntley of Mission, Texas, Shane Huntley of Berkeley, California, JoDee Huntley of Mission, Texas, and Jayson Huntley of Spokane, Washington; one grandson Blaize Huntley of Lolo; his mother Renee Huntley of Rudyard; two sisters Linda Spatafore and husband Tom of Gt. Falls, and Nancy Vohs and husband Chet of Culver, Oregon; and several nieces and nephews. Roger was preceded in death by his father and a sister (Joyce).

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Rev. Bart Coleman officiating. Sharon Spicher served as organist and the congregation sang "Abide With Me" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Ushers were Bob Wehr and Ron Kinder. Pallbearers were Fred Elling, Joe DeMartin, Bobby Toner, Bill Gorder, Mac Wendland, R.J. Brown, and Dennis Anderson. As postlude a bagpipe tape of "Amazing Grace" was played. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon followed at the church.

LILLIAN ALEXENIA JAMES
Born: June 7, 1909 - Died: December 9, 1998

Liberty County Times
December 23, 1998



Lillian James

Lillian Alexenia James was born on the Laird ranch in the Sweetgrass Hills north of Chester on June 7, 1909. She was the eldest of five children born to Scottish immigrants William Meldrum and Helen Johnston. Lillian grew up on a family homestead 12 miles north of Joplin and received her early education at the Meldrum country school. She boarded in Great Falls during her first year of high school, then came back to Joplin where she finished her secondary education. She graduated from Joplin High School in 1927.

Lillian married David F. James in Joplin on January 5, 1929. In 1933 they purchased a farm 5 miles north of Joplin, where they lived, worked and raised their family of four. In addition to farming, her husband served in the Montana state government, both as representative and as a senator from Liberty County for 35 years. (1939-1974). Lillian played an active role in David's political career and was president of Legislative Wives during several of his terms.

They retired from farming in 1970, but continued to live on the family farm. They enjoyed traveling in the winter months, mainly to Florida, Arizona, California, and Nevada. They also made several memorable cruises

together. When David's health began to fail in 1994, they purchased a small home in Joplin which they used during the winter months. After 67 years of married life together, David passed away on July 7, 1996.

Lillian continued to live and stay active in the Joplin community. Her health remained well throughout her entire life. On Saturday December 9, 1998 she died peacefully in her home. She was 89 years old.

Lillian was raised Presbyterian but joined the Lutheran church in 1929 with David. They were confirmed together at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Lillian was active in the

Deborah Circle of WELCA and she always enjoyed the quilting and mission projects of the church. She was a strong Christian and contributed to the church in every way she could.

She was a life long Democrat and a longtime member of Democratic Women. She also belonged to Joplin Eastern Star, Liberty County Business and Professional Women, and Liberty County Hospital Auxiliary.

Lillian's hobbies included gardening, knitting, crocheting, and reading (she especially enjoyed her daily devotions and spiritual literature). In her youth, she played the violin and she has always had a love for birds. At family gatherings she liked to play cards, mainly Pinochle and Whist. Just for fun she collected spoons. She enjoyed a little television and her favorite program was "Touched by an Angel." Lillian was an exceptional cook; her family will remember her delicious baked goods like Scottish shortbread, cinnamon rolls, and scratch angel food cake. Her and David's home was famous for its hospitality to all.

Lillian was a caregiver and loyal friend. She always sent cards during those happy times and during those sad times. She had a deep love for her family, who affectionately called her "Granny."

She is survived by three daughters

and spouses, Doris and Jack Nelson of Joplin, Dorathy and Don Keough of Great Falls, and Angela and Gerald Eldridge of Bigfork; one son and spouse Lysle and Alvera James of Havre; one sister Connie McDonald of Great Falls; 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Lillian was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and three brothers (Frank, Bill, and Julian Meldrum).

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. today (Wednesday, Dec. 23) at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Rev. Bart Coleman officiating. The eulogy will be shared by Bruce Peterson, a Christmas poem will be read by Jan Nelson, and scripture selections will be read by Brian Eldridge. The congregation will sing "How Great Thou Art" accompanied by Susan Peterson on the organ. A vocal duet of Kali Nelson and Brooke McDonald will perform "On Eagle's Wings" accompanied by Connie McDonald on the piano. Ushers will be Dean Lyle and Gary Hochberger. Pallbearers are Lillian's grandsons, and honorary bearers are her granddaughters, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Interment will be at the Joplin Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at Kjos Hall. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

CHARLOTTE (CHARLIE) JENSEN
Born: August 27, 1906 - Died: February 1, 1998

Liberty County Times
February 4, 1998



Charlotte Jensen

Charlotte "Charlie" Jensen was born at Huck, Russia on August 27, 1906. Her parents were Adam and Christine Elizabeth Bohl, and there were eight children in the family. When Charlotte was just 5 months old, the Bohls immigrated to the United States. Their first eight years were spent at Hastings, Nebraska; Longmont, Colorado; and Belgrade, Montana. In 1915 the family homesteaded near Pompey's Pillar, where Charlotte grew

up and received her formal education. Following her high school years, Charlotte learned secretarial skills at the Billings Business College. She began working in hotel service; for the next 10 years she spent her summers working at Yellowstone Park and her winters at Phoenix, Arizona and Palm Springs, California.

On June 15, 1941 Charlotte married Lester L. Jensen at Absarokee, Montana. During their early married years, they lived at Ballantine, Pompey's Pillar, Laurel, and Custer. In 1952 they moved to Cut Bank where Lester worked at the radar base. When it closed down in 1965, they transferred to Malmstrom in Great Falls. They retired in 1973 and continued to live in Great Falls. In 1990 the Jensens moved to Chester to be near their daughter. While here they lived at the Sweetgrass Lodge Retirement Home.

Lester died in Chester on March 6, 1991. Charlie remained at the Lodge from that time on. After this past Christmas, her health took an unfavorable turn. She developed pneumonia and was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital. Her condition deteriorated. She passed away at the hospital on the late evening of Sunday, February 1, 1998. Charlie was 91 years old.

Charlie's hobbies were many. In her younger years she enjoyed sewing and embroidery. She also enjoyed hunting for decorative rocks and unique pieces of driftwood. Charlie was an excellent woodworker; she was a meticulous finishing carpenter and especially enjoyed building things from diamond willow branches. She collected anything and everything that might have some value in a future project.

In her quiet hours Charlie loved to write poems. Her family has saved literally hundreds of her writings. Of interest is the fact that much of her poetry expresses her strong Christian faith and love of God.

Charlie loved being outside in the fresh air and warm sunshine. She was a "tomboy" by nature, and she remained "full of life" and spry into her senior years.

Survivors include her daughter Carol Mattson (and husband Bob) of Chester; two sons Pete Jensen (and wife Irene) of Kalispell, and Tim Jensen (and wife Deb) of Sheridan, Wyoming; three sisters Ann Leithead of Fishtail, Rose Brandon of Helena, and Betty Seifert of Billings; one brother George Bohl of Pompey's Pillar; 10 grandchildren (including Kevin, Jeffrey, Chris, Suzie, Cindy, Linda, J.J., Eric, Nolan, and Mike); 9 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Charlotte was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a brother (Peter) and two sisters (Peg and Esther).

Funeral services will be 11:00 am Wednesday (Feb. 4) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Rev. Tom Dunham officiating. Burial will follow in the Chester Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

JACKIE KEVIN JOHANNES
Born: January 28, 1948 - Died: July 15, 1998
Liberty County Times
July 29, 1998



Jackie Johannes

Former Kevin resident, Jackie Lee Johannes, age 50 of Seoul, Korea, died July 15 at Camp Humphrey Army Hospital in Korea of a massive heart attack.

Johannes was born January 28, 1948 in Willmar, MN to Winford (Winnie) and Betty Johannes. He grew up in Kevin and graduated from North Toole County High School in 1966.

He married Elaine Stores after graduation and joined the U.S. Army as a helicopter mechanic. They were later divorced.

He married Chong (Jong) Sun Yi in 1978 at Seoul.

During his military career Johannes was awarded: the Bronze Star Medal, a Meritorious Unit Citation, a Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Citation, an Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters and o/s bars, the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal (fourth award), the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry with palm leaf, the Senior Aircraft Crewman Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal with one silver service star, an Expert Rifleman Badge (M-14), an Expert Rifleman Badge (M-16), the Colorado Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster.

Johannes left the Army and returned to Kevin where he worked for J.R. Bacon Drilling about four years before returning to Korea. There he worked for the U.S. Army at Dyna Corp. located at Camp Humphrey. At the time of his death he was the supervisor of C Company 52nd AVN- AVN Regiment, Unit 15203.

Jackie enjoyed helicopters, and outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing.

A military memorial service was held at Camp Humphrey, Korea on July 22, 1998 and a second memorial service (to be announced later) will be held when his ashes come home.

Survivors include his wife Chong, and daughter Jalee Sun Johannes of Korea; a daughter Jerri Lyn Johannes,

of Ft. Myers, Florida; a son Jackie Lee Johannes of Chester; his parents Winford (Winnie) and Betty Johannes of Kevin; two sisters Sherry (Johannes) Silvia of Shelby, and Peggy Johannes of Las Vegas, NV; one grandchild André Johannes of Ft. Myers, Florida; and one nephew William (Billy) Silvia of Missoula.

DONALD ARTHUR KLINE

Born: October 7, 1930 - Died: July 29, 1998

Liberty County Times

August 5, 1998



Donald Kline

Donald Arthur Kline was born at Great Falls, Montana on October 7, 1930. He was one of five children born to Ralph and Bessie (Dick) Kline. Don grew up in the Rudyard community and received his education there. Following his graduation from Rudyard High School in 1948, he began working at the local post office for Rudy and Gladys Peterson.

Don entered into active service in the U.S. Army in 1951 during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the 207th Signal Installation Company and attained the rank of Corporal. He received his honorable discharge in 1953 and transferred to the reserve corps.

Don came back to Montana and continued working at the Rudyard Post Office. Shortly thereafter he went into business with his father at the "Bank Billiards Parlor." Don eventually took over this business, which was renamed the "Bank Bar."

On August 26, 1955 Don married Shirley May Mangold at Chester. They raised a family of four and lived in the Rudyard community their entire married life. Don was still operating his business until this past March, when he was diagnosed with cancer. Following numerous hospitalizations and treatments, he was recently admitted to the Northern Montana Care Center in Havre. He died there on the early morning of Wednesday, July 29, 1998. He was 67 years old.

Don was a member of the Havre Elks and Eagles, the Chester American Legion, the Montana Tavern Association, and the Chouteau County Trail Blazers. Until the time of his illness, he had worked as a State Stock Inspector for 40+ years.

Don loved to attend rodeos and horseraces, and always looked forward to their annual trip to the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas. He loved to take trail rides. He has always owned a few horses and his favorite steed was called "Big Enough." In 1989 Don was a member of the Montana Centennial Cattle

Drive. In 1990 he participated in the Wyoming Cattle Drive. He enjoyed taking the horses into the wilderness for big game hunting and trail expeditions.

Other hobbies included fishing, golfing, bowling, trap-shooting, and cards (especially Cribbage). He collected coins, guns, and liquor bottles. He was a supporter of school activities and enjoyed playing the lottery. In his quiet hours he liked to read Montana historicals. He also enjoyed pets and had raised several Dalmatian dogs over the years. Don appreciated his family and was extremely fond of his grandkids. He loved all little kids and affectionately referred to them as "crumb-snatchers."

Needless to say, Don was one of the most "colorful personalities" on the Hi-Line. He loved people and enjoyed sharing stories and experiences with them. His friends were multi-generational so it's no wonder that his tavern was always a popular "watering hole." He greeted his customers with "Hiyah, kid" and then thanked them when they left with "Toodle-oo." Don's wintertime oyster stew feeds were always entertaining and fun for all. When Rudyard had its 75th Anniversary Celebration, Don was "honored" by running second in the balloting as Rudyard's "Old Sorehead."

Don is survived by his wife Shirley of Rudyard; one daughter Jaye Dee Han and husband Don of Rudyard; three sons, Donald "Dusty" Kline and wife Kristi of Havre, Kelly Kline of Billings, and Christopher Kline and wife Dani Jo of Great Falls; 7 grandchildren including: Jourdon, Bridjour, Cole, Cortney, Alec, Whitney and Connor; one sister Viola White of Portland, Oregon; two brothers Duncan Kline of Laredo, Texas, and Samuel "Dick" Kline of Nashua, Montana; and numerous nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his parents and a brother (John "Dan" Kline).

An outdoor "Celebration of Life" service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 3, 1998 at the vacant lot just west of the Bank Bar in Rudyard. Rev. Bart Coleman officiated and eulogists were Jim Smith, Kelly Kline and Vina Hall. Keyboard music was provided by Debbie Brownlee. Terry Stevenson sang "Peace in the Valley." Pallbearers were Zane Adams, Charlie Adams, Bobby Toner, Monty Groth, Neal Rigg, Buster Ness, Dalton Dahlke, Bob Upshaw, Ken Myers, and Clyde Aspevig. A host of friends served as honorary bearers and ushers. Guitarist Jeff Wehr led the congregation in "Happy Trails to You" as Don's casket was loaded into a wagon and team of horses for the trip to the Rudyard Cemetery. More friends escorted the team and Don's saddled steed to the gravesite by horseback. Cemetery prayers were by Pastor Bart. The military flag was presented to the family by longtime friend Fred Rigg. A balloon ceremony followed; then the crowd returned to Rudyard for a potluck "picnic-style" reception. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

Undesignated memorials will be given to the "Gazebo Fund" for the future Memorial Park in Rudyard (c/o Jaye Dee Han, Box 10, Rudyard, MT 59540).

MABEL (WEBB) KOLSTAD

Born: February 8, 1908 - Died: January 1, 1998

Liberty County Times
January 7, 1998



Mabel Kolstad

Mabel (Webb) Kolstad was born on the family farm near Spring Valley, Wisconsin on February 8, 1908. She was the fourth of five children born to Allen and Daisy (Hutchins) Webb. Mabel received her elementary education at a country school near the farm and graduated from Elmwood High School in 1926. She attended teacher's college at Eau Claire and earned her teaching certificate.

In 1929 Mabel came to Montana to teach at the Plank Country School southeast of Chester. The following year she accepted a position at the Kevin School. She met Henry B. Kolstad and they were married at the Shelby Lutheran Church on December 6, 1930. They moved to the Kolstad farm southwest of Chester and began raising their family of five.

In 1938 they purchased a home in Chester. In 1943 they opened "Chester Implement and Hardware" and Mabel did the book work for the business for many years. In 1946 they opened "Kolstad Chevrolet" in Fort Benton. In addition to these businesses, the Kolstads had a ranch in Hinsdale and acquired farming interests in Cascade, Toole, Chouteau, and Liberty counties.

They built a new home in Chester in 1948 and lived there the rest of their married life. Mabel's husband died on September 2, 1972. Mabel lived in their home until 1985, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge. She has lived at the Lodge in Chester from that time on.

Mabel's general health and quality of life remained good over the years. She was looking forward to a family celebration of her 90th birthday this coming spring. Unfortunately, she suffered a heart attack this past week and was admitted to the Benefis East Hospital for evaluation. Her condition deteriorated and she died at the Great Falls hospital on the early morning of Thursday January 1, 1998. She was 89 years old.

Mabel was active in the American Legion Auxiliary, had served on the

State Council on Aging, and was a charter member of the Republican Women. She loved playing the kazoo in the "Swingin' Seniors Band" (formerly the Chuckwagon Band) at the Sweetgrass Lodge. Back in the 1950s Mabel ran a yarn and antique hobby shop out of her home. In the 1960s she worked parttime as a nurse's aide at the Chester rest home.

Her hobbies included knitting and crocheting. She enjoyed Bingo, playing cards, (especially Pinochle) and she was an excellent cook. She collected cut-gall and fine china. Mabel loved music and she enjoyed humming and whistling. She kept a daily diary for many years and she always read her daily devotions. Mabel enjoyed traveling with Hank. In recent years she made several trips, the most memorable to Africa and the Holy Land.

Mabel was a dedicated mother, grandmother, and friend. She loved her family and was always there for them when they needed her.

Survivors include her son Allen Kolstad (and wife Iva) of Ledger; three daughters Doris Fraser (and husband Bill) of Chester, Kay Pederson (and husband Sam) of Westminster, Colorado, and Sonja Diemert (and husband Dennis) of Galata; 14 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. In addition to her husband and parents, Mabel was preceded in death by a daughter (Hannah in 1959) and by her four siblings (Clark Webb, Verna Larson, Irene Mahnke, and Nellie Olson), by three grandchildren (Cary Kolstad, Corrine Kolstad Neill, and Hannah Mabel Lingen), and by several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were 2:00 pm Saturday, January 3, 1998 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with Reverend Tom Dunham officiating. Juanita Wardell served as organist and Mabel's grandson Ole Lingen, sang "Amazing Grace." Vocalist/guitarist Carole Hanson performed "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Ushers were Howard Kolstad, Dayton Kolstad, Allen Brown and Irvin Hutchison. Pallbearers were the seven grandsons, Cedric and Chris Kolstad, Bill Fraser, Clifford and Ole Linge, and Darron and Kelcey Diemert. Honorary bearers were the seven granddaughters, Cheryl Gagnon, Brenda Streit, Bonita Morrow, Karla Martin, Kim McNitt, Nicole Lingen and Holly Pepprock. Granddaughter Brenda Streit shared the eulogy. Interment was at the Chester Cemetery where a balloon ceremony was held by family members. A luncheon by WELCA was given at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to donor's choice.

LEO MICHAEL KRAFT
Born: August 24, 1920 - Died: March 14, 1998
Liberty County Times
March 18, 1998

Leo Michael Kraft

Leo Michael Kraft, 77, of Bigfork, MT (formerly of Havre) passed away on March 14, 1998 at Evergreen Health and Rehabilitation Center, Polson, Montana from natural causes.

He was born on August 24, 1920 in Hingham, Montana to Frank and Elizabeth Kraft.

He grew up and attended schools in Hingham and graduated from Hingham High School.

Leo married Lois Sande in Hingham in 1940; they started farming in the Hingham area.

Leo was a tenor soloist and sang for many events along the Hi-Line.

He purchased the Montana Bar in Havre and operated it for several years. He built the Hi-Line Lanes Bowling Alley. Leo owned the Fair Hotel in Havre and through that acquisition, he continued the travel service business, which he re-named Lelok Travel Service. He also owned and operated a deep-sea fishing charter boat in Hawaii.

After his retirement he spent his winters in Arizona and built a house in Bigfork, Montana. He enjoyed the time spent fishing and boating on Flathead Lake.

He was a very active member of the Eagles Lodge and a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge.

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

He is survived by his wife Lois of Bigfork; two daughters and their husbands: Delores and George Noffsinger of Havre, and Shirley and Wes Gorman of Bigfork; two brothers: Frank Kraft of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Robert Kraft of Edmonds, Washington; four sisters: Ida Rankin of Tacoma, Washington, Julia Brown of Las Vegas, Nevada, Betty Snow of Billings, Montana, and Amelia Wallum of Roseville, California; 7 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A graveside memorial service will be held Thursday, March 19, 1998 at 11:00 am at Highland Cemetery in Havre, Montana. Memorials to St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre, and St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork.

Cremation and arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home of Polson, Montana.

BETTY MARIE (ROCKMAN) KREJCI

Born: March 28, 1925 - Died: August 29, 1998

Liberty County Times
September 2, 1998



Betty Krejci

Betty Marie (Rockman) Krejci was born at Joplin, Montana on March 28, 1925. She was one of eight children born to Julia Lintvet and Benhard "Ben" Brandvold. Betty grew up in Joplin and received her formal education there.

She became engaged to a Chester man, Lloyd H. Rockman. They were married April 3, 1943 at La Jolla, California where he was serving in the military. They later returned to Montana and began raising their four sons. They were living in Wolf Point in 1954 when Lloyd was killed in an airplane accident. Betty and her boys moved back to Chester to be near her siblings.

In her years as a widow, Betty worked as a clerk at Wright's Grocery, O.D.'s Market, and Askvold's Pharmacy. She met and married Clifford A. Krejci in Chester on December 8, 1961. They built a home in Chester where they raised the Rockman boys and another son of their own.

In the years 1961 to 1973 Betty worked as a program assistant at the local ASCS office. When her hours were cut back in the late 1960s she worked part time as a nurse's aide at the Chester nursing home. In 1973 she was offered a full time position as secretary at the Liberty County Soil Conservation District. A few years later she began working as the Liberty County Deputy Assessor, a job she

held until her retirement in 1990. In addition, during the years 1973-1982 she managed Liberty Theatre, the local movie hall in Chester.

Betty loved to be out-and-about with people, so during her retirement years she continued to work part time as a waitress at Spud's cafe and as a clerk in a local dress shop (Fashion Focus and Vintage Blue). When the dress shop was purchased by her granddaughter in 1995, Betty became Hildee's "right-hand man." They traveled to market together where they "shopped 'til they dropped!"

About a year ago her health began to fail following a few small strokes. She continued to remain "young-at-heart" and active in the community. Betty recently returned from a 2-week vacation to visit her children, grandchildren, and several nieces. She suffered a major stroke on Monday August 17. She was transferred from Chester to the Benefis East Medical Center in Great Falls. Following surgery and complications, she died on the morning of Saturday August 29, 1998. Betty was 73 years old.

Betty was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. She was also active in the Lionettes, the Royal Neighbors, and the local "Birthday Club." She loved her daily trips to the coffee shop where she could keep up on all of the local happenings. She also liked to "cruise around town" in her little Oldsmobile.

Betty was an exceptional cook who was well-known for her breads, cinnamon rolls, donuts, lefse, and pastries. She was a very giving and caring person who was always there for a family in need - providing food, solace, and love. She was a loyal visitor to her friends in the hospital and to those ailing at home. She had friends of all ages, so she seldom missed social events and ceremonies, including weddings and funerals.

During her quiet time at home Betty enjoyed reading the daily and local newspapers. She also enjoyed a few television soap operas, her favorite being "The Young & The Restless."

Other favorite shows included "The Price Is Right" and "Jeopardy." Although not extravagant, she loved jewelry, especially silver bracelets and rings. In addition, she was a "clothes hound." She was a beautiful lady who always presented herself well - meticulous with her hair, make-up and attire.

Betty loved her entire family; she was especially proud of her sons. She loved all of her grandkids and cherished her personal relationships with each of them. And she always looked forward to their school activities and other events.

Betty was always a hard worker and a survivor. She had a strong moral character and an unconditional love for her fellow man. She enjoyed many of the simple things in life and tried to live by the "Golden Rule." These are just a few of her traits that provide a wonderful legacy for her family.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Cliff Krejci of Chester; four sons Flynn Rockman and wife Karen of Chester, Bryce Rockman of Fort Walton, Florida, Ty Rockman of Port Orchard, Washington, and Jody Krejci

of Calabasas, California; 11 grandchildren including Shay, Heidi, Hildee, Hubbel, Jarrid, Jenaya, Jaelyn, Meganne, Julia, Jessica, and Weslee; two sisters Helen Henderson of Sun City, Arizona, and Doris Austin of Forest, Mississippi; one brother Kenneth Brandvold of Great Falls; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her eldest son (Terry Rockman in 1994), three brothers (Donald, Leonard, and Benny Brandvold), one sister (Gladycce Romain) and a grandson (Richard Rockman).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm Tuesday September 1, 1998 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Montana with Rev. Peter Erickson officiating. Scripture was read by Dr. Richard Buker, Jr. with a special prayer by Pam Jeppesen Seidlitz. Family memories were

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recounted by Natalie Ghekiere. Music was provided by organist Juanita Wardell, vocalist Marcus Jochim who sang "On Eagle's Wings" and a congregation hymn "Lift High the Cross." Jack Seidlitz, Stanley Johnson, and Darby O'Brien were ushers. Pallbearers were sons Rlynn, Bryce, Ty Rockman and Jody Krejci; memorial bearers were all of Betty's many friends. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with graveside services led by Rev. Erickson, and music provided by Bryan Oswood, followed by a balloon ceremony by family and friends. A luncheon followed at the church. A memorial fund will be established. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.



**BETTY MARIE
BRANDVOLD
ROCKMAN KREJCI**

Born: March 28, 1925
at Joplin, Montana
Died: August 29, 1998
at Great Falls, Montana
Age: 73 years...5 months...
1 day...

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles
when the day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly
down the ways
Of happy times and laughing times and
bright sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
to dry before the sun
Of happy memories I leave behind when the day is done.*

Betty's Family: Husband, Cliff; 4 sons, Rlynn, Bryce, Ty and Jody; 11 grandchildren, Shay, Heidi, Hildee, Hubbel, Jarrid, Jenaya, Jaelyn, Meganne, Julia, Jessica and Weslee; 2 sisters, Helen and Doris; 1 brother, Kenneth; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends...

Services: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 1st,
Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Chester...

Officiant: Reverend Peter Erickson...

Scripture Readings: Dr. Richard Buker, Jr....

Special Prayer: Pam Jeppesen Seidlitz...

Family Memories: Natalie Ghekiere...

Musicians: Organist, Juanita Wardell...

Vocalist, Marcus Jochim...

Vocal Tribute, "On Eagle's Wings"...

Congregational Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"

Usher: Jack Seidlitz, Stanley Johnson & Darby O'Brien...

Pallbearers: Betty's boys...

Memorial Bearers: All of her many friends...

Interment: Chester Cemetery

Graveside Services: Prayers, Pastor Erickson... Goodbye

Tribute: Vocalist/guitarist, Bryan Oswood, "The River"...

Balloon Ceremony by family & friends...

... Luncheon to follow at the church ...

A memorial fund will be established.

Arrangements: Rockman Funeral Chapel

GERTRUDE ALICE LAMBOTT
Born: November 19, 1915 - Died: May 22, 1998
Liberty County Times
May 27, 1998



Gertrude Lambott

Gertrude Alice Lambott was born at Devon, Montana on November 19, 1915. She was the eldest of eleven children born to Clarence and Berta

(Duncan) Benjamin, who farmed south of Devon. Gertrude received herearly education at country schools and graduated from Shelby High School in 1935. She began working as a bookkeeper at the Sunburst State Bank in Shelby, a job she kept for the next five years.

On November 4, 1940 she married Louis H. Lambott in Shelby. They made their home in the south Rudyard community where they farmed and raised a family of two. They lived in Rudyard from 1951 to 1963 then returned to the farm residence south of town.

Gertrude began working at the Farmer's-Merchant's Bank of Rudyard in 1959. She worked as assistant cashier until her retirement in 1975. Louis had retired in 1970, so the Lambotts began traveling during those retirement years. They made numerous automobile trips throughout the United States and Canada, and during many of those traveling years they wintered in Phoenix and San Diego.

Because of failing health, the Lambotts moved to Townsend in 1994 to be near their son. They resided at the Broadwater County Health Center. Louis died there in 1995. Gertrude remained at the nursing facility in Townsend until her death on the early morning of Friday, May 22, 1998. She was 82 years old.

Gertrude was an exceptional business woman. In addition to her job at the bank, she worked as parttime bookkeeper for Lynch Tires, did income tax work for Rudyard area friends, and she served as treasurer of the Rudyard PTA for many years. Following her retirement, she enjoyed activities at the Rudyard Senior Center.

During her quiet hours at home, Gertrude enjoyed embroidery, sew-

ing, crocheting, and gardening. For many years she kept a stamp collection and she also enjoyed photography. She was a good cook and will be remember by her family for her delicious pies and cheese souffle.

Gertrude is survived by 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, Emily, Wanda, Karen, Carmen, and Wendy; one sister Phebe Surratt of Loveland, Colorado; five brothers Norman and Harry Benjamin of Devon, Wesley and Donald Benjamin of Washington, and Clarence Benjamin of Fort Benton; numerous nieces and nephews. Gertrude was preceded in death by her parents and husband, three sisters (Mildred, Marjorie, and Lillian) and one brother (Wallace).

Funeral services will be 3:00 pm Thursday, May 28, 1998 at the Blue Sky High School gym in Rudyard. Following burial in the Rudyard Cemetery, a luncheon will be held in the Catholic Youth Center. Memorials will be given to the Rudyard Senior Center, the Broadwater Health Center, or donor's choice. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

GLENN ROBERT LAVALLEY

Born: April 18, 1920 - Died: December 11, 1998

Liberty County Times
December 16, 1998



Glenn LaValley

Glenn Robert LaValley was born at Joplin, Montana on April 18, 1920. He was the third of five sons born to Lawrence and Ida (Aasen) LaValley. He received his early education at Joplin and Brady. Glenn finished his secondary education in Joplin, graduating from high school in 1939. Following high school he went to Seattle, WA and took a job at Boeing.

In 1942 he was drafted into the US Army. He served during World War II for 11 months, then he suffered a serious injury to his arm. Glenn received his honorable discharge in 1943. He returned to Montana and began farming with his dad north of Joplin.

Glenn married Thelma V. Rudolph on March 18, 1945 in Joplin. They made their home and raised their family in the Joplin community from that time on. He retired from farming in 1982.

Glenn's general health deteriorated the past three years. He recently had lung surgery in Great Falls. While recuperating at home, his condition failed, so he was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. Following a two-day stay Glenn died at the hospital Friday afternoon December 11, 1998. He was 78 years old.

Glenn was a lifetime member of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. He was baptized, confirmed, and married in the church. He had served on the church council and was active in many church functions (for example he always helped to prepare the lutefisk for the annual church dinner). His Christian faith was strong and his convictions were sincere.

In 1995 Glenn was privileged to receive a special award from the local Broken Mountains Genealogical Society. In addition to being a lifelong resident of Liberty County, he was recognized as the first person born after the creation of Liberty County in 1920.

Glenn served on the Hi-Line Water Board for many years. He enjoyed traveling; he and Thelma visited many US cities and sights during the past 25 years.

Glenn's hobbies included hunting, fishing, gardening, and reading (he was especially fond of Westerns and sporting magazines). He loved to work outside and he enjoyed feeding the birds in his yard. He liked to attend sporting events of the J-I Rams. Glenn loved to watch college and professional football; his favorite NFL team was the San Francisco 49ers. Just for the fun of it, he collected coins and belt buckles. During his quiet time at home he enjoyed watching television. (His favorite programs were "Touched by an Angel" and "Walker-Texas Ranger.") He was content with his life as a Montana farmer and he appreciated the love of his family and friends.

Glenn is survived by his wife of 53 years Thelma of Joplin; two daughters Sherril LaValley Honeycutt of Ottawa, KS, and Susan Coffman and husband Jim of Joplin; one son Randy LaValley and wife Vicki of Great Falls, nine grandchildren including Christi Kunetka, Sherri Baldwin, Jason Honeycutt, Cari Honeycutt, Loren LaValley, Brenda LaValley, Darci Coffman, Cami Ballenger, and Colt Coffman; two great-grandchildren Kaitlin Honeycutt and Ashley Baldwin; one brother David LaValley of Joplin;

and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers (Mark, Raymond and Paul).

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. today (Wednesday, Dec. 16) at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Rev. Bart Coleman will officiate. Tammy Duncan will serve as organist and the congregation will sing "Borning Cry" and "Bringing in the Sheaves." Vocalist Marcus Jochim will perform "One Day at a Time." Ushers will be Frank Richter and Jim LaValley. Pallbearers will be Jason Honeycutt, Loren LaValley, Colt Coffman, Jim Coffman, Jerry Buck and Gary LaValley. Honorary bearers are "all of his many friends." Interment will be at the Joplin Cemetery where there will be military taps and presentation of the veteran's flag by Jack Nelson. A luncheon will follow at Kjos Hall. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

GERALD GLENN (GERRY) LANGEL
Born: March 18, 1937 - Died: March 20, 1998
Liberty County Times
March 25, 1998

Gerald "Gerry" Langel

Gerald Glenn "Gerry" Langel, age 61, died Friday evening March 20, 1998 at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. Gerry died from complications of brain cancer, which was diagnosed in July of 1997.

Gerry was born in Havre, Montana on March 18, 1937. He was one of ten children born to Arnold and Helen McCann Langel, who farmed in the Goldstone community 23 miles north of Rudyard. Gerry grew up on the farm. He received his early education at the Goldstone Country School and graduated from Rudyard High School in 1955. For the next three years he studied diesel mechanics at Northern Montana College in Havre.

On April 27, 1958 he married Joann Christianson at Havre. They made their home in the Rudyard community. Gerry initially worked on the family farm and was a mechanic in Rudyard during the winter months. In the early 1960s he worked on the Roland Ritter farm and for the Hill County Road Department. In 1966 Gerry accepted a position with the Rudyard Service and Improvement District where he maintained and repaired the city sewer/water utilities; he held this job until his retirement this past year. In addition, Gerry purchased a garbage truck from Gerry Griffin in 1966; he owned and operated Langel's Disposal Service for the next 30 years where he contracted in garbage disposal with the communities of Inverness, Rudyard, Hingham and Gildford. In 1972 Gerry began helping with the farm work during the summer months on the Clarence Lynch farm; he worked with the Lynch family for 25 years until his retirement. Last, but not least, Gerry and son Todd purchased Heydon Overhead Door from Kenny Heydon in 1992; they worked together in repair and installation of garage doors throughout the Hi-Line until Gerry's health began to fail this past year.

Gerry enjoyed work and being active. He could fix most anything and was always available to do a plumbing or mechanical job for friends in the community. He had been a member of the Rudard Jaycees and had served as a volunteer for the Rudyard Ambulance and Fire Department for 30 years. In addition, he dug most of the graves at the Rudyard Cemetery during the past 25 years. Gerry was an active member at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard and helped with many church projects throughout the years.

Gerry was a "people person" who enjoyed being with friends. He bowled on Tuesday Night Men's League in Rudyard from 1958-1997. He loved golf and was a member of the Signal Point Golf Club in Fort Benton where he played on Wednesday Night League and casual golf on weekends. Gerry also enjoyed playing cards (especially cribbage and poker). He seldom missed those wintertime Wednesday outings at the "Fine Arts Club" where his poker buddies exchanged nickels-and-dimes at Ken Watson's house!

In his quiet time at home Gerry enjoyed watching television news and sports (mainly golf). He liked to work in his yard, too. But probably his greatest love was his family, and he always looked forward to having the grandkids around.

Gerry collected a lot of nuts and bolts and parts over the years. Because of who he was, he also collected a lot of friends. The community loved Gerry and expressed their appreciation of him with a benefit auction this past February. A humbling experience, Gerry accepted it with modest and sincere gratitude.

Gerry is survived by his wife, Joann of Rudyard; four sons, Robin of Whitefish, Todd of Rudyard, Jan of Billings, and Cory of Ellington, England; 9 grandchildren (including Dominique, Derek, Sarah, Donita,

Tucker, Connor, Bridger, Benjamin, and Zachary); his mother Helen of Chester; three brothers Duaine of Missoula, Richard of Billings, and Stanley of Rudyard; five sisters Audrey Kaercher of Havre, Lillian Frank of Lewistown, Lucille Miller of Salem, Oregon, Katherine Brandt of Rudyard, and Dorothy Langel of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Gerry was preceded in death by his father Arnold in 1974 and by a brother Arnold in 1968.

Funeral services were 2:00 pm Tuesday, March 24, 1998 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Rev. Bart Coleman officiating. Special music was provided by Sharon Spicher, Jeff Wehr, Carol Bangs and Debbie Brownlee. The congregation sang "Borning Cry." Friend, Kenny Heydon shared the eulogy. Ushers were Fred Elling, Allen Twedt and Don Blake. Pallbearers included Jerry Copenhaver, Bob Wehr, Bob Toner, Bill Gorder, Ken Watson, Ken Heydon, Steve Brownlee, Lowell Strisset, Rick Pester, Darby Ditmar, Mike Wendland and Don Kline. Memorial bearers were listed as "all of Gerry's many friends." Interment was at the Rudyard Cemetery and a luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard, or the "Gift of Life" Family living Center, Box 1821, Gl. Falls, MT 59403.

SHERRILL HONEYCUTT LAVALLEY
Born: May 8, 1947 - Died: December 26, 1998
Liberty County Times
January 6, 1999



**Sherrill Honeycutt
LaValley**

Sherrill Diane Honeycutt LaValley was born May 8, 1947 at Havre, Montana. She was the eldest of three children born to Glenn and Thelma (Rudolph) LaValley. Sherrill was raised in the Joplin, Montana community and received her education there. She graduated from Joplin High School in 1965, then continued her education at the university in Grand Forks, North Dakota. She also attended cosmetology school at Grand Forks.

While living in North Dakota, Sherrill met her husband-to-be, Daniel R. Honeycutt, who was serving in the military there. They were married in Joplin on June 30, 1967. The Honeycutts lived in various states during their married life together. They spent several years in Minnesota and Illinois before moving to Missouri in the early 1990s. They were living at Laurie, Missouri on the "Lake of the Ozarks" at the time of their divorce.

Sherrill relocated to Ottawa, Kansas in 1997 and took a job as Payroll Manager at the Paola Wal-Mart Supercenter. She had recent surgery in Ottawa and was recuperating at home. On the early morning on the

day after Christmas, December 26, 1998 she developed breathing problems and collapsed at home. She was rushed to the Ransom Memorial Hospital in Ottawa where resuscitative measures were to no avail. Her death was attributed to a pulmonary embolism. She was 51 years old.

In her early married years Sherrill worked diligently as a homemaker and mother of four. When they lived in Chicago, she was employed at the ComDisco computer company. During their time in Missouri, she worked as a support manager at the Wal-Mart in Versailles. She was a member of the American Business Women's Association.

Sherrill was baptized and confirmed at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. During her Joplin school years she played the saxophone in the band and served as cheerleader. Her hobbies included crafts, gardening, and walking. In her quiet time at home she enjoyed reading, especially Danielle Steele novels. She was a dedicated friend, mother, and grandmother. Her children were her life. She put herself last and was always thoughtful of the needs of others.

Sherrill is survived by three daughters: Christi Kunetka and husband Robert of McHenry, Illinois; Sherri Baldwin and husband Mike of McHenry, Illinois; and Cari Honeycutt and fiance Chris Schultz of Ottawa, Kansas; one son Jason Honeycutt of Ottawa, Kansas; her mother Thelma LaValley of Joplin; one brother Randy

LaValley and wife Vicki of Great Falls; one sister Susan Coffman and husband Jim of Joplin; two grandchildren Ashley Baldwin and Kaitlin Schultz; and several nieces and nephews. Sherrill was preceded in death by her father on December 11, 1998.

A visitation and "time of sharing" was Monday evening December 28, 1998 at the Heise Funeral Home in Ottawa.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 1, 1999 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Rev. Bart Coleman officiating. A poem entitled "If Tomorrow Starts Without Me" was read by Cami Ballenger. Iris White was organist and the congregation sang "I Am the Lord of Sea and Sky." Vocalist Marcus Jochim performed "Softly and Tenderly." Three of Sherrill's favorite tapes "Spirit in the Sky," "You Were Loved," and "The River" were played. Ushers were Colt Coffman and Kevin Ballenger. Pallbearers included Jason Honeycutt, Bob Kunetka, Mike Baldwin, Chris Schultz, Jim Coffman and Russ Tempel. Following burial in the Joplin Cemetery, a luncheon was given by Bethel WELCA at Kjos Hall. Local arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

J. ROBERT LEE
Born: March 1, 1930 - Died: December 22, 1998
Liberty County Times
December 30, 1998

Robert Lee

J. Robert Lee, 68 years of age, a dairy and wheat farmer and a resident of Gildford, Montana died on December 22, 1998 at his residence of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 26, 1998 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre, Montana with Rev. Eddie Fallo officiating. Burial followed at the Highland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Multiple Sclerosis Association or to a person's choice. Arrangements by Holland & Bonine Funeral Home, Havre.

Robert was born March 1, 1930 at Havre, Montana, the son of Carl and Gladys (Sande) Lee. His family homesteaded north of Gildford, and later moved to Gildford. He attended school in Gildford, and graduated in 1948 from Gildford High School.

He ran a dairy and wheat farm and also was a rural Gildford mail carrier. On October 14, 1951 at Havre, Montana he married the former Jeanette Johnsrud. The couple later divorced.

Robert enjoyed playing bidge and cards, visiting with family and friends, and book work. He was a past president and member of the Montana Dairy Association.

He is survived by daughter Valeri and son-in-law Russ Malsam of Havre, daughter Sande and son-in-law Sid Haugen of Gildford; one son Brad Lee and daughter-in-law Cynthia Lee of Stevensville, Montana; step-son Steve Johnsrud of Havre, Montana; step-daughter Cyndi Johnsrud-Andersen of Norway; one sister Phyllis Purdy of Gildford, Montana; seven grandchildren and five step-grandchildren: Kelsey and Mara Malsam of Havre, Sasha, Sherre and Shea Haugen all of Gildford, Stian and Carlin Andersen of Norway, David Lee of Stevensville, Allen and his wife Jennifer Lee of Quantico, Virginia, Jillian and Brian Johnsrud of Big Sandy, Montana; also numerous nieces and nephews.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, and one step-son (Larry Johnsrud).

JEROME C. LINCOLN

Born: September 6, 1951 - Died: February 13, 1998

Liberty County Times

February 18, 1998



Jerome C. Lincoln

Jerome C. Lincoln, age 46, died at his farm home late Friday evening February 13, 1998 from cancer.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 18 at the J-I High School gymnasium in Joplin. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Because of Jerome's love of music, a memorial fund is being established for the Music Department at J-I High School.

Jerome was born on September 6, 1951 at Havre, Montana. He was the youngest of three children born to Albert and Joan (Dawson) Lincoln. The Lincoln's farmed southeast of Joplin and also maintained a home in Great Falls. Jerome received his early education at Great Falls. He finished his schooling at Inverness, where he graduated from high school in 1970.

Jerome attended the University of Montana as an Applied Voice Major. After several years of musical studies, he decided to try his luck as a performer. For the next six years Jerome worked in the entertainment business in Florida, Nevada, California, and Canada. His musical talents encompassed a variety of styles, including solo performances and gigs with his own seven-piece group (the "Jerry Lincoln Band"). Of interest was the fact that he spent 13 weeks aboard a Norwegian cruise line (the *M.S. Starward*) as part of the

entertainment troupe. While singing in Las Vegas, Jerome was privileged to be the opening act for Robert Goulet; Jerome valued Goulet's friendship, advice, and professional respect.

During his stint in Las Vegas, Jerome met his wife-to-be, Tina L. Barnards. They were married at Columbia Falls, Montana on June 23, 1979. Jerome and Tina decided that "life on the road of a professional musician" was not conducive with raising a family, so they returned to Joplin to live and work on the Lincoln family farm. In addition to raising two sons Chris (age 15) and Josh (age 12), Jerome has enjoyed his role as a wheat and barley farmer and cattle rancher.

Jerome was diagnosed with cancer in September of 1996. His condition became critical this past Christmas. He felt fortunate to remain at home where he received loving care by family and friends during these past few months.

Jerome's interest in music started in his youth. During his school years he played the trumpet and sang at musical concerts and festivals. Later he became skilled on the piano, keyboard, guitar, bass and synthesizer. He wrote several songs of his own and enjoyed working in his recording studio at his home. In recent years Jerome combined his musical talents with skills as a sound producer and studio technician. From his studio he produced radio commercials, soundtracks for multi-media productions, and background music for several live performances. Jerome loved to sing and was an active participant in many Hi-Line community productions (including "South Pacific," "Showboat," "Oklahoma," and "One Enchanted Evening"). He was often requested to sing at weddings, funerals, and various community benefits, which he always obliged. For several years he performed and recorded at the musical "Winterfest" for the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd Foundation. He was a director of the

Liberty County Arts Council and had been a featured performer on several programs sponsored by the group. In addition, Jerome had served as the choral director at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness for 10 years.

Jerome's other interests included boating, skiing, swimming, and scuba diving. He loved his family dearly, and his life centered around them. He also enjoyed animals; he presently had a loyal dog named "Trixie" and was trying to tame a wild BLM horse he called "Midnight."

Jerome is survived by his wife Tina, and two sons Chris and Josh, all of Joplin; his parents Al and Joan Lincoln of Kalispell; a brother Rod Lincoln (and wife Kathryn) of Zephyr Hills, Florida; a sister Valerie Gilles (and husband Gary) of Havre; several nephews and nieces; and a host of friends.

The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Daffrell Cousino. Jerome's brother Rod will share some personal thoughts. Iris White will provide accompaniment to Marc Jochim, who will sing "Gift of Finest Wheat." A taped selection "The Wind beneath My Wings" as sung by Jerome, will be played. Pallbearers and ushers will be Wayne Johnson,

LeRoy Green, Ron Spicher, Larry Fossen, Dale Fossen, Roger Zentzis, Rudy Cicon, Scott Meyers, David Hadford, Monty Kantorowicz, Steve Dahinden, and Paul Wolery. A luncheon will follow at Kjos Hall in Joplin.

EDWARD (SEP) JOSEPH LINSMEIER
Born: 7, 1916 - Died: October 13, 1998
Liberty County Times
November 11, 1998

Edward Linsmeier

Edward "Sep" Joseph Linsmeier, age 82, of Fairfax, Minnesota died October 13, 1998 at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, Minnesota.

During his life he enjoyed working as a farmhand in the rural Gibbon and Fairfax communities. In 1957 he moved to Rudyard, Montana where he again enjoyed helping people out as a farmhand. During those years he worked for Charles Lineweaver north of Inverness for several years before his retirement in 1991.

He moved back to Fairfax in 1992 where he resided until he was transferred to Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park on October 7, 1998.

He is survived by daughters Diane Beach of Michigan, and Sandra Volk of Minnesota; brother Norbert Linsmeier of Fairfax; sisters Adelia Linsmeier of St. Paul, Minnesota, Mary Schroeder of Fridley, Minnesota, and Armella Kleman of Young America, Minnesota; sister-in-law Lilly Linsmeier of Fairfax; and many nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was held

October 16, 1998 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church with Father John Brunner officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

AGNES RICHTER MADER
Born: April 25, 1927 - Died: February 1, 1998
Liberty County Times
February 11, 1998



Agnes Richter Mader

Agnes Elizabeth Richter Mader, 70 of Great Falls, passed away on Sunday, February 1, 1998 at a Great Falls hospital.

Agnes was one of 15 children born to Margaret and George Richter. She

was born April 25, 1927 at Inverness, Montana. She graduated from Inverness High School in 1945 and married Ben J. Mader at Inverness in 1946.

Ben passed away in 1977.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Church, Altar Society, Eagles Auxiliary, and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Agnes will be missed by her family and many friends for her care giving, compassion, and so much love, as she would say "Thanks, Honey, I love you."

Survivors include two daughters, Debra Phennice of Great Falls, and Cynthia McCrea of Woodenville, Washington; two sons, Calvin of Smyrna, Tennessee, and Patrick of Havre, Montana; two sisters, Francy Fraser of Joplin, and Virginia Adams, of Inverness; four brothers, Chris and Ray of Hingham, John of Havre, and Frank of Joplin; and 15 grandchildren.

A son, Eugene Benjamin Mader, preceded her in death.

BERNICE A. MANGOLD

Born: September 13, 1912 - Died: April 17, 1998

Liberty County Times

April 22, 1998



Bernice A. Mangold

Bernice A. Mangold, 85, passed away April 17, 1998 at Northern Montana Care Center in Havre, Montana due to natural causes.

Mrs. Mangold was born to Edward and Jenny Fahacy Sapp on September 13, 1912 in Devil's Lake, North Dakota.

She attended school in Gildford and married Frank Mangold on September 21, 1929 in Havre. They farmed near Inverness for a number of years, spending their winters in Phoenix, Mesa, and Cottonwood, Arizona.

Bernice was a member of St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Chinook and a former member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Inverness.

Mrs. Mangold is survived by one son: Howard Mangold of Rudyard; four daughters: Betty Sattlean and Ruby Skoyen both of Chinook, Shirley Kline of Rudyard, and Marjorie Subbs of Phoenix, Arizona; three brothers: Edwin Sapp of Great Falls, Henry and Larry Sapp both of Havre; two sisters: Glenna Engdhal of Minnesota and Faye Dudeck of Havre; 22 grandchildren, and 48 great-grandchildren.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband in 1985, two sons, Edward and Bill, one brother, and four sisters.

Memorial services were held April 22, 1998 at 11:00 am in Inverness at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Joseph Marmion officiating. Burial of cremated remains was in the Inverness Cemetery. Eucharistic Minister was Dan Hybrier, altar server was Dennis Mangold, scripture readers were Kelly Kline and Greg Skoyen. Eulogy by Tess Schuhmacher, a poem was read by Barbara Skoyen, presentation by Joyce Pruys, greeters were Dusty Kline and Kip Schuhmacher, and ushers were John Skoyen and Loren Skoyen. Vocalists Henry and Pat Sapp were accompanied by organist Iris White. Honorary bearers were listed as "all her grandchildren, relatives, and friends."

Memorials may be sent to the Gift of Life Housing in Great Falls. Arrangements by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

EDWARD ADAM MANGOLD

Born: March 15, 1934 - Died: April 6, 1998

Liberty County Times

April 15, 1998

Edward Adam Mangold

Edward Adam Mangold, 64, died of lung cancer Monday, April 6 at a hospital in Everett, Washington.

Memorial services were 11: 00 Saturday, April 11 at Evergreen Funeral Home Chapel in Everett.

Edward was born March 15, 1934 in Inverness, Montana and grew up in the Inverness area. He worked in the insurance business for more than 30 years.

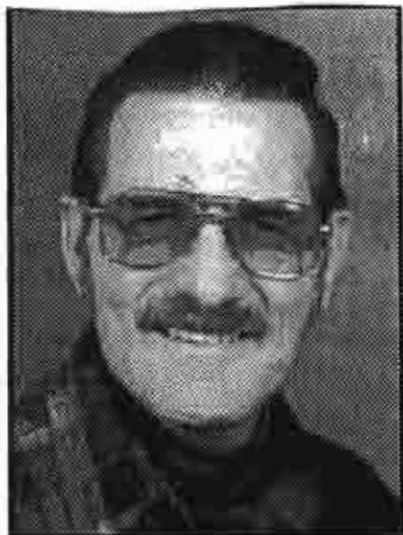
He married Marlys Sather.

Survivors include his wife of Everett; three sons, Danny Mangold and Edward Mangold, Jr. of Everett, and Scott Mangold of Powell, Wyoming; two daughters Kim Falcon and Lisa King of Great Falls; four sisters, Shirley Kline of Rudyard, Betty Sattleen and Ruby Skoyen of Chinook, and Marge Stubbs of Phoenix, Arizona; a brother Howard Mangold of Rudyard; and ten grandchildren.

HOWARD WALTER MANGOLD

Born: July 10, 1932 - Died: October 13, 1998

Liberty County Times
October 21, 1998



Howard Mangold

Howard Walter Mangold was born at Havre, Montana on July 10, 1932. He was one of seven children born to Frank and Bernice (Sapp) Mangold. He received his early schooling at Inverness, then finished his formal education at St. Jude's in Havre. In the late 1940s Howard worked at the Gambles store in Chester and also worked for the Bureau of Reclamation during the construction of the Tiber Dam project.

In 1952 Howard married Donna Knettel. They made their home in Chinook, Montana where Howard was employed by Jamieson Motors as a mechanic and bodyman. They had four children before the marriage ended in divorce in 1964.

Howard moved to Prescott, Arizona to be near his folks. While there he worked as a television repairman and as a cobbler. In 1972 he came back to Montana for a family gathering. While here he met Glorianne Evans. They were married in Great Falls on November 4, 1972. They made their home in Rudyard from that time on.

Howard and Gloria owned and operated two hotels in Rudyard. In addition, he ran his own business, Howard's TV, and he was the sole operator of Northern Cable Company in Rudyard.

In 1987 Howard was diagnosed with cancer of the throat. Although he maintained a positive attitude and continued to be a "fighter," his medical condition slowly deteriorated. He died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the early morning of Tuesday, October 13, 1998. He was 66 years old.

Howie received his First Communion and Confirmation at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness,

where he served as an altar boy for many years. He was a longtime member of the Chinook Eagles Club. In the 1950s he served in the National Guard for a total of 9-1/2 years.

Howard loved music, especially Country-Western style. He was a fabulous dancer and had a beautiful singing voice. He couldn't read sheet music, but played wonderful melodies "by ear." His instruments included the accordion, organ, bass fiddle and guitar. In the early 1960s he played with a band called the "Rangers" in Chinook. In the late 1960s he was a member of the "Western Swing Kings" in Havre. He played with several other bands into the 1970s. In recent years he enjoyed listening to music and jammin' at home. He had a large collection of musical instruments and tapes.

Other interests included camping, bowling, and restoring old vehicles. He collected movie videos and Navaho jewelry. He loved Western clothing.

Howard was known for his extravagant Christmas-light decorations. He loved Christmas and he loved children, that's why he enjoyed being Santa Claus at the Hi-Line Theatre for those 12 years before his health failed. Howard loved his grandchildren and had special relationships with each of them.

He is survived by his wife Gloria of Rudyard; three sons and their wives Steve and Debbie Mangold of Spanaway, Washington, Audie and Mary Mangold of Tacoma, Washington, and Bill and Carol Mangold of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one daughter and her

husband Debbie and Danny Lammerding of Havre; one stepdaughter and her husband Doreen and Mick Seidlitz of Sun Prairie, Montana; 11 grandchildren; four sisters Betty Sattleen of Chinook, Ruby Skoyen of Chinook, Shirley Kline of Rudyard, and Margie Stubbs of Phoenix, Arizona; and numerous nephews and nieces. Howard was preceded in death by his parents and by two brothers Bill and Ed.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 17, 1998 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church by Father Humphrey Courtney. Vocal music by Marcus Jochim included "On Eagle's Wings," "The Lord's Prayer," and "Green, Green Grass of Home." Iris White was organist. Ushers were Dusty and Chris Kline. Scripture readings were shared by Shirley Kline and Shannon Sattleen. Altar server was Eric Wendland. Eucharistic Minister was Dan Hybner, and the Communion Gifts were

presented by Jenna Keller and Alex Wendland. Eulogist was Bill Evans.

Following graveside services and burial of ashes at the Rudyard Cemetery, a luncheon for family and friends was held at the Rudyard Youth Center. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

Because of Howie's love for Rudyard, any undesignated memorial gifts will be used for a future project in Rudyard.

JOSEPH BENEDICT MARMION
Born: April 3, 1932 - Died: August 23, 1998
Liberty County Times
August 26, 1998



Joseph Marmion

Joseph Benedict Marmion, son of Sylvester Marmion and Mary Bernadette Henchy, was born in Loughrea, County Galway, Ireland on the 3rd of April, 1932. He received his elementary schooling in St. Brenden's National School, and high school in De La Salle Secondary School, both in the town of Loughrea. Though he spent a year in the seminary of the Society of African

Missions in Kilcolgan, the bulk of his college and theological training was taken at St. Patrick's College, Thurles, Ireland. Joseph was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Reverend T. Morris in the Cathedral of the Assumption at Thurles, County Tipperary, Ireland on the 10th of June, 1962.

Father Marmion was first assigned as an assistant in Sacred Heart Parish, Miles City, where he remained one year. In June 1963 he was moved to St. Joseph's, Great Falls, where he served in the same capacity for about a year before being assigned to St. Leo's in Lewistown. He also spent some time as chaplain in St. Joseph's Hospital there before taking over St. Mathias Parish, Ryegate, as Administrator in February 1968. After a year in this position, he returned to Great Falls as an associate at St. Peter and Paul. In 1970 Father was granted a leave of absence to pursue advanced studies at Montana State University-Bozeman.

After receiving a Master's degree from Bozeman, he was assigned to Queen of Angels Parish in Nashua as pastor. This was the first of a series of brief assignments as pastor of St. Theresa, Lambert; Sacred Heart,

Cascade; St. Cyril, Geysler; St. Benedict, Roundup; St. Margaret, Geraldine; and St. Mark the Evangelist in Belt, in February 1987 Father Marmion was given leave to be absent from the Diocese to serve parishes in other dioceses, principally in California. In 1994 he returned to Montana and took a brief assignment at St. Jude's Church in Havre. His last assignment was to serve as pastor of St. Mary's Church in Chester, Our Lady of Ransom in Hingham, Sacred Heart in Inverness, and the surrounding communities of Hingham, Inverness and Rudyard.

Father Marmion died suddenly on August 23, 1998 while visiting his family in Ireland.

Survivors include four brothers and one sister, who all reside in Ireland.

The Funeral Mass will be August 26 at St. Brendan's Cathedral, Loughrea, Ireland with burial to follow in County Galway.

A Memorial Mass for Father Marmion will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester Thursday, August 27, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Anthony Milone presiding.

A second Memorial Mass will be held Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Billings.

BETTY J. (WAGNER) MORGAN
Born: March 6, 1928 - Died: March 13, 1998
Great Falls Tribune
March 17, 1998

Betty J. (Wagner) Morgan

GILDFORD — Former Great Falls resident Betty J. (Wagner) Morgan, 70, died Friday at her Gildford home of natural causes.

A memorial service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home.

Cremation has taken place, and memorials are suggested to Gift of Life Foundation, P.O. Box 7008, Great Falls MT 59406-7008.



Morgan

She was born March 6, 1928, in Endicott, Wash. She attended schools in Colfax, Wash., where she graduated from high school.

On May 5, 1946, she married Everett V. "Bud" Morgan in Colfax.

She worked in Colfax and Spokane at Safeway. She moved to Great Falls in 1969 and worked at Graham & Ross, Bitterroot Supply and Woolworths before moving to Gildford and working at Morgan Equipment Inc. in Havre.

She was state secretary and past president of the Colfax V.F.W. and was active in Great Falls Garden Club, Moose Lodge, Women's Bowling Association and the Elks Club Does, where she was past president and state president. Her hobbies included knitting, crocheting, playing the piano, organ and violin, bowling and gardening.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Barbara Hane of Pasco, Wash., and Bonnie Hooker of Great Falls; two sons, Bruce Morgan of Pahrump, Nev., and Brad Morgan of Great Falls; four sisters, Tillie Llewellyn of Lewiston, Idaho, Evelyn Beidel of Pasco, Wash., Caroline McManus of Fair Oaks, Calif.,

and Stella McDonald of Long Beach; two brothers, Richard Wagner of Lewiston, Idaho, and Harry Wagner of Wenatchee, Wash.; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

BURLE T. NYGAARD

Born: June 28, 1922 - Died: July 3, 1998

Herald News, Wolf Point, Mt.

July 7, 1998



Burle Nygaard

Burle T. Nygaard, 76, of Wolf Point, died July 3 in Billings.

A son of Paul and Margaret Nygaard, he was born in their homestead shack north of Wolf Point on June 28, 1922. He attended school at the Longview country school until the family moved into Wolf Point in 1935. After his junior year at Wolf Point High School, he moved to Bremerton, Wash. where he worked in the shipyards and attended night school, graduating with his class of 1942.

He then joined the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. After that he was a concrete inspector on the Fort Peck Dam powerhouse and the Hungry Horse Dam. He owned and operated a Standard service station in Fort Peck.

On Oct. 2, 1949, he married Lillian Black in Kalispell. They made their home north of Wolf Point where he engaged in farming and ranching.

He was a lifelong member of the First Lutheran Church, a member of the Elks Club, the Airport Golf Club in Wolf Point and the Farm Bureau. He served as a board member of FHA and was chairman of the Wolf Point School Board and Trinity Hospital board for many years.

Mr. Nygaard is remembered as truly one of a kind. Throughout his life, he loved his family and friends. Spending time with his grandchildren was one of his life's greatest pleasures.

Though farming and ranching was a life of hard work, he often said, with a twinkle in his eye, he wouldn't have it any other way. Working in the fields, healing calves, and tinkering with his own inventions made him a happy man. He enjoyed a good game of whist and a joke with his friends. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife; six children - Linda of Portland, Ore., Duane, Brenda and Steve, all of Wolf Point, Randy of Sedalia, Colo. and Brad of Ridgefield, Wash.; two sisters, Elaine of Wolf Point and Lyla of Chester; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were Wednesday morning at the First Lutheran Church

Burle T. Nygaard

WOLF POINT — Burle T. Nygaard was born to Paul Nygaard and Margaret Yuly Nygaard in their homestead shack north of Wolf Point on June 28, 1922. He crossed the Great Divide on July 3, 1998, in Billings.

Burle attended school at the Longview Country School until the family moved into Wolf Point in 1935. After his junior year at Wolf Point High School, he moved to

Bremerton, Wash., where he worked in the shipyards and attended night school, graduating with his class of 1942.

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He is survived by his wife, Lillian, and six children, Linda of Portland, Ore., Duane of Wolf Point, Randy of Sedalia, Colo., Brenda of Wolf Point, Steve of Wolf Point, and Brad of Ridgefield, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two sisters, Elaine of Wolf Point and Lyla of Chester.

Memorial services at First Lutheran Church at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, 1998.

Smith Funeral Chapel in Billings handled cremation.

Billings Gazette
7-7-98

LAVETTA JANE (HEMBROFF) OSWOOD

Born: May 2, 1902 - Died: December 19, 1998

Liberty County Times

January 6, 1999

Vetta Oswood

Vetta was born May 2, 1902 in Bottineau, North Dakota. Her given name was LaVetta Jane Hembroff, the fifth daughter and seventh child of Joseph and Rebecca Hembroff. She grew up in Souris, North Dakota where her parents, who came from eastern Canada, had established a 360 acre farm.

Vetta graduated from Souris High School and attended Minot State Teachers College for two years. The summer of her graduation she was called to teach on a ranch near Chester, Montana. She tutored several children who were unable to attend winter school because of winter conditions. There she was to meet a young neighboring rancher who was to become her second husband.

With summer's end she traveled by train to Evanston, Wyoming where she had a position teaching 4th grade. That same year she met George Erwin and on August 22, 1928 they were married in Ogden, Utah. George worked for the Union Pacific Railroad and played on their semi-pro baseball team. During the next few years they enjoyed traveling to Chicago, St. Louis, and many points east.

In 1932 their only child, a daughter Patricia Ann, was born.

In 1937 they moved to Twin Falls, Idaho where George's father had established and built a livestock commission company. Vetta helped on sale days and worked at the J.C. Penney store.

In 1950 they moved to Boise, Idaho. George was a welder for M.K. Co. and Vetta worked at Falks Idaho department store. George died June 3, 1956 and that fall Vetta moved to Nampa, Idaho where she was to be a 4th grade teacher again. She was able to fulfill a life-long dream of a four-year college degree. After summer school and night school, she graduated from the College of Idaho in 1958 with a B.A. in Elementary Education.

She retired in 1963 and moved to Salem, Oregon to be with her daughter Patty and three young grandchildren. At this time the Montana rancher she had met as a young schoolgirl, out of Normal School, came back into her life. She and Bennett Oswood were married in Salem, December 7, 1964 and she became a rancher's wife. Ranching took up most of their spring and summer, but in the late fall and winter they traveled. They went to Europe and enjoyed the Olympic games in Germany. Twice they traveled to Norway to visit Bennett's relatives and many trips into Canada to visit Vetta's Canadian relatives. Thanksgiving and Christmas were always in Salem with family.

Bennett died in 1975 and Vetta moved off the ranch and back to Salem. For many years she would spend much of the summer back on the ranch with the many friends she'd made there.

Vetta spent many years volunteering as a Pink Lady at the Salem hospital, where she spent several hours a day three days a week. She was a lifetime member of the Methodist church, attending the small church in West Salem. She was an ardent reader and enjoyed doing crafts with her two sisters Viola and Effi. But most of all she enjoyed her family and was an ardent spectator or an active participant in all family activities. Her three grandchildren were her pride and joy, and in later years she welcomed three great-grandchildren into her heart. Vetta died in her sleep December 19, 1998 in Salem, Oregon. Her passing has left a void in all of our hearts, but our joy is in knowing she is with our Lord.

Vetta is survived by her daughter Patricia Evans; three grandchildren: Kenneth Evans, Kimberly Briggs, both of Salem, and Karen Cashman, Minneapolis, Minnesota; three great-grandchildren Lindsay and Brittany Briggs, and Evans Cashman. To her loving family she was our "Nanna" and this is our prayer for her: 'O Lord grant unto her eternal rest. May legions of angels greet her, and may she be conducted to a place of light and peace forever. Amen.'

Private graveside services were held Saturday, December 19, 1998 at

11:00 a.m. at Cloverdale Memorial Park in Boise, Idaho with Rev. John Payne officiating. A Rose Ceremony honoring "Nanna" was held by four generations of her descendants. Interment was in Cloverdale Memorial Park, Boise.

OLAV RICHARD (OLE) OVERLIE
Born: January 28, 1912 - Died: May 24, 1998
Liberty County Times
May 27, 1998



Olav Overlie

Olav Richard ("Ole") Overlie was born on January 28th, 1912 near Terry, Montana. He was one of two sons born to Paul and Anna (Moen) Overlie. He grew up and received his education at Terry, graduating from Terry High School in 1930. He attended a business school at Minot,

North Dakota before returning to the family farm at Terry. He also worked on the Fort Peck Dam in the early 1930's.

Ole married Elaine E. Graw at Wibaux, Montana on December 23rd, 1935. They farmed at Terry until 1949, when Olav operated "Overlie Electric". They moved to Bozeman in 1952. They lived and raised their family in Bozeman for the next 20 years. While there Olav worked as a surveyor in oil exploration and for the U.S. Forest Service. He semi-retired in 1972 and they moved to Missoula. Two years later they moved to Shelby to be closer to several of their children.

Elaine passed away in 1990. That same year Olav moved to Chester to live at the Sweetgrass Lodge. When his health failed in 1993, he transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home. He died at the Chester hospital on the afternoon of Sunday (May 24th, 1998). He was 86 years old.

Ole enjoyed photography, many years ago he had his own dark room so he could process his own photos. He also enjoyed wood-working and he was an avid reader. He and Elaine made several memorable trips together during their 55 years of married life. His family will remember his good sense of humor and they are happy that his memory and mentality remained good until the day of his death.

Olav is survived by five children and their spouses, including two sons, Paul (and Dorothe) Overlie of Chester and Eric Overlie (and Kate Bradley) of Belgrade; three daughters, Donna Overlie of Shelby, Mary Overlie of Bozeman, and Deborah (and Bill) White of Bozeman; a daughter-in-

law, Bonnie Overlie of Chester; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife and parents, a son (Richard), his brother (Fritz), and a great-grandson.

Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday (May 28th) at the Chester Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

JENNIE PIKE
Born: December 25, 1911 - Died : May 3, 1998
Sentinel Havre
May 13, 1998

JENNIE PIKE

Jennie Pike, 86, died Sunday, May 3, 1998, at a Havre hospital of natural causes.

Pike was born Dec. 25, 1911, in Harvey, N.D., to Olaf and Carrie Anderson Brooten. The family came to Box Elder to homestead in 1912. Later they moved to a farm by Kremlin, and in 1927 to Inverness.

She married Bob Pike in 1931, and they later divorced.

In 1945 she moved to Havre and worked in a number of bars to support her family. She retired in 1979.

She lived in the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, now the Northern Montana Care Center, since Dec. 1, 1989.

Pike was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

She is survived by a daughter, Betty Church of Billings; a son, James Pike of Butte; five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

HELEN (SEIDEL) PIMLEY
Born: March 24, 1933 - Died : August 15, 1998
Liberty County Times
August 19, 1998

Helen Pimley

Helen (Seidel) Pimley, age 65, died from cancer on August 15, 1998 in Minden, Nevada.

Helen was born in Havre March 24, 1933 at the family home southeast of Havre, to Charles and Anna (Gust) Seidel. She attended Presentation School of Nursing in Miles City where she graduated as a registered nurse in 1955. She joined three other sisters Marian Dumas, Dorothy Cormany, and Agnes Millner as registered nurses. She then worked at Liberty County Hospital and Northern Montana Hospital before moving to Nevada.

On November 3, 1956 she married Percy (Tiny) Pimley in Havre. Following their marriage they lived in Havre and Lincoln, Montana and Minden, Nevada.

Helen was devoted to her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband; a son Mark Pimley; seven daughters Jane Heaser, Ellen Albitzer, Susan Ratz, Ruth Jibson, Stella Parker, Anna Mattox, and Judy Pierce; three brothers Donald Seidel of Great Falls, Raymond Seidel of Olympia, Washington, and Joe Seidel of Havre; five sisters Gertrude Loveland of Portland, Oregon, Marion Dumas, Dorothy Cormany, Agnes Millner, and Loretta Fredrickson all of Havre; 12 grandchildren; aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, and a sister Esther Zorko.

ARTHUR H. RAMBO

Born: August 6, 1919 - Died: July 14, 1998

Liberty County Times

July 22, 1998



Arthur Rambo

Arthur H. Rambo, 78 years of age, a farmer/rancher and resident of Gildford, Montana died July 14, 1998 at a Havre hospital of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 17, at First Lutheran Church in Havre with Pastor Walt Nelson officiating. Burial was at Highland Cemetery with military graveside honors. Memorials in Mr. Rambo's name may be made to the Havre-Hill County Library and/or the Gildford Park. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Art was born August 6, 1919 at rural Hingham, Montana the son of William and Elsie (Knutson) Rambo.

He attended school in Hingham and graduated from Hingham High School in 1936. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II. After his discharge Art returned to Hingham and served as a mail carrier for south Hingham for five years.

On May 4, 1952 at Hingham, he married the former Millie Ellingson. The couple lived five miles NW of Gildford where they raised their family.

Art was chairman of the Gildford School Board, and later chairman of the KG School Board. He was a member of the school board during the consolidation of the Gildford and Kremlin schools. In 1972 Art was the Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Hill County Conservation District. He was the first elected Hill County Commissioner in 1977, serving for 13 years. Art was also chairman of the Northcentral Montana Community Mental Health Center from April of 1978-January 1979. Art enjoyed reading and telling stories. He was a member of the Eagles Club and the National Modern Woodman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, two sisters and one grandson.

He is survived by this wife Millie Rambo of Gildford, daughter Karen and son-in-law (Doug) Ferris of Choteau, Montana, daughter Kathy and son-in-law (Gary) Glock of Havre, Montana; son Steve Rambo of Havre, Montana, son Curt Rambo and

daughter-in-law Mary Kay of Gildford, and daughter Kim and son-in-law (Mark) Reinmuth of Havre, Montana; one sister Edith Dolezal of Havre, Montana; and grandchildren: Eric and Kristal Ferris, Trina and Savannah Glock, Amie Rambo Thompson and her husband, Scott, Chase, Mandy, and Zack Rambo, Ryan and Tyler Reinmuth.

Soloist was Dave Rice who sang "In the Garden," "The Lord's Prayer," and "The Wind Beneath My Wings." The congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace," and "How Great Thou Art."

Military graveside honors were by the United Veterans in Havre.

CLARK ELDON RICHTER
Born: June 19, 1942 - Died : May 23, 1998
Great Falls Tribune
May 29, 1998

Clarke Eldon Richter

HAVRE — Pharmacist Clarke Eldon Richter, 55, died in his sleep Saturday in Phoenix.

Memorial services are 10 a.m. Monday at Messiah Lutheran Church in Havre.

He was born June 19, 1942, in Fargo, N.D., attended school in Big Sandy and graduated from Havre High School in 1961, where he played football and basketball. He played football for Northern Montana College, and graduated from the School of Pharmacy at the University of Montana in 1966.

He married Katherine Kammerzell in 1965; they later divorced. He owned and operated Owl Drug in Havre from 1966 to 1984. He left Havre in 1986, and was a pharmacist in Wyoming and Arizona.

He had been active in many community and civic activities.

Survivors include sons, Jeffrey Richter of Great Falls and Jonathon Richter of Missoula; a daughter, Richelle Amelsberg of Ely, Nev.; his father and stepmother, Vern and Helen Richter of Big Sandy; brothers, Ric Richter of Arizona, Rhett Richter of Glendive, Michael Richter of Milwaukee, Wis., and Douglas Richter of Big Sandy; a sister, Jan Holmquist of Bozeman; and two grandchildren.

The coroner has not determined the cause of death.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN RIGG
Born: August 9, 1919 - Died: September 17, 1998
Liberty County Times
September 23, 1998

Robert Rigg

Robert Christian Rigg was born at Rudyard, Montana on August 9, 1919. He was one of three children born to Otto M. Rigg and Charlotte P. Gorder. Robert grew up in Rudyard and received his education there, graduating from Rudyard High School in 1937. He attended Northern Montana College in Havre for a while, then began working for the C.C.C. (Civilian Conservation Corps).

In February of 1942 Robert enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He served during World War II in the European, African, and Middle-Eastern Theatres. His military job was sheet metal mechanics. He was honorably discharged in October of 1945.

Robert returned to Montana where he began farming at Rudyard. In addition, he took over his father's job as operator of the McCabe Elevator in Rudyard. He held that position until the elevator changed ownership about 10 years later.

In 1958 Robert and a Rudyard friend Buster Ness went into the bowling business in Spokane, Washington. They built and operated the "Baghdad Bowling Alley" at Airway Heights. In addition Robert worked at the Spokane missile silos.

In 1966 Robert purchased a bowling alley at Crosby, North Dakota. He ran this business for a few years, then sold it and returned to Rudyard. While there he worked in the spraying business for Ag Air.

Robert suffered a severe stroke in 1974. The stroke caused some paralysis and debilitation, so Robert moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester, where he has lived since. Recently, he was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital. He died there on the morning of Thursday, September 17, 1998. He was 79 years old.

Robert was baptized and confirmed at the Lutheran church in Rudyard. He was a life member of the Chester V.F.W. Before his stroke, he enjoyed

old cars and spending time with his Hi-Line buddies. After moving to the rest home, Robert spent countless hours assembling pictorial jigsaw puzzles. In fact, a special wall at the nursing home displayed his puzzles and was appropriately called the "Rigg Gallery."

Robert never married. His survivors include a sister Dorothy Lloyd and husband John of St. Louis, Missouri; a brother Fred Rigg and wife LuAnna of Rudyard; and 6 nephews. Robert was preceded in death by his parents and one niece.

Memorial services were at 3:00 p.m. Monday, September 21, 1998 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Rev. Bart Coleman officiating. Sharon Spicher played an organ rendition of "On Eagle's Wings" and the congregation sang "Beautiful Savior" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Honorary bearers were listed as "all of Robert's friends." Burial of ashes followed at the Rudyard Cemetery. Concluding graveside prayers was military taps and presentation of the flag. A coffee hour was held at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

GLADYS NAOMI ROBERSON

Born: January 29, 1920 - Died: October 2, 1998

Liberty County Times

October 7, 1997



Gladys Roberson

Gladys Naomi Roberson was born at Blossom, Texas, Lamar County on January 29, 1920. She was the third of four daughters born to Roy Jones and Esther Grayson. Gladys grew up in Lamar County and received her formal education there.

In 1952 Gladys and her young family moved to Hampton, Virginia. While there she met and married Case Roberson. In the years that followed, Gladys worked diligently as a homemaker and mother of four.

By the late 1960s Gladys was a young widow with grown children. She loved music and was looking for an opportunity to stay busy and share her musical talents. So during this time she became an integral part of the "James Family Trio." The two other members of the group were her sister and brother-in-law (Margaret and Jess Spicher). The musical trio traveled for several years throughout the U.S. and Canada, sharing gospel music in small communities and churches along the way. During their three-year stint they recorded five albums of gospel hymns.

In 1976 Gladys decided to move to Montana to be near her youngest daughter Gayle and family. She rented a small home in Chester and began working as a clerk at the Liberty County Treasurer's Office. She loved this job which she held until her retirement in 1984.

Gladys moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in 1987 and lived there from that time on. This past May she suffered a debilitating stroke which required extended care. Gladys transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home where she passed away on Friday morning October 2, 1998. She was 78 years old.

Gladys had many interests. She enjoyed crocheting, sewing and handiwork; she made afghans and other knitted products for all of her

family members. She was an exceptional cook and had a flair for Southern cooking, and she made the most wonderful soups and green chili! Although she lived alone, it wasn't unusual for her to make a full-course meal, and she loved to entertain her friends at the Lodge. On a personal note, she prepared and shared lunch every day with her grandson James during his high school years in Chester.

In addition to singing, Gladys played the piano, guitar and ukulele. She loved to play chords and sing cute little songs to her grandkids. After moving to the Lodge, Gladys joined the Chuckwagon Band and played the saxophone kazoo. When the Chuckwagon Band disbanded, Gladys remained active in the "Swingin' Seniors Band" at the Lodge.

Gladys served as vice president on the Liberty County Council on Aging. In addition, she was the regular Bingo caller at the Senior Center in Chester. She loved to travel and made memorable trips to Hawaii and Europe. In her quiet time at home she enjoyed "seek & find," crossword and picture puzzles. She collected matchbooks and a few other things.

Gladys loved her family and would do anything possible for them. In contrast she loved to have her family dote over her; it was fun being the "center of attention" with those she loved!

She is survived by one son Tony Duncan of Seguin, Texas; three daughters and their spouses Charlotte and Don Goodson of Round Hill, Virginia, Brenda and Zeb Morgan of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Gayle and Don Dahlen of Chester, Montana; ten grandchildren including Debbie Duncan, Cindy Koran, Luanne Greene, Don Goodson Jr., Dale Goodson, Karen Morgan, Tyler Morgan, Jeff Dahlen, Teresa Terry, and James Dahlen; seven great-grandchildren including Mary and Laura Koran, Maria and James Goodson, Nathan Greene, and Britton and Bryant Ceynar; three sisters Margaret Spicher of Garland, Texas, Helen Dennis of Sumner, Texas, and Edna Doyal of Universal City, Texas; and several nieces and nephews. Gladys was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 6, 1998 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Rev. Peter Erickson officiating. Gladys' granddaughters read scripture passages. Eulogist was Rlynn Rockman. Jan Christofferson played a piano medley of Gladys' favorite songs. Karen Stack was organist; the processional hymn was "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" and the recessional hymn was "It Is Well With My Soul." The vocal duet of Anne Melton and Brian Barrows performed "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow," "Precious Memories," and "Who at my Door Is Standing." Ushers were Dallas and Millie Dentler. The grandsons including honorary grandson Adam Standiford, served as pallbearers. Memorial bearers were Gladys' friends at the Sweetgrass Lodge. Burial was at the Chester Cemetery. A trumpet rendition of "Amazing Grace" was played at the cemetery services, then the family released balloons in memory of Gladys. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Memorials will be given to the LCH & NH or the Sweetgrass Lodge.

ELIZABETH SCHALLER
Born: October 23, 1899 - Died: September 30, 1998
Liberty County Times
October 7, 1998

Elizabeth Schaller

Elizabeth Schaller, 98 years of age, a homemaker and former resident of Havre, Montana and living at the Columbia Lutheran Home in Seattle, Washington for the past six years, died on September 30, 1998 at the Home, of natural causes.

Elizabeth was born October 23, 1899 in Russia, the daughter of John and Catherine (Mangold) Heck. In 1909 at age 10, her family moved to North Dakota where they settled. Later the family moved to Inverness, Montana. In 1916 at Goldstone, Montana, she married Andrew Schaller. Mr. Schaller died in 1962. Elizabeth lived at Goldstone until 1957, and then moved to Havre. In 1985 she moved to Seattle, Washington and lived with her daughter Dorothy.

Elizabeth enjoyed cards, sewing, gardening and flowers. She was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church Catholic Daughters, and the Havre

Eagles Club.

She is survived by four daughters: Magdalen Yorde of Nelsonville, Ohio, Marian Schaller of Los Angeles, California, Elizabeth (Beth) Blevins of Havre, Montana, and Dorothy Carbone of Seattle, Washington; three sisters Frances Wendland of Ruyard, Montana, Jenny Schwanzenberger and Barbara Hagel both of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; 22 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband; one son John Schaller; twin brothers John and Frank Heck, sisters Tillie, Mary Rose, and Helen; and one grandson Glennie.

A Vigil Service was held at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, October 4 at Holland & Bonine Chapel in Havre. Funeral Mass was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 5, 1998 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre with Father Robert D. Grosch officiating. Pallbearers were John Schaller, Allen Schaller, Dave Wendland, Ron Wagner, John McGee and Harlan Schmidt. Ushers were Corey Schmidt and Chuck Yorde. Regina Gabriel was organist and vocal soloist was Marcus Jochim who sang selected musical selections. Altar servers were Marc Mariani, Brittany Job and Scott Robinson. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials in Mrs. Schaller's honor may be made to Columbia Lutheran Home, 4700 Phnney Ave. N, Seattle, WA 98103. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

VIVIAN VIOLA (CROFOOT) SCHROUDER
Born: April 20, 1915 - Died: May 29, 1998
Liberty County Times
June 3, 1998

Vivian Schrouder

Vivian Viola (Crofoot) Schrouder, age 83, died Friday evening May 29, 1998 from a heart condition at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, where she had been a patient for the past two weeks.

Vivian was born on the prairie homestead west of Big Sandy, Montana on April 20, 1915. She was one of three children born to Roy and Itha (Minter) Crofoot. Vivian attended the Lincoln country school and completed her education in Big Sandy, graduating from high school there in 1932.

Vivian married Eugene Schrouder on October 24, 1934 at Fort Benton. They lived and worked on the prairie during those early years. In 1943 they moved north of the Marias River to the Phon Adams place, which is located 23 miles south of Rudyard. They made their home on this farm for the rest of their married life. They continued to live on the farm after their retirement in 1977. Eugene's health had recently failed, so they were moving to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester to be closer to medical facilities. Vivian suffered a heart attack two weeks ago and her condition slowly deteriorated until her death this past Friday.

Vivian was a charter member of the Big Sandy Historical Society. She had always been interested in preserving history and tracing her ancestry, and she instilled this notion in her daughters. Of interest was the fact that she fabricated a homestead map of the Big Sandy area many years ago for posterity's sake. In addition she

wrote a newspaper column for over 40 years for the *Big Sandy Mountaineer* and the *Fort Benton River Press*.

Vivian loved handiwork like crocheting, knitting, and sewing. In fact, this past year she made three Log Cabin quilts for family members. Other interests included flower gardening, cooking, reading, and playing cards (she was especially fond of Pinochle). In addition to farming, the Schrouders raised registered Hereford cattle. Vivian was proud to be a Montana farmwife and homemaker, and she was happy during her 63-1/2 years of marriage to Eugene.

Survivors include her husband Eugene, presently residing at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester; two daughters Jean Fisher of Lewistown and Carolyn Shurvinton and husband Jim of Port Angeles, Washington; two grandchildren Robert Fisher of Lewistown and Janelle Rice of Havre; two great-granddaughters Jamie and Jackie Rice of Havre; one sister Florence Ketterling of Big Sandy; one sister-in-law Hope Crofoot of Hamilton; and several nieces and nephews. Vivian was preceded in death by her parents, by her brother Gordyn Crofoot, and by a nephew Phillip Buckley.

Memorials may be given to the Big Sandy Historical Society, the Rudyard Historical Society, or the charity of donor's choice.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 4, 1998 at Rohrer United Methodist Church in Big Sandy. Interment will follow in the Big Sandy Cemetery.

Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

JOE ANTON GEORGE SCHWEITZER
Born: September 17, 1929 - Died: September 18, 1998
Liberty County Times
September 23, 1998



Joe Schweitzer

Joseph Anton George Schweitzer was born at home in Goldstone, Montana on September 17, 1929. He was the eldest of 12 children born to Anton and Elizabeth (Roth)

Schweitzer. Joe grew up in the Rudyard community and graduated from Rudyard High School in 1948. He began working as a bartender at the V.F.W. Club in Rudyard. In the years that followed, Joe was employed by various Hi-Line farmers and carpenters, and he also drove bus for the Inverness School system.

In 1956 Joe purchased the Hingham Bar, a business he owned and operated for 30+ years. In 1968 he married Betty Jo Riley in Hingham. Their marriage ended in divorce. Joe sold his bar and retired in 1989. He moved to Havre and lived at the Eagles Manor from that time on.

Joe's health had deteriorated in recent years. He was recently admitted to Northern Montana Hospital in Havre where he died on the evening of Friday, September 18, 1998. The day before his death he turned 69 years old.

Joe was baptized at the old Goldstone Catholic Church north of Rudyard. In later years he was active at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness where he sang in the church choir. He also attended church at Our Lady of Ransom in Hingham.

Joe loved music and singing; years ago he was a member of a barbershop quartet in Havre. He enjoyed playing cards and pool with his friends. Joe also enjoyed bowling in the Rudyard leagues (of interest was the fact that Joe and his bowling partners were all large men, so they became affectionately known as the "Fat Man's Team"). In addition, Joe was an avid sports fan of both professional sports and Hi-Line high school events. He enjoyed traveling to activities with his friends. Joe was a loyal community man. He attended most of the local funerals to offer love and support to his friends in need.

Joe is survived by his mother Elizabeth Schweitzer of Havre; his step-son Nelson Riley of Charlotte, North Carolina; two grandchildren; seven brothers Leander of Rudyard, Willy of Reno, Nevada, Ed of Hingham, Marvin of Troy, Richard of St. George, Utah, Donnie of Sparks, Nevada, and Randy of Sparks, Nevada; three sisters Helen McCann of Indian Harbor Beach, Florida, Leona Lakman of Bountiful, Utah, and Beverly Smith of Reno, Nevada; and many nephews and nieces. Joe was preceded in death by his father and a brother (Lawrence).

Vigil Prayers were 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 22, 1998 at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham.

The Funeral Mass will be 11:00 a.m. today (Wednesday) September 23, 1998 at the church with Father Humphrey Courtney celebrating. Iris White will be organist and Marcus Jochim will sing "Amazing Grace" and "On Eagle's Wings." Pallbearers will be Chris Richter, Bill Spicher, Darryl Spicher, Dalton Dahlke, LaNay Kapperud, and Roger Haas. Burial will follow in the Hingham Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

FLORENCE M. (FROMM) SEVERUD
Born: August 25, 1914 - Died: January ?, 1998
Liberty County Times
January 28, 1998

Florence Severud

Florence M. (Fromm) Severud, age 83, a former educator and longtime Hingham-area resident, died of natural causes in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Services were held in Scottsdale. Memorials are suggested to the Hingham Lutheran Church, Hingham, Montana 59528, or to Yellowstone Boys Ranch Foundation, P.O. Box 80807, Billings, MT 59108-0807.

She was born August 25, 1914 in Whittlash, and grew up in the Sweetgrass Hills area. After graduating from Chester High School, she earned a teaching degree from Northern Montana College and taught at rural schools north of Hingham.

In 1934 she married Miram Severud in Chester. They lived in Hingham for many years before retiring to Polson. They spent winters in Scottsdale and moved there permanently several years ago.

Her husband died in 1993.

Survivors include two daughters Kay Wortman of Scottsdale, and Marlene Sackett of Tempe, Arizona; a son Lowell Severud of Spokane; a sister Helen Campbell of Kennewick, Washington; 10 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

PEARL LILLIAN (TUTVEDT) SHEPHERD
Born: May 4, 1925 - Died: June 19, 1998

Liberty County Times
June 24, 1998



Pearl Shepherd

Pearl Lillian (Tutvedt) Shepherd was born May 4, 1925 at Chester, Montana. She was the oldest of three daughters born to Myrtle Oveida Brevik and Peder Johannes Tutvedt. She received her education at Galata School and Chester High School.

On June 2, 1943 Pearl married Harold Lloyd Shepherd in Spokane, Washington where Harold was employed by the Caterpillar Machinery Company. Later that fall they moved to the family farm south of Chester, where they made their home and raised their two children: daughter Myrna Rae (born April of 1944) and son Harley Gene (born April of 1946).

Pearl was active in the Chester community. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, had served as a community fund drive worker, was treasurer for the American Legion Auxiliary, and had been active in Lionettes and the Sons of Norway organizations. Her hobbies and interests included dancing, bowling (she attended several State Bowling Tournaments over the years), photography, playing cards, and occasionally golfing. She enjoyed shopping - she loved to give gifts to family and friends. Pearl also collected spoons, enjoyed chatting on the phone, listening to the radio, and traveling. She spent a few years with Harold and then after his death, being a "snowbird" in Mesa, Arizona.

The coffee pot was always on at Pearl's house. She loved to cook; her apple pies and chocolate chip cookies were the best! Pop and candy was always available, and of course, you could have all you wanted.

Pearl was an avid Chester Coyote fan and supporter of school activities. She and Harold drove many miles (to attend or haul students) to various school and community functions. Pearl thoroughly enjoyed this, and she was proud of her good driving record - no tickets or accidents!

Pearl filled her life with family, friends, and farmwife activities. She loved to attend family gatherings and reunions, and rarely missed her monthly birthday luncheons for friends. Grandson Curt's pet dog "Dozer" watched out for Pearl, who treated the dog royally for many years. Pearl's biggest joy was participating in the lives of her children and grandchildren.

Pearl was Norwegian and proud of it. Her sisters Ruby and Arlene were an important part of her life; the three sisters were always there for each other. She admired her father Peder, who left Norway at age 19 to start a new life in America. Pearl was happy growing up on the family farm north of Galata and then living on the Shepherd farm south of Chester for the past 55 years.

Pearl is a beautiful name for a caring, giving, nurturing, and generous person. She took an interest in everyone and gave unconditional love. She made the best of life and its circumstances, she was exactly the same on all sides, she was smooth, and she shined brightly! Her legacy of kindness will be forever mounted as a magnificent gem stone in the hearts and souls of many lives.

Pearl passed away peacefully on Friday morning, June 19, 1998 at her daughter's home in Great Falls. She had cancer and was being cared for by her family and hospice nurses. She was 73 years old.

She was preceded in death by her son in 1968, her husband in 1973, a step-sister (Esther Older) and two step-brothers (Owen and Burnell Hill),

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law Myrna and Gene Cady of Great Falls; two grandsons Chris and Lisa of Belgrade, and Curt and Katie of Butte; two great-grandsons Alex and Drew; two sisters Arlene Shepherd of Kalispell, and Ruby and Lyle Glee of Galata; one step-brother Don and Dorothy Hill of Hamilton; three sisters-in-law Nina Shepherd of Bellingham, Washington, MaryAnna and John Zauner of Kalispell, and Dixie and Cliff Tye of Duluth, Minnesota; two brothers-in-law Robert Bracken of Lake Oswego, Oregon, and Neil and Alice Shepherd of Chester; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 22 at the Chester United Methodist Church. The services were officiated by Rev. Kama Morton and Rev. Steve VanGilder. Gail Cicon served as organist and the congregation sang "Harvest Time." Denise Shaw sang "How Great Thou Art" and Kama Morton sang "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" and "On Eagle's Wings." A special reading entitled "Life Everlasting" was shared by Irene Cady. Greeter was Wayne Wardell, and ushers were Bill Harmon and Larry Hendrickson. Pearl's nieces and nephews served as pallbearers and "all of her friends and neighbors" were listed as honorary bearers. Following prayers and a balloon ceremony at the Chester Cemetery, pie and coffee was served at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Swimming Pool, the United Methodist Church or any cancer foundation of donor's choice.

LEONARD W. SHERMAN
Born: March 24, 1917- Died: January 21, 1998
The Sentinel - Havre
February 4, 1998

LEONARD W. SHERMAN

Leonard W. Sherman, 80, a retired farmer and mechanic and a long time resident of Havre, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1998, at a Havre hospital of natural causes.



Sherman

Sherman was born March 24, 1917, at Helena to George and Georgina (Morris) Sherman of the north Rudyard community. He attended Swift rural school and graduated from Rudyard High School.

He was a WWII army veteran and served from 1941-1945. Upon his return he farmed with his father, later taking over the family farm.

On Nov. 12, 1950, he married Esther Jensen. She died Aug. 12, 1962.

In 1963 he moved to Havre to be with his mother. He worked for Nordling & Tweeten and later for Eaves Equipment as a mechanic. He retired in 1982.

On June 20, 1965, he married Dorothy Lathrop. She died April 23, 1996.

He was a member of the Havre VFW, the St. Jude KCs, and the St. Jude Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Gordon; sister, Gertrude Jewell Pruys; and his two wives.

He is survived by a son, Melvin Sherman of Inman, S.C.; sister, Helen Sherman of Great Falls; step-daughters, Linda Redding of Spokane, Evelyn Patton of Bozeman, Juanita Engebretson of Havre, Beverly Koutnik of Spokane; several grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

SHERMAN M. SIMONSON
Born: ? 1930 - Died: February 17, 1998
Liberty County Times
February 25, 1998

Sherman Simonson

Sherman M. Simonson, 68, died Tuesday, February 17, 1998 in a hospital in Abilene, Texas. Graveside services were 3:00 pm Friday, Feb. 20, at Ft. Phantom Hill Cemetery, with Rev. Rudy Fambrough officiating, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, Abilene, Texas.

Mr. Simonson was born in Viking, Minnesota, and had lived in Abilene since 1967, moving there from East Grand Forks, Minnesota. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a retired truck driver, having worked for Pride Refinery for 13 years.

He married Kathryn Edinger in Grand Forks, North Dakota in 1991.

He was a member of Mission Covenant Church.

Survivors include his wife Kathryn of Nugent, Texas; a son Tom Simonson of Georgetown Texas; two daughters Laura Cabrera of Hawley, Texas, and Cindy Proffitt of Hamby, Texas; a brother Jerome Simonson of Power, Montana; two sisters Mary Ann Haugen of Ft. Benton, Montana, and Allene Johnson of Grand Marsh, Wisconsin; and eight grandchildren.

FRED SITCH

Born: August 3, 1908 - Died: December 9, 1998

Liberty County Times
December 16, 1998



Fred Sitch

Fred Sitch was born at Kief, North Dakota on August 3, 1908. His parents Gust Sitch and Bessie Trihub, were Russian immigrants who had eight children after coming to the United States. Fred grew up and received his formal education in North Dakota. He farmed with his step-father until 1940 when he came to Montana.

Fred arrived in Chester, Montana with \$3 in his pocket. Within a day he had a job on a local farm. In the few years that followed, Fred met a lot of people in the Chester community; he always said that Chester was a "very friendly town."

After the outbreak of World War II, Fred enlisted in the US Army. He served from 1942-1945 in campaigns at Normandy, northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and central Europe. He attained the rank of Corporal in Company C of the 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion. Following his honorable discharge he returned to Montana, where he continued working for Chester area farmers.

On Dec. 24, 1949 Fred married Gertrude A. Thielman at Kalispell. They made their home in Chester. In the early 1950's Fred worked for Montana/Dakota Utilities when they installed the gas lines in Chester. In 1959 he began farming for the Lenz Corporation north of town. He held this job until his retirement in 1979 (when he retired, the Lenz family provided a paid trip for Fred and Gertie to Washington, DC).

Fred's wife Gertie died on June 11, 1983. The following year he met a widowed lady, Myra May Ross. They were married in Shelby on July 1, 1984 (of interest was the fact that they were the first couple to use the honeymoon suite at the new Crossroads Inn Motel in Shelby).

Fred and Myra Sitch have lived in Chester and have been active in the community during the past 14 years. Fred developed cancer several years ago and he battled back from treatments and chemotherapy. His health recently deteriorated and he was admitted to the Liberty County Hospital

in Chester where he died on the evening of Wednesday, December 9, 1998. He was 90 years old.

Fred was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church; he was a past council member and always enjoyed procuring/decorating the church Christmas tree with Gertie in those early years. In addition he was a lifetime member of the local VFW organizations.

Fred and Myra started the local Chuck Wagon Band, a group of senior citizens who played entertaining music with homemade instruments. Fred's selected instrument was the washtub drum.

In his younger years Fred enjoyed fishing. He also liked cards, especially pinochle. In his quiet time at home he enjoyed reading newspapers so he could keep up on local and current events. He was an amateur violinist and he loved licorice candy. Fred developed many friendships, so it was natural for him to attend all of the local social events (like weddings and funerals). Although Fred never had any children of his own, Myra's family and his loyal nephews/nieces were always there to fill that void. And Fred was always happy and proud to be part of their lives.

Survivors include his wife, Myra Sitch of Chester; three sisters, Alma

Strilcov of Lacey, Washington, Evelyn Winslow of Olympia, Washington, and Lucille Peasley of Otis Orchard, Washington; two step-daughters, Glenda Keune of Chester, and Cheryl Hughes of Hamilton; ten grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Fred was preceded in death by his first wife, his parents, his step-father, two sisters (Stella and Elsie), and two brothers (Philip and Peter).

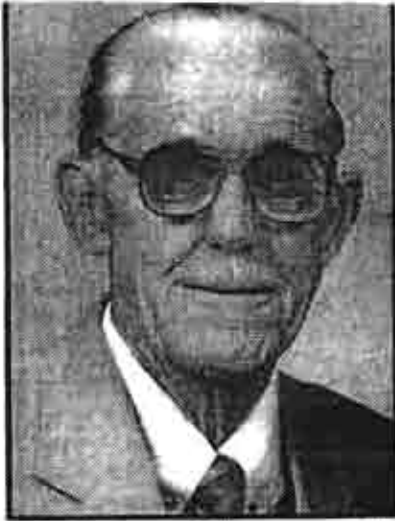
Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 12 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Rev. Peter Erickson officiating. Karen Stack was organist and the congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross." Ken Overcast, guitarist/vocalist performed "Fred's Mansion," and "I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop." Additional vocal music included "How Great Thou Art" by Kama Morton and "Special Delivery" by Curt Curtis. Selected poems were read by Tara Thielman and Gary Jensen. Ushers were Wilbur Eveland and Jerry Larson. Pallbearers were Ronald Greer, Charlie Thielman, Greg Thielman, Lyle Glee, Pete Coje and Gary Jensen. Burial was at the Chester Cemetery. The flag presentation was by Gale Thielman. A luncheon followed at the church fellowship hall. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Memorials will be given to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, the Liberty County Hospital, or donor's choice.

PALMER SKONORD

Born: December 13, 1909 - Died: March 26, 1998

Liberty County Times

April 1, 1998



Palmer Skonord

Palmer Skonord was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 13, 1909. His parents were Lars and Gustava (Johnson) Skonord. The Skonord's came to Montana in 1914 and homesteaded in the north Joplin community. Palmer grew up on the family farm and received his education at Joplin, graduating from high school there in 1927. Following a year at Kinman Business College in Spokane, Palmer returned to the Hi-Line community. He began working in the trucking business where he hauled livestock, grains, coal, and other commodities in north central Montana.

On June 15, 1935 Palmer married Elizabeth P. Pimley at Joplin. Soon after, they moved to the Skonord homestead 21 miles north of town. It was there that they raised their family and farmed/ranched together the rest of their working lives.

Palmer developed cardio-respiratory problems in 1972, so they retired from farming. They purchased a home in Chester in 1974 and have lived there since. Palmer's health continued to deteriorate so he transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in June of 1997. He passed away at the rest home on the early morning of Thursday, March 26, 1998. He was 88 years old.

Palmer was confirmed at Bethel Church in Joplin. During their married years on the farm, Palmer and Beth were members of the Immanuel parish. After retiring to Chester, they became active at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Palmer had been a member of the "Sons of Norway" and served on the Tingdahl Country School Board years ago. During their retirement years in Chester the Skonords enjoyed the fellowship at the Senior Center.

In his younger days Palmer liked to

go dancing, hunting, and fishing. He was always proud of his vegetable garden and enjoyed working in his yard. He was self-taught in mechanical, electrical, and carpentry skills, and his family described him as a "Mr. Fix-it." During those non-farming months Palmer enjoyed working with Maynard Odegard on various construction projects throughout the Hi-Line. Palmer was not afraid of hard work or new challenges, and the jobs he did were always done to perfection.

In his quiet time at home he enjoyed jigsaw puzzles and cards (especially Pinochle and Whist). Palmer looked forward to visits from his family. If you were fortunate to spend the night at Skonord's or happened to be there in the morning, you could always count on a delicious breakfast prepared by Palmer!

On a personal note, Palmer was a strong-willed and opinionated man. He maintained a "zest for life" with his quick wit and good sense of humor. He was a dedicated husband and father, and was happy during his 62+ years of married life with Beth.

In addition to his wife, Palmer is survived by two daughters, Geri Broadhurst (and husband Bud) of Ledger, and Beverly Green (and husband Leroy) of Chester; one son Rudy Skonord (and wife Karen) of Kalispell; one sister Alma Hadford of Joplin; one brother Rudolph Hjalmer Skonord of Mount Vernon, Washington; 15 grandchildren (includ-

ing Kim, Patti, Joan, Tara, Craig, Rory, Wendy, Toni, Jani, Micah, Jessica, Casey, Debbie, Daren and Darwin); 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Palmer was preceded in death by two sons (Gary Palmer Skonord who died at age 2 of Scarlet Fever in 1937, and Gary Dean Skonord who died at age 16 in an auto accident in 1955), by his parents, and by numerous siblings (Trygve Skonord, Ellen Zorn, and Estella Pimley to name a few). Funeral service will be 11:00 am Wednesday, April 1, 1998 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Rev. Darrell Cousino officiating. Interment will follow in the Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

Special readings by grandchildren will include scriptures by Debbie Skonord, poem by Toni Hedeman, and eulogy by Daren Skonord. Special music by the Broadhurst granddaughters will include "Daddy's Hands" and "On the Wings of a Dove." All of the granddaughters will sing one of Palmer's favorites "Nearer The Cross." The congregation will sing "How Great Thou Art" and a special taped song by Lary Melby "You've Got My Heart In Your Hands" will be played. Pallbearers and ushers will be Rory Anderson, Craig Broadhurst, Daren Skonord, Dean Stensland, Keith Danreuther, Larry Wood, Micah Green, Darwin Skonord and Casey Green. Honorary bearers are Palmer's nephews and his other good friends. A luncheon will follow at Kjos Hall.

Karen Stack, Organist Juanita Wardell accompanied the congregation who sang "Just As I Am" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Pallbearers were Michael Nuesch, John Englund, Urban Kultgen, Kurt Kammerzell, Burton Bosch and Loyd Boyer. Honorary bearers were Mark Eveland, Rachel Eveland and Eric Nuesch. Ushers were Lowell Miller and Kenneth Kuenzel. Esther was buried at the Chester Cemetery next to her husband, Dick. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the church.

KAREN LOUISE SOLUM

Born: September 1, 1903 - Died: June 5, 1998

Liberty County Times

June 10, 1998



Karen Solum

Karen Louise Solum, age 94, died Friday evening June 5, 1998 of natural causes at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester.

Karen was born at Pigeon Falls, Wisconsin on September 1, 1903. She was the eldest of six children born to Norwegian immigrants Helge and Oline (Hagen) Spaberg. The Spabergs moved to North Dakota when Karen was six years old, then continued west to Montana in 1912. They homesteaded 13 miles south of Inverness. Karen grew up on the family farm and received her formal education at the Spaberg country school.

At age 16 she moved to Minnesota to be near other family members. She lived at Elbow Lake for five years, where she worked as a waitress and telephone operator. In early 1925 her father became deathly ill, so she returned to Montana.

Karen married Edwin Solum on July 12, 1925 at Havre. They made their home on his homestead in the south Inverness community. In addition to farming and ranching, the Solums

raised a family of five children. They retired in 1964 but remained on the farm until 1975 when they moved to Rudyard. After 53 years of married life, Edwin passed away on March 9, 1978. Karen continued to live in Rudyard until her health failed in 1995, when she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. At the time of her death Karen was one of the oldest members of the Rudyard community.

Karen was a longtime member of the Black Coulee Home Demonstration Club and had served as a 4-H leader during those years her children were active. When the Rudyard school system started its hot lunch program in the late 1940's Karen worked as one of the first cooks for 4-5 years. She enjoyed her membership at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard and had been active in the Ladies Aide. In later years she was a member of the Rudyard Senior Citizens.

Karen's hobbies included crocheting, sewing and embroidery; she made many quilts and afghans over the years. She was an excellent cook who was known for her delicious breads and other fine foods. She played a great game of Pinochle as well as other card games. She enjoyed family outings and picnics. Karen loved to work in her flower garden and she raised the most beautiful African violets. In her quiet time she enjoyed reading.

Karen loved people. She will be remembered as a kind, caring lady with an infectious smile and a gentle heart.

Karen is survived by her daughter Evie Griffin and husband Phil of Puyallup, Washington; three sons and their spouses Glen and Irene Solum of Havre, Orville and Mary Ellen Solum of Rudyard, and Marcel and Myrl Solum of Rudyard; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; her sister

Sally Webbert of Spokane, Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, Karen was preceded in death by a daughter

(Helen Richter in 1987), by a sister (Clara), and by three brothers (John, Alfred and Olaf).

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 11 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Rev. Darrell Cousino will officiate. Ina White will be organist and the congregation will sing "Amazing Grace" and "Abide With Me." The vocal duet of Ken and Renae Solum will perform "In the Garden" and "Face to Face." Ushers will be Patti Hanses and Marcia Diemert. Karen's grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Following burial at the Rudyard Cemetery, a reception will be held at the church.

Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials are suggested to the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard, the Rudyard Historical Society, or donor's choice.

DONALD VERNON SPONHEIM

Born: January 21, 1933 - Died: December 4, 1998

Great Falls Tribune

December 7, 1998



Donald Vernon Sponheim

Born January 21, 1933, in Havre, Montana. Died December 4, 1998 in a local Hospital in Great Falls, MT. His parents, Peder and Genevieve Sponheim, preceded him in death.

In 1953 he married Patty Wehr. Later, he divorced and remarried to Joyce Stroop in 1967. She survives him along with one son Danny

Sponheim, of Great Falls, MT and two daughters, Donelle Bell, of McLean, Virginia, and Diana Jo Sponheim, of Great Falls, MT. Also surviving him are five grandchildren, 12 nieces & nephews, 3 great-nephews, and one sister, Donna Polanchek, of Fort Benton.

He was in Korea from 1951-1954 and flew a B-26 Gunner. He was the owner of Spoons One Way Saloon, and he previously owned and operated four bars. He loved flying, sports, arguing politics, and anything concerning the bar business and farming. He loved the game of golf. He enjoyed his home, friends, family, swimming pool and computers. He didn't enjoy traveling; Joyce went for both of them.

In 1950 he graduated from Joplin High School. He was a member of the VFW in Chester, MT., and a member of the Cascade County Tavern Assoc. and also the Montana Tavern Assoc. He received several medals while in the Air force, including the Korea Service Medal, the UN Services Medal, The National Defense Medal, and The Air Medal.

Memorials are suggested to The Neuropathy Assoc. Inc., Lincoln Building, 60 East 42nd St., Suite 942, New York, New York 10165., and the Peace Hospice, 125 N.W. Bypass, Great Falls MT. Funeral Services will be Tuesday December 8, 1998 at 2 P.M. in Craxford & Sons Rose Room with burial in the Highland Cemetery with Military Honors.

Donald Vernon Sponheim

Donald Vernon Sponheim, 65, of Great Falls, the owner of Spoons One Way Saloon, died Friday of heart failure in a local hospital.

His funeral is 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Rose Room at Craxford & Sons Funeral Home in Great Falls. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, with military honors. Memorials are suggested to the Neuropathy Association, Lincoln Building, 60 E. 42nd St., Suite 942, New York, NY 10165, or Peace Hospice, 125 Northwest Bypass, Great Falls, MT 59404.

Sponheim was born Jan. 21, 1933, in Havre. He graduated in 1950 from Joplin High School and served in the U.S. Air Force in Korea from 1951 to 1954, flying a B-26 Gunner. In 1953, he married Patty Wehr; they later divorced. In 1967, he married Joyce Stroop.

He owned Spoons One Way Saloon in Great Falls and had owned four other bars. He belonged to the VFW in Chester and the Cascade County and Montana tavern associations.

Sponheim enjoyed flying, sports, politics, computers, golf, the bar business and farming.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Danelle Bell of McLean, Va., and Diana Jo Sponheim of Great Falls; a sister, Donna Polanchek of Fort Benton; and five grandchildren.

BEN ALDRED SPRAGUE
Born: November 5, 1913 - Died : July 21, 1998
Liberty County Times
July 29, 1998

Ben Sprague

Ben Aldred Sprague, age 84, a lifelong resident of the Gildford community, died of natural causes on Tuesday afternoon July 21, 1998 at Northern Montana Care Center in Havre, Montana.

Ben was born at Great Falls, Montana on November 5, 1913. He was one of five children. His parents were Henry "Rocky" Sprague and Elizabeth VanAistine. Ben grew up on the family farm north of Gildford. He received his education at Gildford, graduating from high school there in 1934.

On October 28, 1934 he married Margaret A.Schwartz at Gildford. They spent their entire married life in the Gildford community, where they farmed and raised a family of six children. They retired in 1987. When Ben's health began to fail in 1996, he moved to the Care Center in Havre, where he lived until his death.

Ben loved his life as a Montana farmer. He had been an active member of the Montana Masons and several other lodge groups, including the Elks. He participated in the Gildford and Joplin Masonic Lodges, and was very proud of those 50+ years he served as a Mason. In fact, many of his favorite gifts and keepsakes were those items stamped with Masonic emblems. Ben's hobbies over the years included gardening, fishing, big game and bird hunting, and traveling. In his quiet hours at home he enjoyed reading business and financial publications.

Ben is survived by his wife of 64

years Margaret of Havre; three daughters Judy Meagher of Havre, Lana Connolly of Atlanta, Georgia, and Nancy Taylor of Olympia, Washington; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, by two daughters (Gwendolyn and Gail), by one son (Jeff), by three sisters (Betty, Mary and Martha), and by one brother (Jack).

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 27, 1998 at the Gildford Baptist Church with Pastor Eddie Fallo officiating. Terry Stevenson sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Precious Lord," and Paula Miller served as accompanist. Burial of ashes followed in the North Gildford Cemetery. A coffee hour was held at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

AINA CHRISTINA STAUDACHER
Born: August 13, 1909 - Died: June 23, 1998
Liberty County Times
July 1, 1998



Aina Staudacher

Aina Christina Staudacher, age 88, died peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday evening, June 23, 1998 at the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester.

Aina was born in Are, Sweden on August 13, 1909 and she was the oldest of six children. Her parents were Bertha Olson and Klas Johansson. Aina received her early education in Sweden before the family emigrated to the United States in 1924. Aina attended English school in Spokane, Washington and finished her education at Libby High School in 1927.

She met her husband-to-be, Thomas A. Staudacher Jr. who was working at the Libby lumber mill. They were married in Libby on August 14, 1927. They lived there until 1930, when Tom accepted a mail route at his home town of Chester. They made their home in the Chester community from that time on. They raised a family of five and took over the family farm south of town. The Staudachers built a home in Chester in 1955 and continued to farm until their retirement in 1982. Her husband Tom passed away on September 16, 1987 the month following their 60th wedding anniversary. Aina remained in

their Chester home until 1995, when declining health took her to the nursing home.

After their children were grown, Aina accepted a job at the courthouse in Chester in 1952. She worked there for 16 years, serving as Liberty County's Deputy Assessor under Edris Jensen. She loved working with the public and enjoyed the camaraderie with her fellow employees.

Aina had been an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, including the Esther Circle and Bible study groups. Other memberships were the Sons of Norway, the Chester Garden Club, and activities at the Senior Citizen's Center. Her hobbies included gardening and floral arranging, crossword puzzles, collecting spoons and teacups, and playing cards (she was especially fond of Pinochle). Aina was an excellent cook and baker, and her cookie jar was always full! She enjoyed entertaining family and friends.

Aina will be remembered as a kind and caring lady with an abiding faith and unconditional love for her family and friends.

She is survived by three children including Tom Staudacher and his wife Norma of Everett, Washington, Lois Bonnes and her husband Bob of Salem, Oregon, and Dale Staudacher and his wife Carol of Havre; one sister Lillian Mackey and her husband Marvin of Libby; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two children (Marilyn in 1941, and Jim in 1979), three sisters (Signe, Esther and Karen) and one brother (Karl).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 1998 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Rev. Charles A. Woodworth officiating. Karen Stack was organist and the congregation sang "How Great Thou Art." Vocalist Wayne Wardell performed "Beyond the

Sunset" and "What a Friend we Have in Jesus." Eulogist was Allen Kolstad and ushers were Charles Green and Arlo Skari. Pallbearers included Harley Rudolph, Gene Cady, Cliff Hanson, Dick Harmon, John Englund and Ed Staudacher. Memorial bearers were Aina's friends in the Chester Garden Club, and the Esther Circle. Interment was at the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. A reception followed at the church. Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, or donor's choice.

HELEN G.(BRETTENE) STEIN
Born: July 17, 1916 – Died: March 1, 1998
The Sentinel, Havre, Mt.
March 11, 1998

HELEN G. STEIN

Helen G. Stein, 81, a retired teacher and Havre resident, died Sunday, March 1, 1998, at a Havre nursing home of natural causes.

Stein was born July 17, 1916, at Gildford to Knute and Margaret (Olrud) Brettene. She attended school in Gildford and graduated from Gildford High School in 1935. In 1937 she received a teaching degree from Northern Montana College.



Stein

She started teaching at a country school at Half Way Coulee, then at Gildford.

After her marriage to Roy Stein she was a homemaker until his death in 1957.

She returned to Northern to get a BS degree in 1969.

She taught fifth grade at Devlin School in Havre from 1958 until her retirement in 1980.

Stein was a member of First Lutheran Church in Havre, Sons of Norway, and the M.E.A. She enjoyed visiting with friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a brother, Elmer Brettene.

She is survived by one son, Don Stein of Havre; and two grandchildren.

AUDREY LEE (HEIMBIGNER) STEWART
Born: June 26, 1933 - Died: November 3, 1998
Liberty County Times
November 11, 1998



Audrey Stewart

Audrey Lee (Heimbigner) Stewart was born in Chester, Montana on June 26, 1933. She was the eldest of two daughters born to Geneva Gibson and Benjamin Heimbigner. Audrey grew up in Chester and received her education here, graduating from CHS in 1951.

She continued her schooling in Spokane, Washington at the Kinman Business College, where she studied stenography. While there she began dating Bob Nichols, a serviceman from Alabama. Audrey and Bob were married at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on July 28, 1952. After Bob finished his military obligation, they moved to Birmingham, Alabama where they began raising their family of four. In addition to being a homemaker, Audrey worked several years as a bank teller in Birmingham.

In 1956 the Nichols moved to Chester to be near Audrey's family. A few years later employment opportunities took them to Olympia, Washington. In 1969 Audrey took a job for the State of Washington as administrative secretary to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, a position she held for the next 19 years.

Audrey and Bob were divorced in 1975. Audrey married Dick Stewart in 1978; several years later this marriage ended in divorce. In 1988 Audrey quit her job in Olympia so that she

could move back to Chester to help care for her folks, who were both in failing health. Her mother died in 1990 and her father died in 1991. Soon after, Audrey took a temporary-secretarial position at the Liberty County ASCS Office in Chester. Before long a full-time permanent secretary job opened at the Bank of Montana, so she transferred her employment there. She worked for the Norwest Bank system until July of 1996, when she suffered her first stroke. Although her medical condition influenced her retirement, she

was fortunate to continue to live alone and care for herself. On this past Tuesday morning November 3, 1998 Audrey was found dead at her Chester residence. Her death was attributed to natural causes related to her medical history. She was 65 years old.

Audrey was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. During her high school years she was a band majorette, cheerleader, and Girl's State delegate. Her high school friends affectionately called her "Dimples."

Audrey enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, and old movies. She was a history buff and a good cook. Just for fun she collected owl and rooster figurines.

She loved her family, they were all special to her (even her in-laws). One son-in-law lovingly called her "Omery" instead of "Audrey" and she appreciated the tender humor of it all. A special nickname by her nieces was "Auntie Auddie." Her grandkids were the love of her life and she was happy to have that special kindred relationship with her sister, Fay.

Audrey is survived by her four children and spouses, Debbie and Don Wilbrecht of Lacey, Washington, Terry and Mike Wilson of Olympia, Washington, Stephen and Geri Nichols of Lacey, Washington, and Jodi and Dean Soper of Olympia, Washington; eight grandchildren, including Katie, Heidi, Michor, Kimmy,

Brian, Robbie, Kevin and Jason; her sister and brother-in-law Fay and Dean Wolfe of Chester; three nieces Deanna, Tracie and Jan; and one nephew Rod.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 7, 1998 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Rev. Peter Erickson officiating. Vocal music by Anne Seidlitz-Melton included "The Old Rugged Cross" and "The Wind Beneath My Wings." Iris White was organist. Pallbearers were Don Wilbrecht, Mike Wilson, Dean Soper, Rod Wolfe, Don Hull, and Harry Heimbigner, Jr. Usher was Ed Swank. Immediately following the church service a luncheon was provided by WELCA for family and friends. Graveside services were 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Erickson Cemetery (15 miles south of Chester). Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

GORDON LYLE STEWART

Born: November 3, 1929 - Died: April 10, 1998

Sentinel Havre

May 13, 1998

GORDON LYLE STEWART

Gordon Lyle Stewart, 68, a retired signal inspector for the Burlington Northern Railroad for forty years and a resident of Havre, died Friday April 10, 1998, at St. George, Utah, of cancer.

Stewart was born Nov. 3, 1929, at Chinook to James Stewart and Olive Eileen Metcher Lavorato. He attended school in Belton and Chinook. He



Stewart

was a U.S. Army Veteran and served from 1951 to 1953.

On March 17, 1951, at Las Cruces, N.M. he married LaRena G. Crites. After their marriage the couple lived in Poplar, and later Havre.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, cooking, coaching baseball and bird watching. He was a member of the BRS of A and the Eagles Club.

Stewart was preceded in death by his mother, Olive Lavorato.

He is survived by his wife, LaRena G. Stewart of Havre; one daughter, Lorna Lockman of Havre; one son, Bruce Stewart of Chinook; and five grandchildren.

JULIA K. STUART
Born: February 19, 1903 - Died: December 11, 1998
Liberty County Times
December 16, 1998

Julia Stuart

Julia K. Stuart, 95 years of age, a resident of Gildford, Montana died on December 11, 1998 at a Havre hospital of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 1998 at the Holland & Bonine Chapel in Havre with Rev. Tim Hauge officiating. Burial followed at the Highland Cemetery. Memorials in her honor may be made to the Gildford Park Fund. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Julia was born February 19, 1903 at Independence, Wisconsin, one of 11 children and the daughter of Andrew and Julia Klimek. The family moved to Kensal, North Dakota and later to Lambert, Montana where they homesteaded. Later the family moved to Wolf Point, Montana. Julia attended school in North Dakota and Montana.

In 1919 at Wolf Point, she married Ldyd K. Stuart. After their marriage the couple lived in Wolf Point for a short time. In 1920 they moved to Centralia, Washington. Then the couple moved to Gildford, Montana

where they helped with farming on the Stuart family farm. Mr. Stuart worked and managed the International Elevator in Gildford. In 1964 he retired. He died in September of 1964. Julia continued to live in Gildford until June of 1996. She then became a resident of the Northern Montana Care Center.

Julia enjoyed baking, ceramics, cooking, playing Bingo and watching TV. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, charter member of Gildford Homemakers Club, and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. The couple attended the Methodist Church in Hingham. Julia enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and listening to Hi-Line basketball games on the radio.

Julia was preceded in death by her husband, four children, nine siblings, and one great-grandson.

She is survived by one brother John Klimek of Aberdeen, Washington; grandchildren: Jim Stuart of Gildford, Jan Crockett of Washington, Lynn Melby of Kremlin, Montana, Bill Rathbun of Hingham, Bev Groseclose of Hingham, Doug Dees of Arizona, Chuck Dees of Kremlin, Montana, Joe Hume of Nevada, and Jerry Hume of California; daughter-in-law Shorty

Stuart of Gildford; and son-in-law Bob Rathbun of Gildford; 16 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

ROBERT "BOB" SWINNEY

Born: September 17, 1949 - Died: August 8, 1998

Liberty County Times

August 12, 1998



Robert Swinney

Robert "Bob" Swinney, age 48, died peacefully late Saturday evening at his farm home north of Gildford due to cancer.

He was born September 17, 1949 to Jack and Vera (Springer) Swinney in Havre, Montana. He grew up on the family farm north of Gildford and attended and graduated from Gildford High School in 1967. He then went on to graduate from Wahpeton State School of Science North Dakota as a diesel mechanic in 1970.

While attending college he met Pamela S. Hahn and they were married on December 13, 1970 in Leonard, North Dakota. They moved back to Gildford to make their home and farmed here their entire married life.

In 1980 Bob took a job as a maintenance man and school bus driver and was employed there until his death. Diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease in 1971, he remained in stable health until he was diagnosed with small cell cancer in December 1997 and deteriorated from then on.

Bob was an active member of the Kremlin Lutheran Church as well as a proud member of the Hill County First Responders. He remained current and certified on all new training programs and was a member of the Gildford Vol. Fire Dept. for many years. He was known for his love for children, as he was a member of the KG Boosters and would help the local 4-Hers with woodworking and with

steers. The 1996 KG State Championship Basketball Team dedicated their win to Bob, which he was very honored by. He also enjoyed bowling and was a member of the Rudyard Trapshooting Club. One of Bob's greatest loves was hunting, fishing, and camping with family and friends. He was known to spend hours and hours woodworking in his garage.

Bob is survived by his wife; sons Brian (wife Tami) of Borger, Texas, Michael (fiancee Bobbi and her daughter Paige) of Gildford; daughter Tammy Swick (husband Jeremiah) of Havre; grandson Branden Swinney of Borger, Texas; brothers Tom of Havre, and Roger of Glasgow; sisters Linda Mack of Billings, and Janice Henderson of Havre; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service is planned for 2:00 pm Wednesday August 12, 1998 at the KG High School gym in Gildford with the Rev. Tim Hauge officiating. Burial of ashes will follow at Highland Cemetery in Havre. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to a children's charity of the donor's choice, or to the Bear Paw Hospice of Havre.

Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

CORA MAE (PACKER) THEOBALD
Born: July 12, 1921 - Died : August 2, 1998
Liberty County Times
August 12, 1998

Cora Theobald

Cora Mae (Packer) Theobald died August 2, 1998 following a heart attack at her home in Pembroke, Massachusetts.

Cora Mae was born July 12, 1921 to Erwin and Martha (Suckow) Packer of Rudyard where she spent her early years and graduated from Rudyard High School. After graduation from Northern Montana College, she taught school several years, then took time as a pupil, and later as teacher, at the E.U.B. Bible College in Medicine Hat, Alberta. The Helena School District employed her to set up the first Special Education Classroom in the state. During her 11 years there she earned her Masters degree from the University of Oregon, to be better able to serve in this field of pioneer work.

Cora Mae and Frank Theobald were married at Grace Church on June 19, 1959. She continued to teach as they moved to accommodate his jobs, ending in Pembroke.

Cora Mae lived her Christian commitment all her life, teaching DVBS and Bible classes in her church, filling mission boxes to be sent overseas, constantly helping sick and elderly folk. Her home was always open as she offered welcome aid.

She enjoyed her flowers, vegetable and fruit gardens, and inviting yard. Reading to children and for herself was high on her list of pleasures.

Cora Mae is survived by her daughter Marie Theobald, two grandchildren Leighann and Christian Theobald of Pembroke; two sisters Dorothy (John) Duncan of Joplin, and Doris (Charles) Kegel of Havre; sister-in-law Winifred Packer, and many devoted nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother (Bruce Packer) and one sister (Marie Lincoln).

Memorial services will be held in Pembroke August 6 with interment of ashes in Grace Church Cemetery at a later date.

MARGARET ALICE THIELMAN
Born: April 8, 1913 - Died: September 25, 1998
Liberty County Times
September 30, 1998



Margaret Thielman

Margaret Alice (Sundgren) Thielman was born on the family homestead at Bison, Montana, Liberty County on April 8, 1913. She was one of six children of Arvid Sundgren and Erica Lund, who had immigrated from Sweden. Margaret grew up in the Joplin community and graduated from Joplin High School in 1931. In those early years she worked as a housekeeper for several families in the Joplin area.

On July 28, 1934 Margaret married George F. Thielman at Havre, Montana. They moved to the old Wardall farm 5 miles north of Joplin, where they lived and worked until their retirement in 1967. George died in 1972. Margaret continued to live in their farm home from that time on.

On this past Friday evening September 25, 1998, Margaret was driving to a neighbor's house on a country road. She apparently lost control of her car and was ejected from the vehicle. She died at the scene. Margaret was 85 years old.

Margaret was baptized and confirmed at Bethel Church in Joplin. She was a member of the Martha Circle and had been active in the ladies aide quilting group at the church. In her quiet time at home Margaret enjoyed reading, especially her Bible and other devotional material.

Her hobbies included sewing and gardening. She truly had a "green thumb," as was evident by her beautiful gardens and healthy houseplants. Margaret enjoyed feeding and watching the rabbits and birds in her yard. She collected bottles and other

trinkets. During their married years, the Thielman's loved to go dancing. In her life as a widow, Margaret maintained her independence. Even though her health had recently failed, she was happy to continue to live in her own home.

She is survived by her daughter Mrs. Alvin (Shirley) Otto of Mandan, North Dakota; three grandchildren Jim Wangen of Fargo, North Dakota, Janell Peterson of Seattle, Washington, and Jay Wangen of Seattle, Washington; two great-grandchildren; two sisters Carol Ness of Seattle, Washington and Estrid Freeland of Great Falls, Montana; one brother Swen Sundgren of Chester, Montana; and numerous nieces and nephews. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister (Gladys McNeely) and brother (Art Sundgren).

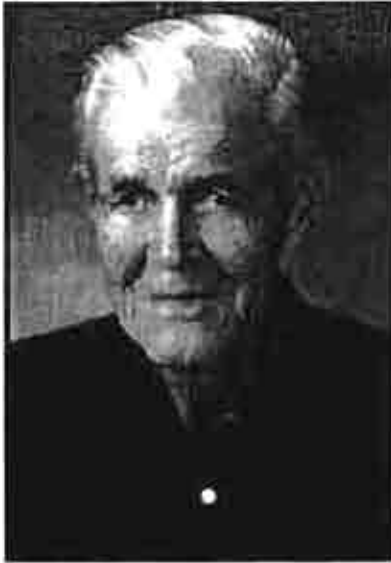
Funeral services will be today (Wednesday, Sept. 30) at 11:00 a.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Pastor Darrell Cousino officiating. Wayne Wardell will sing "Abide With Me," and "Amazing Grace," accompanied by Iris White, and the congregation will sing "In the Garden." Burial will follow at the Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials will be given to Bethel Lutheran Church.

CLIFFORD GEORGE THORSON

Born: September 8, 1913 - Died: June 6, 1998

Liberty County Times

June 10, 1998



Clifford Thorson

Clifford George Thorson, age 84, died of natural causes at his Joplin home on the early morning of Saturday, June 6, 1998. He was diagnosed with lung cancer two years ago.

Cliff was the only son of six children of Gilbert and Mabel (Lewis) Thorson. He was born at Wales, North Dakota on September 8, 1913. Shortly after his birth the family farmhouse burned to the ground, so the Thorsons moved to Montana to a homestead 14 miles north of Joplin. Cliff's early education was at the West Bench country school. He graduated from Joplin High School in 1931, then began college at Northern Montana in Havre. His goal was a degree in forestry, but the Depression squelched his dream; he returned to Joplin to help on the family farm.

Cliff married his childhood sweetheart Lucille Poppler at Hayre on February 18, 1938. Soon after, World War II broke out. Cliff contributed to the war effort by working as a chauffeur at McDonald-Douglas Aircraft in California, then as a riveter for Boeing Corporation in Seattle, and finally as an airplane mechanic at Gore Hill in Great Falls. They returned to the family farm in

1945. They lived, worked, and raised their family in the Joplin community from that time on. They retired from farming in 1980.

Cliff was a life member of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin; he had served on the church council and was also active in the Lutheran Brotherhood. He was a past member of the Joplin School Board, the Joplin Commercial Club, and had served as a Boy Scout leader.

Cliff's hobbies included fishing, hunting and gardening. Years ago he was an active bowler in the men's and mixed leagues. The Thorsons enjoyed playing cards with family and friends; Cliff was especially fond of Pan, Pinochle and Whist. In his quiet hours Cliff enjoyed reading; he read his Bible faithfully and he also liked to read news publications. He loved poetry and had an exceptional memory, so could easily recite long

poems and verses he had learned over the years.

Cliff loved his role as a Montana farmer and was content with his life on the Hi-Line. He loved his family, especially Lucille, and remained inseparable from her during their 60 years of married life together.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children and their spouses including Nancy and Larry Olson of Joplin, Jerry and Gloria Thorson of Joplin, and Candy and Kenny Nelson of Chinook; ten grandchildren including Scott Olson, Todd Olson, Heidi Richter, Tate Thorson, Cody Thorson, Kari Kammerzell, Allyson Kirsch, Windy Young, Travis Nelson and Ryan Nelson; three great-grandchildren: McKenzie and Madison Kirsch, and Brandon Richter; two sisters Alviva Tabot of Butte, and Beulah Anderson of Edgewater, New Mexico; and numerous nieces and nephews. Cliff was preceded in death by his parents; by three sisters (Lillian, Violet and Gladys) and by a grandson (Casey Thorson).

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 9 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Rev. Darrell Cousino officiating. Special readings were by Candy Nelson and Windy Young. Debbie Brownlee served as pianist and the congregation sang "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and "My Life Flows on an Endless

Song." Vocalist Jeff Wehr performed "The Wind Beneath My Wings." Ushers were Ellsworth Graff and Tom Wood, Sr. Cliff's six grandsons were his pallbearers. Honorary bearers were "all of his friends." Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery. A luncheon followed at Kjos Hall. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

NANCY (PUGSLEY) TORREY
Born: May 24, 1907 - Died: January 3, 1998
Liberty County Times
January 14, 1998



**Nancy (Pugsley)
Torrey**

Nancy (Pugsley) Torrey age 90, a native of Chester, died at her home in Las Vegas, Nevada on the morning of Saturday, January 3, 1998 from complications of emphysema.

Her given name was Nancy Margaret Pugsley and she was born in Great Falls, Montana on May 24, 1907. She was the eldest and only daughter of three children born to Leonard D. Pugsley, Sr. and Anna M. Clink. Nancy grew up on the family farm 18 miles south of Chester. She received her early education at the Pugsley Country School and graduated from Chester High School in 1924. She continued her studies at a college in North Dakota. While there, she met and married Robert Hunter. They had a daughter Mary Idell, and they were later divorced.

Nancy moved to California in 1935 to help on an olive orchard run by her aunt and uncle, Nina Clink and Livingston Crichton. Of interest was the fact that the Crichton's were early ranching settlers in the Sweetgrass Hills north of Chester. This olive orchard was eventually inherited by Nancy's folks, L.D. and Anna Pugsley.

While in California Nancy met her second husband, Ned Torrey. They operated an orchard near Corning, California for many years. In addition, they acquired other ranching interests in California and Nevada over their years together. The Torreys had no children.

Nancy retired in 1971 and moved to Reno, Nevada then later to Pahrump, Nevada. Because of declining health and the desire to be near good medical facilities, Nancy moved to a retirement court in Las Vegas in the late 1980s. She lived there since.

When her only great-grandson recently fulfilled his obligation to the military, he moved to Las Vegas to live and care for Nancy while he attended school there. She was happy to have him with her this past year.

Nancy loved the desert and climate of Nevada. She also enjoyed the life and excitement of Las Vegas. She collected Indian artifacts, arrowheads, and antiques. She enjoyed walking and she loved to play Bingo. Nancy was a avid reader (she especially loved documentaries like the National Geographic and Smithsonian magazines). It was important for her to keep up on current affairs. Although Nancy had always been an independent and private person, she was very adventurous and enjoyed being with people.

She is survived by her great-grandson William Lyons of Las Vegas, Nevada; a brother Robert Pugsley of Chester; and several nephews and nieces. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband (Ned Torrey), and her brother (Leonard Pugsley).

Per her wishes, cremation has taken place. Committal services will be held in Montana this early summer when Nancy's cremains will be buried in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery. Local arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

NELL VINSON TROTTER
Born: ? 1926 - Died: February 22, 1998
Liberty County Times
March 11, 1998



Nell Vinson Trotter

Nell Vinson Trotter, age 72, an active member of the Church of the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, died at home in Knoxville, Tennessee on Sunday, February 22, 1998.

Mrs. Trotter was born in Montgomery, Alabama where she spent her early years.

She and her family lived in many parts of the country as her late husband worked on projects for the Department of Defense. She moved to Knoxville 23 years ago from North Dakota, and was a member of Omni and several bridge clubs.

Survivors include one son John V. Trotter of Knoxville; a sister Louise V. Kramer and brother-in-law Arthur F. Kramer of Melbourne, Florida; her step-mother Ruth C. Vinson of Enterprise, Alabama; three daughters-in-law Ryndee K. Trotter, Carol T. Payne, and Carol Byrd Trotter; one son-in-law Ian C. Payne; and six grandchildren: Joseph Trotter and Emily Payne of Saskatchewan; Russell, Keith and Jenny Trotter of Knoxville; Matthew and Andrew Trotter of Elverta, California.

Services were held at 10:00 am on Thursday, February 26, 1998 at Good Samaritan. Interment service was at 2:00 pm at Sherwood Cemetery. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Memorial Fund at Good Samaritan or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Mann's Funeral Home.

GEORGETTA TURKS
Born: November 1, 1919 - Died: March 15, 1998
Liberty County Times
May 6, 1998

Georgetta Turks

Georgetta Turks, daughter of Max and Eva Turks, former residents of Winnett and Kremlin, Montana, passed away March 15, 1998 near the home of her only daughter Linda Hall in California.

Georgetta has suffered from Multiple Sclerosis for many years.

Turks was born November 1, 1919. She was a licensed beautician, and was married to Malcolm Barnitz at one time.

Georgetta is survived by her daughter Linda; aunts Doris Schroeder, Joyce Lenner, Jean Bohnert and Donna Hense; and a brother Wayne Turks. Many relatives live in the Kremlin and Havre areas, including the Harry and Rose Cady family, and Vosen families.

Cremation has taken place and ashes will be buried with services in West Allis, Wisconsin; burial will be next to her parents.

JESSE VANWECHEL
Born: April 21, 1963 - Died: October 15, 1998
Liberty County Times
October 28, 1998



Jesse VanWechel

Jesse Lee VanWechel was born at Havre, Montana on April 21, 1963. He was one of four children born to James and Donna (Goldberg) VanWechel. As a child he moved with his family to Northglenn, Colorado where he received his early education. He came back to Montana where he continued his schooling at Inverness and Rudyard.

Jesse lived in Spokane, Washington for a short time, then moved to Great Falls. While living in Great Falls he worked at Wendy's and the Prospector Casino. He also worked as a seasonal fire fighter.

In the mid-1990s he moved back to Havre where he was employed at 4-B's Restaurant as part of the kitchen staff. He met and married Eva Bare in Havre on August 8, 1997.

Jesse and Eva moved to Twin Falls, Idaho this past August. Jesse had some medical problems associated with blood pressure. He became acutely ill the week of October 12 and was admitted to Magic Valley Regional Hospital in Twin Falls. He developed congestive heart failure and died at the hospital on the early morning of Thursday, October 15. He was 35 years old.

Survivors include his wife Eva

VanWechel of Twin Falls; his mother Donna VanWechel of Havre; his father James VanWechel of Chatteroy, Washington; a brother Tim VanWechel of Inverness; a sister Valerie Hickman of Havre; his paternal grandmother Gertrude VanWechel of Rudyard; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Jesse was preceded in death by a brother Jeff in 1977.

Graveside services were conducted by Rev. Wall Kirkegaard at 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 23, 1998 at Highland Cemetery in Havre. Local arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

MARVIN RUSSELL VOSBURG
Born: November 17, 1918 - Died : May 30, 1998
Liberty County Times
June 3, 1998

Marvin Vosburg

Marvin Russell Vosburg, a resident of Rudyard, Montana, died Saturday evening May 30, 1998 at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, Montana.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisbon, North Dakota. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester and Armstrong Funeral Home in Lisbon.

Marvin was born in Lisbon on November 17, 1918. He was one of seven children born to William and Marie (Gulbranson) Vosburg. He grew up in Lisbon and received his formal education there. In the years that followed, he worked as a farm laborer in North Dakota.

Marvin was inducted into the U.S. Army during World War II. He served

in Europe from 1942-45, then was honorably discharged. He re-enlisted in 1947 and spent two years stationed in Japan. He remained in the service, mainly stateside, until his second discharge in 1956. Marvin returned to North Dakota and continued to work in farming.

In the early 1960s, he migrated to Rudyard, Montana with several friends. He worked on construction of the north Rudyard road. Marvin liked north-central Montana, and decided to stay, so he made his home in Rudyard. In the years that followed he worked for several area farmers, including Ike Rugtvedt, Albert Budeau, and Ferris Ness. He took a job as night watchman at the coal mines in Gillette, Wyoming from 1979-81 then returned to Rudyard, where he worked as a farmhand until age 75.

Marvin developed congestive heart failure, emphysema, and other health problems, so he moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home at Chester in December of 1997. He remained there until his death at age 79.

Marvin is survived by two sons and their spouses Mark and Jackie Vosburg of Hibbing, Minnesota, and James and Patricia Vosburg of Woodbury, Minnesota; three grandchildren; two brothers Chester Vosburg of Fargo, North Dakota, and Dale Vosburg of Oaks, North Dakota; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, by two brothers (Walter and Robert) and by two infant siblings.

ANNE K. VOSEN

Born: July 19, 1921 - Died: September 25, 1998

The Sentinel, Havre, Mt.

October 14, 1998

ANNE K. VOSEN

KREMLIN — Anne K. Vosen, 77, of Kremlin, died Friday Sept. 25, 1998, at a Havre hospital of natural

Vosen was born July 19, 1921, in Pennsylvania to Andrew and Anne Klimko. When her father died the family moved to Buffalo, N.Y. where she attended school through the eighth grade.

Vosen enjoyed reading, needle work, sewing, and cooking. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, and one brother.

Survivors include her husband, Leon Vosen of Kremlin; one sister, Mary Zager of Griffin, Ga., and many friends.

SHAI-PRIEZE WAGY
Born: November 13, 1998 – Died : December 19, 1998
Liberty County Times
January 13, 1999



Shai-Prieze Wagy

Shai-Prieze Wagy, one-month old son of Nikita/Nicole Wagy of Lincoln, Nebraska, died Saturday, December 19, 1998 in his family home. He was born November 13, 1998.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 23, 1998 at the Metcalf Funeral Home in Lincoln with the Rev. Dennis Banks officiating.

Shai-Prieze's uncle, Ali/Chris Wagy was the sole pallbearer.

A poem "I'm Free" was read by Nikita Wagy. Words of encouragement were from friends and family. Dennis Banks read the Scripture and Crystal Brown sang "Jesus Loves Me". Other musical tributes in the form of recorded selections included "Tears

in Heaven" by Eric Clapton and "The Lord's Prayer" by Aaron Neville.

Burial followed the service at Wyuka Babyland cemetery of Lincoln. A reception was held at Cedars Home in Lincoln.

Shai is survived by his mother of Lincoln, NE; his father Roderick Thompson of Lincoln, NE; grandmother Ayana Abdullah (Peggie Wagy), Lincoln, NE; grandfather Clayton Wagy, Kent, WA; grandfather Arnold Bernsides, Lincoln, NE; his great-grandparents; his great-great-grandmother, June Kelley of Chester, Montana; and five uncles.

RAYMOND ALBERT WARHANK

Born: May 9, 1919 - Died: March 4, 1998

Liberty County Times

March 11, 1998



Raymond Warhank

Raymond Albert Warhank was born on May 9, 1919 at Goldstone, Montana. He was only nine months old when his mother died on February 17, 1920. Immediately after her death he was cared for by Mrs. Arthur Derbyshire. For a short time thereafter he was cared for by the Frank Kocer family in Hingham until he went to live

with godparents Mr. Gottlieb and Josephine Burkhartsmeyer, who cared for him until he was seven or eight years of age. At the Burkhartsmeyer home only German was spoken. When Mrs. Burkhartsmeyer attempted to enroll Raymond in the first grade of school, Raymond was refused admission for the reason it was believed that he could not speak English sufficiently. He was out of school for a full year during which Mrs. Burkhartsmeyer taught him enough English for him to enter school that next September.

It was in 1926 when Mike Warhank gathered up all his children, including Raymond, and moved them back to Goldstone to a new home that he had built not far from the Goldstone General Store, which he owned and operated. Raymond continued his elementary education at the new school located across the street from the store and went on to graduate from Rudyard High School in 1937.

Following graduation from high school, he returned to Goldstone to help his father in the store and in the lumberyard as a truck driver. During harvest time he worked for neighbor-

During World War II Raymond enlisted in the United States Air Force in December 1942 and was assigned to training as an aircraft mechanic at Luke Field in Arizona. In November 1944 he was sent to the Pacific Theatre as an aircraft mechanic at airfields located at Luzon and Manila in the Philippines and at Okinawa.

Following discharge from the Air Force in December 1945 Raymond went back to Goldstone to help his brother Carl, who was then responsible for the Goldstone store. At this time their father was experiencing poor health due to an asthmatic condition and heart trouble.

Shortly after returning from military service Raymond met Patricia

Theresa McKernan at a dance in Rudyard, MT. and on September 2, 1946 Raymond and Pat were married at the St. Jude Catholic Church in Havre, MT. in a double matrimonial ceremony with Pat's sister Kathleen and Adam Schweitzer. She is the daughter of Michael and Hannah Friel McKernan who were early homesteaders near Havre.

In the spring of 1947 Raymond bought the lumberyard in Rudyard, which he expanded to sell all types of building materials, paints, and hardware. In the early 1970s Raymond and Pat began operating the Rudyard Ready Mix Company which in the last few years has been turned over to their son Dave. Raymond sold the lumberyard when he retired.

Before retirement Pat and Ray would accompany his sister, Billie and husband Curly Patrick to antique auction sales. It was not long after attending a few antique sales that they also began buying antiques and collectibles. It was soon thereafter that they had to start selling their collection as their home became overcrowded. This led to Ray and Pat sponsoring antique show and sales. This past year they participated in 12 such shows. Over the years they have collected many fine antiques, including a large collection of antique toys and furniture that they have restored.

Each day you would find Raymond working at the Ready Mix plant. There he also spent many hours restoring antique automobiles and trucks. One of his most recent accomplishments was the restoration of a red 1933 five-window Ford Coupe with wire spoke wheels and wide whitewall tires. Ray always said that the ability to do the mechanical and body work in restoring old cars was a God-given talent.

Raymond was a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was active in the Hi-Line VFW Post 5726 and a charter member of the Hi-Line Antique Auto Club. He loved attending antique car tours throughout the state. Raymond also enjoyed watching WWF wrestling.

He is survived by his wife Pat of Rudyard; Gary and Cathy Warhank of Great Falls, Dave and Ann Warhank of Rudyard; Nancy and Paul Wolery of Inverness; Colleen Snell of Rudyard; Janice Warhank of Great Falls; Chad and Amber Warhank of Livingston; nine grandchildren; an older sister, Margaret McNair of Inverness; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral Mass was held at 10:00

am on Saturday, March 7, 1998 at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church, Hingham, Montana, with Father Joseph B. Marnion officiating. Lector was Josef Warhank, Eucharistic Ministers were Jim Pester and Vernon Moog, Eulogist was Nolan Spent, and Servers were Dan Hybner and Daniel Mikulecky. "Panis Angelicus" was sung by soloist Marcus Jochim, and special music was provided by the Sacred Heart Choir accompanied by Iris White, and by a brass ensemble consisting of Chris Jekka, Marc Jochim, and grandchildren: Rayne Wolery, Murry Warhank and Hannah Warhank.

Pallbearers were Mike Wendland, Floyd Harman, Lyle Harrison, Todd Langel, Bobby Toner and Gayle Morris. Honorary Pallbearers were Adam Schweitzer, Ray Lincoln, Bill Rathbun, Bud Een, Doug Langel, Tony Jochim, "Swede" Carlson, Fred Rigg, Fred Elling and all of Raymond's many friends.

Lunch was served at the Catholic Youth Center in Rudyard following the service. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery. The American flag was presented by Fred Rigg on

behalf of the VFW, and "Taps" was played by Chris Jekka. Arrangements were by Whitted Funeral Chapel, Shelby.

LEO EDWARD WIGEN
Born: December 26, 1920 - Died: May 23, 1998
Liberty County Times
May 27, 1998

Leo E. Wigen

Leo Edward Wigen was born at Somers, Montana on December 26, 1920. He was the youngest of three children born to Edwin and Laura (Thomas) Wigen. When Leo was a boy his family moved to Chester. He received his education here, graduating from Chester High School in 1938, and then began working for the Great Northern Railroad.

After the outbreak of World War II, Leo was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served from February 1943 to December of 1945 and attained the rank of Sergeant. He was a member of Battery D, 453rd Coast Artillery Battalion, 83rd Division. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Montana and continued working for the railroad.

On May 17, 1947 Leo married Maxine Wolfe at Shelby. That same year he began working in the plumbing business in Chester with his partner, Heinz Stark. They worked together for three years then Leo decided to break away on his own. He operated Lee's Plumbing in Chester from 1950 to 1984 when he retired.

The Wigen family has lived in Chester their entire married life and raised two sons here. Leo's health has failed the past few years and he received most of his medical care at the Veterans Hospital at Fort Harrison. He died at the V.A. Medical Center on the early morning of Saturday, May 23, 1998. He was 77 years old.

In the 1960s Leo was a member of the Chester Volunteer Fire Department and he also worked parttime as a city policeman. His main interests were hunting and fishing; he collected guns and fishing gear, loaded his own shells, tied his own flies, and enjoyed reading sporting publications. Leo liked to visit with community

friends, so he always looked forward to his daily trips to the coffee shop.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years Maxine of Chester; his sons Lee (and wife Prudence) of Helena, and Dan of Salt Lake City, Utah; two grandsons Joshua and Justin of Helena; brother Don Wigen of Honolulu, Hawaii; sister Esther Coasts of Vancouver, Washington; his mother-in-law Josie Wolfe of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Leo was preceded in death by his parents, and two half-sisters (Irene and Dorothy).

Memorial services will be 11:00 am Saturday, May 30 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Rev. Charlie Hanson officiating. Burial of ashes in the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

ESTHER VIOLA WILL
Born: January 20, 1917 - Died : December 20, 1998
Liberty County Times
December 30, 1998

Esther Will

Esther Viola Will, age 81, died December 20, 1998 in Overland Park, Kansas, after a lengthy illness.

Cremation has taken place. Services are planned for a later date. The Pondera Funeral Home, Conrad, Montana is handling arrangements.

Esther was born January 20, 1917 in Parshall, North Dakota to Henry and Hilda (Eiston) Luchsinger. On December 26, 1948 she married Dave Will in Parshall.

Esther taught in the Chester schools for many years and retired after 31 years of teaching. She loved to golf, walk, read and travel.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two brothers, and two sisters.

Survivors include her son Terry Will and wife Shelley of Conrad; daughter Loreece Tolle of Overland Park, Kansas; grandchildren Tyler and Cale Will of Conrad, and Brian and Amanda Tolle of Overland Park, Kansas; one brother Charles Luchsinger of Parshall, North Dakota.

Memorials are suggested to the Pondera County Hospice.

AMINTA WILSON
Born: February 11, 1899- Died: January 22, 1998
The Sentinel - Havre
February 4, 1998

AMINTA WILSON

Aminta Wilson, 98, long time Havre resident, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 1998, in a local care center of natural causes.



Wilson

Wilson was born Feb. 11, 1899, in Shelbina, Mo., to Will and Elizabeth (Collins) Dillenbach. As a small child, she moved to Montana with her family and grew up south of Rudyard on the family homestead. She attended country school in the Rudyard area until her family moved to Havre when she was a teenager. She played on the girls' basketball team and graduated from Havre High School.

On Oct. 19, 1920, she married Frank Wilson in Havre.

She worked for 17 years at Owl Drug and many years at Clack's Hardware, both in Havre.

She was a lifetime member of the Order of Eastern Star, a long time member of First Presbyterian Church, a charter member of the Havre Garden Club, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the United Transportation Union, an original member of the hospital volunteers, was active with the Rainbow Girls, and was a Girl Scout leader.

She was well known at the Great Northern Fair for her baking and flower entries. The First Bank Walking Park in Havre has a commemorative iris garden that was dedicated to her by friends and the First Bank.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Frank; an infant son; two brothers, and four sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Loranger of Havre; two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

JOSEPHINE GERTRUDE (STEEN) WOLFE
Born: July 27, 1900 - Died: September 1, 1998
Liberty County Times
September 9, 1998



Josephine Wolfe

Josephine Gertrude (Steen) Wolfe was born July 27, 1900 in a small sod house 7-1/2 miles southwest of Adams, North Dakota. She was one of three children born to Anna Nelson and Andrew Steen. Josie received her early education in North Dakota before the family moved to a homestead south of Chester, Montana. After her mother died, the family moved to Canada for several years so Josie finished her schooling there.

Josie later attended Union College at Grand Forks, North Dakota and learned bookkeeping skills. She worked as a bookkeeper in Minneapolis before returning to Montana in 1921. That year she married Daniel D. Wolfe at Kalispell, where they initially worked on a dude ranch. Dan eventually became foreman at the Ford garage in Whitefish and Josie became homemaker and mother of six children. They lived in the Flathead Valley for 12 years, then returned to the Chester community in 1933. They lived on the Steen place and farmed there until 1955 when they retired and moved into their new home in Ches-

ter. Daniel died later that same year.

Josie remained a widow and lived in her own home until age 96. All of her children lived in the Chester community so she received a lot of family support. In fact, her two daughters lived in the adjacent lots near her home so she was fortunate to have such close personal relationships. When Josie's health began to fail in early 1997 she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home. She died at the Chester rest home on the evening of Tuesday, September 1, 1998. She was 98 years old.

Josie was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the ALCW. She served as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society for many years. She was also a member of the Chester Garden Club, serving as longtime Club photographer.

Josie's hobbies included gardening, sewing, crocheting, and ceramics. She also enjoyed traveling, bowling, and playing cards, especially Pinochle. She collected spoons and cut-glass. In her quiet time at home Josie liked to read autobiographies and watch television; her favorite 'soap' was "Days of Our Lives." She was a good cook; her family will always remember her special Norwegian cookies and candies. Last but not least, she was a faithful letter writer to her many family and friends.

Survivors include her daughter Maxine Wigen; four sons and their spouses Delmar and Gerry Wolfe, Kenneth and Betty Jeanne Wolfe, Dean and Fay Wolfe, and Roger and Fay Wolfe; one son-in-law Albert Hanson, all of Chester; 20 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren. Josie is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and a close family friend Earl Kelth who she always considered almost a son. She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a

daughter (Anna Mae Hanson), her two siblings (Mabel and Herman Steen), and two great-grandchildren (Bradley Lancaster and Jason Groseclose).

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 5 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Rev. Peter Erickson officiating. Organist was Karen Stack and the congregation sang: "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace." Josie's grandchildren served as ushers, pallbearers, and singers. A special vocal tribute was "In the Garden." Following a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, the burial rites were conducted at the Erickson Cemetery south of Chester. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Memorials will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, or donor's choice.

GORDON HELMUTE ZORN

Born: October 23, 1936 - Died: October 11, 1998

Liberty County Times
October 21, 1998



Gordon H. Zorn

Gordon Helmute Zorn was born at Chester, Montana on October 23, 1936. He was one of seven children born to Ellen Skonord and Raymond T. Zorn. Gordon grew up in Chester and received his education here. During his high school years he worked parttime at the print shop for the *Liberty County Times* newspaper. Gordon graduated from Chester High School in 1955.

In 1958 he enlisted in the US Army. He served during peacetime, attained the rank of Specialist-5, and was stationed in Germany for 1-1/2 years. Following his honorable discharge in 1961, Gordon returned to Montana.

He continued working for Irvin Hutchison as a printer at the *Times*. On March 23, 1962 Gordon married Betty T. Lakey at Whitlash. They made their home in Chester until 1968, when they purchased Bear Paw Printers in Havre. In addition they published the *Hi-Line Herald* newspaper. They sold the businesses in 1978 but continued to make Havre their home. Gordon worked for the Post Office and railroad for a short time, then managed a Havre oil field service supply store called Chapparel until 1984.

After their two sons were educated, Gordon decided to attend a machinist school in Las Vegas, Nevada. Following his training he returned to Havre where he worked for Tilleman's as a car salesman. Gordon and Betty moved back to Las Vegas in 1989

and he continued his skills in their printing business.

They had an opportunity to work with their eldest son in Butte, Montana so they moved there in 1992. Together they have owned and operated a custom embroidery and stitching business called All About Embroidery, specializing in the lettering of caps, jackets and other products. They have enjoyed their home in Butte during the past 6 years.

Gordon's health had been good until the past few months when he developed back problems, which resulted in surgery. He was recovering quite well and feeling better so he and Betty went out dancing on Saturday night. He continued to feel good on Sunday, Oct. 11, 1998 so he did some yard work and chores around the house. That afternoon he suddenly collapsed, apparently from a heart attack. He was taken via ambulance to St. James Community Hospital, where resuscitative measures were to no avail. Gordon's untimely death was just a few weeks short of his 62nd birthday.

Gordon had been a charter member of the Chester Jaycees and remained active in the group after moving to Havre. He served as a State Jaycee vice-president and helped charter the Can-Am Jaycees (an international group between Alberta and Montana). His favorite Jaycee program was "Toys for Tots" and he stayed active throughout his membership.

Gordon's other interests included fishing, camping and golfing. He was an avid sports fan who helped coach the youth baseball and bowling leagues when his boys were young in Havre. He loved Country-Western music and enjoyed dancing. At home Gordon liked toinker on carpenter projects and he enjoyed jigsaw puzzles. His greatest love was being with friends and family, visiting and

sharing those good times together.

Survivors include his wife Betty of Butte; two sons and their wives Russ and Cheryl of Butte, and Stacey and Renee of Aloha, Oregon; three grandchildren Nolan, Colin and Chelsey; two brothers Duane "Skip" Zorn of Shelby, and Irwin "Ted" Zorn of Great Falls; three sisters Alma Soper of Chester, Marilyn Gunderson of Chester, and Darlene Fraser of Inverness; his mother-in-law Lucy Lakey of Chester; and numerous nephews and nieces. Gordon was preceded in death by his father in 1973, his mother in 1983, and a brother Raymond in January 1998.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Rev. Peter Erickson officiating. Karen Stack was organist and the congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross." Members of St. Mary's Choir performed "Amazing Grace" and "Softly and Tenderly." Scripture readings were by Irvin Hutchison and personal memories were shared by Karen Sloan. Ushers were Tom and Tommy Lakey. Pallbearers included Glen Eveland, Don Martinson, Roland Gould, Jerry Fraser, Ed Swank and Harry Heimbigner, Jr. Interment was at the Chester Cemetery. Ray Standiford made the military flag presentation. A luncheon followed at the church. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel. Memorials will be given to Our Savior's WELCA or Liberty County Hospice.

RAYMOND EDWIN ZORN

Born: October 27, 1933 - Died: January 25, 1998

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Raymond Zorn

Raymond Edwin Zorn was born at Joplin, Montana on October 27, 1933. He was the eldest of seven children born to Raymond and Ellen (Skonard) Zorn, who farmed 12 miles northeast of Chester. Ray received his formal education in Chester, then began working on the farm with his father.

At age 20 Ray was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served during the Korean Conflict from 1953-1955 and attained the rank of Specialist-3. He was awarded a National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Following his honorable discharge, he transferred to the Army Reserves.

Ray returned to Montana and began working for Cliff Zorn, and Leo Schaub in general construction. He also worked as a delivery man for Petrolane and eventually became manager of the local office until it closed down about 15 years later.

Ray married Cleo Booth in 1965. She died of cancer in 1973. He married his second wife, Ona Adkins, in Chester on December 31, 1973. Ray became an instant father and was happy to help raise Ona's five children in the years that followed.

In addition to running the Chester Laundromat, and working on the ground crew for Ag Air during the spring spraying season, Ray worked as a cook at the Wagon Wheel Cafe at the time Ona was managing the restaurant. He eventually took a job at Marias Equipment in Chester, where he worked in implement set-up and delivery.

In November of 1997 Ray suffered a heart attack. While hospitalized he was diagnosed with lung cancer. Saddened to be away from his work, Ray was fortunate to remain at home where he received personal care from his family and friends. His condition deteriorated and he was recently hospitalized, then transferred to the Liberty County Nursing home this past Tuesday. Ray passed away at the rest home on Sunday morning January 25, 1998. He was 64 years old.

Ray had been an active member of the Chester American Legion; he had served on numerous color guards for funeral details and special veteran's ceremonies in Liberty County. He was a past member of the "Liberty Leaners" Horseshoe Club in Chester.

Ray enjoyed the outdoors, so fishing and camping were some of his favorite activities. He looked forward to visiting with his friends over a hot cup of coffee. In the summer evenings Ray enjoyed sitting outside in his front yard and relaxing in the warm breeze with a nice cold glass of iced tea. Ray loved to play "Pan." During his quiet hours at home he enjoyed crossword puzzles and watching television (his favorite shows were "The Price Is Right" and "Walker, Texas Ranger." But probably his greatest love in life were his

grandchildren. He was always patient and understanding and enjoyed spending time with them.

Ray is survived by his wife Ona of Chester; five children Susan Peterson of Kalispell, Jim Sargent of Chester, Dennis Sargent of Chester, Kathy Butterfield of Kalispell, and Lee Butterfield of Big Timber; 7 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson; three brothers Gordon Zorn of Butte, Duane "Skip" Zorn of Shelby, and Irwin "Ted" Zorn of Great Falls; three sisters Alma Soper of Chester, Marilyn Gunderson of Chester, and Darlene Fraser of Inverness; and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, and nieces. Ray was preceded in death by his father in 1973 and his mother in 1983.

Funeral services will be 11:00 Wednesday, January 28, 1998 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Cremation will follow. Arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

The services will be conducted by Rev. Tom Dunham. The congregation will sing "Amazing Grace." Iris White will serve as organist and

Mary Ann Zorn will sing "The Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art." Special readings will be shared by Jim Sargent. Pallbearers will include Charley Williams, Stan Huhtala, Richard Long, Cliff Nelson, Don Buffington, Gordon Lerum, Allen Brown, and Dean Wolfe. Military Taps and presentation of the flag will complete the services, followed by a luncheon in the church hall.