

HARVEY ANDERSON
Born: Age: 76 - Died: May 28, 2009
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Harvey Anderson

YUMA, Ariz. — Great Falls native and former Havre resident Harvey Anderson, 76, of Yuma, Ariz., a retired Great Northern/Burlington Northern Northern Sante Fe Railroad conductor, died of complications from bypass surgery Thursday at a Yuma hospital.



Anderson



At his request, no services are planned. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Yuma Mortuary.

Survivors include his wife Dolores of Yuma; daughter Vicky (John) Holgerson of Great Falls; son Bruce (Karin) Anderson of Great Falls; daughter-in-law Charleen Anderson of Havre; brother Helmer (Carol) Anderson of Great Falls; sisters Dolores (Rodger) Widseth of Great Falls and Alva (James) McWilliams Lakewood, Calif.; stepchildren Bill Strissel, Dave Strissel of Rudyard, Lana Smeenck of Joshua,

Texas; grandchildren Courtney (Chris) McCloskey, Julie Henderson, JJ Henderson and Andy Anderson all of Great Falls, Tyson and Seth Anderson of Havre, Jake, Matt and Josh Strissel of Rudyard, Ashten, Jayce and Jaydan Smeenck of Joshua; and three great-granddaughters of Great Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Annette and Alfred Anderson; and his son, Gary Anderson.

Harvey was born Dec. 26, 1932, in Kevin, Mont., to Alfred and Annette Anderson. He was active duty military service from April 1953 through April 1955.

Harvey enjoyed fishing, traveling and took up golf after retirement. He always looked forward to a lively game of golf with Charles Genger. Harvey was an avid card player and a longtime member of the Eagles Club. He was a very kind and caring person and was loved by all who knew him. He always had a smile and brought a lot of humor to many people's lives.

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VIOLET MARGARET 'BUTCH' (HANSON) BAUDER

Birth: June 17, 1921 - Death: May 22, 2009

Violet Bauder

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June 3, 2009



Violet Margaret "Butch" Bauder was born June 17, 1921 at Algona, Kossuth County, Iowa. She was the eldest of three children born to Charles and Christina (Stromberg) Hanson. Butch finished her formal education through grade 8 in Algona, but couldn't continue to attend school due to poor health. In the few years that followed, she helped with babysitting and housework chores at the family home.

At age 21 Butch was diagnosed with arthritis. In 1944 she moved to Montana for two reasons: firstly, the climate here was better for her general health and secondly, her half-sister (Myrtle Broadhurst) lived in Chester. Butch was a bashful, quiet lady, so she initially started working as a cook and housekeeper in the community. In the early 1950's she took a job as a kitchen helper at the Chester Schools. One of her fondest memories of this job was when she helped serve a fancy banquet for the high school prom in 1955.

Butch met a local mechanic, Christoph "Chris" Bauder, and they were married July 19, 1957 in Shelby. Chris worked for Keith Chevrolet and Ma-

rias Equipment, while Butch worked parttime as a store clerk at the old Chester Trading Company. Butch couldn't have children of her own, so she made up for it by babysitting for various families in the Chester community. She often talked of her love of cuddling and rocking babies to sleep! She also enjoyed the simple pleasure of reading to her favorite toddlers.

Her husband, Chris, died on October 9, 1980. Butch remained in her Chester home until 1992, when she moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge.

In 2004 she transferred to

the Liberty County Nursing Home, where she died on the afternoon of Friday (May 22, 2009). She was 87 years old.

Butch was baptized and confirmed as a teenager in Iowa in 1936. She remained a dedicated Lutheran throughout her life. After moving to Chester, she joined Our Savior's Lutheran Parish and was an active member of the "Ruth" and "Lydia" Circles. She was also a proud member of the Democratic party and the local V.F.W. Auxiliary.

Her hobbies included pillow-top embroidery, flower gardening, cooking, and fishing with Chris. In her quiet time at home she enjoyed reading (especially spiritual publications), crossword and jigsaw

puzzles, and word games. Just for the fun of it, she collected silver dollars. She also enjoyed their memorable trips back to Iowa to visit family and friends.

Butch was preceded in death not only by her husband, but also by her father in 1959, her mother in 1971, her brother (Charles Hanson Jr. in 2000), her sister (Betty Hanson in 2003), her half-sister (Myrtle Broadhurst), and her 2 half-brothers (Kenneth and Harold Berg).

Her only survivors are several nieces and nephews and all of the children she babysat over the years.

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Wednesday (May 27th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

in Chester. Pastor Val Metropoulos officiated. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by Sharon Spicher on the piano. Vocalist, Mary Ann Zorn, performed "In the Garden" and "It Is No Secret". Butch's nieces and nephews, including Roilene Fain, Terri Magelssen, Craig Broadhurst, Ace Diemert, Barbara Bauder Ghislandi, and Lionel Ghislandi, served as pallbearers. Honorary bearers were "all of her old friends". Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a coffee hour was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Butch requested that memorials be directed to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, to the Liberty County Nursing Home, or to any local child care organizations.

HAROLD ORVILLE BELSTAD
Born: November 17, 1923 - Died: January 21, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
January 23, 2009

Harold Orville Belstad

LEWISTOWN — Harold Orville Belstad, 85, died of complications from Alzheimer's disease Wednesday at a Lewistown nursing home.



Belstad

His memorial service is 11 a.m. Monday at Zion Lutheran Church in Lewistown,

with burial of ashes at a later date in Chester. Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Harold is survived by three daughters, Marsha (Robert) Draper of Wolf Point, Mont., Pam (Sonny Glidewell) Belstad of Lewistown and Colleen (Doug) Henman of Billings; a son, Monty (Debbie) Belstad of the Philippines; a sister, Helen Staldorf of Phoenix, Ariz.; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and a large extended family.

Harold was born Nov. 17, 1923, near Van Hook, N.D., to Hans and Olivia (Johnson) Belstad. He was one of seven children.

He spent his early years farming with his father, and bought his farm in 1940. In 1948, he was united in marriage to Ethel Marshall. In 1955, they moved to Winnett, Mont., where he owned and operated a Ford dealership, shop, wrecker service and service sta-

tion until his retirement in 1987.

Ethel, the love of his life, passed away in 1991.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, the Eagles, and served on the Winnett City Council and Winnett Volunteer Fire Department for several years. At one time, he played softball.

He was proud of his family, extended family, Norwegian heritage and many friends.

His joy came from children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, playing cards, lutefisk and lefse, Fords, music, friends and traveling. He adventured to Alaska, Idaho, North Dakota, Arizona and California, and was able to see his father's birthplace and meet family in Norway.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Darrell, Robert, Jerry and Russ; and a sister, Cleo.

The family would like to thank all the friends, family and Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center staff for the love and support shown to Harold.

Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, Montana Chapter, 3010 11th Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101; or to the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center Activities Department, 408 Wendell Ave., Lewistown, MT 59457.

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NORMAN WILLIAM BENJAMIN
Born: January 25, 1930 - Died: July 15, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
July 17, 2009

Norman W. Benjamin

SHELBY — Norman William Benjamin, 79, died of leukemia Wednesday at his home.



Benjamin

Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m. today at Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at the Shelby High

School auditorium, followed by a luncheon in the multi-purpose room. Private burial will take place at the cemetery in Devon.

Norman passed away peacefully July 15, 2009, at the family home on the hill, with a view of the country and Sweet Grass Hills he loved so well.

Norman was born to Lon and Berta Benjamin on Jan. 25, 1930, south of Devon. After attending schools in Devon and Shelby, he and Joyce Fortune were married in Lewistown, in 1949. They celebrated their 60th anniversary April 16.

Norman tended produce at the Safeway grocery store in Shelby until the spring of 1950, when they moved to Joplin to continue a life of farming.

In 1954, the family moved to Devon to farm and raise their five children, Eileen Torgerson of Great Falls, Cecil and Alice Benjamin of Telstad, Delmar of Denver, Colo., Les and Ann of Devon and Kasilof, Alaska, and Sylvia and Flint Moran of Hillsboro, Ore. He loved his 18 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Four of his original 11 siblings also survive Norman, Phebe and Ken Surratt of Loveland, Colo., Clarence of Fort Benton, Harry and Jeane of Devon, and Don and Mona of Boise, Idaho.

Norman loved farming with each changing season. His greatest joy came in 1975, when he chose to serve the Lord, as Jesus taught in the scriptures. His faith never wavered through death.

Everyone knew that Norman was generous with his bucketful of practical wisdom and ready hand to help with whatever tools he had. His idea of a good day was a fix-it job with long coffee breaks, and coming home to Joyce's cooking.

In April 2009, he was diagnosed with acute leukemia, and accepted that he was given a short time to live. He and his family counted it a blessing that he could see and say goodbye to those he loved and who loved him so much.

VERNON C. 'DOC' BERG
Born: Age: 85 - Died: June 5, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
June 7, 2009

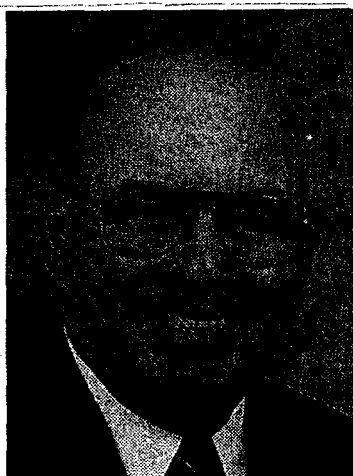
Vernon C. 'Doc' Berg

KREMLIN — Vernon C. "Doc" Berg, 85, a retired farmer from Kremlin, died of natural causes Friday at Northern Montana Care Center in Havre.

Cremation has taken place and at his request, no services are planned. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Delores Berg; a son, Craig Berg; and a daughter, Denise Vosen; a brother, Art Berg, all of Kremlin; a sister, Margaret Throckmorton of Great Falls; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

DONALD E. BLAKE
Birth: June 1, 1936 – Death: March 27, 2009
Liberty County Times
April 1, 2009



**“HE ONLY
TAKES THE BEST”**

Donald E. Blake, 72 of Billings (formerly of Rudyard), passed away March 27, 2009 from a two-year battle with cancer. He was born in Havre, MT June 1, 1936 to Robert and Louise Blake.

He met Rachel Jackson at an Easter dance in Hingham and they married in June 1956. They raised their family of three children in Rudyard. Don worked at Sanvik Brothers for 20 years in the hardware store. He then went to work for Hill County Road Department blading many

county roads in the surrounding Hi-Line area until he retired in 1998. He also served as a volunteer fireman and was an all around handyman for anyone needing things done. Don loved to work with wood using his talent to make carvings, planters, bowls, and anything else anybody could ask for. He was an active member of St. Pius X and volunteered at the Elks in Billings.

He is survived by his wife Rachel Blake of Billings, MT; brother Roger Blake of Great Falls, MT; his children Kerry

(Liz) Blake of Clarkston, WA, Kim Blake of Billings, MT, Nick (Lori) Blake of Billings, MT; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at St. Pius X Church in Billings on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 11 am with reception to follow. Memorials can be made to the Women's and Family Shelter, 2520 1st Avenue N, Billings, MT 59101. A vigil service will be 7:00 pm Friday at Smith's Downtown Chapel, 925 S 27th Street in Billings.

MARY 'MOLLY' (BLACK) BOND

Birth: March 29, 1925 – Death: February 25, 2009

Liberty County Times

March 4, 2009



Molly Bond

Mary "Molly" (Black) Bond was born March 29, 1925 in Ballymacareny, County Down, Northern Ireland. She was one of six children born to Ann Elizabeth Rowan and Samuel William Black. Molly grew up in Ireland and received her formal education at Ballymacareny schools.

She married Robert John Bond on February 3, 1949 in Northern Ireland. They moved to Montana, where they farmed & ranched near the Sweetgrass Hills 35 miles north of Chester. They raised their daughter, Marlene, on the ranch. In 1973 they retired and moved into Chester. At that time Marlene and her husband, Jim, took over the farming operations.

Molly and Robert had been married 29 years when he passed away on February 7, 1978. In the early 1980's she began cooking at the local Senior Citizen's Center, then later at the Sweetgrass Lodge. Molly remained in her Chester home until January of 2007, when she moved to the Wheat Country Estates assisted-living facility. Because of deteriorating health, she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in October of 2008. On Friday evening (Feb. 20th) Molly sustained serious

injuries from a fall at the rest home. She was sent to the Benefis East Medical Center in Great Falls, where she died from complications five days later (Feb. 25, 2008). She was 83 years old.

During her early years on the farm, Molly became a member of the Whitlash Presbyterian Church and the Bears Den Home Demonstration Club. She also served as a 4-H leader. After moving to Chester she attended the United Methodist Church faithfully. In addition she was a true-blue Chester Coyote fan and always supportive of school activities.

On a personal note, Molly loved to be around her family. She loved to cook for them and worry about their every move. She was always there to watch over and pamper her grandchildren if they needed to stay in town, and she willingly opened her door to many other children in need of a place to stay as well. A very spiritual person, Molly taught her family that leading a good, caring Christian life was of the utmost importance. She always defended the "little guy" or the "less fortunate," and always cheered for the "underdog." When any family members tried to act important or be better than someone else, Molly was always quick to criticize their behavior. Although Molly never believed she had a good sense of humor, her family loved her Irish personality and quick wit [and they affectionately referred to her as "The Queen of the One-liners"!].

She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by 3 sisters (Annabel, Rowena, and Elsie).

Survivors include her daughter, Marlene (Jim) Grammar of Chester; 6 grandchildren, Roberta "Bobbie" (Bill) Gathman of

Williston, North Dakota, Erin (Dan) Guzynski of Helena, Devin (Kim) Grammar of Chester, Travis (Marita) Grammar of Laurel, Gavin (Renee) Grammar of Conrad, and Jayme Jewitt of Oregon City, Or.; 11 great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Mable Johnson of England; and 1 brother, William (Enid) Black of Scotland.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Monday (March 2nd) at the Chester United Methodist Church. Pastor Dolly Collins conducted the services. Personal remembrances were shared by Dan Guzynski. Organist, Karen Stack, accompanied the congregation, who sang "Amazing Grace" and "Harvest Time." Vocalist, Marcus Jochim, performed "How Great Thou Art" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Old friend, John Osler, played a medley of Irish tunes on the piano. Pallbearers were Devin, Travis, and Gavin Grammar, Bill Gathman, Dan Guzynski, and BoDean Woods. Burial followed at the Chester Cemetery and a luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Chester Swimming Pool Fund or the Hi-Line Health Foundation.

ESTHER (BRONSON) BORLAUG
Birth: April 20, 1918 – Death: May 18, 2009
Liberty County Times
May 27, 2009



Dateline – Gildford, Montana

Esther Borlaug

Esther Borlaug, 91, died Monday May 18, 2009 at the Sweet Memorial Nursing Home of natural causes. Her burial service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the South Gildford Cemetery with her funeral service 1 p.m. at the Hingham Lutheran Church with Pastor

Arden Barden officiating. Memorials in Esther's honor may be made to the Hingham Lutheran Church. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the church immediately after the service. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Esther was born April 20, 1918 in Barron, Wisconsin to Odin and Hannah (Kringler) Bronson. She was raised and educated in Wisconsin graduating from Chetek High School. She traveled to Montana to see her Uncle and help him on his farm North of Havre. She met Mons O. Borlaug and the couple mar-

ried February 7, 1942. Together they made their home on the Borlaug family farm south of Gildford and raised two sons Monty and Roger.

Esther was very active in the South Gildford and Hingham Lutheran Churches and was a member of the Sons of Norway. Esther was a tidy woman who enjoyed a clean house inside and out. She was also an excellent cook and enjoyed quilting, needlework, crocheting, and working in her yard. Esther was widowed at a young age but she still enjoyed traveling. She wintered in Glendale, Arizona for fifteen years. She has traveled to many unique places such as Norway, The Holy Land, Alaska and also took the Fall Foliage Tour back East and visited all of the state parks in the United States.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Mons on September 21, 1959 and her only sister Bernice Tonjum. One stepbrother, Martin Nelson and one step-sister Selma White.

Esther is survived by her two sons: Monty (Joyce) Borlaug of Havre, Montana and Roger (Sharon) Borlaug of Gildford, Mon-

tana. Her Grandchildren: Brenda (Dave) McMaster of Chinook, Montana; Travis (Maria) Borlaug of Gildford, Montana; Shane (Heidi) Borlaug of Gildford, Montana; Krysti (Joseph) Krall of Avondale, Arizona and Jodi (Josh) Wingen of East Helena, Montana.

7 Great Grandchildren

4 Step Great Grandchildren

ALBERTINE EMMA (MCINTOSH) BOSWORTH

Born: Age: 87 - Died: March 28, 2009

Great Falls Tribune

April 5, 2009

Albertine Emma Bosworth

HAVRE — Lifelong Havre resident Albertine Emma (McIntosh) Bosworth, 87, a homemaker who enjoyed fishing, gardening and playing card games, died of natural causes March 28 at a Havre care center.



**Bosworth in
1992**

Cremation has taken place and her memorial service is 1 p.m. Wednesday at Holland & Bonine Funeral Chapel, with burial in Highland Cemetery.

Survivors of Havre include a son, Dexter Bosworth of Havre; a sister, Gladys Hulett of Havre; a brother, Stuart McIntosh of Havre; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cyril Bosworth, in 2002.

SISTER SHIRLEY ANN BOUCHER
Born: October 10, 1947 - Died: June 30, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
July 4, 2009

Sister Shirley Ann Boucher



Boucher

MOBILE, Ala. — Former Great Falls resident Sister Shirley Ann Boucher, 61, a longtime teacher and member of the Sisters of St. Francis, died Tuesday in Mobile, Ala., of complications from stomach cancer.

Funeral Mass is 10 a.m. Tuesday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Mobile. A memorial service is 4 p.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester.

Following her lifelong commitment to science and education, she chose to donate her body to science at the University of South Alabama School of Medicine.

Shirley was born in Whitefish, Mont., on Oct. 10, 1947, to James and Martha Marthe. Rose Marie Boucher adopted her Dec. 8, 1947. The family moved to Billings, and then settled in Great Falls during her early childhood. She graduated in 1966 from Great Falls Central High School, where she was active in athletics and band. She attended Marylhurst College in Oregon, while there she became friends with visiting Sisters from Philadelphia. In the summer of 1968, she entered their order, the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, because of their strong emphasis on serving the needy and impoverished.

She finished her education at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., after her novitiate year in Philadelphia. She spent the next 20 years as a science and math teacher of junior high students throughout the Northwest and California. Numerous times she was called in to resurrect struggling math and science programs — and had a reputation of succeeding. In 1990, following a lifelong dream, she served as a missionary to Africa for three months. Her hope was to go back on a more permanent basis, but she was unable to because of civil unrest. In 1993, she heard of an inner-city impoverished school that needed a leader. She went to Mobile to teach at Most Pure Heart of Mary School. She has resided there since, serving as science teacher, "hurricane adviser," coach, bus driver and all-around fix-it person.

There was never a dull moment with Sister Shirley, from rounding up a basketball or softball game to playing her harmonica, mouth organ or drums. Her zest for life and propensity for mischief will be missed by all who came in contact with her, whether it was a fellow teacher, student, nephew, niece, uncle or aunt.

Survivors include her two sisters, Sharon (Dick) Harmon of Chester, and Carol (Richard) Acosta of Essex; her biological sister, Sharon Hayes of Arizona; her aunt, Marcella Hull of Chester; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be sent to Most Pure Heart of Mary School, 310 Sengstak, Mobile, AL 36603.

MARY G. (McKERNAN) BRADY
Born: November 3, 1919 - Died: July 26, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
July 28, 2009

Mary G. Brady

HAVRE — Mary G. Brady, 89, of Havre, died of natural causes Sunday at a Havre hospital.



Brady

Her prayer vigil is 7 p.m. Wednesday and funeral Mass is 10 a.m. Thursday at the St. Jude Catholic Church. Burial

will follow in the Calvary section of the Highland Cemetery in Havre. A fellowship luncheon will follow at the church. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Mary was born Nov. 3, 1919, in Box Elder, one of five children born to Michael and Hannah (Friel) McKernan. She was raised on the family farm and graduated from Box Elder High School. She married Terrance "Ted" Brady in 1938 in Havre. To this union nine children were born. Mary was a nurturer who loved her family, raising her children and helping others. She was a hard worker, and worked alongside her husband Ted on all of his projects. Mary was an excellent cook and always had a warm meal for anyone. She worked the Hill County elections for many years and in her spare time liked crocheting.

She was an active member of St. Jude Parish, PCCW and the Altar Society.

She is survived by her children Doris Suek of Portland, Ore., Terry (Roberta) Brady of Missoula, Jim (Mary) Brady of Malta, Jack (Linda) Brady of Havre, Marilyn Miner of Big Sandy, Tom (Paula) Brady of Havre, Annmarie (Randy) Robinson of Big Sandy and Patty (Martin) Alley of Joplin; sisters Nora Nelson of Havre, Patricia Warhank of Rudyard and Kay (Adam) Schweitzer of Helena; grandchildren Brad (Leah) and Ted Suek, Cathy (Wes) Finch and Ty (Lori) Brady, Michael (Christina) Brady, Shannon, Patrick and Matthew Brady, Jeramie and Scott (Kari) Robinson, Amanda (Bryan) Parker and Brendan (Stephanie) Brady, Logan and Derek Beilke; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Terrance Brady on July 12, 2003; a daughter, Cathy Brady; a brother, Michael McKernan; and son-in-law Claude Miner.

Memorial contributions in Mary's honor may be made to St. Jude Catholic Church; her grandson, Brendan Brady, who suffers from ALS, c/o Bear Paw Credit Union, Havre, MT 59501; or to a memorial of one's choice.

Condolences may be posted online at hollandbonine@q.com and/or gftribune.com/obituaries.

ALICE ANN BRENNAN
Birth: June 11, 1940 – Death: May 21, 2009
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May 27, 2009



Dateline – Havre, Montana
Alice Ann Brennan

Alice Ann Brennan, 68, a retired secretary for the United States Border Patrol in Havre died Thursday May 21, 2009 at a Great Falls hospital of pneumonia. Her funeral service was held 3 p.m. Tuesday May 26, 2009 at the First Lutheran Church in Havre with Pastors Brad Ulgenes and Michael O'Hearn officiated. Burial followed at the Highland Cemetery. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Alice was born June 11, 1940 in Hingham, Montana to Patrick Bernard and Alice Brennan. She was raised and educated in Hingham. She married Louie Lambott of Rudyard and they had two children, Kelly and Stephanie. Kelly died as an infant. She later married Herschel Crabb. Alice was employed by many businesses as a secretary. She worked at First Security Bank and retired from the United States Border Patrol.

She was classy and fun loving lady who believed you should always look nice even on your worst day. She enjoyed dressing up and going out, wearing high heels and dancing. She loved Elvis Presley, fast cars, gardening and reading. She also was a good and incredibly loyal friend who loved her family, grandchildren and her three dogs. She was a member the Red Hat Society.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her beautiful baby boy, Kelly and her first husband Louie.

Alice is survived by her daughter Stephanie (Tracy) McLain of Havre, Montana. Granddaughter Jillian (David) Korell of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Grandson Jess McLain of Missoula, Montana. Two sisters Marlene (Mitch) Bengochea of Nashua, Montana and Carole Beagles of Tucson, Arizona and her three best friends, Spencer, Riley and Cher.

ROBERT JOHN BROUGH
Born: Age: 71 - Died: July 30, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
August 2, 2009

Robert John Brough

HAVRE — Robert John Brough, 71, of Havre, a former construction worker who enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing and gardening, died of natural causes Thursday at Northern Montana Hospital in Havre.



Brough

A prayer vigil is 7 p.m. Monday at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. His memorial service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jude Catholic Church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery. A reception will be held at the VFW following the graveside services.

Survivors include daughters Tammy Brough of Chester, Carol Kline of Fort Benton, Kim Keefe of Glenford, Ohio, and; a sister, Sharon Grant of Havre; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death a stepson, Sheldon Wilson.

STUART MACK BROWNLEE

Birth: November 24, 1936 – Death: January 16, 2009

Liberty County Times

January 21, 2009



Stuart M. Brownlee

Stuart Mack "Stu" Brownlee was born November 24, 1936 in Havre, Mt. He was one of two children born to Marjorie Ruth Stuart and Harold Mack Brownlee. He grew up on the family farm south of Gildford and received his formal education in Gildford, graduating from G.H.S. in 1955. Stu continued his education at Northern Montana College in Havre for two years, where he earned an Associate Degree in Farm/Ranch Management. He then transferred to M.S.U. in Bozeman, where he finished one quarter before enlisting into the U.S. Army.

Of interest was the fact that Stuart received his military training in Texas where Elvis Presley was inducted. Stu remembered stories about Elvis sharing his "fan mail" with fellow recruits, his love of football and going to the movies, and how Elvis just wanted to be "one of the

guys." Following basic training, Stuart served in Germany. He attained the rank of Specialist-5 before his honorable discharge in 1960.

Stuart returned to Montana and began farming and ranching at Gildford. He married Kathryn "Kay" Kelly on September 16th, 1961 at St. Ignatius, Mt. They made their home and raised their two sons in the Gildford community. In 1985 they sold the farm and Stuart began working in the insurance business. He eventually became an independent agent and operated Brownlee Insurance Company in Rudyard for several years. After establishing a loyal cliental, he moved his office to his home in Gildford, where he remained an active agent.

Stuart recently developed some abdominal problems and was admitted to the Northern Montana Hospital for treatment and surgery. Following this short illness, he died at the Havre hospital early Friday morning (January 16, 2009). He was 72 years old.

Stu was an active member of the Kremlin Lutheran Church. He had served on the K-G School board and the Gildford Water board. He was a past member of the Havre Elks Lodge and was a 3rd generation 4-H'er. Stu often spoke of a fond experience with his sons when they participated in the Montana Centennial Cattle Drive in

1989. He also enjoyed several memorable cruises with his best friend and soul mate, Kay.

Stu had many hobbies. He was an avid wood worker and could build any wooden product from scratch. He was also a sports fan, especially football. He loved fishing, hunting, & camping and was always the official "camp cook"; his pancakes were the best! Stu was generally content being at home, but he

also enjoyed being around people. He was a generous man, especially when it came to his family, whom he loved dearly. His generosity continued after his death; he donated his corneas in hopes of helping someone.

Stu was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kay Brownlee of Gildford; 2 sons, Steve (Debbie) Brownlee of Billings and Tim (Randi) Brownlee of Tacoma, WA.; 8 grandchildren (inc. Brock, Brea, Paige, Jillian, Chris, Alex, Sadie, and Sophie); his sister, Sharon (Arvid) Ous of Gildford; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorial services were 2:00 p.m. Tuesday (Jan. 20th) at the Gildford Baptist Church. Pastor Arden K. Barden officiated. A selected reading was shared by Chris Parsons. The congregation sang "Trust & Obey", accom-

panied by organist, Sharon Spicher. A vocal tribute, "Hymn of Promise", was performed by Terry Stevenson. Granddaughters, Sadie and Sophie, sang a special duet entitled "All Night, All Day." The military flag presentation was made to the family by granddaughter, Jillian. A reception followed in the church hall. Cremation and arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. In lieu of flowers, memorials were suggested to the "Gift of Life" in Great Falls.

RALPH ANTHONY BURKHARTSMEYER
Birth: February 1, 1957 – Death: April 21, 2009
Liberty County Times
April 29, 2009

Ralph Burkhartsmeier



Ralph Anthony Burkhartsmeier was born February 1, 1957 in Havre, Montana. He was the eldest of two children born to Albert Horinek and Doris Esplin. Ralph was baptized as an infant at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. When he was 3 years old his father died. Sometime later his mother married Mike Burkhartsmeier, who adopted Ralph and his sister, Linda.

Ralph grew up in the Hingham community and received his formal education there. After high school he attended Helena Vo-Tech, where he studied auto mechanics. In 1978 he returned to the Hingham community where he has lived and farmed.

He married LaNay Warren of Hingham. They had 3 children before their marriage ended in divorce. Ralph

later married Kelli Finley of Havre, and that union also ended in divorce. During these past few years Ralph had a new relationship with his special friend, Lucinda Pechia.

Recently, Ralph was being treated for some medical problems. He hadn't felt well this past week. A good friend stopped by Ralph's farm home southeast of Hingham to check on him Tuesday evening (April 21, 2009). Ralph had died in his sleep of apparent natural causes. He was just 52 years old.

Ralph was a common guy who enjoyed a simple life. He loved to work with his hands on carpentry and mechanical projects. He always took pride in maintaining a clean, organized tool box. Over the years he enjoyed water-skiing, scuba-diving, hunting, fishing, bowling, and darts. Ralph had a good disposition and enjoyed socializing with his many friends. He dearly loved his children and grandchildren. He loved all animals, too, especially dogs & cats. One of his favorite long-time companions was his pet dog, "Bandit".

Ralph was preceded in death by his father (Albert) in 1954, his mother (Doris) in 1992, and his father (Mike) in 2003.

Survivors are his 3 children, Trevin (Tiaya) Burkhartsmeier, Thad (Robyn) Burkhartsmeier, and Shilo (Matt) Johnson, all of Helena; 2 grandchildren, Caycen and Christopher; his sister, Linda (Craig) Patrick of Hingham; his special friend, Cinda Pechia of Chester; numerous nephews and nieces; and a host of friends.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Monday (April 27th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. The services were conducted by family friend, Larry Horinek. Music was provided by Sharon Spicher on the keyboard. Pallbearers were Lynn Anderson, Doug Effinger, Gary Horinek, Tim VanWechel, Lyle Harrison, Greg Spinler, Chris Kline, & Pat Foster. Burial with graveside services was 12:30 p.m. at the Hingham Cemetery. A reception for family and friends followed at the Hi-Way Bar in Hingham.

VERLA ADELINE (SAUER) CADY

Birth: December 11, 1913 – Death: February 22, 2009

Liberty County Times

March 25, 2009



Verla Cady

Verla Adeline (Sauer) Cady was born December 11, 1913 at Joplin, Montana. She was one of ten children born to Hollis Verla Robinson and Verne P. Sauer. She grew up in Joplin and received her early education there. She finished her last two years of high school in Great Falls.

On March 19, 1934 at age 20 Verla married Wallace Edwin Cady in Havre. They had a son, LeRoy, in 1938. That same year her husband, Wallace, died

in a mining accident north of Joplin. Verla and LeRoy remained in Joplin until 1942, then moved to the Seattle area, where she raised her son in the Snohomish community.

During her life in Washington, Verla worked various jobs. From 1942-45 she was employed by Boeing Aircraft, where she drilled rivet holes on the wings and fuselages of B-17's. From 1946-54 Verla worked as a sales clerk for Newberry's and the Bon Marche in Everett. Her last twenty years of employment was at Woolworth's, where she worked as a clerk. After her retirement in 1979, she continued to work parttime several years for an inventory company.

Verla was independent and lived 28 years at an apartment complex in Renton, WA. She looked forward to her daily 3-mile walks and special coffee time with her friends. Her hob-

bies included crocheting, reading, and watching television (she liked the court shows on TV, especially "Judge Judy"). She also enjoyed shopping; her shopping philosophy was "If I can't wear it or eat it, I don't buy it!". Before her eyesight failed and she couldn't drive anymore, she loved her yearly summer trips to Montana and Idaho. Verla's general health remained good until 2008, when she moved to a retirement home. She passed away in Renton on Sunday (February 22, 2009) at the age of 95 years. She will be remembered by her family as a very loving mother, sister, and "Auntie"...

Verla was preceded in death not only by her husband & parents, but also by her son (LeRoy Cady in 2000), 4 brothers (Verne Jr., Virgil, Victor, and Valois Sauer), and 3 sisters (Vivian Anderson, Vera Sauer, and Verna Heydon).

Her survivors include 2 sisters, Varvarra Adams of Lakeside, MT. and Velma Adams of Selma, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

Verla was cremated. Her ashes will be buried with her husband and son at the Chester Cemetery later this spring. A graveside service will be announced by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

JEAN A. (HUSSEY) CALLIES
Born: December 3, 1920 - Died: December 7, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
December 9, 2009

Jean A. Callies

HAVRE — Jean A. (Hussey) Callies, 89, died of natural causes Monday at her daughter's home in Havre.

Her funeral is 3 p.m. Friday at Holland & Bonine Funeral Home, with private burial in Highland Cemetery.

Jean was born Dec. 3, 1920, in Proctor, Minn., to John R. and Marion W. (Murray) Hussey. She



**Callies
in 1984**

was raised in Duluth, Minn., graduated from Denfeld High School and attended Duluth Business College.

She worked at Montgomery Ward, the Credit Bureau and Standard Oil Office in Minnesota before marrying Richard Callies, who was in the Marines. She went with him to San Diego, Norfolk, Va., and then to San Francisco. When Richard went to war in the Pacific, Jean went back to Duluth, where she worked for Freimuths Department Store as a personal shopper.

When Richard came home from the war, they moved to Havre, Mont. Jean worked at the Great Northern Railroad in the yard office switchboard and for JC Penney as a clerk. In 1961, she and Richard moved to Kremlin, where he was the grain elevator manager for Centennial Mills. Jean worked as a secretary/aide for Kremlin School District. She worked as a clerk for the U.S. Kremlin Post until she became postmaster of the Kremlin post office, where she worked for 25 years.

Jean was an avid reader who enjoyed reading mysteries and biographies. She was a member of the Kremlin Methodist Church and served as treasurer for many years. Attending church was the highlight of her week until she was physically unable to attend. After Richard passed away in 1991, she continued living by herself in Kremlin until moving to Havre in 2008.

Jean was a member of the Order of Eastern Star for 50 years and Past Worthy Matron. She enjoyed studying genealogy on both sides of her family and was extremely proud of her Irish heritage. Jean was a happy person who had the sweetest smile. She truly never spoke an unkind word about anyone and her family was the center of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Beverly, Betty and Marion (Homer) Freeman, Joan (Gale) Gustafson and Lorna (Pat) Kesich; a brother, Bill (Karin) Hussey; and half-sisters Mary Berg, Ann (Walt) Swanstrom, Teresa (Tom) Burns and Margaret (Vic) Robertson.

Jean is survived by her daughter, Betty (Dave Melby) Callies of Havre; sons Richard Paul (Junie) Callies of Fairfax City, Va., and Gary Stephen (Jackie) Callies of Cheyenne, Wyo.; one grandson, Stephen Ian Callies of Laramie, Wyo.; sisters Dorothy Fogelman of Yakima, Wash., and Eileen Cason of Anniston, Ala.; a brother, John Hussey of Saginaw, Minn.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions in Jean's honor may be made to the Havre Hill County Library, 402 3rd Street, Havre, MT 59501; or to the Intermountain Children's Home, 500 South Lamborn, Helena, MT 59601.

GENE CARLSON

Born: February 20, 1932 - Died: June 1, 2009

Great Falls Tribune

June 5, 2009

Gene Carlson

Fort Benton native and former Great Falls resident Gene Carlson, 77, of Pasco, Wash., an Air Force veteran and former Great Falls High School coach, died of natural causes Monday in Pasco.



Carlson

His graveside service is 4 p.m. Saturday in Highland Cemetery. Mueller's Greenlee Funeral Home in Pasco handled Washington arrangements.

Gene was born in Fort Benton on Feb. 20, 1932, to A.V. Carlson and Anna Mae Carlson. He spent his early years on the family homestead near Fort Benton.

His family moved to Great Falls where he graduated from GFHS in 1949. He was an all state football and baseball player at GFHS. He went on to play football and baseball at the University of Montana. His enrollment there in 1949 started a long tradition of UM football players and scholar athletes that continues three generations later with the fourth generation "in the wings." This was a great source of pride for "Coach."

While in college he enlisted in the ROTC program and upon graduation in 1954, he married the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Kathryn Belle Lindseth. The newlyweds began their 55 married years together at Lowry Air Base in Denver, where he was stationed until 1956.

Jeff and Bruce were born during their time in Denver. After his honorable discharge in 1956, he signed a professional baseball contract to play baseball in the New York Yankees organization. He dreamed that one day he would play alongside Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris and Whitey Ford in the "House That Ruth Built." He made it to the AAA level but not to Yankee Stadium. In 1958 he, Kathy and the boys moved back to his hometown,

and he began teaching at GFHS and coaching his beloved Bison. He coached the Bison until 1973. During his time in Great Falls, his three beautiful daughters were born and the Bison won four state championships. Both sons and a nephew, Steve, played on his championship teams. He was elected to the Montana Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Coach loved his time in Great Falls.

In 1973, the family moved to Missoula where he was an assistant football coach at his alma mater, the UM. In 1976, he became head coach and coached the Grizzlies until 1979.

Beginning in 1980, Gene, Kathy and daughter Stephanie moved to Pasco. He loved his years as a teacher, coach and administrator in the Pasco School systems. He dearly loved his friends and life in Pasco.

His many accomplishments included earning colonel in the USAF/Air National Guard for 23 years; master's degree in public administration from George Washington University; Outstanding High School Educator award in 1972; co-founder of the Montana Coaches Association; and state director and volunteer for the Special Olympics.

He is survived by his wife Kathy of Pasco; brothers Tony Carlson and Terry Carlson of Great Falls, and Randy Carlson of Helena; a sister, Neva Passage of Helena; children Jeff (Nan) Carlson of Tulsa, Okla., Bruce (Judy) Carlson of Billings, Wendie (Terry) Thomas of Dillon, Kim (Jim) Brant of Reno, Nev., and Stephanie Carlson of Pasco; and 15 grandchildren.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, A.V. and Anna Mae Carlson; sister Mary Ann Butler; and granddaughter Lexie Carlson.

Above all Gene loved his wife and family and especially his granddaughter, Lexie, who passed away in 1988, and his life. We will miss him dearly.

Condolences may be posted online at www.muellersfuneralhomes.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

LLOYD AUGUSTINE DIEMERT
Birth: March 4, 1921 – Death: February 26, 2009
Liberty County Times
March 4, 2009



Lloyd Diemert

Lloyd Augustine Diemert was born March 4, 1921 in the Kenilworth community west of Big Sandy, Montana. He was one of five children born to Marion "Molly" Rideout and August Diemert.

Lloyd grew up on the family farm at Kenilworth and received his education at the Black Coulee country school. Following his school years, Lloyd worked with his father before taking a job with the CCC's.

In 1942 Lloyd enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He served in the European-African-Middle Eastern and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaigns during World War II. He attained the rank of Chief Motor Machinist's Mate before receiving his honorable discharge in 1945.

Lloyd returned to Montana and began working as a carpenter, first at Kalispell, then at Fort Benton. He met his wife-to-be, Ina May

Milledge, and they were married on June 15, 1950 in Fort Benton. Two years later they purchased a farm south of Rudyard, where they lived and raised their family of five. Lloyd retired from farming in 1994 and sold the place to his son, James. He lived in Havre for several years and enjoyed traveling in his RV. When his health began to fail in 2004, Lloyd moved to the Big Sandy Nursing Home. He died at the rest home on the early morning of Thursday (February 26, 2009) at the age of 87.

During his years on the farm, Lloyd was active at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He had also served on the N.F.O. board at Inverness.

In his younger years Lloyd enjoyed playing softball. He remained an avid baseball fan throughout his life. In his quiet time at home he enjoyed playing solitaire, using this time also for meditation and personal thoughts. Lloyd had exceptional carpenter skills; he used these talents to build all of the structures on his farmstead.

In his retirement years, Lloyd loved to travel. He made several memorable trips (two to the Philippines) and enjoyed spending time with his families.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 siblings (Fritz Diemert and Rosina Pegar).

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Ina May Diemert of Moses Lake, Wa.; his 5 children, Stacey (Richard) Ribellia of Moses Lake, Wa., Tom (Linda) Diemert of Turpin, Ok., Mark Diemert of Newport Richey, Fl., Luke (Lily) Diemert of Polson, and James (Sherri) Diemert of Helena; 17 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Eleanor and Rena Wendland, both of Three Forks; and numerous nephews and nieces.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated at 3:00 p.m. Monday (March 2nd) by Father Joe Diekhans at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Sharon Spicher served as organist and Marcus Jochim provided traditional Mass music. Scripture readings were by grandchildren, Quincy Ribellia and Jessica Diemert. Lloyd's eulogy was shared by

son, Tom Diemert, who also made the military flag

presentation at the end of the Mass. Eucharistic ministers were Tim Pegar and Sue Wendland. Altar server was Mike Wendland. The communion gifts were presented by his grandchildren. A reception followed in the church basement. Lloyd's ashes will be buried in the Rudyard Cemetery later this spring. Cremation and arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

HOWARD L. EHLERT
Born: Age: 83 - Died: March 11, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
March 14, 2009

Howard L. Ehlert

WINIFRED — Howard L. Ehlert, 83, of Winifred, an Army veteran, farmer and rancher, died of natural causes Wednesday at a Lewistown nursing home.



His vigil service is 7 p.m. Sunday at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Funeral Mass is 1 p.m. Monday at St. Leo's, with burial in Winifred Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home & Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Stephany "Fannie" (Simac) Ehlert of Winifred; sons Mark Ehlert of Havre, and Jeff, Steve, Wes, Tom, Alan and Robert Ehlert, all of Winifred; daughters Joan Lipp of Hingham, Lisa Ophus of Havre, Nancy Ehlert of Van Nuys, Calif., and Marguerite Ehlert of Spokane; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ESTER MARGARET (PETERSEN) ENGHUSEN
Birth: August 3, 1924 – Death: November 6, 2009
Liberty County Times
November 18, 2009



Ester Enghusen

Esther Margaret Enghusen, 85, a book keeper and homemaker from Shelby, passed away Friday, November 6, at the Maria's Care Center after a lengthy illness. Visitation is Wednesday, November 11, from 1:00 until 8:00 PM at the Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. Funeral service is 11:00 AM Thursday, November 12, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church with burial to follow

in the Mountain View Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Glenn of Shelby; daughter, Shelly Champion of Mount Vernon, WA; sons, Chris Enghusen of Eureka and Scott Enghusen of Longview, WA; 9 grandchildren & numerous great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Clara Eldridge; brothers, Andrew, Oscar & Fred Petersen.

She was born August 3, 1924 at Fairview to Andrew & Olivia (Nielsen) Petersen where she grew up and graduated from Sidney high school. She married Glenn Enghusen on October 31, 1948.

Esther was a bookkeeper for the local Cenex store, 1st Natl. Bank and an Electrical Supply Store in Sidney. They moved to Eureka in 1954 where Glenn operated a heavy equipment company. In 1974 they moved to Chester and then to Ethridge in 1978 and finally to Shelby in 1986.

She was active in St. Luke's Lutheran Church where she sang in the choir and served with the Ladies Guild. Esther enjoyed knitting, crocheting, dancing, playing cards and bowling along with being President of the Bowling League.

Esther was a very handy woman and kept busy painting, wall papering and helping others with whatever project they might have. She was also one the best cooks ever.

RETHA LORAIN 'REET' (MELBY) ERNST

Born: Age: 75 - Died: July 24, 2009

Great Falls Tribune

July 27, 2009

Retha Loraine Ernst

LEWISTOWN — Retha Loraine "Reet" (Melby) Ernst, 75, of Lewistown, died of lung cancer Friday at her home in Lewistown.



Ernst

A graveside service is 11 a.m. Friday in Highland Cemetery.

Retha died Friday, July 24, 2009, with family and close friends at her

side.

Reet was born Jan. 30, 1934, in Havre. She was the fourth of nine children born to John and Beulah Melby of Kremlin, where she was raised and educated. She married Roy Snyder and to that union a son, Rodney, was born. They divorced and she later married Merle Ernst in Great Falls, where she had lived for most of her life.

In the early 1980s, Reet and Merle moved to Lewistown, where Merle died in 1996. Reet then met her soul mate and partner, Ben Foran. Ben and his family took her into their hearts as their own. Ben died in February 2006, and one month later, her son Rod died. After Ben's death, his family kept her close, helping to care for her needs and ease her

loneliness.

Reet was a great cook and loved to entertain friends and family. Her fun-loving spirit and sweet disposition made her a natural hostess and she was still planning meals the day before she died.

She is survived by a sister, Mildred Wilson; brothers Marvin "Booba" Melby and David (Betty) Melby, all of Havre; a sister-in-law, Marlene Melby of Kremlin; stepchildren Glen (Trina) Ernst of Delaware, Jim (Cyndi) Foran and Todd (Eva) Foran, all of Hilger, and Marcie Foran of Lewistown; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, many nieces and nephews; and her dear friends of many years, Corky and Connie Voss.

In addition to her husband Merle and son Rodney, she was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Frances Halter and Lois Knutson; brothers Charles, Arlen and Raymond Melby; and her partner, Ben Foran.

Memorials are suggested to Lewistown Hospice, 408 Wendell Ave., Lewistown, MT 59457.

Condolences may be posted online at www.schniderfuneral-home.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

GLEN EUGENE EVELAND

Birth: July 11, 1937 - Death: January 21, 2009

LOU ELLEN JANE (HULQUIST) EVELAND

Birth: March 31, 1943 - Death: January 21, 2009

Liberty County Times

January 28, 2009



Glen and
Lou Ellen Eveland

Glen Eugene Eveland, 71, and Lou Ellen Jane (Hulquist) Eveland, 65, 1311 Grizzly Trail in Rocker, were taken from us on Jan. 21, 2009.

Glen was born on July 11, 1937 in Havre, MT to Wilbur and Ruth (Stipp) Eveland. Lou was born on March 31, 1943 in Woodfairie, ID at her grandparent's home at Jewel Lake, which is south of Sandpoint, ID. Her father was Carl Hulquist and mother, Arbutus. They were married on August 1, 1960. Shortly afterwards, Glen enlisted in the Army, where he was trained as a photo-lithographer and commercial photographer. During his tours of duty, he and Lou lived in Japan, Alabama, Georgia, various towns in Montana, Okinawa, Kansas and Virginia. When he retired from the service in 1976, they made their home in Rocker, MT. Glen worked in the Printing Services Department of the Montana

Power Company until his retirement in 2000.

Lou attended grade school in Sagle, ID and high school

in Sandpoint and Superior. She had a wide variety of work experiences in her early life, including working hay fields in Missoula, bartending and clerking at an IGA in Plains, and sales work at clothing and painting stores. At the time of her death, Lou was employed at Career Futures in Butte, where she had worked for several years. She took great pride in her ability to help disadvantaged individuals learn job readiness skills.

Glen and Lou were preceded in death by their mothers, Ruth Stipp Eveland and Arbutis Mercer Hulquist; Lou's father, Carl Hulquist; Glen's sister, Carol Cameron; and son-in-law, Jerry Absher. Glen and Lou are survived by their son, Colin "Bud" Eugene Eveland of South Bend, IN; daughter, Bonnie (Absher) Joslyn of Great Falls, MT; six

grandchildren, Matthew Absher of Great Falls, Melissa Absher of Spokane, WA, Mark and Liz Absher of Iraq and Great Falls, Kathleen, Aaron, and Samantha Joslyn of Great Falls; and one great-granddaughter, Rebekkah.

Glen is also survived by his father Wilbur of Chester, MT; brothers Lyle and Wayne of the Seattle area; sisters, Joyce Burch of Portland, OR and Judy Ohrt of Seattle; and nephew Steve Cameron of Chester. Lou is survived by her sisters Ruth Wilkinson of San Antonio, TX and Elaine Obenauer of Sagle, ID; and brothers Richard Hulquist of Amarillo, TX, Guy Hulquist of Sagle, ID, and Jan Hulquist of Missoula, MT.

Glen and Lou were avid hunters and fishermen. They enjoyed playing pool and darts, tying flies, four-wheeling, and traveling. They were members of the Copper City CB Radio Club. Glen served on the Rocker Water Board. Lou was a long-time member of the Butte Zoning Board of Adjustment. In 2004, Lou was a recipient of the Southwest Montana Women of Distinction Award.

Glen and Lou were well known in the Anaconda, Butte, Dillon, Rocker, Wisdom and Wise River areas for their musical gifts. Glen was a skilled guitar and mandolin player, while Lou was a talented singer and percussionist and gardener. They frequently organized jam sessions and created numerous

bonds with area musicians. Their band was known as the Classic Country Jammers.

Glen was a long-time volunteer fire fighter with the Rocker Volunteer Fire Department, while Lou volunteered with the Ladies Auxiliary, where she held every office, most recently as chaplain. For the past 18 years, they have quietly collected aluminum cans as a

fundraiser for an eventual playground in Rocker. In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to the Rocker Playground Fund at Glacier Bank.

Glen and Lou were strongly connected to family and friends and were dedicated to improving their community and helping others. Everyone who knew them was better for having known them. They lived with open hearts and open hands.

Cremation has taken place. Services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Abundance Life Fellowship, 630 W. Iron Street in Butte. A reception will immediately follow at the Depot, 818 S. Arizona, formerly the Great Northern Railroad Depot.

KAREN (JODREY) EVENSON
Born: March 19, 1951 - Died: February 14, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
March 27, 2009

Karen Evenson

THREE FORKS — Karen (Jodrey) Evenson, 57, died of drowning Feb. 14 in Three Forks.



Evenson

Her vigil service is 7 this evening at Holy Family Catholic Church in Three Forks. Funeral Mass

is noon Saturday at Holy Family, with burial in Fairview Cemetery. K&L Mortuary of Three Forks is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, Myron Evenson of Three Forks; sons Dr. Andrew (Laura) Evenson of Rathdrum, Idaho, and Brian Evenson of Three Forks; her mother, Maxine Jodrey of Chester; and a brother, Chuck (Cayne) Jodrey of Chester.

Karen was born March 19, 1951, in Shelby. She was raised in Shelby, graduating from Shelby High School and receiving an associate degree in 1990 from Denver Business College in Billings.

She married Myron Evenson in 1970 in Bozeman.

Karen was active in her church and enjoyed celebrating Mass, Bible study and the Rosary. She loved spending time with her family, watching hockey, doing crossword puzzles and watching "Jeopardy!" She enjoyed God's creations.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Jodrey; and brothers Michael and Patrick.

Memorials are suggested to Susan B. Komen Foundation or a Catholic church of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

JOSEPH CARL FERRIS
Born: Age: 55 - Died: April 22, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
May 1, 2009

Joseph Carl Ferris

AMERICUS, Kan. — Former Montana resident Joseph Carl Ferris, 55, of



Ferris

Americus, Kan., who enjoyed skiing, hunting, fishing, biking, swimming, gardening, songwriting and playing guitar and harmonica, died of complications from diabetes April 22 at a hospital in Topeka, Kan.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Arlene Ferris of Americus; daughter Dallas of Eureka, Kan.; brothers John Ferris of Merced, Calif., Tom Ferris of Helena and Dan Ferris of Rudyard; sisters Helen Treinen of York, Pat Murphy of Great Falls, Linda Chapman of Lewistown, Cathy Estes-Adams of Hingham and Corinne Skarderud of Lothair; and three grandchildren.

PAULINE (GUNDERSON) FRANKLIN

Birth: December 3, 1932 – Death: October 6, 2009

Liberty County Times

October 21, 2009



Pauline Gunderson

Pauline Gunderson Franklin, age 76, died from a stroke on Tuesday morning (October 6, 2009) at the St. Elizabeth Community Hospital in Red Bluff, California.

She was born Pauline Evelyn Fisher on December 3, 1932 in Gracemont, Oklahoma. She was the 7th of eight children born to John and Effie (Middaugh) Fisher. Pauline spent her childhood

in Oklahoma and her formative years in Nebraska, where she helped her mother run a restaurant. After graduating from high school, she began driving taxi in Omaha, Neb.

While on a visit to Havre, Mt., Pauline met a Joplin area farmer/rancher, Edwin Palmer Gunderson. They were married January 30, 1957 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church north of Joplin, Mt. They lived and worked on the Gunderson farm during their 21 years together. Their happy marriage ended in 1978 when Eddie was killed in a farming accident. Pauline remained in the Joplin community for a short while, then moved to

Hemet, California (where she and Eddie had begun wintering prior to his death). In 1980 she bought the "El Palenque Restaurant" in Hemet, which she owned and operated for 10 years.

After Pauline retired, she met and married her second husband, Eddie Franklin. They were together about ten years when he passed away. Alone again, Pauline moved to northern California in 2001 to live with and care for her brother, Marion. She enjoyed these last years in Red Bluff, where she spent quality time with 2 siblings and several nieces and nephews. For the past 1½ years she lived with her niece, Paula Bracken. Pauline suffered from the typical ailments of aging, and was thankful to remain somewhat independent during her final years.

Pauline loved her years in Montana. The only true love of her life, Eddie Gunderson, was also her best friend. Their favorite hobbies were "each other." They loved golfing, bowling, and playing cards with friends. They were longtime members of the Marias Golf & Country Club in Shelby and were active

participants in the Hi-Line bowling leagues and tournaments for many years. When Pauline was in her prime, she maintained one of the highest bowling averages for women in the State of Montana. She also enjoyed playing horseshoes. The Gundersons liked all card games, especially pan and cribbage. They were loyal members at Immanuel Lutheran Church near their farm.

Pauline continued to enjoy golf and bowling in her retirement years. She also enjoyed playing solitaire on the computer. Throughout her life she was an avid animal lover, especially to dogs and cats.

To a new acquaintance, Pauline would appear to be an extremely serious and blunt person. But to those who knew her, she could be very tender, kind, and thoughtful. In addition she had a good sense of humor, always enjoying a good joke and a good laugh...

Pauline was preceded in

death not only by her parents and husbands, but also by 6 siblings (Marion Fisher, Bud Fletcher, Clint Fletcher, James Fletcher, Viola Kirk, and Laura DeCosmo). She is survived by 1 sister, Mildred Fletcher; 1 stepson, Donald Gunderson; 2 stepdaughters, Patty and Georgia Franklin; and numerous nieces & nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 17th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Pastor Arden K. Barden officiated. The scriptures and obituary were read by Dale Gunderson. The congregation sang "Softly & Tenderly", "Nearer, My God, To Thee", and "Beyond the Sunset", accompanied by pianist, Tammy Duncan. A selected recording

by Elvis Presley, "In the Garden", was played. Pallbearers were Terry Bracken, Kenn Fisher, Jeffrey Haugen, Dave Hearnshaw, Jerry Thorson, and Tate Thorson. Pauline was buried next to Eddie in the Gunderson plot at the Chester Cemetery. A fellowship luncheon followed at Our Savior's Church.

CONNIE ANN (SKIERKA) FUGLE
Born: April 26, 1941 - Died: March 29, 2009

Great Falls Tribune
April 5, 2009

Connie Ann Fugle

CUT BANK — Connie Ann (Skierka) Fugle, 67, of Cut Bank, died of complications of cancer Sunday at the Marias Medical Center in Shelby.



Fugle

Graveside services with burial of ashes is 11 a.m. Thursday at Crown Hill Cemetery in Cut Bank, with a reception to

follow. Cremation and arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Connie was born April 26, 1941, in Havre to Lorenz and Abbie (Diemert) Skierka. They lived in Chester and Rudyard until 1953, then moved to Cut Bank. Connie completed her schooling in Cut Bank and Browning, graduating from high school in 1959.

She married Norman Fugle on April 29, 1961. They made their home in Cut Bank and raised two sons. Connie was the bookkeeper and partner in the family business, Norman Fugle Construction. In addition, she owned/operated the Point Drive-In in Cut Bank from 1987-1996.

Connie was an avid seamstress and quilter. She enjoyed arts and crafts, painting, gardening, jigsaw puzzles, antiques, professional baseball, animals, and nature. She loved her family and was a dedicated "Grandma".

Survivors are her husband of 48 years, Norman of Cut Bank; two sons and spouses, John and Angie and Gordon and Malena, all of Cut Bank; three grandchildren, Michael, Kandyce, and Ty; one brother, Raymond Skierka of Waverly, Iowa; one aunt, Edna Wickens of Great Falls; and many nephews, nieces, and cousins.

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ERNEST JOSEPH GAGNON

Birth: April 23, 1913 – Death: May 16, 2009

Liberty County Times

May 27, 2009



Ernest Gagnon

Ernest Joseph Gagnon was born April 23, 1913 in Whitefish, Montana. He was the second of nine children born to Louis and Elise (Hamel) Gagnon. In 1914 the Gagnons moved to a relinquished homestead 9 miles south of Chester. Ernest grew up on the farm and attended the Erickson country school. His first year of high school was at St. Norbert's in Green Bay, Wisconsin. This was during the early depression years, so Ernest came back to Montana to help on the family farm. Two years later he returned to high school in Chester, where he graduated in 1934.

Ernest had aspirations to become a design engineer, but times were tough so he continued to work in farming. He and his brother, Francis, formed a partnership and eventually purchased some tax deed land near the family farm. In 1942 Ernest bought 40 acres west of Chester and established an airport and flying school. Much of this land was later developed into a housing district now known as the "Gagnon Addition to the Town of Chester".

On October 9, 1947 Ernest married a childhood and family friend, Genevieve Hull, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. They made their home on the south Chester farm and began raising their family of five. In 1954 they bought a home in Great Falls so their children could attend parochial schools. During those busy years they traveled to-and-from Great Falls to maintain the farming operations. When all of the children finished their secondary educations in the 1970's, the Gagnons moved back to the farm permanently.

The Gagnons were happily

married 50 years when Genevieve died on November 28, 1997. They had a special bond that shared a love for God, a love for their family, and a love for each other. Following Genevieve's passing, Ernest continued to live and stay active on the farm. In 2007 he suffered a second heart attack, so he moved to Great Falls to be close to his daughters. He recently returned to the farm for a short stay to enjoy the spring work and to visit with family, friends, and neighbors. Ernest died peacefully in his sleep at the place he loved most – his farm home – on Saturday (May 16, 2009). He was 96 years old.

Ernest was a life member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. During their early years in Great Falls, the Gagnons were active at St. Gerard's parish. For the past two years Ernest attended church at Our Lady of Lourdes in Great Falls.

Ernest appreciated his life as a Montana farmer. He loved wood-working, especially building and remodeling projects. Over the years he designed and built many specialty items, including furniture, China cabinets, plows, jewelry boxes and hangers, and children's toys. In his quiet time Ernest enjoyed reading, mainly magazines and newspapers. He also loved music – in his younger years he played the violin and in later years he enjoyed the electric organ. And just for the fun of it, he collected coins and stamps.

He will be remembered by his family for his steadfast love and generosity. Ernest provided his children with education and other opportunities that he never had. He always found great joy in helping his family and friends.

The Gagnon children are so thankful that their father had a long, fruitful life. They're also thankful that they could all be together with "Dad" last month in celebration of the Easter holiday.

Ernest is survived by 3 daughters, Patrice Gagnon, Yvonne Gagnon, and Rita (Rex) Coldren, all of Great Falls; 2 sons, Ken (Julie) Gagnon of Chester and James (Cheryl) Gagnon of Hong Kong/Fort Benton; 9 grandchildren, including Andrew, Nick, Tom, Eric, Ryan, Cory, Shane, Alexandra, & Benjamin; 3 sisters-in-law, Marcella Hull of Chester, Phyllis Gagnon of Chester, and Sister Marleen Hull of Spokane; and many nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death not only by his wife and parents, but also by 3 sisters (Marie Boucher, Erma Riecke, and Jeanne Hull) and 5 brothers (Francis, Narciss, Leon, Joe, & George Gagnon).

Vigil Prayers were recited by Father Joseph Diekhans at 7:00 p.m. Thursday (May 21st) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. The Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Joe at 11:00 a.m. Friday (May 22nd) at the church. Scripture readers were Alex Gagnon and Thomas Long; altar servers were Lane and Dell Harmon; greeters were Don and Charles Hull; communion gifts were presented by Alex Gagnon, Shane Gagnon, Thomas Long, and Lee

Gagnon; Eucharistic ministers were Ken Gagnon, Loretta Tibor, and Rea Englund; and the eulogist was James Gagnon. St. Mary's choir provided special mass music, accompanied by pianist, Christy Fossen. A vocal tribute, "Ave Maria", was performed by Marcus Jochim. Pallbearers & honorary bearers were Ernest's nine grandchildren and his nephew, Lee. Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was served at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association or to donor's choice...

GARY ALAN GIBSON

Birth: December 3, 1946 – Death: December 20, 2009

Liberty County Times

December 30, 2009

Gary Gibson

Gary Alan Gibson, 63, of Las Vegas, Nevada passed away Sunday (December 20, 2009) at home. Gary was born December 3, 1946 in Shelby, Montana to Teddy (Ted) A. Gibson and Leora M. (Hill) Gibson. Ted and Leora raised Gary and his sister, Carolyn, on a farm near Chester, Montana. Together the family worked very hard to build a beautiful farmstead. Gary graduated from Chester High School in 1965, where he served as Student Body President and was involved in many other school activities.

Gary married his high school sweetheart, Anna Kubis, on June 17, 1967 in Shelby. The young couple lived in Bozeman, Montana where Gary attended Montana State University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. While attending college in 1967, Gary began his career in banking at First Security Bank. He continued his education and graduated from Pacific Coast Banking School in 1979. He also served in the Army Reserves from 1970 to 1977. Gary and Anna's 3 children were born in Bozeman; they are Chad Alan (1968), Drew Bryant (1970), and Gina Sharree (1977).

His banking career took the family to Helena, Montana in 1978 where he was employed by First Bank Systems. In 1985 Gary was transferred to Fargo, North Dakota and then onto Grand Forks, North Dakota in 1988. Due to an acquisition, Gary found new employment in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1995 where he worked for Nevada State Bank until his death. During his 42 years in banking, Gary held many different titles and positions as his career advanced.

Gary loved hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. He was a talented man with numerous natural abilities including home design and oil painting. Gary was a "jack of all trades" and together with Anna's creativi-

in Las Vegas. Eulogies and readings were shared by family and friends. A reception followed at the Gibson residence in Las Vegas.

A second funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday (Dec. 31st) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor Arden K. Barden will officiate. Lighting of the Infinity Candle and a special tribute will be offered by Gary's sister, Carolyn. Scripture readings will be shared by Jeff and Janice

Fauque; the obituary and a special poem will be read by Amy Deck; and the eulogy will be provided by Randy Deck. Selected taped music will include "Time to Say Goodbye" (by Sara Brightman), "The Prayer" (by Celine Dion), "You Raise Me Up" (by Josh Groban), and "Country Roads" (sung was Gary and friend, Larry). Pallbearers will be Chad and Drew Gibson, Mark Leyda, Larry Fauque, John Collis, and Rlynn Rockman. Gary will be buried in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the church fellowship hall. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

LEORA MARGENE (HILL) GIBSON

Birth: September 11, 1925 - Death: July 4, 2009

Liberty County Times

July 15, 2009



Leora Gibson

Leora Margene (Hill) Gibson was born September 11, 1925 at her parents' farm 13 miles northwest of Chester, Montana. She was one of two children born to Myrtle May Coy and Horace Sherman Hill. Leora received her early education at the North Lothair country school and finished her schooling in Chester, where she graduated from C.H.S. in 1942. She met her husband-to-be, Teddy A. "Ted" Gibson, and they were married April 2, 1944 in Shelby, MT. They lived in Kevin for three years, then began farming the Hill place near Chester. The Gibson's experienced both hard times and good times on the farm, but continued to make great improvements to the place and turned it into a beautiful farmstead. Leora enjoyed her life as a farmwife and worked diligently as a homemaker and mother of two. In later years she worked in Chester at the old "Green Store" and as a bookkeeper at a local farm implement company. When Ted's health began to fail in 1987, they leased out the farm land but continued to live in their farm home. They were married 52 years when Ted died on Thanksgiving Day, November

Leora remained on the farm until 2004, then sold it and moved to her new home in Chester. Because of failing health in 2006, she transferred to Billings to live with her daughter. Leora suffered from complications of diabetes and Parkinson's Disease, so she appreciated the personal care received from her family and hospice nurses. She died at her daughter's home in Billings on the early morning of Saturday (July 4, 2009) at the age of 83 years.

Leora was a longtime member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester and the Eastern Star in Galata. After the Gibson children were educated and independent, Leora and Ted enjoyed traveling. One of their most memorable trips

was a "delayed honeymoon" to Hawaii in the late-1960's. After their retirement they spent their winters months "snow-birding" to Nevada and Arizona.

Leora enjoyed her hobbies. She loved to work in her kitchen; she was always cooking new dishes and she baked many beautiful cakes for birthdays, weddings, and other special occasions throughout the years.

She enjoyed her collection of cookbooks, gardening books, and tea cups. Leora loved animals and bird-watching. In the winter months on the farm she always provided food and heated water for the local birds and deer. In the summer months she kept busy growing flowers and trees. During her quiet time at home she enjoyed working on crossword and picture puzzles. Leora was an

avid reader throughout her life and was often seen reading her Bible. In her later years loved spending time with her friends, who enjoyed playing cards (especially pinochle and "Hand-&-Foot"). She always looked forward to the many fun trips and vacations with friends and family. One memorable cruise provided a special highlight when Leora had tea with Senator Barack Obama.

In addition to her husband and parents, Leora was preceded in death by her brother (Sherman Aubrey Hill), her sister (Bernice Curfman), 2 sisters-in-law (Elanor Petty and Velma Wigen), and her longtime pet ("Max" the cat).

Survivors include her daughter, Carolyn (John) Collis of Billings; son, Gary (Anna) Gibson of Las Vegas, NV; 3 grandchildren, Chad (Heather) Gibson, Drew (Julie) Gibson, and Gina (Mark) Leyda; and 4 great-granddaughters, Danica, Kendra, Jenna, and Madison.

Leora is also survived by a sister-in-law, Rosella (Bruce) Thompson; 6 nephews, Tyler (Katherine) Thompson, Troy (Mary) Thompson, Dennis (Dot) Hill, Lauren (Rose) Hill, Warren (Debbie) Hill, and Dan (Jane) Land; and her extended family of Collis children and grandchildren, inc. Jody (Jeff) King and Meredith; Cindy (Rich) Wardle and James, Robert, and Andrew; and Fred (Sara) Collis and Taylor, Lindsay, and Cody.

Public visitation was Thursday and Friday at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Leora's funeral service was conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (July 11th) at Our

Savior's Lutheran Church by Pastor Val Metropoulos. Organist was Karen Stack, who accompanied the congregation with "Blessed Assurance" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Vocalist, Rosella Thompson, sang "Jesus Loves Me".

Julie Gibson read scriptures, Gina Gibson Leyda read a poem ("The Dash"), and Jody Collis King read the obituary. Pallbearers were Drew Gibson, John Collis, Bruce Thompson, Mark Leyda, and Kyle Griffin. A reception followed at the fellowship hall where the mourners enjoyed an audiovisual presentation of Leora's life. After the luncheon, Leora was buried next to her loving husband, Ted, at the Chester Cemetery.

JEAN DIANE (OLSEN) GIFFORD
Born: Age: 76 - Died: April 22, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
April 24, 2009

Jean D. Gifford

HAVRE — Jean Diane (Olsen) Gifford, 76, died of ovarian cancer Wednesday at her home north of Havre.



Gifford

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home. Her

memorial service is 11 a.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church, followed by a fellowship luncheon.

She is survived by her children, Gayle Keller of North Havre, and Chuck McIntosh of Havre; stepson Thadd Gifford of Great Falls; brothers Dick Olsen of Minnesota, and Bill Olsen of Havre; sister Betty Jones of Reno, Nev.; stepbrother Larry Knutson of Wisconsin; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two step-grandsons and four stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, John McIntosh in 2008, and Glen G. Gifford in 2007; and sons Roger and Mike McIntosh.

STEPHEN LEROY GOLDEN

Birth: September 25, 1946 - Death: December 26, 2009

Liberty County Times
December 30, 2009



Steve Golden

Stephen LeRoy Golden was born September 25, 1946 in Havre, Montana. He was the eldest of two sons born to Charles and Marion (Larson) Golden. Steve grew up in Havre and received his formal education there, graduating from Havre High School in 1964. Shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served an 8-year stint during the Vietnam Conflict. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Montana and began working at the 4-B's Restaurant in Havre. It was there that Steve met his wife-to-be, Sheila Webster. They were married June 26, 1972 in Havre.

The Golden's made their home in Havre and began raising their two daughters. Steve worked for Sears and then later at the Havre Water Department. In 1977 he began cooking at the Duck Inn in Havre. Steve and Sheila were together until 1981, when their marriage ended in divorce.

Steve continued to live in Havre and eventually became the head chef at the Mediterranean Room. He loved this job and was a loyal employee at the Duck Inn for 28 years. In 2001 he had a stroke from which he recovered and was able to go back to work. In 2005 he suffered a ~~stroke~~ debilitating stroke, so he was forced to retire. At that time Steve moved to Chester for extended care and to live closer to his youngest daughter, Suzie. On this past Wednesday (Dec. 23rd) he experienced another episode and was admitted to the Liberty Medical Center. He died at the Chester Hospital on the early morning of Saturday (December 26, 2009) at the age of 63 years.

Steve enjoyed several hobbies. He loved reading westerns by Louis L'Amour, doing crossword puzzles, and watching television (especially, the SciFi channel). He was also a fan of NASCAR and professional baseball (his favorite team was the Boston Red Sox). He enjoyed fishing and had a special love for cats.

Steve was a reserved and quiet man. All of his friends were "good friends" and he always considered his co-workers at the Duck Inn to be his extended family. He was extremely happy that he was able to travel to Iowa past summer to spend some quality time with his oldest daughter, Sam. Steve said more than once "that the

best thing he ever did in life was to have his two girls". He was always thankful for that, plus the fact that he got to enjoy his 2 grandchildren these past few years.

Survivors include his 2 daughters, Samantha Gravert (and husband, Greg) of Marion, Iowa and Suzanna Golden-Green (and husband, Micah) of Chester; granddaughter, Lyndee Golden; grandson, Trygvee Green; his brother, Danny (Carleen) Golden of Richland, Wash.; 2 nieces, Lacey and Haley Golden; and his pet cat, "Choo". Steve was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday (Dec. 30th) at the Community Alliance Church in Havre (925 - 8th St.). Pastor Henry Hatch of Chester will officiate. A reception will follow at the Antique Room of the Duck Inn. Cremation has been done and burial of ashes will be completed at a later date. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

GREGORY L. GRAFF

Birth: December 26, 1950 – Death: July 28, 2009

Liberty County Times

August 12, 2009

Gregory L. Graff

Greg L. Graff, 58, of Cape Coral, Florida went to be with the Lord on July 28, 2009, after a short battle with cancer. He was born in Havre, Montana on August 26, 1950 and moved to Cape Coral in 1985. He was a Member of Grace United Methodist Church in

Cape Coral and loved serving the Lord.

Greg graduated from high school in Joplin in 1968 and completed his education at MSU and the Business College of Great Falls.

He worked at the Chester school as business manager and Thielman Implement as

a bookkeeper before becoming a partner in Poppler Insurance later to become Graff Insurance.

At 20 months old he had polio and after several surgeries recovered fairly well until his mid thirties when he became afflicted with post polio syndrome. As a result he moved in

1985 to Florida for the warm climate, which was better for his health.

Greg is survived by his wife, Judy of 28 years. His parents, Margaret and Ellsworth Graff of Chester, Montana, his brother Marlin Graff and wife Ann of Great Falls, Montana, his sister Glenda Woods and

husband Leroy of Dodge City, Kansas, two nieces, two nephews and numerous brothers and sisters in Christ.

A memorial service was held at Grace United Methodist Church in Cape Coral on Saturday, August 1, 2009 at 1 pm. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Grace United Methodist Church or Hope Hospice of Cape Coral or to individuals choice.

ROBERT MICHAEL GRIFFIN

Birth: November 16, 1939 – Death: February 5, 2009

Liberty County Times
February 11, 2009



Robert Griffin

Robert Michael Griffin was born November 16, 1939 in Favre, Montana. He was the youngest of two children born to Gerald and Gladys (Cameron) Griffin. Robert grew up and received his formal education at Ludyard. He graduated from Ludyard High School in 1956, then continued his schooling at Northern Montana College in Favre.

In 1957 Robert enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He trained in aviation and electronic fundamentals, and earned the rank of Aviation Electrician's Mate 2nd class. During his 6-year enlistment, he spent almost 4 years at sea. He received his honorable discharge in 1963.

Robert returned to Montana and began working on the Minuteman Missile Silos at Lewistown and Great Falls. He eventually took a job with the Wilde Construction Company in Great Falls.

He married Donna M. Fritz on June 6, 1964 in Chester. They

lived and worked in Great Falls until 1970, when they purchased the Adolph Olson farm north of Lothair. In those early farming years Robert also worked on construction projects at Tiber Dam south of Chester. The Griffins enjoyed their life on the farm, where they raised their family of two. They expanded their farming and ranching operations to Ethridge and the Sweetgrass Hills.

Robert loved his life as a Montana dry land farmer and rancher. He believed that farmers should maintain a "united front" to stay strong. He campaigned for the N.F.O. and supported the development of Liberty Manufacturing (a farm-related business in Chester). He was one of the organizers of the Farmer's Boycott at Sweetgrass in protesting the importation of Canadian wheat into the U.S. In addition he helped organize a "grassroots" coalition, which identified the most important issues affecting Montana farming, then delivered these findings to the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture to address new farm legislation.

Robert was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. He especially loved organizing "live nativity scenes" on Christmas Eve. He enjoyed being a mentor to community youth by teaching CYO classes and volunteering as a 4-H leader. Robert served as chairman of the Liberty County Bi-Centennial Celebration and participated in many local parades and events.

He frequently brought his ponies to town for "free rides" during these special occasions. Robert enjoyed having fun and spending time with family and friends. He always looked forward to social events (such as weddings and anniversaries) and occasional "Revival Meetings" (AKA poker parties with his buddies!). Robert loved his family dearly. He was especially fond of his two grandchildren, who affectionately called him "Gompa."

Robert's general health remained good over the years. An emotional shock came in 1997 with the unexpected death of their daughter, Karla.

Robert began having medical problems in 2006. He was diagnosed at the Mayo Clinic with a neurological disease called Diffuse Lewey Bodies (with Parkinsonism). His condition steadily declined. Robert died at the Marias Care Center in Shelby on the afternoon of Thursday (February 5, 2009) at the age of 69 years.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Donna Griffin of Galata; son, Kyle Griffin of Galata; grandchildren, Robert Raymond and Lillian Lena Griffin-Duncan, both of Lafayette, Indiana; his sister, Julianne (Jim) Watt of Carson City, Nevada; mother-in-law, Lillian "Stubbe" Fritz of Chester; sisters/brothers-in-law, Bonnie (Stanley) Johnson of Chester, John (Mary) Fritz of Chester, and Bob (Norma) Fritz of Butte; numerous nephews and nieces; and a host of good friends.

He was preceded in death not only by his beloved daughter, Karla, but also by his parents, his father-in-law (Raymond Fritz), and his longtime faithful companion, "Jack" (his Jack Russell dog).

Vigil Prayers were recited by Father Joseph Diekhans at 7:00 p.m. Monday (Feb. 9th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. A selected musical interlude was a CD by Kris Kristofferson entitled "Why Me, Lord".

The Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Joe at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (Feb. 10th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Mass music was provided by St. Mary's choir and organist, Christy Fossen. Vocal tributes were "Amazing Grace" by Marcus Jochim and "On Eagle's Wings" by Anne Seidlitz-Melton. Other selections included "You Are Mine," "The 23rd Psalm," and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Readings were shared by Bob Fritz, Jennings Johnson, Ronda Snyder, John Fritz, and Whitney Jagelski. Altar servers were Jake and Jack Fritz, and greeters were Jim Fritz and Ryan Winkowitsh. Robert's two grandchildren presented the communion gifts and Eucharistic ministers were Bonnie Johnson and Norma Fritz. Nephews serving as pallbearers were Scott Fritz, Wade Johnson, and Greg, Lynn, Kenny, and Gerry Kinder. Honorary bearers were "all of Robert's many friends and neighbors". Robert's riderless horse, "Tony," served as escort for the funeral procession to the Chester Cemetery. Father Joe conducted final prayers. Military taps were played and Lyle Glee presented the veterans flag to the family. A luncheon followed at the church. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Hi-Line Health Fdn. For the purchase of specialized beds and pads for our N.H. residents.

JAYNE GRIFFITH
Born: Age:78 - Died: February 25, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
February 27, 2009

Jayne Griffith

LOGANVILLE, Ga. — Former Great Falls native and registered nurse Jayne Griffith, 78, of Loganville, Ga., died of natural causes Wednesday in Loganville.

Her memorial service is 11 a.m. March 7 at Corinth Christian Church in Loganville. Tim Stewart Funeral Home of Loganville is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Gene D. Griffith; daughters and sons-in-law Greta and Kenneth Romain of Chester, Mont., and Jeri and Marlo Gackle of Loganville; a daughter-in-law, Jo Griffith of Great Falls; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Miles Griffith, on April 6, 2008.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Abbey Hospice, 715 Azalea Drive, Social Circle, GA 30025.

Condolences may be posted online at www.stewartfuneral-home.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

JOHN F. GOOD

Born: November 23, 1918 - Died: April 3, 2009

Great Falls Tribune

April 9, 2009

John F. Good

HAVRE — John F. Good, 90, of Havre, an Army veteran and farmer who enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephews, died at a Havre hospital Friday after a short illness.



Good

Cremation has taken place



and his memorial service is 2 p.m. Monday at St. Mark's Episcopal

Church in Havre. Burial with military honors will follow in Highland Cemetery. Benton Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Survivors include a brother, Billy Good; and numerous nieces and nephews and their families, including Shaud Schwarzbach, who he thought of as a grandson.



Good
in 1940s

John was born in Havre on Nov. 23, 1918, to John

S. and Pearl (Hawkins) Good. The family homesteaded and farmed north of Gildford. He attended Havre schools and graduated from Havre High School. John was working for a mining company in Alaska when he was

drafted into the Army during WWII. He served from January 1943 to December 1945, on the European front as a truck driver in the 771 Tank Destroyer Battalion, and fought in campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

After returning from war, he and his brother, Bernard, owned and operated Good Brothers Service Station in Havre.

On Sept. 12, 1948, he married Lillian Collier in Havre. Although they had no children of their own, they played an integral part in the lives of their nephews and niece, as surrogate parents and grandparents.

John loved farming and farmed north of Gildford until he sold the land in 1983. He never lost his interest, and kept up on grain prices and new farming practices, even after he no longer was active. He also loved to fish, and many a day would find him packing for a day of fishing with his buddies. He has resided at Northern Montana Care Center for the past several years, after a stroke left him unable to live alone.

Lillian preceded him in death in 2001. Also preceding him were his parents; brothers Bernard and Raymond (Babe); and sister Gladys (Doll) Kirkeide.

Memorials are suggested to the Northern Montana Care Center's chapel fund.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

DALE WALTER GREENO

Birth: July 10, 1931 – Death: August 14, 2009

Liberty County Times

August 19, 2009



Dale Greeno

Dale Walter Greeno was born July 10, 1931 in Pipestone, Minnesota. He was the eldest of three children born to Walter and Ruth (Kuble) Greeno. Ruth's parents had homesteaded in Montana in 1910, so the Greeno's moved to Rudyard in 1934 to help the Kuble's with the farming operations.

Dale grew up and received his formal education in Rudyard, graduating from R.H.S. in 1949. In the few years that followed, he worked as a mechanic at Phillips Chevrolet in Rudyard and helped his dad on the farm.

In November of 1951 Dale entered the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He served in Japan and Korea before receiving his honorable discharge in November of 1953. He returned to Montana and continued working as a mechanic and farmer.

Dale married Elda Richards at the E.U.B. Church in

Rudyard on January 24, 1959. They moved to Havre in 1964, where Dale worked as a full-time mechanic. The Greeno's began raising their family of two. Their life was shattered in 1966 when their firstborn son, Glenn, died from injuries after being struck by a car.

In the early 1980's the Greeno family sold their north Rudyard farm and bought a place near Whitney, Nebraska. For the next ten years Dale commuted from Montana to Nebraska to handle the farming operations there. In 1993 they sold the Nebraska farm, then moved to Woods Bay near Bigfork to enjoy their retirement years. Dale and Elda lived at Bigfork until four years ago, when they moved to Hot Springs to be closer to their son, Terry.

Dale suffered from cardiopulmonary problems. These past few months he was on oxygen and received care from visiting nurses at his home. On Friday morning (August 14, 2009) he died en route via ambulance to the hospital in Plains, MT. He was 78 years old.

Dale was charter member of the Hi-Line Antique Car Club and the Veteran's of Foreign Wars.

In his younger years Dale enjoyed hunting and fishing. In his later years he enjoyed reading and traveling. Throughout his life, his greatest enjoyment

was mechanics and restoring old cars. He had a large collection of tools and always maintained an organized, full-service mechanical shop. At any given time he owned 4-6 antique cars and recently donated one of his all-time favorites, a 1928 Chevy coupe, to the Rudyard Museum.

Dale is survived by his wife of 50 years, Elda Greeno of Hot Springs; son, Terry Greeno of Plains; brother, Dean (Mary) Greeno of Princeville, Hawaii; 2 nieces, Marney Zellers of Ballard, WA and Mande Vigasaa of Spokane, WA; 2 nephews, Darren Greeno of Forks, WA and Dean Mitchell Greeno of Spokane, WA; and 5 great-nieces-and-nephews.

He was preceded in death not only by his son (Glenn), but also by an infant sister (Marie in 1940), his father (Walter in 1976), and his mother (Ruth in 1997).

Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday (August 19th) at the Calvary Evangelical Church in Rudyard with Pastor John Maatta officiating. Special music will be provided by pianist, Ruth Maatta. Burial of ashes with military rites will follow at the family plot in the Rudyard Cemetery. A luncheon will be held at the church. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

MABEL VESTA (FIELDS) HAGEN
Born: September 28, 1932 - Died: June 23, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
June 24, 2009

Mabel Vesta Hagen

Mabel Vesta (Fields) Hagen, 85, of 2205 8th Ave. S., died of natural causes Tuesday at Peace Hospice.



Hagen

Visitation is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Croxford Funeral Home. Her funeral is 3 p.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church, with burial in Manchester Cemetery.

Mabel is survived by a daughter, Gail (Cal) Morley of Great Falls; a son, Marvin (Judy) Hagen of Lincoln; brothers Oscar Fields of Forks, Wash., and Allen Schwartz of Kirkland, Wash.; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mabel was born Sept. 28, 1923, on the family homestead 20 miles north of Rudyard. She was raised in Rudyard, and completed the 10th grade in Rudyard schools.

She married Raymond J. Hagen on Nov. 1, 1940, in Great Falls.

Mabel was a member of the Parent Teachers Association, Boy Scouts, Bluebirds and anything her children participated in. She loved spending time with her family and grandchildren. She enjoyed snowmobiling and fishing, and also loved to cook for anybody who liked to eat.

She was preceded in death by husband Raymond J. Hagen, in 1998; son Kenneth D. Hagen in 2007; a sister, Cleo Wagner; brothers Clarence Oliver, Homer and Leon Fields; and a stillborn twin brother.

Memorials are suggested to St. John's Lutheran Church, 5300 9th Ave. S.; or Peace Hospice, 1101 26th St. S.

RICHIE LEE (WALKER) HAMEL

Birth: September 18, 1959 - Death: April 7, 2009

Liberty County Times

April 15, 2009



Richie Hamel

Richie Lee (Walker) Hamel was born September 18, 1959 in Great Falls, Montana. She was one of four children born to Hal "Sonny" Walker and Diane Johnson. Richie grew up on the family farm near Floweree and received her education at Fort Benton. During her school years she enjoyed music and cheerleading. She also served as Worthy Advisor for the Rainbow Girls and was a member of the National Honor Society. Richie graduated from Fort Benton High School in 1977.

She continued her formal education at Montana State University where she earned her degree, a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology, in 1982. While attending school at M.S.U., she began dating a young man from Chester, Stephen M. Hamel, who would soon become her lifemate. Richie and Steve were married Sep-

tember 11, 1982 in Great Falls. During the first 8 years of their marriage they lived and worked in various Montana and Oregon communities, then moved to Chester in 1990. At that time they began raising their family of two sons. In addition to being a homemaker and mother, Richie worked as a labora-

tory supply saleswoman for 5 years in northcentral Montana. She then took a job as a lab technician at the Havre hospital until a similar position became available at the Chester hospital a few years later. She enjoyed her work in Chester and became an active member of the community.

Richie was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in May of 2007. She was humbled when her community friends sponsored a benefit drive to raise funds for her extensive treatments and chemotherapy.

Through it all Richie maintained a good, positive attitude. She sincerely appreciated the loyal support and loving care of her family and friends. She fought a courageous 2-year battle before her passing on this past Tuesday evening (April 7, 2009) at the Liberty Medical Center in Chester. She was just 49 years old.

Richie was baptized in the Catholic faith and became a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. She enjoyed playing the piano at weekly church services and many local funerals. She loved music of all kinds and was a pretty good singer, too. Other memberships included the Pi Beta Phi Sorority at M.S.U. and "That Club" in Chester.

A strong supporter of swimming and the Chester Swim Team, Richie volunteered as a stroke judge at many swim meets and served as a director on the State Swimming Federation. She was also an active member of the Hi-Line Pool & Recreation Foundation, and was a constant advocate to build a new community pool. She was one of the many committee members who worked

diligently to raise funds to finally make this dream a reality. The new Chester swimming pool opened in the fall of 2008 and Richie was thrilled to be given the honor/opportunity to be the very first person to dive into the new pool!

Richie enjoyed the simple things in life, like spending time with friends around a campfire or attending a school sporting event. She was an avid M.S.U. Bobcat fan and always looked

forward to attending football games in Bozeman. A lifelong fan of the New York Yankees, she was ecstatic to attend a live game at Yankee stadium during one of her medical visits to N.Y. in the fall of 2007. On that same trip she attended two Broadway plays and a Jimmy Buffet concert. Probably her most memorable trip was to Hawaii with Steve and the boys after her cancer diagnosis. Richie also enjoyed a short outing to Las Vegas where reportedly, she was quite lucky on the craps table!

Richie loved all animals especially her pet dog "Ruffin". Just recently Steve and the boys brought home two cats to keep Richie company while they were away each day at school.

Richie was loved by many because of her unusual personality and wonderful sense of humor. She was always open and honest, without being judgemental. She not only loved to hear a good "out colored story", she could tell a raunchy joke with the best of them! Her wardrobe was certainly unique - including everything from her colorful shoes to her wild collection of cosmetics weren't important because she had one to impress. She simply exuded her special "in

beauty". Her smile was always infectious and sometimes flirtatious. A true "free spirit" has gone to rest...

Richie was preceded in death by her father and an infant sister (Jane Marie Walker). She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Steve Hamel of Chester; her 2 loving sons, Will and Michael Hamel of Chester; her mother, Diane Walker of Floweree; 2 brothers, James (Shannon) Walker and Bruce Walker, both of Floweree; parents-in-law, Bill and Billie Hamel of Chester; 2 brothers-in-law, Darren Hamel of Kelso, WA. and Brian (Ricki) Hamel of Browning; several nephews and nieces; and a host of good friends.

A public visitation was Easter weekend at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Richie's funeral mass was celebrated by Father Joseph Diekhans at 2:00 p.m. Monday (April 13th) at the Chester-Joplin-Inverness High School gymnasium. Special music was provided by pianist, Phil Aaberg, and friends in a community choir. Selected songs were "Get Me To The Promised Land", "Companions On The Journey", "In Every Age", "Love Has Come", and "Lead Me Lord". Two special arrangements by Richie, "Alleluia" set to Phil Aaberg's "High Plains" recording and "Lamb of God" set to the music of Edelweiss, were

played. Participants in the service included altar servers (Lane Harmon and John Kelly), ushers (Colin/Julie Lybeck and Jim/Karen Graham), scripture readers (Christi Lakey and Brenda Harmon), eulogist (Pete Erickson), poetic reader (Kip Lybeck), presentation of the gifts (Jim

ter, or the "Gift of Life" in Great Falls. Richie was cremated per her wishes.

Disposition of her ashes will be handled privately by her family.

Ghekiere family), and Eucharistic ministers (Mark Lakey, Mary Jo Harmon, & Jill Dahinden). The service ended with music from "Linus & Lucy" (the theme from Charlie Brown). A reception followed at St. Mary's Church basement. Memorials may be given to the Hi-Line Pool & Rec Fdn. in Chester, the Hi-Line Health Fdn. in Ches-

RICHIE LEE (WALKER) HAMEL

Born: September 18, 1959
Great Falls, Montana

Died: April 7, 2009
Chester, Montana

Age: 49 years ... 6 months ... 20 days



WHAT CANCER CANNOT DO...

Cancer is so limited -

It cannot cripple love, nor shatter hope, nor corrode faith... It cannot eat away peace, nor destroy confidence, nor kill friendship... It cannot shut out memories, nor silence courage, nor invade the soul... It cannot reduce eternal life, nor quench the Spirit, nor lessen the powers of the Resurrection...



Richie's Loving Family: Husband, Steve; sons, Will and Michael; mother, Diane; brothers, James/Shannon & Bruce; parents-in-law, Bill & Billie; brothers-in-law, Darren and Brian/Ricki; uncles/aunts/nephews/nieces/cousins; and a host of friends...

Funeral Mass: 2:00 p.m. Monday (April 13, 2009) at Chester-Joplin-Inverness High School Gymnasium

Celebrant: Father Joseph Diekhans...
Eulogist: Pastor Peter Erickson...

Scripture Readers: Christi Lakey and Brenda Harmon

Pianist: Philip Aaberg...
Vocalists: St. Mary's Choir & Community Friends.

Ushers: Colin & Julie Lybeck and Jim & Karen Graham
Altar Servers: John Kelly and Lane Harmon...

Presentation of Communion Gifts: Jim, Rachel, Jenni, & Kimberli Ghekiere...
Eucharistic Ministers: Jill Dahinden, Mary Jo Harmon, & Mark Lakey...

... A reception will follow at St. Mary's Church ..

Final Disposition: Richie will be cremated per her wish
Disposition of her ashes will be handled by the family

Arrangements: Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester, M

Memorials: Hi-Line Pool & Rec. Fdn. in Chester, Hi-Line Health Fdn. in Chester, and "Gift of Life" in Great Fal

IRENE VIRGINIA (BACHINI) HANNING
Born: June 28, 1937 - Died: July 15, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
July 17, 2009

Irene Virginia Hanning

HAVRE — Irene Virginia (Bachini) Hanning, 72, died of complications from surgery Wednesday at a Great Falls hospital.



Hanning

A prayer vigil service is 7 p.m. Monday at Holland & Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Funeral Mass is 2 p.m.

Tuesday at St. Jude Catholic Church, followed by a fellowship luncheon at the parish center.

Irene was born June 28, 1937, in Havre, the youngest daughter of Oscar and Elia (Bernardoni) Bachini. She graduated from Havre High School in 1956.

On July 27, 1957, she married her high-school sweetheart, Tom Hanning, whom she loved and adored for 52 years. Together they shared a joyous life raising four daughters and watching their five beautiful granddaughters grow into fine young ladies.

Irene worked for her sister and brother-in-law at Al's Jewelry, and later for Robinson Jewelry as a goldsmith after completing her training in Cincinnati. She worked for Bear Paw Credit Union from 1984 until retiring in 1999 (the same day as Tom!!). Over the past few years, she helped out Lynette and the girls at Milam Floral.

Irene enjoyed teaching her "girls" all the things she thought they would need to know, including her love for Italian cooking. Along with knitting, crocheting and embroidering dishtowels, she enjoyed making porcelain dolls and tending to her beautiful flower garden. She had a wonderful group of friends and looked forward to her Wednesday night poker games.

She was preceded in death by her parents in 1982, and her siblings, Mary Guza, Frank Bachini, Rosie D'Hooze and John Bachini.

Irene is survived by her husband Tom Hanning of Havre; daughters Cathie (Roger) Haas of Hingham, and Lori (Steve) Frier, Jean (Wess) Grandberg and Julie (David) Hassa, all of Havre; granddaughters Heather, Holly, Devon, Kelsey and Jaycelyn; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ken and Marlene Hanning; sister-in-law Joan Bachini; and uncle Vasco (Ann) Bachini; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions in Irene's honor may be made to the Shriner's Hospital of Spokane or a charity of the donor's choice.

JAMES RUSSELL HANSON

Born: June 18, 1924 - Died: July 24, 2009

Great Falls Tribune

August 4, 2009

James Russell Hanson

MISSOULA — James Russell "Jim" Hanson, 85, of Missoula, died July 24 at his home of complications from a heart attack and hip fractures.



Hanson

His memorial service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Missoula, with burial in the Columbarium at the Western Montana Veterans Cemetery in Missoula. An honor guard service is 2:30 p.m. Garden City Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

During his passing, Jim was at home comforted by his wife, children and the care of Partners Hospice.

Jim was born on June 18, 1924, in Havre to Charles William and Verna Mae (Lockhart) Hanson. Growing up during the Depression in a family of six children and his grandfather, all in a two-bedroom house, Jim developed a set of values that stuck with him throughout his life — hard work, appreciating what you have, frugality, and devotion to family.



Hanson in the 1940s

Upon graduation from Havre High School in 1942, he began working nights for the Great Northern Railroad in the freight house and enrolled at Northern Montana College in the fall. World War II interrupted his college education. Jim joined the Navy in 1943 and was sent to the Pacific Theater. He served as an Aviation Radioman/Gunner on a PBM Mariner seaplane hunting

enemy submarines and conducting search and rescue operations during Iwo Jima and other campaigns. Sixty years later, Jim and his entire family traveled to Washington, D.C., to celebrate the dedication of the WW II Memorial.

Returning from the war in 1946, Jim resumed his education and his employment at the Great Northern. He also met the love of his life, marrying Mavis Maxine Bishop of Kremlin in Havre on July 16, 1947. In 1954, Jim moved his growing family to Great Falls where he built his own home from a kit that arrived via boxcar. He continued working for the Great Northern, which eventually became the Burlington Northern, in Great Falls for another 25 years. Then, in 1981, he transferred one last time with the BN, this time to Missoula, and worked until his retirement in 1984, after 42 years with the company.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years; children Janice Liane of Spokane, Russell (Margie) Hanson of Phoenix and Julie (Gary) Brooks of Missoula. He loved his grandchildren, Jessika and Kirsten Liane, Erik and Emily Hanson, and Cameron and Cassidy Brooks, and lived to see one great-grandson, Paul David Jontig III (Paulson), son of Jessika Liane. He is also survived by brothers Robert Charles (Dona Mae), Ralph Eugene (Donna) and Leroy "Skip" Walter (Jo) Hanson; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents Charles, Feb. 7, 1970, and Verna, Dec. 27, 1989, and two sisters, Mildred Kathryn Saylor and Juanita Mae Adams. A brother, Kenneth, died in 1929, at not quite 2 years of age.

Memorials in Jim's memory are suggested to Partners Hospice, 2687 Palmer St., Suite B, Missoula, MT 59808, Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery, 1911 Tower Road, Missoula, MT 59804, or St Paul Lutheran Church, 202 Brooks Street, Missoula, MT 59801.

ELBERT STANLEY HATCHER

Born: October 27, 1943 - Died: April 4, 2009

Great Falls Tribune

April 6, 2009

Elbert Stanley Hatcher

HAVRE — Elbert Stanley Hatcher, 65, a former teacher and principal and member of the National Guard, died of natural causes Saturday at his Havre home.

At his request there will not be any services. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre.

Elbert died peacefully in his sleep Saturday morning. He was born Oct. 27, 1943, in Bishop,



Hatcher
in 1993



Calif., to Velma and Robert Hatcher. As an infant he moved with his family to Havre. He graduated from Havre High School in 1962. Elbert attended Northern Montana College. He then attended the University Of Montana where he obtained his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees.

Al worked at the Big West Refinery in Kevin. He worked as a teacher, principal and superintendent in Chinook, Covallis, Havre, Billings Central, Frontier

Elementary, Belt, Wyoming, Idaho, Jordan and Turner. He retired to Havre in 2003. Al was also a member of the National Guard.

In 1973 Al married Carla Jessel in Shelby. Al enjoyed hunting, fishing, shooting, "trading," reading, camping, hiking and rafting in Glacier. He was a life member of the N.R.A. and the Glacier History Association. He was also a life member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and really enjoyed the "Bugle" and the banquets. Al was also a member of the BPOE of Plentywood Lodge and the Turner Lutheran Church.

Al is survived by his wife, Carla Hatcher of Havre, Mont.; his son, Doran (Tana) Hatcher of Huntley, Mont.; his three brothers, Dennis (Dot) Hill of Elkmont, Ala.; Lauren (Rose) Hill of Devon, Mont., and Warren (Debbie) Hill of Chester, Mont.; and his two cats, Moose and Callie.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jurgen Hatcher; his mother Velma (Jurgen) Wigen; and his father, Robert Hatcher; and his grandparents, Elbert and Effie Stowman.

Memorials in Elbert's honor may be made to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Condolences may be posted online at hollandbonine@q.com and/or gftribune.com/obituaries.

CLIFFORD RENO HARDEN

Birth: September 5, 1917 - Death: May 28, 2009

Liberty County Times

June 3, 2009

Cliff Harden



Clifford Reno Harden was born September 5, 1917 in Barnard, Montana, the second of nine children. His parents, Claude and Pauline (Sorenson) Harden, immigrated and homesteaded in Saskatchewan, Canada in 1920. Cliff received his education at MacWorth, Sask. and grew up on the prairies of Southern Saskatchewan and northeastern Montana.

In 1941 Cliff began working in the shipyards at Portland, Oregon. He was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1942 during World War II and spent most of his military obligation in the African and European theatres. He received his honorable discharge in 1945 and returned to Montana.

Cliff married Lois R. Rasmussen in Glasgow, MT in October of 1948. Cliff, his father, and his 6 brothers all worked together on the Hungry Horse Dam project from 1949-52. In the fall of 1952 the Hardens moved to Chester to work on the construction of Tiber Dam. Cliff worked on the housing project at the dam site from 1953-55. When this project ended, Cliff did

some private contracting jobs in the Chester area. In 1958 Cliff and his brother, Earl, established Harden Brothers Construction, doing general construction and cement work throughout the Golden Triangle and beyond. The Harden Brothers business was retired in 1996.

Cliff and Lois moved to Portland, Oregon to be closer to several of their children. When Cliff's health began to fail in 2008, they came back to Shelby, MT to be near their daughter, Gail, and their church family. Soon after, Cliff transferred to the Marias Care Center for extended care. He passed away at the Shelby hospital on Thursday evening (May 28, 2009). He was 91 years old.

Cliff was a hard and dedicated worker throughout his life. He was described as a "Master Builder", considering his exceptional skills in carpentry, wood-working, general contracting, and cement finishing. Every project was a new challenge and he remained steadfast until the job was done!

The Hardens enjoyed their family of five, including Gail Ann (born 1949), Beverly Jean (born 1950), Norma Kay (born 1953), Kemper (born 1955), and Carla Marie (born 1965).

Cliff discovered Jehovah in 1952 when he was contacted by Jehovah's Witnesses in door-to-door ministry. He was baptized in 1954. In the early 1960's he made a trip to New

York to Ministerial School, then attended the International Convention in Pasadena, CA. with his wife and children in 1963. For the past 50+ years Cliff continued to be an active and dedicated servant of Jehovah.

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers (Claude and Earl), and 2 sisters (Helen and Margaret).

Immediate survivors include his wife of 60 years, Lois Harden of Shelby; 1 son, Kemper Harden of Tualiton, OR; 4 daughters, Gail Nation of Shelby, Beverly Huen of Portland, OR, Norma Boyer of Rolla, ND, and Carla Summerlin of Vancouver, WA; 7 grandchildren (Azalea, Cassandra, Abijah, Trey, Robert, Chanelle, and Britney); and 7 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are 4 brothers, Lloyd Harden of Billings, Wallace and John Harden of Fir Mountain, Sask., and A.D. Harden of Rockglen, Sask.; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Cliff's funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday (June 6th) at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses [1075 Oilfield Ave., Shelby]. A time for fellowship and refreshments will follow at the Senior Center in Shelby. Cremation & arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

The family would like to offer a sincere thank you to everyone who assisted Clifford towards the end of his life.

SIDNEY AL 'SID' HAUGEN
Born: August 14, 1958 - Died: May 21, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
May 25, 2009

Sidney Al Haugen

GILDFORD — Sidney "Sid" Al Haugen, 50, a Gildford farmer, died of cancer Thursday at his home.



Haugen

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jude Catholic Church in Havre, with burial in Highland Cemetery. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the St. Jude Parish Center following the graveside service. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is handling arrangements.

Sid was born Aug. 14, 1958, to H. John and Beverly (Olsen) Haugen in Havre, Mont. He was raised and educated in Kremlin, attending Kremlin and KG Schools and then Northern Montana College, graduating with his business ag degree in 1980. Sid married his high school sweetheart Sande Lee on Aug. 25, 1979. Together they made their home in Gildford and raised three beautiful daughters; Sasha, Sheree and Shea.

Sid enjoyed farming, bowling, playing cards, games, skiing, and visiting with friends. He spent many happy hours with his family and was always there to lend a hand to anyone who needed help with any projects they were trying to complete. He was a member of the Gildford Baptist Church, and served in many capacities. He was also a member of the Gildford Volunteer Fire Department.

Sid was a very kind and caring person. He was loved by all who knew him. He always had a smile and brought a lot of humor to many people's lives.

Sid is survived by his wife of almost 30 years, Sande; his daughters Sasha (Josh Tonkovich) Haugen of Billings and Sheree and Shea Haugen, both of Bozeman; his mother, Bev Haugen of Kremlin; brother Cal Haugen of California; sisters JoHanna (Bruce) Kapperud of Gildford and Kim (Mark) Huajardo of California; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents and his father, H. John Haugen in 1980.

Memorial contributions in Sid's honor may be made to Bear Paw Hospice, The Gift of Life, Hi-Line Sletten Cancer Center, Havre Hill County Library or a memorial of one's choice.

Condolences may be posted online at hollandbonine@q.com and/or gftribune.com/obituaries.

COLBY COLE HAWLEY

Birth: December 4, 2005 – Death: September 5, 2009

Liberty County Times

September 9, 2009



Colby Hawley

Colby Cole Hawley, age 3½, died on Saturday morning (September 5, 2009) after being struck by a westbound BNSF freight train in Rudyard. Colby was staying with Rudyard relatives, who live several blocks west of Main Street near the railroad tracks.

Colby was born December 4, 2005 in Havre, MT to Lisa Dawn Hawley. He grew up in Havre and was being raised by his maternal grandmother, Jeanette (Herman) Hawley. An active little boy, Colby loved to play outdoors with his tractors, pick-up trucks, and other toys. He enjoyed big machinery, too, and always looked forward to riding on tractors and swathers at the family farm. He was very proud that he recently learned how to ride his bicycle without the training wheels. In addition he was mesmerized by balloons and flashlights! He loved animals, especially his 2 kitties ("Sissy" and "Stinker") and his pet dog ("Red").

Colby was a smart little guy who was anxiously wait-

ing for the day he could start school and ride the school bus! In fact, he recently did some "fantasy homework" one evening in hopes that it might qualify him as an early starter in school. Colby wasn't enchanted with television like many other toddlers, but he did have a favorite movie, "Giant of Thunder Mountain", which he watched many times. He stayed busy playing outside, spending time with his grandmas and other family members, talking and being inquisitive like little boys do, and simply enjoying each and every day of his short life...

Colby will be deeply missed and will always remain in the hearts and thoughts of those of loved him.

Survivors include his mother, Lisa Hawley of Havre; in-

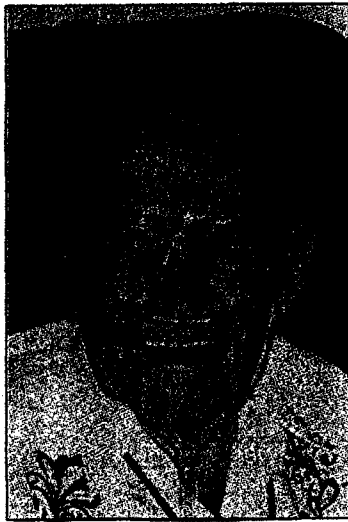
fant sister, Makiyah LaForge of Havre; maternal grandmother, Jeanette Hawley of Havre; maternal grandfather, Glenn (Brenda) Hawley of Havre; maternal great-grandmother, Lavonne Herman of Havre; uncle, Levi Hawley (and aunt Carrie) of Havre; special aunt and uncle, Audrey and Scott Guptill of Havre; and numerous other relatives and extended families.

Colby was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandfather, Fred Herman; his paternal great-grandparents, David J. Hawley Jr. and Virginia Chandler Hawley; and his cousin, Joseph Herman.

A family gathering will be from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Wednesday (Sept. 9th) in the basement at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

Mt. Graveside services will be 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Grace Church Cemetery (located 17 miles north of Rudyard), where Colby will be buried next to his great-grandpa. Graveside prayers will be offered by Pastor Ila McClenahan. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

ROY W. HEIMBIGNER
Birth: Age: 80 - Death: October 14, 2009
Liberty County Times
October 21, 2009



Roy Heimbigner

Roy W. Heimbigner, 80, of Great Falls died of complications from COPD Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at Peace Hospice. His cremation took place at Schnider Funeral Home in Great Falls and, as per his wishes, his ashes were buried in the Chester cemetery in a private graveside service.

It was his wish to be buried next to his son, Shawn. Roy was raised and attended school in Chester where he farmed and ranched for forty-eight years. He worked as a miner in Idaho in his early years and he also owned a bar in Zurich in the 1950's. He was an avid hunter and fisherman - a true outdoorsman. He was a big Yankee fan and hoped they'd win the series this year. He was a great carpenter and could build anything from cabinets to houses.

He had a quick mind, a

big heart and a great sense of humor. He helped many family members get through some tough times and was quick to help out friends and contribute to the community.

Roy lived his life the way he wanted with apologies to no one.

Roy was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, number 4724 for many years and was also an Elks member and a past member of the Hillview Saddle Club.

Words cannot express how much Roy will be missed by his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Roy's name to the Peace Hospice, 1101 26th Street South, Great Falls, Mt., 59405

JOHN D. 'JACK' HENDERSON

Birth: September 2, 1924 – Death: February 2, 2009

Liberty County Times

February 11, 2009



Jack Henderson

John D. "Jack" Henderson was born September 2, 1924 in Cavalier County, North Dakota. He was one of five children born to Adam and Elsie (Schafer) Henderson. When Jack was 4 years old, his mother married Harvey Mathews, who helped raise the Henderson children. Jack received his education in Montana; his early schooling was at Tiber and Chester. He transferred to Cut Bank as an 8th grader and enjoyed playing trumpet in the school band and orchestra. Jack graduated from Cut Bank High School in 1942.

He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1943. Jack served during World War II on the N.T.S. Farragut in the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign. He earned the rank of Storekeeper 3rd Class before receiving his honorable discharge in 1946.

Jack returned to Montana and

married Jean Sprout in Great Falls. They lived & worked in the Cut Bank, Chester, and Havre communities for 17 years and raised their son, Curtis. During their early years in Chester, Jack and his brother (Pete) were partners in a bulk fuel business called "Miracle Gas." After Petrolane purchased their business, Jack continued to work as the Chester manager of Petrolane Gas Service. In addition, he owned/operated Henderson's Drive-In (located on the west end of Chester). After leaving Chester Jack served as Petrolane's District Manager for northeastern Montana in Havre. The Hendersons remained in Montana until 1963, then transferred with Petrolane to Yakima, Washington. Two years later they moved to Reno, Nevada. After 27 years of marriage, Jack and Jean divorced in 1973.

Jack spent a total of 9 years in Reno. He married Helen (Brandvold) Keith on July 20, 1974 at Grangeville, Idaho. They moved to Glendale, Arizona where Jack served as Regional Manager in the largest region for Petrolane Gas Service (he managed accounts in Arizona, New Mexico, Southern Utah, Southern Nevada, and Eastern California). After working 40 years in the propane industry, Jack retired in 1989. He and Helen moved to Sun City,

Arizona to enjoy their retirement years. They loved their summer trips to Oregon and Montana to visit and play with family and friends.

When their health began to fail in 2001, the Hendersons moved back to Chester. They had been married 28 years when Helen died on October 25, 2002. Jack continued to live in the Chester community. In 2003 he developed a close relationship with his new found friend and soul-mate, Linda Cady. In 2006 Jack moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home for extended care, where he resided until his death on Monday morning (February 2, 2009). He was 84 years old.

Jack was a member of the Elks for 50+ years. He was inducted into the Cut Bank Elks Lodge in 1948 and continued his membership at the Phoenix Lodge #2729 long after moving to Chester. Sunday breakfast at the lodge was a "must-do" during each return visit to Phoenix.

Jack's hobbies were many, but his all-time favorite activity was GOLF! He began golfing in 1961; his best handicap was 8, his best 18-hole score was 76, and his first and only hole-in-one was in Portland in 1984 at age 60. He also enjoyed reading (especially, paperbacks and westerns), playing cards (mainly, pinochle), dancing, and music. He loved to laugh and enjoyed

a good joke!

Jack was loyal to his family and friends. He was a social man who enjoyed people and always treated his contemporaries with respect. Those who loved him will remember him both as a gentle man and a gentleman...

He was preceded in death not only by his parents and wife, but also by an infant son (John D. Henderson Jr.), 2 brothers (Bill and Dan Henderson), and 1 sister (Nina Shepherd).

Jack is survived by his son, Dr. Curtis (Susan) Henderson of Phoenix, AZ; 2 step-daughters, Krystal (Don) Laas of Hillsboro, OR and Kimberly (David) Cantu of Troutdale, OR; 4 grandchildren, Jessie and Aaron Henderson, Haven Frank, and Taison Kane; 2 great-granddaughters, Rowan and Aislin Frank; 1 brother, Pete (Gwen) Henderson of Chester; 1 sister-in-law, Helen Henderson of Cut Bank; 1 brother-in-law, Ken Brandvold of Great Falls; his friend, Linda Cady of Havre; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Jack was cremated per his wishes. His ashes will be interred on his wife's grave in Chester at a later date. A memorial service is being planned for later this summer and will be announced by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials may be given to the Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester.

DOROTHY E. (TEMPEL) HEYDON
Birth: December 18, 1928 - Death: March 7, 2009
Liberty County Times
March 18, 2009



Dorothy Heydon

Dorothy E. Heydon, 80 of Livingston, Montana died at her home, Saturday, March 7, 2009 after an extended illness. Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory. A graveside committal and burial will take place at a later date in Joplin, Montana.

Dorothy was born December 18, 1928 to Gustav and Louise (Heyen) Tempel on the family homestead north of Joplin/Chester Montana. Dorothy graduated from Joplin High School and attended business college in Billings. On November 14, 1948 she married Lloyd Leonard Heydon in Great Falls. He preceded her in death on April 7, 1976.

Lloyd and Dorothy made their home in Joplin where they raised their 5 children and were active members of the Joplin community. After Lloyd's death, Dorothy worked

at the Joplin Meat Market and then at BNW Foods in Chester. In 1989 Dorothy moved to Bozeman where she could be closer to her children and grandchildren. Dorothy worked for United Way of Gallatin County until her retirement. In 2004 Dorothy moved to Livingston..

Dorothy enjoyed spending time with family, reading, doing crossword puzzles and playing cards and board games. She especially enjoyed the spring and summer months when she could enjoy her flowers, tomato plants and the many birds at her bird feeders.

Dorothy is survived by two sons; Leonard Heydon of Belgrade and Michael Heydon of Billings. Two daughters; Diane Mueller of Livingston and Carolyn Heydon of Wooster, Ohio. Her brother Clinton Tempel and sister Ellen Overton both of Great Falls. Also surviving are ten grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Cathy Heydon McCaughey, two brothers (Ernie and Kenny Tempel) and a sister (Margaret Tempel Anderson).

If desired memorial donations may be directed to Livingston Hospice Care, 504 South 13th Street, Livingston, MT 59047.

HELEN ARDISS (DANIELSEN) HOLSAPPLE

Born: August 19, 1918 - Died: May 23, 2009

Great Falls Tribune

May 28, 2009

Helen A. Holsapple

HAVRE — Helen Ardis (Danielsen) Holsapple, 90, died of natural causes Saturday at a Havre medical facility.



Holsapple

Her memorial service is 11 a.m. June 12 at the First Presbyterian Church, with burial in Highland Cemetery in Havre. A fellowship luncheon will follow at the church. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Helen was born Aug. 19, 1918, in Poplar, to Viggo and Eldora (Doyle) Danielsen. She was the oldest of three children. Helen's mother was a milliner by trade, and dressed her daughter very well. Helen graduated from Poplar High School in 1936, and was the senior class president. She attended college at Montana State University-Bozeman, and Northern Montana College in Havre. It was in Havre that she met her future husband, Ira "Bud" Holsapple.

Helen lowered her things out of her dorm-room window of Donaldson Hall when she and Bud were getting married, rather than carry them down. They were married in Havre on Aug. 12, 1939. There were five children born to that union, James Forrest, Victor Lee, Leslie Clifton, Judith Lynn and Merry Kay. Bud and Helen lived all their married life in Havre, while Bud worked for the Great Northern Railroad and Helen raised their children. They took their family to the Bear Paws Mountains often, later having a cabin there. Helen always found the first crocus in the Bear Paws in a family contest, and loved camping in the Bear Paws with

her children, as well as picnicking, picking flowers and berries, or just going for a ride there. Helen belonged to the Hilltop Home Demonstration Club, the Northern Montana Hospital Auxiliary, and the Presbyterian Women, and was a lifetime Presbyterian. She enjoyed extensive traveling and making porcelain dolls. For many years, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered at her home on Christmas Eve.

Helen is survived by her daughters, Judi (Mel) Gomke of Kremlin and Kelly (Jim) Rowlatt of Havre; daughter-in-law Judy Solomon of Havre; grandchildren Forrest (Jane) Bresina of Wisconsin, Lynne Dugdale of Havre, Bill (Barbara) Bresina of Wisconsin, Tammie (Jay) Almas of Havre, Jeff (Kris) Holsapple of Havre, Heidi (Jerry) Vossler of Wyoming, Bill (Debbie) Gomke of West Virginia, Tim (Debbie) Gomke of Chinook, Matt (Sierra) Gomke of Billings, Ric (Aubrey) Rowlatt of Las Vegas, and Mark (Deb) Rowlatt of Havre; sister-in-law Jean Danielsen of Billings; and many beloved nephews and nieces in both her and Bud's families. She also leaves 27 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Helen lived in the Eagles Manor for three years before moving to Northern Montana Care Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bud Holsapple; and sons Jimmy, Vic, and Buddy; and her brothers, Jimmy and Pete.

Memorials in Helen's honor may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or Bear Paw Hospice C/O NMH P.O. Box 1231 Havre, Mont. 59501.

Condolences may be posted online at hollandbonine@q.com and/or gftribune.com/obituaries.

ALVIN JAMES HOWERY
Born: September 20, 1924 - Died: February 27, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
March 2, 2009

Alvin James Howery

SHELBY — Alvin James Howery, 84, of Shelby, a retired Montana Power Company gas and field operator and decorated World War II veteran, died of natural causes on Friday at Marias Care Center in Shelby.



Howery



Cremation has taken place and burial of ashes will be held at a later date. Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Alvin is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Audrey (Alcorn) Howery of Shelby; a son, Wally (Marlene) Howery of Shelby; daughters Betty Jean (Garth) McNair of Butte and April (Leonard) Gordon of Cheyenne, Wyo.; a brother, Earl Howery of Henderson, Nev.; a son-in-law, Larry French of Miles City; seven grandchildren, JaSainte (Mark) Dale, Jenny (Reece) Brown, and Scott (Mandy) McNair all of Fairfield, Josh Howery of Shelby, Dan (Dixi) Howery of Van Vleck, Texas, Crystal (Mike) Verellen of Olympia, Wash., and Heather

(Pat) Roos of Miles City; 13 great-grandchildren and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Alvin was born in Whitlash on Sept. 20, 1924, to Ervin and Ellen (Stratton) Howery and grew up in the Devon area. He served in the Army from 1944-46 in the 45th Infantry Regiment which liberated the Dachau concentration camp. He received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his service.

He and Audrey Alcorn were married on March 31, 1949, in Cut Bank. Alvin delivered fuel for Farmers Union Coop and worked for Montana Dakota Utility before beginning his 33-year career with Montana Power. In 1986, he retired and they moved from Whitlash to Libby, returning to Shelby in 1995. Alvin was a member of the American Legion Post in Galata. He was well-known for his homemade knives and his skill at fixing anything. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing and camping, but most of all he loved his wife, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Hazel Kinyon; and a daughter, Mary Ellen French.

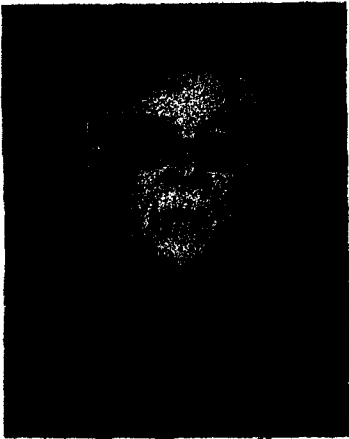
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DAVID EUGENE HUNNEWELL

Birth: February 26, 1948 – Death: December 17, 2009

Liberty County Times

December 23, 2009



Dave Hunnewell:

David Eugene Hunnewell was born February 26, 1948 in Great Falls, Montana. He was the youngest of two sons born to Idella Mary Walden and Richard "Bud" Hunnewell. Dave grew up and received his formal education in Chester, graduating from C.H.S. in 1967. During his school years Dave played football and worked the summer months on the John and Frank Wanken farms. In the fall of 1967 he enrolled at a tech school in Wahpeton, North Dakota where he studied mechanics.

In November 1968 Dave married Linda Knab of Joplin. They had a daughter, Rachel, before their marriage ended in divorce.

David entered the U. S. Army in 1969 during the Vietnam Conflict, and was stationed in Korea for most of his 2-year military stint. He received his honorable discharge in 1971, but remained in the Army Reserves until 1975. Following his discharge, he returned to Chester and began farming.

On August 4, 1973 Dave married Yvonne S. Johnson. They made their home in Chester and raised their family of 3 sons: Aaron, Branden, and Camon. In addition to farming, Dave worked winter months as a parts man for Thielman Implement. In later years he worked as a parttime bartender for Clay Stevens at the Red Onion. He continued to farm until 1999, then put his place into CRP.

During the past 20 years Dave dedicated his life to community service. He was an active volunteer in the local ambulance and fire departments. In 1990 he became a First Responder. In 1992

EMT-B. In 1993 he began serving as a training coordinator and assisted in teaching EMS classes to the many volunteers throughout Liberty and surrounding counties. Dave enjoyed extrication techniques and he was always willing to share this special knowledge with eager students. Dave also attended many continuing education courses to keep up dated and certified in many areas of pre-hospital care. In addition, Dave and wife Yvonne have been co-directors of the Liberty County Emergency Services; together they were an integral part of the "day-to-day" operations of our local ambulance service. Dave and his community friend/Fire Chief, Quannah Bailey, were instrumental in the push for a new fire hall, and together spent countless hours in both the constructional plans and the organizational phase of this new emergency facility. Dave loved the new fire hall where he maintained his administrative office. He was there on a daily basis doing what had to be done, be it washing and servicing the rolling stock, cleaning and repairing the emergency equipment, keeping an inventory of supplies and ordering new products, or completing computerized forms and necessary paperwork. Dave's greatest love was actually going out on emergency calls in the ambulance—the reward was simple: personal satisfaction for helping someone in need! Dave and Quannah made so many ambulance trips over the years that their colleagues joked that a special insignia "D & Q Transfers" should be printed on the outside panel of the ambulance! Dave was recently side-

lined from ambulance service due to surgery on an injured shoulder, but he still responded to most of the calls to offer assistance and advise.

On this past Wednesday morning Dave became ill at home. He was transported to the Chester hospital by local ambulance friends. He was diagnosed with acute pancreatitis due to complications from diabetes and was transferred to Great Falls for specialized care. His condition deteriorated rapidly and he died early Thursday morning (December 17, 2009) at the Benefis East Medical Center. Dave was just 61 years old. His family is comforted in the fact that he made that last trip to Great Falls under the care of his old buddy, Quannah...

Dave was baptized and raised in the Methodist faith. Following his marriage to Yvonne, he joined Our Savior's Lutheran Church and received his adult confir-

mation from Pastor Nicolai in 1989. Dave was also active in the American Legion Post #88, presently serving as Post

Commander. He assisted on many veteran's funeral squads and Memorial Day service details throughout the years.

In his younger days Dave enjoyed hunting. He had a small collection of muzzleloader guns and reloaded his own shells. He also enjoyed bowling, darts, and playing cards (mainly, "pan"). In the early 1980's he took flying lessons and owned a small airplane for a few years. He was also active in the local "Remote Control" Airplane Club. Dave always kept a clean, orderly shop where he loved to do mechanics, welding, and woodworking projects. His automobiles were always meticulous. He loved motorcycles and

classic cars. Dave personally restored a 1966 Plymouth Barracuda; he cherished this car for many years, then sold it in 2007 to buy his dream-machine, a beautiful Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Dave enjoyed several roadtrips these past few years with local biking buddies. He stored his beloved Harley at his "home-away-from-home," the new fire hall, so he could admire it on a daily basis.

Dave's other hobbies included coin-collecting and reading historical publications and books by Stephen King. He was an avid sports fan of the NFL; his long-time favorite team was the Denver Broncos and his new-found team was the Detroit Lions. Dave loved spending time with his grandkids and playing video games with them.

Dave was a lifelong loyal Republican and wasn't afraid to express his opinion on politics, religion, or any other heated topic. His outward appearance sometimes seemed a bit rough, but he actually had a gentle side to him. His love and dedication for the community will be a loss to all of us.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, his mother-in-law (Jacqueline Johnson), and his aunt (Pat Spingola).

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Yvonne Hunnewell of Chester; daughter, Rachel (Clay) Holly of Great Falls; sons, Aaron (Chandra) Hunnewell of Shelby, Branden Hunnewell of Chester, and Camon Hunnewell of Chester; 5 grandchildren, Clarissa, Lincoln, McCall, Conner, and Zea; brother, Richard Hunnewell of Chester; father-in-law, Paul Johnson of Spokane, WA; sister-in-law, Paula (Bob) Smith of Spo-

kane; 2 brothers-in-law, Craig Johnson of Spokane and Leif Johnson of OR; 1 niece, Paige (Milo) Iaulualo; 1 great-nephew, Marcel; 1 uncle, Ken Spingola; and 3 cousins, Mike and Mark Spingola and MaryAnn Hummel.

Funeral services were 1:00 p.m. Tuesday (Dec. 22nd) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor Val Metropoulos officiated. Scripture were read by Carol Mattson and Glenda Hanson. The eulogy and EMT prayer was shared by Ron Lineweaver.

Karen Stack served as organist and vocal music was provided by Mary Ann Zorn ("Ave Maria") and Wayne Wardell ("The Old Rugged Cross"). Favorite congregational hymns were "Borning Cry" and "How Great Thou Art". Steve Layton served as usher. Pallbearers were Steve Backen, John Wicks, Bill Fraser Jr., Dale Carlstad, Dennis L. Snyder, Scott Swank, and Carl Morkrid. Honorary bearers were Dave's colleagues in the area EMS and Fire

departments, who offered a "last call" tribute and provided an ambulance escort to the Chester Cemetery. The American Legion provided a military squad at the burial rites and friend, Marlyn Harstad, presented the veteran's flag to the Dave's family. A luncheon followed at the church hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials may be given to the Hi-Line Health Foundation or Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



DAVID EUGENE HUNNEWELL

Born: February 26, 1948
at Great Falls, Montana

Died: December 17, 2009
at Great Falls, Montana

Age: 61 years...9 months...21 days

EMS Prayer... (by L.Lipps)

As I perform my duty Lord — Whatever be the call,
Help to guide and keep me safe — From dangers big and small.
I want to serve and do my best — No matter what the scene,
I pledge to keep my skills refined — My judgment quick and keen.
This calling to give of my self — Most do not understand,
But I stand ready all the time — To help my fellow man.
To have the chance to help a child — Restore his laugh with glee,
A word of thanks I might not hear — But knowing is enough for me.
The praise of men is fine for some — But I feel truly blessed,
That you oh Lord have chosen me — To serve in EMS!



Dave's family: Wife, Yvonne; daughter, Rachel; sons, Aaron, Branden, & Camon; 5 grandchildren, Clarissa, Lincoln, McCall, Conner, & Zea; brother, Richard; and other extended family...

Funeral Service: 1:00 p.m. Tuesday (Dec. 22, 2009) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Montana

Officiant: Pastor Val Metropoulos

Scripture Readings: Carol Mattson and Glenda Hanson

Eulogy & EMS Prayer: Ron Lineweaver

Organist: Karen Stack ...
Congregational Hymns: "Borning Cry" & "How Great Thou Art"

Vocalists: Mary Ann Zorn ... "Ave Maria"
Wayne Wardell ... "The Old Rugged Cross"

Usher: Steve Layton

Pallbearers: Steve Backen, Bill Fraser Jr., Dennis L. Snyder, Dale Carlstad, John Wicks, Scott Swank, and Carl Morkrid

Honorary Bearers will be Dave's colleagues/friends/fellow-volunteers who serve in the area EMS and fire departments. They will offer a "final call" tribute outside of the church, then provide ambulance escort by the firehall to the cemetery.

Burial: Chester Cemetery (northwest of Chester, Mt.)

Military Flag Presentation: Marlyn Harstad ...



A reception will follow at the church fellowship hall.

Memorials: Hi-Line Health Foundation or Our Savior's Lutheran Church...

Arrangements: Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester

MARY VERONICA (FASSLER) HUNT
 Birth: April 16, 1930 – Death: December 29, 2009
 Liberty County Times
 January 6, 2010



HELENA--Mary Veronica Hunt of Helena, a wife, mother, registered nurse and community volunteer, died of natural causes on Tuesday night, Dec. 29, 2009, at St. Peter's Hospital. She was 79.

A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at Retz Funeral Home. A funeral Mass is set for 10 a.m. Monday at St. Helena Cathedral. Burial will follow in Resurrection Cemetery.

Mary Hunt was born April 16, 1930, in Dillon, the daughter of Gebhard and Florence Streb Fassler, who had a ranch on Trapper Creek, west of Melrose. She grew up there with her two sisters and four female cousins, who lived on a ranch across the road.

Like her older and younger sister, after attending Melrose Grade School, Mary was sent to Missoula to enroll in the all-girls Catholic Sacred Heart Academy in Missoula. She graduated as class president in 1948 and received a full academic scholarship to attend St. Patrick School of Nursing from 1949-52. She passed her state boards and became a registered nurse in March 1952, graduating later that year.

On Aug. 25, 1952, she married William E. Hunt, a University of Montana law student.

Mary worked as a registered nurse at hospitals in Missoula, Havre, Chester and Helena for nearly 40 years before retiring in 1992. She also worked as secretary in her husband's law office in Chester.

Mary and Bill had five children: Jim, Joe, Kate, Pat and Bill Jr.

She loved her husband, children and grandchildren unconditionally and fully supported them in whatever

they took on. She was so proud of each of them and their accomplishments and was always there for them, no matter what.

The family moved to Helena from Chester in 1970 when her husband was appointed to head the state Aeronautics Division. Bill later was appointed the state's first workers' compensation judge and was elected to two terms as a justice on the Montana Supreme Court.

Helena was the Hunts' home for nearly 40 years. Besides raising her family and working at St. Peter's Hospital, Mary loved life and participated in a variety of activities.

Although Mary had friends of all political persuasion she was a Democratic Party stalwart and volunteered on many campaigns.

Mary volunteered for many years at the Montana Historical Society, where she loved taking students on tours of the museum. She was active in Friends of the Montana Historical Society for years, serving as president twice.

She did extensive historical research on her family and gave each of her children many books on her family's history.

As a senior citizen, she audited classes at Carroll College for eight years, especially enjoying history courses. She also took adult education classes in Helena, including auto maintenance and repair.

Mary served as a volunteer for music classes at Smith School when two of her granddaughters were students there.

Her cross-stitching, needlework, quilting and sewing always drew raves.

Mary had a keen interest in the arts. As a senior citizen, she was part of tap dancing troupe that performed around town. Part of the Hunt tradition was her family singing "Silent Night" on Christmas Eve as she played it on the piano. Her family could always count on answering the phone on their birthday to her and Bill singing "Happy Birthday".

She was an avid reader and a lifelong learner.

Mary loved to garden, travel and tromp around in the outdoors. She loved noth-

ing more than slipping away from town and was a skilled fly fisherwoman.

She was a longtime season ticket holder who rooted for the Montana Grizzlies' football team.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Joe; and her sister, Dorothy Byrne.

Survivors include: her husband, Bill; her children: Jim (and his wife, Barbara Howe and children Hannah and Isabelle Hunt) of Helena; Kate (and her husband, Todd Johnson and children Arlo and Jane Johnson) of Kalispell; Pat (and husband Chuck Johnson) of Helena; and son Bill Jr. (and companion Shelly Collier) of Shelby;

Other survivors are: sister Helen Coleman (and her husband Verle) of Richland, Wash., brother-in-law, Bill Byrne of Missoula; her cousins; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any memorial gift be made to a local food bank.

Retz Funeral Home of Helena is handling the arrangements.

STEVEN DALE INABNIT
Born: August 22, 1953 - Died: June 6, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
June 18, 2009

Steven Dale Inabnit



Inabnit

WHITEFISH — Steven Dale Inabnit, 55, died of natural causes June 6 at his home in Whitefish.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Friday at his home, 540 W. 9th St., in Whitefish.

Steven was born Aug. 22, 1953, in Conrad, Mont. He graduated from Conrad High School in 1971 and later from Helena Vo-Tech.

He then worked with computers for a large bank. After deciding that office life wasn't for him, he pursued a career in the plumbing field, where he found much success. He owned and operated Big Mountain Plumbing in Whitefish for more than 25 years. In addition to running a full-time business, he also raised twin sons, who worked in the business with him while they attended high school and college.

In addition to work, Steve enjoyed everything that Montana has to offer, including camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, rafting, rock hounding, remodeling his home, and spending time with family, especially with his two new grandchildren.

He is survived by his parents, Dale and Mary Ann Inabnit of Conrad; sons Josh and his wife Mary of Missoula with granddaughter Grace; Jeremy and his wife Saxon of Missoula with grandson Tyler; brothers Gordon and his wife Helen of Rudyard and Dan and his wife Debbie of Valier; sisters Janet King of Valier, Donna Hilliard and her husband Bill of Havre and Lorna Kovatch and her husband Kenny of Ovando; ex-wife and friend Maureen Widhalm of Missoula; and numerous friends, nieces and nephews.

FRANKLIN W. IVERSON
Born: June 28, 1918 - Died: December 29, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
January 1, 2010

Franklin W. Iverson

CONRAD — Franklin W. Iverson, 91, a retired Ledger-area farmer, died of natural causes Tuesday at a Conrad extended-care facility.



Iverson

His funeral is 2 p.m. Monday at Pondera Valley Lutheran Church.

Pondera Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Iverson of Conrad; daughters, Joan Wesley of Ledger, Gayle (John) Schmidt of Washington and Kelly (Al) Turk of Arizona; a son, Mickey (Liz) Iverson of Ledger; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by brothers Ames, Wally and Robert; and son-in-law Albert Wesley.

Frank was born June 28, 1918, in Ledger, to Seymour and Jean (Fluto) Iverson. He was raised in Ledger, attended grade school there and graduated from Shelby High School.

He married Alice Duncan on July 3, 1941, in Shelby.

Frank worked in the San Francisco shipyards from 1941-1943. He returned to Ledger and farmed until retiring in 1970.

Frank was a longtime member of the Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, and Montana 500 Model T Association. He enjoyed restoring antique cars.

Memorials may be made to the Pondera Valley Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

HARRIS CHRISTIAN JEPPESEN

Birth: December 7, 1925 - Death: March 18, 2009

Liberty County Times

March 25, 2009

Harris Christian Jeppesen

Harris Christian Jeppesen, age 83, passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2009 in Ronan of natural causes.

He was born December 7, 1925 in Chester, Montana to Ingolf and Magnhild Jeppesen. He grew up in the Sweetgrass Hills and was the second of four boys. He graduated from Chester High School and served in the Army, returning to the family homestead to continue the family farm.

He moved to Charlo in 1969 with his wife Cecilia and children. They operated a dairy until they retired in 1989.

The highlights of his life were his brothers, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

He is survived by his brothers, Arnold and Marvin of Shelby, MT and Randolph of Missoula; children, Sandy Groves of Seattle, WA, Murray Taylor of Oilmont, MT, Allan Mangold of Charlo, MT, Kathy Woodruff of Charlo, MT,

Sharleen King of Seattle, WA, Debbie Skurlock of Reno, NV, Mike Jeppesen of Ronan, MT, Tammy Dumont of Charlo, MT, Rick Jeppesen of Charlo, MT, Gene Jeppesen of Seattle, WA, Jay Jeppesen of Ronan, MT, Jan Allen of Fort Worth, TX and Tom Laud of Coeur d' Alene ID as well as 40 grandchildren and 40 great grandchildren.

Friends paid their respects on Sunday, March 22, 2009 from

3:00 until 6:00 pm at the Shrider-Thompson Funeral Chapel in Ronan. Funeral services were held on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 11:00 am at the Faith Lutheran Church with Rev. Sarah Meckler, officiating. Military graveside honors followed in the Ronan Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Murray Taylor, Allan Mangold, Mike Jeppesen, Rick Jeppesen, Gene Jeppesen and Jay Jeppesen. Honorary Pallbearers were Rick Woodruff, Paul King, Shawn Dumont, Joel Allen and Tom Laud.

Shrider-Thompson Funeral and Cremation Services of Ronan, MT is assisting with arrangements.

CHARLES TIMOTHY 'RIKK' JOHNSTON
Birth: December 30, 1950 - Death: July 25, 2009
Liberty County Times
August 5, 2009



Rikk Johnston:

Charles Timothy "Rikk" Johnston, age 58, died from complications of C.O.P.D. at his home in Rudyard, Montana on Saturday morning (July 25, 2009).

Rikk was born in Glendive, Montana on December 30, 1950. His given name at birth was Ricky Miles Lovelace, and he was one of ten children born to George and Frances (EmBanks) Lovelace.

At age 8 months Rikk was adopted by a loving Great Falls couple, Charles "Woody" Johnston and Verna Knutson. He was baptized in the Lutheran faith and was given his new Christian name, Charles Timothy Johnston. Rikk grew up in Great Falls and received his formal education at Great Falls High School.

In 1968 he enlisted into the U. S. Army. He received the rank of PFC (E-2) and was honorably discharged in 1969.

Following his military stint, Rikk worked in California as a roofer and construction laborer. He later moved to Gresham, Oregon where he continued to work in house renovations and repairs. In

the 1980's he suffered a serious back injury and began receiving disability benefits. He eventually returned to Montana.

On February 6, 1990 Rikk married Gladys (Adams) Heimbigner. They lived in Great Falls, Fort Shaw, and Choteau before moving to

Rudyard 4 years ago. Rikk developed lung problems from excessive use of tobacco and his general health had deteriorated this past year.

Rikk had many hobbies. A talented musician, he played the piano, drums, and guitar. He enjoyed gospel and country western music and loved to "jam" with other musicians. Rikk was a good cook and enjoyed his houseplants and gardening. In his quiet time at home, Rikk enjoyed watching movies and reading his Bible and other spiritual books. He was a "regular" at the Liberty County Library in Chester, where he was always congenial and courteous to the library staff. Rikk loved all animals, especially cats and dogs, and adored his pet wiener-dog, "Punkin." Last, but surely not least, he was a kind, soft-hearted man and a very loving husband to "Gladys" over the past 19 years.

He is survived by his wife,

Gladys Johnston of Rudyard (who currently resides at the Missouri River Manor in Great Falls); 3 daughters by a previous marriage, Heather Strump of Laramie, Wyoming and Naomi and Anis Johnston, both of Houston, Texas; 1 granddaughter, Hope

Strump of Laramie; 1 brother, Wesley EmBanks of Bedford, Nova Scotia; 6 sisters, Margaret Mack of Troy, Cheryl Ford of Bluffton, SC, Sandi and Diane King, both of Montana, and Betty McMillan and Mary Smoot, addresses unknown; 5 half-siblings, Gerald, Neil, and Patty Allery of Oklahoma, Jeanette Allery of Texas, and Kathryn Miller of California; 2 dear aunts, Kathryn Peck of Great Falls and Merle Thomas of Missoula; and many nephews and nieces.

Rikk was preceded in death by his parents, 1 brother (Roy Lovelace), and 1 sister (Evelyn Lovelace).

Rikk was cremated per his wishes. A memorial service was held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday (August 2nd) at the Missouri River Manor Auditorium in Great Falls. Pastor Harold Wiltshire officiated. Rikk's friends from the "Outlaw Blue's Band" performed favorite songs, inc. Seven Spanish Angels, Dead Flowers, Jesus is a Soul Man, Don't Want to Live Inside Myself, Words, Puff the Magic Dragon, Amazing Grace, Moody River, and Good to be Back Home. The service concluded with military "taps" and the presentation of the veteran's flag to Gladys by Rlynn Rockman. A reception followed at the auditorium. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

DELL LOUREL JONES
Birth: April 29, 1941 - Death: August 28, 2009
Liberty County Times
September 2, 2009



Dell Jones

Dell Lourel Jones was born April 29, 1941 at Polson, Montana.

He was one of six children born to Arthur and Alma Jones. At the formative age of six Dell's mother died, so he was raised by his father. Dell grew up and received his education in Polson, then began working in the community as a milk delivery man.

He married Shirley M. Henderson at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho in 1960. They moved to Drummond, Mt. where Dell worked in the Garrison Coal Mines for two years. In 1962 they transferred to Tacoma, Wa. where Dell began working at the Manke Lumber Yard in Fife. After 26 years of employment at the lumber yard, Dell continued working for Jim and Chuck Manke as an over-the-road truck driver. The Jones' remained in Washington for 37 years, then re-

located back to Montana in 1999. They lived in Havre for a year before moving to Gildford in 2000. Dell continued in the trucking business until his retirement in 2003.

Dell's health had failed these past 3 years. He was recently admitted to the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, where he died peacefully on the early morning hours of Friday (August 28, 2009). He was 68 years old.

Dell and Shirley raised a family of six children. He loved all of their kids and enjoyed playing, singing, and dancing with them as they grew up. In those early years at Drummond, Dell played guitar in "The Budweiser Band", so music and dancing were lifelong favorite pastimes. He also enjoyed bowling, hunting, and fishing. As a hobby Dell collected toy cars and specialty stamps, and he was an avid football fan of the Seattle Seahawks. Throughout the years he held membership in the Eagles Lodges at Orting, WA and Havre, MT.

Dell was preceded in death by his parents, his son (Jimmy Dean Jones), 1 brother (Chuck), and 2 sisters (Nita and Lorraine).

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Shirley Jones of Gildford; 3 daughters, Edna (Ed) Rickman of Graham, WA, Hazel Engles of Erwin, South Carolina, and Valerie

(John) Fischer of Valdez, Alaska; 2 sons, Raymond Evert of Gildford and Dell Jones Jr. (and special friend, Diane) of Thompson Falls; 21 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Darryl (Betty Ann) Jones of Deer Lodge; 1 sister, Edna Jones of Phillipsburg; and many nephews and nieces.

A memorial service was conducted at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday (Sept. 1st) at the Gildford Baptist Church by Pastor Eddie Fallo. Pianist was Judy Fallo and vocal music was provided by Terry Stevenson. A luncheon followed in the church hall. Cremation and arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

JODINE PATRICIA (THIELMAN) KENNY
Birth: October 15, 1940 – Death: October 4, 2009
Liberty County Times
October 14, 2009



Jodine Kenny

Jodine Kenny, age 68, of Mt. Clemens, Michigan (and formerly of Chester, Mt.), died Sunday (October 4, 2009) from cancer at the Clinton-Aire Health Care Center in Clinton Township, Michigan.

Jodine Patricia Thielman was born October 15, 1940 in Chester, one of four children of Edward and Marion (Patterson) Thielman. She was raised in Chester and graduated from Chester High School in 1958. She continued her education at Pacific Lutheran University in Washington for a semester, then returned to Montana. She worked various jobs, first on a dude ranch, then at Yellowstone National Park, and eventually back to Chester where she worked as a bookkeeper for her father in the family business (Thielman Implement).

In 1965 Jodine packed up her car and headed for Indianapolis, Indiana to take a job in telephone equipment sales and data programming.

While there she met and married Thomas Kohrman in 1966. The couple had two children, Timothy and Bonny, before they were divorced in 1977.

Jodine and her children moved back to Chester to be reunited with her family. While living in Chester, Jodine met Frank Edward Kenny; they were married in 1978. Jodine purchased a women's apparel shop in Chester, which she called "Pandora's Box." She owned and operated this retail business from 1978 to 1986, then sold her store and moved to Arizona. She was proud to have worked successfully through an AA Program and enjoyed many other occupations while living in Arizona.

Jodine moved to Michigan in 1996 to be close to Tim's family and spend more time with her grandchildren, Kohl and Sophia. She retired in 2003. The following year she suffered debilitating affects from leg surgery. In 2008 she was diagnosed with lung and liver cancer, which took her life some 15 months later.

While working as a businesswomen in Chester in the 1980's, Jodine was an active member of the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce. In addition she served as a Brownie Troop leader and was a friend to many.

Throughout her life Jodine always possessed a passion for creative outlets – interior design, refinishing and hand-painting furniture, sewing, and gardening, to name a few. She loved getting dressed up and enjoyed dancing and socializing. Last, but not least, she was always interested in learning new things.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother (Richard Thielman), and her formal husband (Ed Kenny).

Jodine is survived by her son, Tim (Mary Kay) Kohrman of Macomb Township, Michigan; her daughter, Bonny (Paul) Johnston of Leverkusen, Germany; 4 grandchildren, Kohl and Sophia Kohrman and Owen and Henry Johnston; 1 brother, James Thielman of Great Falls; and 1 sister, Marjorie O'Neil of Tucson, Arizona; and many nephews and nieces.

Jodine was cremated. A memorial service is being planned for the spring of 2010 in Chester, where Jodine's ashes will be buried in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery. Rockman Funeral Chapel is assisting with local arrangements. A memorial fund is being established. Cards of condolences may be sent to Tim Kohrman, 47245 Bluejay Drive, Macomb Township, Michigan 48044.

MELVIN LOUIS KOPS

Birth: February 13, 1919 – Death: April 20, 2009

Liberty County Times

May 6, 2009



DATELINE ~ HAVRE

Melvin Louis Kops, 90, of Havre, a US Navy World War II Veteran and farmer North of Inverness, died of congestive heart failure at his home on April 20. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11a.m. Wednesday

at St. Jude Catholic Church of Havre. Burial will immediately follow at the Calvary Cemetery in Havre. Memorials in Melvin's honor may be made to St. Jude Catholic School or to a memorial of your choice. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine.

Melvin was born February 13, 1919 in Havre, one of four children to Harold and Irene Kops. Melvin graduated in 1937. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served from 1939-1946 finishing his duty on the USS Arapaho.

After serving in the Navy, Melvin moved to Centralia, Washington, where he met his wife Bonnie of 59 years. Mel-

vin worked 7 ½ years for Kraft foods in Cehalias, Washington, and began raising their family of three.

In 1958 Melvin and family moved to Havre, Montana to start farming North of Inverness with his brother Franklin. He dedicated his life to farming from 1959 to 1991.

Once moving to Havre with his wife, Melvin continued to help his son, Kenny, with farming until 2007 when his health would not allow it.

After moving to Havre, Melvin enjoyed going to Bing n Bob's to have coffee and working with his brother Franklin, making new friends, telling hunting and fishing stories

over coffee. Melvin loved to go hunting and fishing. Often, you would find Bonnie and Melvin out at the Bear Paw Mountains trying to catch their limit or "The Big One", which ever came first.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, and his infant twin brother.

Melvin loved his wife, children, family and friends to the fullest looking forward to everyone's visits and visiting his friends. His favorite saying was "Do you have to leave already, you just got here."

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Kops of Havre, a son Kenneth Kops (Angie- Fiance') of Helena; Kathy (Ken)

Haugen of Great Falls; Karen (Pat) Wynne of Helena; his brother Franklin (Joyce) Kops of Havre; sister Bernyce Mills of Puyallup, WA; Four grandchildren: Heather (Josh) Wendell of Great Falls; Erik Haugen of Great Falls, and Hannah and Bailey Kops of Helena. Three great grandchildren: Brecken, Kaitlyn and Jaydee along with several nieces and nephews.

DOROTHY JORGENSON
Birth: February 9, 1920 – Death: June 23, 2009
Liberty County Times
July 1, 2009



Dorothy Jorgenson

Dorothy Jorgenson, 89, died Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at the Northern Montana Hospital of natural causes. Her funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday,

June 26, 2009 at the Gildford Baptist Church with Pastor Eddie Fallo officiating. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the church immediately after the service followed by the burial at the Calvary section of Highland Cemetery in Havre at 2:00.

Dorothy was born February 9, 1920 in Ortonville, Minnesota to Grant and Margaret (Pederson) Nelson. She attended school in Ortonville and graduated from Ortonville High School in 1937. While in high school, she won a Home Ec decorating contest which gave her a trip to the Minnesota State Fair in Minneapolis. After graduation, she worked as a secretary in Marshall, MN and Ortonville, MN.

On February 5, 1949 she married Gordon Jorgenson in Ortonville, MN. The couple made their home in Gildford, Montana on the family farm and raised their four children.

Dorothy was active in Jolly Janes and the Gildford Baptist Church, where she was Sunday School secretary and active in Mission Circle. She was also a member of the Gildford Birthday Club and the Local Vocal Bifocals singing group. Other activities included bowling league, sewing, making latch-hook rugs, and the cross-stitched tablecloths that she lovingly made for her friends and family. She loved visiting family and friends and morning coffee with her good friend and next door neighbor, Shorty. She also enjoyed playing cards and games. Among her family, she was famous for "Grandma's Buns", cream wafers, black bottom cupcakes and lefse.

Dorothy also worked as the Gildford School secretary for several years and later as a postal clerk. After her and Gordon's retirement, they enjoyed traveling; including two

trips to Norway, Hawaii, and many visits with friends and family. A notable accomplishment by both of them was the completion of the 7.5 mile Bloomsday Run in Spokane two years in a row.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Gordon in 1997; brother Glen Nelson, and sister, Eleanore Fremont.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Elaine and (Dick Wise) of Kalispell, MT, Nancy and (Steve Nelson) of Polson, MT, Robin and (Terry Saylor) of Spokane, WA, and Dan and (Kay Jorgenson) of Gildford, MT. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be given to Gildford Baptist Church, First Responders/Ambulance or donor's choice.

DEBRA KIM (CURTIN) KASPERSMA
Birth: December 19, 1954 – Death: July 17, 2009
Liberty County Times
July 22, 2009



**Debra Curtin-
Kaspersma**

Debra Kim Curtin-Kaspersma was born December 19th, 1954 at Choteau, Montana. Debbie was the second child born to Richard Preston and Bette Jo Jaconetty. She and her five siblings were raised & adopted by their maternal grandparents. Debra received her early education in Choteau. She was active on the Choteau swim team through ages 10-14. In 1968 the Curtin family moved to Kansas City, Missouri where Debra later attended nursing school. In the years that followed, she worked in Kansas City as a home health nurse.

Debra was in her mid-30's when she developed heart problems. In the late 1980's she could not longer work in nursing, so she went on disability. She decided to return to Montana in the early 1990's. Debbie lived in Choteau and Conrad, where she raised Chihuahuas. She sold puppies throughout the area, keeping many of the older dogs as personal pets.

In 1996 she met Leonard Kaspersma of Conrad. They became good friends and companions in the years that followed. Debra and Leonard enjoyed caring for each other, so they married in Conrad on September 26th, 2004. Two years ago they moved to Rudyard, where they continued to raise Chihuahuas and enjoy a peaceful life together.

Debra's medical condition had worsened these past few years with serious seizures and heart episodes. On the early morning of Friday (July 17th, 2009) she suffered an attack in the living room of her Rudyard home. When Leonard awoke and discovered her, she was already gone. She died of natural causes at age 54.

Deb enjoyed her hobbies. In addition to her dogs, she loved people and enjoyed entertaining. She was a very good cook; her friends will remember her delicious spaghetti and pepper soups. She was also an avid movie buff; reportedly her choice in movies was always eclectic

(for instance, she loved the Madea and Stargate productions). And just for the fun of it, she collected snow globes and angel figurines. Last but not least, Deb was a spiritual woman with a strong Christian faith.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard Kaspersma of Rudyard; her mother, Bette Jo Curtin; 2 sisters, Vickie

Tuten of Burke, VA. and Christy Ready of Fortville, Ind.; 2 brothers, Shawn Curtin of Lakewood, Co. and Michael Curtin of Clearwater, Fl.; and numerous nieces & nephews. Debra's third sister, Toni Kaye Curtin, has been missing for many years. Toni's daughter, Dannielle Curtin of Helena, has been like a daughter to Debra throughout the years.

It was Deb's wishes to be cremated. A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Friday (July 24th) at the Calvary

Evangelical Church in Rudyard. Pastor Will Anderson will officiate. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall at the church. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.'

EARL FREDERICK KEITH

Birth: February 12, 1927 – Death: May 27, 2009

Liberty County Times

June 3, 2009



Earl Keith

Earl Frederick Keith was born February 12, 1927 in Chester, MT.

He was the only child of Russell and Molly Keith. Russell homesteaded 13 miles south of Chester in 1912 and married Molly in the early 1920's. Earl was just a 1-year-old when his mother died of diphtheria in 1928. After Molly's death, Earl was initially cared for by Josie Wolfe, then lived with Pearl and Dodds Keith until age 5. When Earl's father married Kate Patterson in 1932, Earl moved back to the family farm and began his early education at the Erickson country school. Several years later

Russell was diagnosed with cancer and died in 1940. Earl, then in his formative years at age 13, moved into Chester with his step-mother. The farm was leased out to Duvall Keith. Earl finished his formal education in Chester, where he played high school basketball and graduated from C.H.S. as the Salutatorian of the Class of 1945.

Soon after graduation, Earl was inducted into the U. S.

Army. He served in the 2nd Detachment Field Artillery School as a Private First Class. Fortunately, World War II was winding down, so he received his honorable discharge in November of 1946. After returning to Montana, Earl took flying lessons and earned his private pilot's license.

Earl married his high school sweetheart, Wanda Zell Morgan, on June 24, 1947 in Chester. Soon after, they moved to his father's farm south of town. It was there that they worked, lived, and raised their family of four daughters. During those early years on the farm, Earl worked other seasonal jobs. He helped Uncle Bert Nordstrom at the Roosevelt Service Station in Chester; he and Neil Shepherd plowed snowy roads at night for Liberty County; he drove truck for the construction crew who built the Tiber Dam project; and he worked many winter months for Rude Sheet Metal (and later, Boyd's Sheet Metal).

A devastating tragedy struck the Keith family in 1968. Their second daughter, Jenny Lee, a senior in high school, was killed in a car accident near Chester. The following year they purchased the George and Ruth Heikkila house in town, so the two younger daughters could finish their schooling here. At that same time Earl leased the Heikkila farm, which was located approximately 7 miles southeast of Chester. The Keith's finished raising their family and remained very active in the community.

Earl was a charter member of the Chester Lions Club and always participated in local events and fund-raising activities. In 1976 he was recognized with a special award from Lions International for his dedicated service. In those early years of the Chester summer softball league, Earl coached the young Lions softball team. He also enjoyed league bowling with friends on a team sponsored by Rude's Sheet Metal. In addition he was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, the Chester American Legion, the Shelby Elks Club, and the local RC Airplane Club. He was a past member of the ASC board and the Chester school board.

Earl kept himself busy with numerous hobbies. He loved playing cards, especially pan and pinochle. He enjoyed reading (mainly fiction and mysteries), painting-by-numbers, and jigsaw puzzles. He made many model airplanes over the years and maintained a nice model train collection. Earl and Wanda never passed up an opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Dining, dancing, and parties provided many wonderful memories during their 62 years together. Earl looked forward to the snowmobile trips to Benchmark in the 1970's and the annual "fall golf excursions" to the Flathead Valley in the 1980's. One of his greatest loves was golfing! He was a longtime member of the Marias Valley Country Club in Shelby where he was a regular golfer on the Thursday Night Men's League. Earl seldom

said "no" to a chance to play golf for fun, and he played in a few local tournaments, too. Every summer beginning in the 1990's the Keiths eagerly traveled with special friends to Columbia Falls for a week of golf, sun, and fun!

They enjoyed many other memorable trips over the years, including Arizona, California, Massachusetts, Washington, Missouri, Tennessee, Nevada, Florida, and Washington D.C. These trips were all made with special friends to spend quality time with family and friends! Their life had been full and good, and Earl appreciated the countless blessings that had been bestowed on him over the years.

The Keiths sold their Chester home in 2005 and moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge. Earl suffered from pulmonary fibrosis and was diagnosed with lung cancer about 2 years ago. He was recently admitted to the Liberty Medical Center where he died on Wednesday evening (May 27, 2009). He was 82 years old...

Survivors include his wife Wanda of Chester; 3 daughters, Earlene (Bob) Hemmer of Belgrade, Ryndee (John) Trotter of Knoxville, Tenn., and Rhonda (Russ) Pimley of Chester; 6 grandchildren, Jenifer, Russell, Keith, Jenny, Renata, and Sierra; 3 step-grandchildren, Tammi, Adam, and Tiffani; 1 great-granddaughter, Sidney; his extended family and a host of good friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday (June 1st) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church by Chery.

ings were shared by the Nordstrom girls – Tracey, Jami, and Kristy. Vocal music was provided by soloist, Darlene Abeln (“It Is No Secret”), and soloist, Chris Mattson (“Come to Jesus”). The vocal quartette of Dan Violet and Kevin, Jeff, and Chris Mattson performed “A Parting Blessing”. Organist was Sharon Spicher. Eulogist was Rlynn Rockman. Ushers were Joe Seidlitz, Boyd Nealy, & Quannah Bai-

ley. Pallbearers included Ted Zorn, Bill Hamel, Ty Rockman, Bob Mattson, Pete Henderson, Speed Wright, Kenny Brandvold, Duane Bracken, and Lin Duffin. Honorary bearers were old friends from the “south country”: Ray Seidlitz, Tom Osterman, John Englund, Pete Schuhmacher, and Kenny Wolfe. The service ended with a favorite song, “Unforgettable” (sung by recording artists, Natalie

and Nat King Cole). Burial rites at the Chester Cemetery included military taps and the veteran’s flag presentation by old friend, Lyle Glee. A reception followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes Association, Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Chester, or the Sletten Cancer Institute of Great Falls.

EARL F. KEITH

Born: February 12, 1927 in Chester, Montana
Died: May 27, 2009 in Chester, Mt., Liberty Co.
Age: 82 years ... 3 months ... 15 days

To the love of my life....

*When we were young and full of life
 You tried to come on to me with all your might.
 Remember when you pushed me through
 the hardware window, sorry as could be
 And then of course, I had to pay the fee!
 I could not stand you, called you a “dumb shit”,
 and walked away in gloe.*

*Time went by until high school
 You looked pretty classy! School jacket, white jeans.
 I could not resist!
 Started dating, going steady,
 together we were OK!*

*Graduation, service, and then home to get married.
 Yes, we were a happy pair.
 Four daughters and 60 years later,
 Our love for each other was always there.*

*Now I want you to know, as the years go by
 That the ties of the past hold true;
 And deep in my heart there’s a place set aside
 That I will always keep just for you!*

Love You,
 Wanda



FUNERAL SERVICES: 11:00 a.m. Monday (June 1, 2009) at
 Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Chester, Mt.

OFFICIANT: Cheryl Muncy, L.P.A.

PIANIST: Sharon Spicher

SOLOIST: Darlene (Hanson) Abeln ... “It Is No Secret”

VOCAL QUARTETTE: Kevin, Jeff, & Chris Mattson and Daniel Violet

SCRIPTURE READERS: The Nordstrom Girls – Tracey, Jami, & Kristy

OBITUARY & FAMILY REMEMBRANCES: Rlynn Rockman

USHERS: Quannah Bailey, Boyd Nealy, & Joe Seidlitz

PALLBEARERS: Lin Duffin, Duane Bracken, Kenny Brandvold, Speed Wright, Pete Henderson, Bob Mattson, Ty Rockman, Bill Hamel, & Ted Zorn

HONORARY BEARERS: “Friends from the South Country” – Kenny Wolfe, Pete Schuhmacher, John Englund, Tom Osterman, and Ray Seidlitz

RECESSIONAL CD: “Unforgettable” (by Natalie & Nat King Cole)...

BURIAL: Family plot at the Chester Cemetery...
GRAVESIDE PRAYERS: Cheryl Muncy...
MILITARY FLAG PRESENTATION: Lyle Glee...



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

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester, Mt.

MEMORIALS: Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, the American Diabetes Association, or the Sletten Cancer Institute

EARL’S LOVING FAMILY: Wife, Wanda; 3 daughters, Earlene/Bob, Ryndee/John, and Rhonda/Russ; 6 grandchildren, Jennifer, Russell, Keith, Jenny, Renata, & Sierra; 3 step-grandchildren, Tammi, Adam, & Tiffani; 1 great-granddaughter, Sidney; other extended family members; and a host of good friends...

GERTRUDE 'TRUDY' (STEN) KURTZ
Born: November 1, 1921 - Died: January 17, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
January 19, 2009

Gertrude 'Trudy' Kurtz

GILDFORD — Gertrude "Trudy" (Sten) Kurtz, 87, a longtime Gildford resident, died of natural causes Saturday at a Havre care facility.



Kurtz

A celebration of her life is 2 p.m. Wednesday at Gildford Baptist Church, with burial in Gildford Cemetery. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is handling arrangements.

Gertrude (Trudy) Sten Kurtz, passed away Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, after living a long and fruitful life. Trudy was born Nov. 1, 1921, in Webster, S.D., to Ada Marie and Albert Sten, who resided at a farm near Waubay, S.D. After graduating from college, she taught elementary school for a number of years.

During World War II she participated in the war effort by wrapping and sealing parts, working nights in Minneapolis. At her little sister's wedding she met the "best man". After a long-distance courtship, she married Francis Kurtz, a farmer south of Gildford, in June 1950. They raised three children at the family farm.

She was an active member of the Gildford Baptist Church, where she was a choir director and Sunday school teacher. She was also a member of the Jolly Janes Homemakers club for

about 50 years. One of her greatest loves in life was her music. She played the piano and sang in her "Hi" soprano voice at many church functions. She resided on the family farm after Francis passed away until she moved into Havre to the Eagles Manor in 2001. One of Trudy's most memorable times in life was when she attended the Governor's Ball with her family in 2005, after Brian Schweitzer appointed Nancy Peterson as Director of Agriculture.

Trudy is survived by sons Lynn and wife Pam of Frenchtown and Lee and wife Karen of Gildford; sisters Margery Melby of Conrad and Alice Thielke of Millbank, S.D.; sisters-in-law Marion Fyall of Edmonds, Wash., and Grace Nordrum of Havre; grandsons Kody and Gabrielle Peterson of Kremlin, Kyle and Kodi Peterson of Gildford and Rob and Jodi Kurtz of Billings; granddaughters Megan and Niki Kurtz of Gildford; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Nancy; her husband, Francis; an infant son, Vernon; a sister, Shirley; her parents; and brothers-in-law Ed, Dennis, Percy, Lester and Andy.

Memorials are suggested to the Gildford Senior Center P.O. Box 121 Gildford, MT, 59525; the Hi-Line Sletten Cancer Center C/O NMHF P.O. Box 1231 Havre, MT 59501; or a memorial of your choice.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

JAMES KENNETH LAIRD

Birth: October 2, 1924 - Death: September 17, 2009

Liberty County Times
September 23, 2009



James Laird

James Laird, age 84, a retired farmer from the north Chester community who was recently suffering with cancer, died Thursday evening (September 17, 2009) in Chester.

His given name was James Kenneth Laird - he was affectionately known by family and friends as "Jim." He was born in Chester on October 2, 1924 - the third of six children to Marie Daly and John Robertson Laird. Jim received his formal education at Joplin, then began working on the family farm 20 miles northeast of Chester.

Jim's sister, Rita, introduced him to his wife-to-be, Patricia J. Cox. Jim and Pat were married on June 4, 1948 at St. Gerard's Parish in Great Falls. In 1952 they moved to the Laird farm, where they raised their family of six. When their kids became active in school, the Lairds purchased a lease in Chester in 1963. Jim farmed until his retirement in 1986. In the years that followed, Jim and Pat enjoyed traveling. They made several memorable RV trips throughout the continental United States and also traveled to Hawaii, Mexico, and

Scotland. Jim was very proud of his Scottish heritage and always enjoyed corresponding with his Scottish relatives. To celebrate his 81st birthday in 2005, the Laird children joined Jim and Pat on a "once in a lifetime" trip to Scotland, where many wonderful memories were made!

In 1992 the Lairds purchased a summer home at Lakeside. Jim loved spending time in the Flathead Valley, where he enjoyed fishing, reading, and "the life of leisure." As they got older, Jim and Pat were spending less time at Lakeside, so they sold their place in 2005. They continued to enjoy their life, home, and friends in the Chester community.

Jim was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith and remained an active member at St. Mary's Church in Chester. He was a charter member of the Chester Lions Club, a longtime member of the Havre Elks Club and the Farmer's Union, and had served on the board of the FHA in Shelby.

Jim's hobbies were many. He loved fishing, be it with his family or his two old fishing buddies, Ted Tempel and Fred Joy. He liked to play cards, especially pinochle, whist, and "hand-&-foot." In his quiet time at home, Jim enjoyed jigsaw puzzles and reading. He was an avid fan of Agatha Christy and Sir Conan Doyle "murder-mysteries" and Montana history.

In his younger years Jim enjoyed bowling in the Rudyard men's league. At one time he had a nice collection of specialty pennies. Jim's newfound love the past few years was raising fresh tomatoes in his garden.

The Laird family have always been sports enthusiasts. When the kids were growing up on the farm, Jim and the boys gathered around the TV on Saturday nights to cheer on their favorite NHL teams during "Hockey Night in Canada." Jim was a loyal supporter of local high school sporting events, especially those involving his children and grandchildren. Always a social man, Jim loved striking up a conversation with a total stranger in a saloon. He had a good sense of humor and wit, and shared many trademark slogans/sayings with his family over the years. He will be missed and remembered by those who loved him...

Jim was preceded in death not only by his parents, but also by his only daughter (Anna Marie May in 1979) and his 5 siblings

(brothers Jack, Robert, Richard, and Donald Laird and sister Rita Melonas).

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Pat Laird of Chester; 5 sons, Ken Laird of Abilene, Texas, Mike (Gail) Laird of Great Falls, Jim (Vonda) Laird of Bozeman, John (Rita) Laird of Chester, and Scott (Jami) Laird of Cut Bank; 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Monday (Sept. 21st) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester by Father Joseph Diekhans.

Pianist, Karen Stack, accompanied St. Mary's Choir, who sang "Parables", "Loving & Forgiving", "You Are Mine", and "Gift of Finest Wheat". Granddaughter, Heather Harrington, sang "Ave Maria." Scripture readers were Mitch Laird and Tom Harrington. Ushers were Quannah Bailey and Dave Mattson. Communion gifts were presented by Kelsey Laird, McKenna Laird, and Rochelle Miessner. Eucha-

ristic Ministers were Maureen Wicks, Marjie Dahinden, and Karen Mattson. Altar servers were Haylee and Troy Harmon. The eulogy was shared by Cory Laird. Pallbearers were Cory Laird, Mitch Laird, Ian Laird, Pat Laird, Tom Harrington, and Mack Miessner. The mass ended with a CD bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace." Burial was in the Chester Cemetery and a reception followed at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

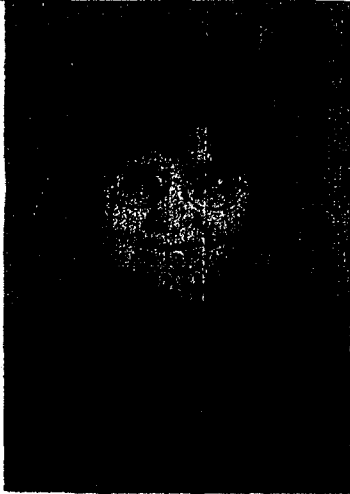
Undesignated memorials will be given to "Camp Mak-A-Dream" (P.O.Box 1450, Missoula, Mt. 59806) or to the Liberty County Library (Chester, Mt. 59522).

PAMELA JANE (PATRICK) LANGLEY

Birth: March 11, 1947 – Death: October 28, 2009

Liberty County Times

November 4, 2009



Pamela Patrick

Pamela Jane Patrick died October 28th of complications of airway obstruction at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena.

She was born March 11, 1947 in Havre, the eldest child of Clarence and Ruth Patrick, and grew up on a farm at Ruddyard where she graduated from high school in 1965. In 1969, she graduated from the University of Montana, Missoula, with bachelor of arts, degrees in journalism and home economics.

She taught home economics, journalism, and science at Lincoln County High School, Eureka, from 1969-1971 and spent the summer of 1970 as a reporter at the Daily Inter Lake, Kalispell, before returning to the UM on a graduate assistantship in journalism in 1971. In 1972, she was married to Gary Langley and they

moved to Helena where she worked for the Associated Press and then what is now Qwest in public relations before teaching journalism and English for six years at Helena High School. In 1980, she completed a master of arts degree in journalism at the University of Montana.

Langley began a career in association management in 1981, working for the Professional Insurance Agents of Montana and later for the Montana Agriculture Business Association, the Montana Grain Elevator Association, the Montana Seed Trade Association and the Association of Montana Turf and Ornamental Professionals.

After leaving teaching in 1981, she was elected three times to the Helena School Board of Trustees beginning in 1985, continuing her commitment to education. She also was elected as a Republican precinct committee-woman in Lewis and Clark County several times and as a member of the Montana Republican State Central Committee from Lincoln County.

She was the proud mother of two children, Jeff and Kari and grandchildren Byron and Brenden. She is also survived by her mother Ruth Patrick, sister Peggy Patrick and brother Scott Patrick. She was preceded in death by her father Clarence, brothers

Lowell and Kenny.

Cremation has taken place and her ashes are to be interred near her brothers graves in Havre. Services are scheduled for Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church on Saturday November 7th and 1:00 pm 1400 Stuart Street. Memorial fund has been set up at Valley Bank in Helena to the grandchildren's college fund.

CORDELL LETZ

Birth: Age: 13 – Death: September 4, 2009

Liberty County Times

September 9, 2009



Cordell Letz

Cordell Letz, age 13, died in a drowning accident September 4, 2009.

Cordell lives with his parents Michael and Brenda (formerly Bordelon) Come in Flower Mound, Texas. Cordell is also the grandson of Ed and

Rita Bordelon, also of Flower Mound, Texas.

I will also send you the article from the Texas newspaper and Brenda's two pictures of Cordell.

Brenda was in the Chester graduating class of 1989, and later worked at the nursing home. Her parents also lived and worked in Chester.

FERN ELIZABETH (VOGEL) LARSON
Born: August 15, 1948 - Died: July 4, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
July 8, 2009

Fern Elizabeth Larson

KREMLIN — Fern Elizabeth (Vogel) Larson, 60, died of cancer Saturday at the Billings Clinic.



Larson

Her memorial service is 11 a.m. Saturday at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Havre. Smith's Funeral Chapel of Billings is in charge of arrangements.

On July 4, 2009, Fern Elizabeth Larson, a devoted wife and loving mother, passed away at the Billings Clinic after a two-year battle with cancer, surrounded by her family.

On the scorching harvest day of Aug. 15, 1948, a baby girl was born to Raymond and Elnora Vogel in Havre, Mont. Fern, a spitfire of a little girl, grew up on a farm northeast of Kremlin and graduated from high school as a Kremlin Fox in 1966. She traveled to Billings Business College, earning a bookkeeping degree in 1967. After a summer of keeping books for Cenex Oil Station, she realized there was more for her to accomplish. She then attended Northern Montana College, graduating with an elementary education degree in 1971.

Her senior year of high school, she ran into a man named Roger Larson at a college dance, and that same evening she informed a friend that he was the man she was going to marry. They were married Aug. 2, 1969, making their 40th anniversary weeks away.

Upon finishing college, she taught for a year as the reading instructor at Rocky Boy Elementary. She then moved to Joplin to be a kindergarten and first-grade teacher for two years. Her final move was home to Kremlin, where she taught kindergarten until her retirement after 30 years. Her love of teaching was rewarded by many smiles and hugs from her students. In addition to teaching, she also worked on the family farm: cooking, driving trucks and tractors, and countless other jobs.

In 1975, Fern was teaching and Roger started farming with her father. They decided to start their family on the same farm where she was raised: first with a girl, Christine, followed in 1981 by another girl, Carrie; lastly, in 1983 a boy, Roger Jr.

She stood steadfast in her faith her entire life, even making every effort to attend church during treatment for her illness. She enjoyed her family, quilting, gardening, shopping, puzzles, grandchildren, stock club and being a part of the Northern alumni board.

Fern is survived by her husband, Roger; her children Christine (Shad) Huston of Havre, Carrie (Destry) Berst of Laurel and Roger Jr. (Stephanie) Larson of Havre; her father Raymond Vogel at Big Sandy Medical Center; her brother, Randy Vogel, of Townsend; two sisters-in-law, three grandchildren, four nieces and four nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Elnora Vogel; her stepmother, Freda Vogel; brother-in-law, Robert Pare; and sister-in-law, Elaine Vogel.

Donations can be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or a cancer charity of the donor's choice.

LENNIS LEWIS LIMESAND

Birth: February 5, 1931 – Death: May 12, 2009

Liberty County Times

May 27, 2009



Lennis Limesand

Lennis Lewis Limesand, 78, of Sun River, a retired teacher and 3rd Infantry Division Army veteran, died of cancer Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at Simms Methodist Church on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 11 a.m., with burial of ashes in Sun River Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at Sun River Methodist Church. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Lennis was born February 5, 1931, in Prairie Elk, Montana, to Marvin and Carol (Parsley) Limesand, and was raised in the Circle/Wolf Point area. He attended Northern Montana College in Havre, earning his bachelor's degree in education. He was then drafted into the Army and served from 1952 until 1954, mostly in Korea.

He married Betty Ann Skinner in Havre, Montana

in 1957.

Lennis taught school in Poplar, Shelby and Whitlash, and served three terms as Liberty County Superintendent of Schools. Following his retirement, he assisted at Two Buttes Water District and raised a few cattle in his spare time. During this time, he also was the school clerk for Eagle Creek.

He was a former member of the American Legion, Sons of Norway and Jaycees.

Lennis enjoyed hunting, dancing, fishing and playing cards.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Betty Ann Limesand of Sun River, a daughter, Kay (Dan) Jorgenson of Gildford, MT; sons Alan (Mitzi) Limesand of Seattle, Gary (Connie) Limesand of Snohomish, WA, Kip (Sarah) Limesand of Girdwood, AK, and Mark Limesand of Helena; sisters Shirley (Burk) Taylor of Wolf Point and Helen Heier of Helena; brothers-in-law Ben Harada of Wolf Point and Bill (Zelma) Skinner of Lothair; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Kenny Limesand; a sister, Myrle Harada; his parents, Marvin and Carol Limesand; and his grandparents, Jasper and Cora Parsley.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, 550 N 31st St #103,

Billings, MT 59101, Sun River Methodist Church, Sun River, MT 59483, Peace Hospice, 1101 26th St S, Great Falls, MT 59405, or donor's choice.

Condolences for the family may be posted online at www.schniderfuneralhome.com.

GLORA MAE (BROADHURST) LOMEN
Birth: July 17, 1929 – Death: January 4, 2009
Liberty County Times
January 14, 2009



Glora Lomen

Glora Mae (Broadhurst) Lomen was born July 17, 1929 at Selma, Montana. She was one of three children born to Myrtle Alice Berg and Joseph "Austin" Broadhurst. She grew up on the family farm south of Chester near Tiber Lake. Glora received her early schooling at Galata and finished her formal education in Chester, where she graduated from C.H.S. in 1947.

Glora married Roy Heimbigner in 1948. The product of this marriage was two children (a son, Lon, who died in infancy and a daughter, Roilene). The Heimbigners divorced in 1951.

Glora's second marriage was to James Scabery in 1952. The Scabery's had a son, Stuart, before they divorced in 1958. Glora suffered an emotional setback in the summer of 2008 following the untimely death of her son, Stuart.

Glora's third marriage was to Leland Lomen in 1959. To this union came two more children, daughter (Terri) and son (Barry). Glora and Lee remained together until 1973, when they divorced.

During most of her married years, Glora worked as a mother and homemaker. In addition, she cooked meals for various farm/ranch crews at places where they lived and worked. In 1969 she began working parttime as a waitress at Laas Bar/Wagon Wheel Café. In 1974 she took a job as bookkeeper at Marias Equipment; after this company closed, she continued doing the bookwork on a part-time basis for Jim Carter and Duane Gjesdal. Sometime later Glora went to work at the Chester School kitchen and lunchroom under a special "Green Thumb" program; this job that lasted 5 years. She spent her last 6 years of working life as an aide in the activities department at the Liberty County Nursing Home. She retired in 2004 at the young age of 75!

Glora spent most of her life in the Chester community, where she enjoyed the V.F.W. Auxiliary and the Senior Center. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and held membership at Our Savior's Church. During her school years in Chester, she served as a cheerleader and played in the band. Glora had been a proud member of AA since 1972.

She was diagnosed with cancer in September of 2007. She

"fought the good fight" and was recently admitted to the Chester Hospital, where she died on Sunday evening (January 4th, 2009) at the age of 79 years.

Glora enjoyed many hobbies over the years. She loved gardening, flower beds, and houseplants. In her quiet time she loved to read (in fact, she had read every Louis L'Amour book ever written!). She also enjoyed crossword puzzles and good old western movies (John Wayne was her favorite cowboy!). In addition, she looked forward to her daily television shows, "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune." Glora enjoyed rodeos, Browning Indian Days, and her annual road trips to the Sweetgrass Hills with her friend, Gordon Hurley. She also enjoyed coffee shop time with her friends and those special camping/fishing trips to Lake Elwell with her family. Glora loved to bake, read recipes, and collect cookbooks; she was well-known for her special "goodie boxes" given to family and friends at Christmas time. She loved her children and grandchildren, especially at family get-togethers. She enjoyed a memorial trip to Virginia and Washington D.C. in 1987 when she was privileged to tour the "White House."

Glora was a kind, unassuming, and gentle woman who will be missed by those who loved her. In addition to her 2 sons, she was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Roilene (Larry) Fain of Woodbridge, Virginia and Terri (Mark) Magelssen of Havre; 1 son, Barry Lomen of Chester; 8 grandchildren, Valerie McAlpine, Brad Holland, Michael and Anthony Fain, Madeline and Melissa Rick, and Brett and Jordon Magelssen; 8 great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Alice (Bernard) Bach of Monarch; 1 brother, Kenneth "Bud" (Geri) Broadhurst of Ledger; a great-aunt, Violet Bauder of Chester; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Thursday (Jan. 8th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor Val Metropoulos officiated. Karen Stack accompanied the congregation, who sang "Amazing Grace." Special vocal music by Anne Seidlitz-Melton included "River in Judea" and "The Wind Beneath My Wings." Scriptures were read by Bud Broadhurst and the eulogy was shared by Larry Fain. Ushers were Steve Scalse and Kip Lybeck. Pallbearers were Barry Lomen, Darren Overlie, Duane and Jerry Gjesdal, Bill Gunderson, Jim Carter, and Greg Winters. Honorary bearers were all of Glora's friends and co-workers, past and present. Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Memorials may be given to the Sletten Cancer Center in Great Falls or donor's choice. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

ALLAN LOUIS 'LOU' LUCKE
Born: Age: 77 - Died: May 17, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
May 20, 2009

Allan L. 'Lou' Lucke

HAVRE — Allan Louis "Lou" Lucke, 77, a former IBM systems manager, North American Aviation programmer, McDonnell Douglas executive adviser and senior research engineer, and



Lucke

Montana State University - Bozeman instructor, died of leukemia Saturday at his home in Havre.

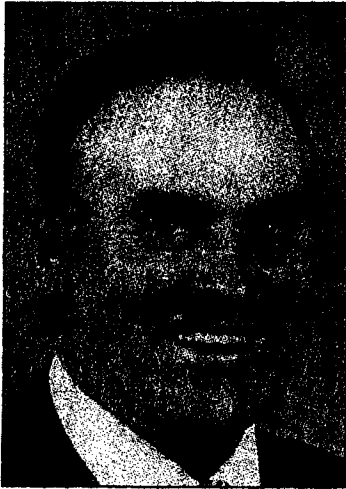
His funeral is 1 p.m. Friday at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church in Havre, with burial in Highland Cemetery. A fellowship lunch will be held at the Eagles Lodge after the burial. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnne Lucke of Havre; children Jeannie Kvamme and Louis Lucke of Seattle, Larry Lucke of Havre, Angel Lucke of Holly Pond, Ala., Marie Woods of Chester, and Martina Baird of Riverside, Ala.; a sister, Janet Peadmont of Helena; 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

RAY 'FENCEPOST' LYBECK

Birth: August 12, 1926 – Death: December 4, 2009

Liberty County Times
December 9, 2009



Ray Lybeck

Ray "Fencepost" Lybeck passed away December Fourth, 2009 at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, Montana. He was born August 12, 1926 on the family homestead east of the sweet grass hills to Karen Koll and Hans Lybeck.

He attended first through eighth grade at Laird Elementary School near Chester Montana followed by a year at Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman.

Ray joined the United States Army in 1943 and did a three year tour as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne. After the war he attended welding school in Oregon. Hans and Karen relocated to the Flathead Valley in 1948 and Ray came as well, he continued to work with his dad on the farm. In addition to farming he worked on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam along side of his brother Willard. In 1951 he married Cleona (Tommy) McClelland and they started a dairy in 1952.

Ray served on the Helena Flats School Board for fourteen years, on the Calvary Lutheran Church Council for nine years, as the area trustee for the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, a member of the State of Montana Prison Board, a member of the memorial board of Montana Veterans Home, a board member

of the United Way and Red Cross, a member the Kalispell City County planning board, a member of the Montana Dairyman's Association, and as a Past President of the Western Dairy Conference. In 1981 he was elected to the state legislature where he served as a representative for a term followed by two terms as a senator. He retired from dairy farming in 1999, and continued to farm and ranch in the Flathead Valley with his sons.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents, Karen and Hans, two brothers Harold and Clifford, sister Cora, and two sons

Dale and Daryl. He is survived by his wife Tommy, brother Willard and his wife Shirley, sons Dan and his wife Ann, Duane and his wife Joanne, and Dirk; his daughter Monica and her husband Greg, 11 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, December 7, 2009 at Calvary Lutheran Church with the Rev. Kurt Rau officiating. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with full military honors. The family suggest memorials be sent to Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 Highway 2

East, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the Montana Veterans Home, 400 Veterans Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912

Johnson - Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Ray's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Ray's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

PHYLLIS A 'DILLER' (HEGGEN) LYONS
Born: March 3, 1960 - Died: December 21, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
December 24, 2009

Phyllis A. 'Diller' Lyons



Lyons

HAVRE — Phyllis A. "Diller" (Heggen) Lyons, 49, of Valier and formerly of Kremlin, died of complications from lupus Monday at a Great Falls hospital.

Cremation has taken place and her memorial service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at 5th Avenue Christian Church in Havre, with burial in Highland Cemetery. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is handling arrangements.

Diller was born March 3, 1960, in Havre, to Chris and Sandra (Sorenson) Heggen Jr. She was raised in Kremlin and attended Kremlin and Gildford schools, graduating from KG High School. She worked at KG Elementary School as the school secretary for a few years. Then she went to work for General Mills as the bookkeeper. She met James B. Lyons and the couple married Nov. 7, 1987, in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. Together they made their home in Gildford, until moving to Valier in 1991. A year after moving to Valier, Diller went to work

for the Pondera Canal and Reservoir Company as the bookkeeper, where she worked for the last 17 years.

Diller enjoyed people; she loved to spend time with her family and friends, work on various projects for her home, quilt and travel. She and Jim had just purchased a hot rod SSR. She was a loving person who knew all the children in Valier and her neighborhood. She enjoyed children, always helping out the next door neighbors and their children, and taking care of their dog. She kept a beautiful yard and enjoyed working outdoors.

Phyllis is survived by her husband of 22 years, James B. Lyons of Valier; her brothers, Tim (Debbie) Heggen of Helena, Dale (Julie) Heggen of Havre, Lynn (Bonnie) Heggen of Havre, and Ellis (Nelsa) Heggen of Great Falls; her mother, Sandra Heggen; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Chris Heggen Jr., and an infant sister.

Memorials in Phyllis' honor may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America 2000 L St. N.W. Suite 710 Washington, DC 20036.

Condolences may be posted online at hollandbonine@q.com and/or gftribune.com/obituaries.

ANNA (DOERKSEN) MADSEN
Born: Age: 91 - Died: Febuary 10, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
Febuary 12, 2009

Anna Madsen

HAVRE — Ann (Doerksen) Madsen, 91, a homemaker who also worked as a short-order and pastry cook at several Havre establishments, died of natural causes Tuesday at a Havre care center.

Her funeral is 2 p.m. Friday at Holland & Bonine Funeral Home, with burial in Highland Cemetery.

Survivors include children Milton Madsen and Judy Vosen of Havre, Frank Madsen of Helena, Bill Madsen of Gillette, Wyo., Anna Mae Gomke of Great Falls and Frances Buell of Gildford; two sisters and 21 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and an infant son.

BARBARA RUTH (BROCKBANK) MARKUSON

Born: September 13, 1916 - Died: March 4, 2009

Great Falls Tribune

March 7, 2009

Barbara Ruth Markuson

SHELBY — Barbara Ruth (Brockbank) Markuson, 92, a longtime Shelby educator and homemaker, died of natural causes Wednesday at a Great Falls hospital.



Markuson

Visitation is 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. Her funeral is 11 a.m. Monday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby, with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Survivors include her sons, Leonard Eugene (Gene) Markuson and wife Carol of Circle, Mont., and Lyn Alan Markuson and wife Nancy of Shelby, Mont.; five grandchildren, Larry, Lori, Brent, Ryan and Renee; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard; her parents; brothers Richard and James; and sisters Kathleen, Margaret, Hazel and Mary.

Barbara was born Sept. 13, 1916, to Albert and Ruth (Skelton) Brockbank at Stanford, Mont., where she was raised and educated. Following her high school graduation at Stanford, she attended Montana State College at Bozeman for two years, later transferring to Western Montana College at Dillon, where she graduated in 1939.

Her first teaching job was at Green Hill School north of Galata; she then taught two years at the Texas Antrim Camp School north of Cut Bank.

She married Leonard Markuson on May 27, 1942, in Fairfield, Mont. They returned to the Galata area, where she taught an additional year at Green Hill School while Leonard was involved in farming.

Her sons, Gene and Lynn, were born in 1944, and 1949, respectively. During this time period, the couple moved to Shelby to send their children to school. Barbara did substitute teaching for several years before returning to college in Dillon to update her teaching certificate. She received a Bachelor's of Science degree in education in 1964.

After earning her bachelor's degree, she was hired as a fourth-grade teacher at the Bitterroot School in Shelby; she taught grade four for one year, before switching to first grade, where she taught for 20 years, retiring in 1982.

Mom was a proud member and past president of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1964. She was named Educator of the Year by the Shelby Jaycees, becoming the first woman to receive that honor. She spent the remainder of her years caring for her dear friend, Agnes Ferdig, and her sister, Mary Conant. In her sister Hazel's last years, Mom had her up to stay for a few months at a time. Never thinking of herself first, Mom was always concerned for others' well-being and lived life accordingly until the very end.

Condolences may be posted online at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

DOLORES AUDRY (MIDBOE) MATTESON
Birth: September 8, 1932 - Death: August 16, 2009
Liberty County Times
August 26, 2009



Dolores Matteson

Dolores Audry Matteson, 76, a long time farm wife from Galata, passed away Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009, at the Marias Medical Center due to a lengthy illness. Visitation is Thursday from 1:00 until 8:00 pm at the Whitted Funeral Chapel. Funeral services are 2:00 pm Friday, August 21, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The church is located 17 miles north of Lothair.

Survivors include her husband Leonard of Galata; daughters, Linda (Hal) Schlotfeldt of Butte and Lynnel (Rick) Howell of Ridgecrest, CA; sons, Ronald (Cindy) Matteson of Mesquite, NV and Greg (Shawn) Matteson of Shelby; sisters, Shirley (Steve) Bebich of Shelby and Ione Kincaid of Helena; brother, James Midboe of Shelby; as well as nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, grandson Austin and a daughter-in-law, Karen.

Dolores was born September 8, 1932 at Shelby to Nels and Selma (Sundby) Midboe where she grew up and was educated. As a young girl she would visit the sick and sing to them out of her hymn book. When she became a teenager, she worked as a soda jerk at the local White House.

She married Leonard Matteson and they ranched south of Malta for a time. Dolores came down with polio and the family moved back to the farm north of Galata where she lived very happily with her family for over 50 years. Dolores loved her family very much and spent her years being happy.

She was a faithful member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and enjoyed cooking, baking and crocheting.

Family suggests memorials to the church for the repair of the narthex.

Condolences may be posted at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

MARGARET LORRAINE (CARR) MAY
Birth: Age: 90 – Death: December 24, 2009
Havre Daily News
December 28, 2009

MARGARET MAY obituary

Margaret Lorraine (Carr) May was born on the family homestead near Black's Coulee in Chouteau County, Mont.

She was one of six children born to Matthew and Catherine (Higgins) Carr. Margaret received her early education at the Prairie City Country School. She finished her secondary education at the St. Thomas School in Great Falls, where she graduated from high school in 1932. In the years that followed she worked as a housekeeper, nanny and waitress.

Margaret married Uriel May on Jan. 24, 1942, in Hingham. They lived in Inverness, where Uriel worked as a janitor at the high school. In 1949 they moved to Havre, which became their home from that time on. In addition to working diligently as a home-maker and

mother of eight, Margaret was a self-employed seamstress for several clothing shops in Havre. Uriel worked for Hill County and a local Ford dealership before he retired in 1979. They remained in their Havre home until their health began to fail. In 2004 they moved to Missoula to be closer to several of their children. Margaret was recently admitted to a Missoula hospital, then was sent home to be cared for by her family and hospice nurses. She died peacefully at her daughter's home in Missoula on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2009. She was 90 years old.

Margaret was baptized and confirmed a Catholic and

remained loyal to her faith throughout her life. She had been an active member of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church, including the Altar Society (PCCW), the Catholic Daughters, and the Secular Franciscans. While living in Missoula, she attended Christ The King parish.

In their retirement years, the Mays enjoyed RV camping

and were members of the Blue Horizon Good Sam Club. Margaret's hobbies were sewing and cooking. In her quiet time at home, she liked to do word puzzles. Her greatest enjoyment in life was taking care of her large, loving family. She will be deeply missed.

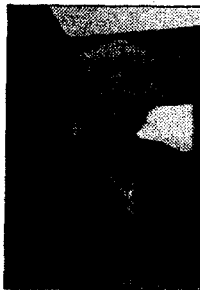
She was preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Rose Macchia and Gail Polglase-Stevens; one son, Robert May; one granddaughter, Jodi Polglase; one sister, Patricia Dosta; and three brothers, Harold, Gordon and Jim Carr.

Margaret is survived by her husband of 67 years, Uriel May of Missoula; three daughters, Margaret Ritter of Dearborn Heights, Mich., Judy (Manuel) Lopez of Brookings, Ore., and Denise May of Missoula; two sons, John May of Billings and Don (Kathy) May of Missoula; a son-in-law, John Macchia of Las Vegas, Nev.; a daughter-in-law, Sharon May of Havre; one sister, Anna Tacke of Great Falls; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Cremation has been completed. Memorial services with burial of ashes will be held in Havre later this spring.

Undesignated memorials will be given to the St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre.

Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.



May

EDWARD JOHN MAYES

Birth: August 26, 1931 – Death: March 12, 2009

Liberty County Times

March 18, 2009



Edward Mayes

Edward John Mayes was born August 26, 1931 in Surry County, North Carolina. He was the 5th of six children

born to William Mayes and Maude Isaacs. Ed grew up in North Carolina and received his formal education at the Lowgap School system. In 1950 he worked with relatives as a carpenter in Washington, D.C.

Ed married Beatrice Cleo Shaw on January 20, 1951 at Lowgap, N.C. They lived and worked in several states during their early married years. In the mid-1950's the Mayes' came to Montana to visit family. Ed found Montana's climate to be very favorable to his asthmatic condition, so they moved to Great Falls where he took a job at the smelter. Ed's lifelong dream was to be a farmer. He jumped at an opportunity in 1961 to work on the Donald Kidd farm north of Joplin. In 1963 the Mayes' were blessed with the birth of their only child, Bette. In 1974 they bought the Clarence Een farm south of Inverness. That same year they moved to

Joplin, which has been their home from that time on. Ed continued to farm until 1998, when he put his place into CRP and retired. He enjoyed getting out into the community, drinking coffee, telling stories, and socializing with friends.

Ed was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease about 4 years ago. His medical condition deteriorated in recent months, so he was admitted to the Chester nursing facility for extended care on January 28th. Ed passed away on Thursday afternoon (March 12, 2009) at the age of 77 years.

Ed was a Past Master Mason and 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge. He first joined the Delta Masonic Lodge #128 in Great Falls, then transferred to the Joplin Lodge. When the Joplin Lodge closed, his membership was transferred to Havre. He was also a member of the Chester United Methodist Church and the N.R.A.

His hobbies included fishing, hunting, and vegetable gardening. During his quiet time at home Ed enjoyed reading, mainly westerns, and he had a large collection of Louis L'Amour books. In addition, he liked to watch television, especially NASCAR and old western movies. When driving in his car, Ed enjoyed listening to bluegrass and banjo music.

Ed loved his life as a farmer. His personal motto was "Business Before Pleasure", so his work always came before his fun. An excellent mechanic and welder, Ed always kept his farm machinery in top-

notch condition. He took pride in his automobiles, too, always keeping them clean and well-maintained. He was also a good neighbor; he was always willing to help out whenever he could. He will be remembered as a dependable, honest man.

Last, but not least, Ed was a loyal family man. He and Cleo traveled to North Carolina every year to keep in touch with family and friends. And on a personal note, Ed was a very dedicated and loving husband, father, and grandpa...

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters (Ethel Long and Elva Brown), and 2 brothers (Edgar and Eldean Mayes).

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Cleo Mayes of Joplin; his daughter, Bette (Cory) Pierson of Havre; granddaughter, Savanna Pierson of Havre; 1 brother, Everette Mayes of Wilkesboro, N.C.; and numerous nephews and nieces.

At Ed's request, a Masonic funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday (March 15th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Fellow-Masons, Sam Clawson and Glenn Ophus, offered special Masonic Rites. Pastor John Bruington of Havre shared traditional prayers and readings. A coffee hour followed at the mortuary. Private burial was in the Joplin Cemetery. Public viewing was held Saturday and Sunday prior to services.

RICHARD BERTRUM MCCREA

Birth: November 5, 1920 – Death: November 6, 2009

Liberty County Times

November 18, 2009

Richard McCrea

College Place resident Richard Bertrum McCrea, 89, died November 6, 2009, at his home.

The memorial service will be 2 pm, Thursday, at Mountain View- Colonial DeWitt, 1551 Dalles Military Road, Walla Walla, WA 99362. The Rev. Robin Peterson of the College Place Presbyterian Church will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to Walla Walla Community Hospice through the funeral home.

Mr. McCrea was born November 5, 1920, in Spokane, to Samuel Star and Lillian Chalmers McCrea. He graduated in 1942 from Jenkins High School, Chewelah, Washington. Following graduation from high school, he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps and trained as a fighter

pilot and aerial gunner, receiving an honorable discharge in 1946. On June 28, 1947, he and Ruth Elizabeth Bock married in Moscow, Idaho. In 1950, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology and a Bachelor of Education degree from Whitworth College, Spokane. He graduated from the University of Montana in 1964 with a Master of Education degree.

The family moved to College Place from Chester, Montana in 1977. He worked in public education in Montana and Washington as a teacher, elementary principal and superintendent for 35 years.

He was an avid reader of western history, the Lewis and Clark Expedition, military history and science fiction. A woodworker, he made turned wooden bowls. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fly fishing, hiking, snow skiing, camping and archeology. He was very musical and belonged to a barbershop quartet in Ches-

ter and the Helena Symphony. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the Rotary Club and the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife at the home; two daughters, Wendy McCrea of College Place and Margie McCrea of Rawlins, WY; a son, Rich McCrea of Boise, Idaho; a sister, Maxine Pitts of Okanogan, WA; three brothers, Samuel McCrea of Colville, WA, Beauford McCrea of Port Angeles, WA, and James McCrea of Chewelah; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

HELEN S. (OPHUS) McINTYRE
Born: Age: 93 - Died: October 31, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
November 3, 2009

Helen S. McIntyre

CONRAD- Helen S. (Ophus) McIntyre, 93, a homemaker and



McIntyre

former nurse who was active in Home Demonstration Club, Presbyterian Church circle and was a 65-year member of Eastern Star, died of natural

causes Saturday at a Conrad extended-care facility, where she had resided since August.

Her memorial service is 11 a.m. Thursday at Pondera Funeral Home, followed by a reception at the Conrad Masonic Hall.

Survivors include children, June Hovde, Carol Kaldor and Dan McIntyre, all of Conrad, Marlene Moon of Joplin, Gary McIntyre of Parker, Colo., and Ellen Adams of Inverness; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Manning "Mac" McIntyre, in 2006; an infant daughter in 1946; a daughter, Kathleen Amestoy, in 1992; and a granddaughter.

CLARA (ALEX) HENDERSON MCLEOD
Born: September 30, 1933 - Died: April 6, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
April 8, 2009

Clara McLeod

CUT BANK — Clara (Alex) Henderson McLeod, 75, a homemaker and former Glacier County clerk and recorder, died of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease Monday at a Cut Bank hospital.



McLeod

Her funeral is 3 p.m. Thursday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cut Bank, with burial in Crown Hill Cemetery. A reception for family and friends will be held at the Cut Bank Moose Lodge after the burial. Whitted Funeral Chapel of Cut Bank is in charge of arrangements.

Clara was born at home on Sept. 30, 1933, in Joplin, Mont., to Harry Alex and Ruth (Sem) Alex. When Clara was 3 years old, the family, which also included a younger sister, Shirley, moved to Cut Bank. It was there that the family grew to include seven more siblings — two brothers and

five sisters. Behind Clara came Shirley, Gene, Darlene, Bonnie, Jeri, Dick, Nancy and Linda. When Clara was 12 years old, her mother died of breast cancer and left Clara to be the mother figure for her eight brothers and sisters. While helping care for her siblings, she attended grade school and high school in Cut Bank. Her father then married Helen Johnston and they had a son, Robert J., and a daughter, Debbie.

On June 2, 1950, a few months shy of her 17th birthday, Clara married William C. Henderson. Together they had four children, a boy, Gale; and three girls, Janice, Kathy and Teri.

After marriage, Clara worked outside the home and spent 24 years in the Clerk and Recorder's Office, including serving two terms as the Glacier County clerk and recorder. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cut Bank, and of the Ladies Moose Lodge.

She retired in the early 1990s to enjoy her grandchildren. After the death of her husband, Bill, she met and married Harold "Mac" McLeod on March 29, 2004. They continued to reside in

Cut Bank until her death.

Clara had a generous and giving heart. She was a wonderful provider for her brothers, sisters, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving husband, Mac, of Cut Bank; her children, Gale (Violet) Henderson of Kalispell, Janice (Sam) Hagerly of Albuquerque, N.M., Kathy (John) Sweley of Sidney, and Teri (Jeff) Gottlob of Cut Bank; as well as 10 precious grandchildren and nine special great-grandchildren. She also is survived by her sisters, Shirley (Myron) Dobson of Payson, Ariz., Darlene (Doug) Kohlbeck, Jeri Alex, Nancy (Arte) Waldenburg and Debbie Kerouac, all of Kalispell, and Linda (Bob) Flynn of Cut Bank; and her brothers, Dick (Annie) Alex of Kalispell, and Robert J. (Carole) Alex of Castle Rock, Colo.

In addition to her first husband, Bill, she was preceded in death by her folks; brother Gene; and sister Bonnie.

Condolences may be posted online at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

ETHEL VELMA (STAPLES) McSLOY
Birth: Age: 86 – Death: October 17, 2009
Havre Daily News
September 20, 2009

ETHEL McSLOY obituary

Ethel Velma McSloy, 86, a former Hill County resident, passed away Oct. 17, 2009, at the Sweet Memorial Rest Home in Chinook.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Oct. 23, 2009, at 11 a.m. in Fifth Avenue Christian Church, with burial following in the Highland Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to an organization of a person's choice. Arrangements are by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

Ethel was born to John and Huldah (Bjertness) Staples at the homestead in Cottonwood. She attended grade school at Cottonwood and high school at Kremlin.

On May 8, 1942, she married John (Stanley) McSloy at Chester. They farmed 4 1/2 miles northeast of Fresno on the McSloy homestead.

Four daughters were born to this marriage.

Survivors include daughters, Mary (Greg) Swenson of Chinook, Joyce McSloy of Big Sandy, Roberta (Robin) Brown of Auckland, New Zealand; brothers, Jim (Vi) Staples of Yuma, Ariz., and Jack (Eunice) Staples of Bozeman, Mont.

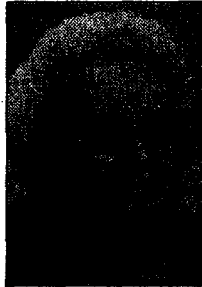
Ethel has five grandchildren, Carol (Larry) Kline of Fort Benton, Brian Brough of Havre, Brad Brough of Anaconda, Cindy Dennis of Chinook and Martin Gardipee of Havre.

She also has seven great-grandchildren, Tim, Holly and

Emily Dennis, Ali (Dennis) Molyneaux, A.J. Briere, Jacynta and Jasmine Kline. She has five great-great grandchildren, Sienna and Kenyon Dennis and Hunter and Rylee Molyneaux and Choloe Lakota. She was preceded in death by her daugh-

ter, Ruby Ann McSloy in February 1955; husband, John McSloy in July 1975; sister, Esther Peterson; brothers Roy Staples, Gerald Staples, and her parents, John and Huldah Staples. Ethel enjoyed flowers and gardening, knitting and visiting with neighbors.

She was a member of Fifth Avenue Christian Church, Eagles and Sons of Norway.



McSloy

CORA FRIEDA (LAMBOTT) MERTZ

Born: Age: 88 - Died: June 23, 2009

Great Falls Tribune

June 25, 2009

Cora Frieda Mertz

OTHELLO, Wash. — Former Montana resident Cora Frieda (Lambott) Mertz, 88, who farmed with her husband in the Loma area for 25 years and enjoyed cooking, sewing, fishing and playing cards, died of a stroke June 23 at an assisted-living facility.

Her memorial service is 2 p.m. Monday at the First Christian Church in Fort Benton, followed by a fellowship. Cremation has taken place under the direction of the Neptune Society in Spokane.

Survivors include daughters Priscilla Seright of Fort Benton and Salome, Ariz., Carol Sullivan of Richland, Wash., and Aly Sharp of Moses Lake, Wash.; a sister, Lillian Lambott of Chester; a brother, Arthur Lambott of Osborn, Idaho; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul.

GLADYS AGNES (SINDT) MEISSNER

Birth: August 15, 1929 – Death: April 21, 2009

Liberty County Times

April 29, 2009



Gladys Meissner:

Gladys Agnes Sindt was born August 15, 1929 in Bigfork, Montana. She was one of ten children born to Martin and Louise (Laverdure) Sindt. Hard times hit the Sindt family in the 1930's, so Gladys spent her adolescent years at the State Orphanage in Twin Bridges where she received her formal education. While there her motherly instincts kicked in and she enjoyed her role as cottage keeper for a group of younger children. She became affectionately known by her family and friends as "Shorty."

Following her stay at Twin Bridges, Gladys moved to Butte to work in a meat packing plant. A short while later she came to Chester and accepted a job as a telephone operator. In addition she worked parttime as a waitress at the Mint Café. While living in Chester, Gladys met Harold Jeppesen, whom she described as "a gentle, handsome rancher from the Sweetgrass Hills". Shorty and Harold were married on

Christmas Eve (December 24, 1949) in Fairfield, Mt. They made their home in the hills, where Gladys worked diligently as a ranch wife, homemaker, and mother of four. In 1969 their life was shattered when their eldest son, Wesley, was killed in an automobile accident. Just six years later, Harold died unexpectedly at harvest time in 1975. The Jeppesen's had been married 26 years at the time of Harold's passing.

The following year, Shorty began dating a neighbor friend, George Meissner. They were married on November 6, 1976 in Las Vegas, NV. They moved to the Meissner Ranch 23 miles north of Chester. Shorty's youngest son, Wally, became best-of-buddies with George, so George adopted him. The Meissner's bought a home in Chester in 1987, but continued to remain active in the ranching operations. They were married 21 years when George died in 1997.

Gladys continued to live independently in her Chester home. On this past Monday she spent the afternoon at the ranch with Wally, then finished the evening visiting at the home of some Chester friends.

When Gladys returned home and pulled her pick-up into the garage, she inadvertently left the vehicle running as she closed the garage door and entered the house.

Apparently unaware of the looming danger, she went to bed. Gladys awoke disoriented and ill early Tuesday morning and called "Medic Alert" for assistance. Before ambulance personnel arrived, she apparently suffered a cardio-pulmonary arrest. Gladys was taken to Liberty Medical Center where resuscitative measures were to no avail. She died that Tuesday morning (April 21, 2009) at the age of 79.

Shorty was baptized Lutheran in her youth and continued to practice her Lutheran faith. During those early years in the hills, she was an active Sunday school teacher at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Upon retiring to Chester in her later years, she attended church at Our Savior's Lutheran.

Her hobbies were many. Gladys loved traveling, shopping, fishing, and gardening. She was a good cook; her family loved her fried chicken, fresh breads, and caramel frostings. During her quiet time at home she enjoyed reading tabloid magazines and watching television (some of her favorite shows were "Wheel of Fortune", "Price is Right", "Jeopardy", "Deal or No Deal", the Lawrence Welk show, and "Big Joe's Polka Show"). Just for the fun of it, she collected spoons from all the states and countries she visited. She also had a collection of Shirley Tempel glasses.

Shorty loved to go! She never passed up an opportunity to travel. She & George loved their annual trips to Las Vegas and they enjoyed many cruises to Alaska and the Caribbean. Gladys looked forward to those fun trips with family and friends as much as she did those special trips to visit family and friends. One of her most memorable outings was to the first ever "Montana State Orphanage Reunion" in 1995 where she renewed old friendships from her formative years.

Gladys loved her life as a mother and grandmother. She was proud of her three children and their families, and her love for them was "true-blue" and unconditional. She helped with the upbringing of her two grandsons, Jeff and Jeremy, and was the "regular" babysitter for Rylan during his infancy and childhood years. More recently she enjoyed her two great-granddaughters. On a related note, Gladys loved her nephews and nieces, and always enjoyed their summer visits to the ranch. Shorty had lots of love to give, so there were many other children in the community that she interacted with throughout the years.

Even though she was dealt many negative blows in her life, Gladys maintained a constant positive attitude. She loved life and being with people, and always found good things at bad times. If she were here today, her advise to us would be: "Live

life to the fullest and enjoy each day as if it were your last"!

Shorty was preceded in death not only by her 2 husbands and son, but also by an infant granddaughter (Savannah), 4 brothers (Gordon, Wesley, Vernon, and Louis Sindt), and 3 sisters (Marjorie Marsh, Marlene Cannon, and Darlene Peterson).

She is survived by her 3 children, Pamela (John) Seidlitz of Great Falls, Ken Jeppesen of Billings, and Wallace Meissner of Chester; 3 grandsons, Rylan Jeppesen of Great Falls, Jeff (Jen) Seidlitz of Great Falls, and Jeremy (Jenna) Seidlitz of Billings; 2 great-grand-daughters, Mary and Emily Seidlitz; 2 sisters,

Jean Orr of Elko, NV and Marcie Curto of Kalispell; 1 brother-in-law, Hales Scalese of Galata; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family; and her beloved companion, her pet-dog, "Teddy."

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Friday (April 24th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor Val Metropoulos officiated. Scripture readings were by Jeff and Jeremy Seidlitz. A special piano tribute was offered by Rylan Jeppesen. The obituary was read by Rlynn Rockman and personal remembrances were shared by Karen Sloan. A musical group of John Seidlitz, Anne Seidlitz-Melton, Loren Hawks, Mary Saunders, and Dave and Christina Wrede provided prelude & postlude

songs, including 3 service tributes: "Blest Are They," "Pescador de Hombre," and "Valleys of Green." An audio-video presentation was done by Linda Keller. Ushers were ~~Koni Erickson and Mark Wickum~~. Pallbearers were Ken Jeppesen, Ty Rockman, Raymond Seidlitz, Dave Stokes, Duane Aitken, and Chuck Jodrey. Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Because of Gladys' love of the local hospital and the special care she always received there, all undesignated memorials will be given to Liberty Medical Center. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

GLADYS AGNES (SINDT) JEPPESEN MEISSNER

(Affectionately known as "Shorty")

BORN: August 15, 1929
at Bigfork, Montana

DIED: April 21, 2009 at
Chester, Montana

AGE: 79 years..8months..6 days



THOUGHTS ABOUT MOTHER...

If there is happiness in my heart, it's because you helped put it there. If there is a gentleness in my beliefs, it's because you showed me how to care. If there is understanding in my thinking, it's because you shared your wisdom. If there is a rainbow over my shoulder, it's because of your outlook and your vision.

If there is a knowledge that I can reach out – and I really can make some dreams come true – it's because I learned from the best teacher of all.

I learned from you... by Chris Gallatin

Funeral Services: 2:00 p.m. Friday (April 24th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Montana

Officiant: Pastor Val Metropoulos

Scripture Readings: Jeff & Jeremy Seidlitz

Obituary Reading: Rlynn Rockman

Personal Remembrances: Karen Sloan

Musical Ministry: John Seidlitz, Loren Hawks, Anne Seidlitz-Melton, Tawna Meldrum-Parisot, Mary Saunders, and Dave & Christina Wrede

Service Songs: "Blest Are They", "Pescador de Hombre", and "Valleys of Green"...

Special Piano Tribute: Rylan Jeppesen

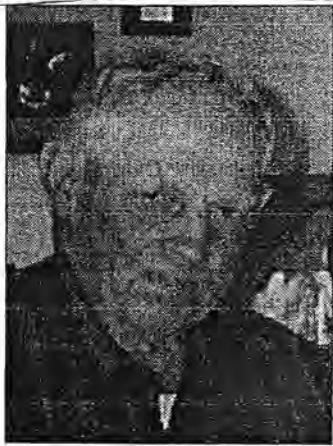
Audio-Video Presentation: Linda Keller

Ushers: Mark Wickum and Koni Erickson

Pallbearers: Kenny Jeppesen, Ty Rockman, Dave Stokes, Raymond Seidlitz, Chuck Jodrey, and Duane Aitken

Honorary Bearers: All of Shorty's lifelong friends..

LAWRENCE MARTIN MEISSNER
Birth: May 17, 1921 – Death: May 5, 2009
Liberty County Times
May 13, 2009



Lawrence Meissner

Lawrence Martin Meissner was born May 17, 1921 on the family farm south of Chester, Montana. He was the 5th of seven children born to George and Margaret (Eckert) Meissner. Lawrence grew up on the ranch and attended the Meissner country school. Following his formal education, he began working for area ranchers, including L. D. Pugsley, Morris Stewart, and John Brinkman.

In 1937 Lawrence returned to the family ranch, where he became a lifelong working partner with his five brothers. He loved the cattle business and was active in the irri-

gation and haying operations at the ranch. His favorite piece of equipment was the backhoe. Lawrence continued to be a hard worker until age 86, when declining health forced him to retire. He remained on the ranch, enjoying his daily trips around the spread, checking the condition of the livestock and local wildlife. On this past Palm Sunday (April 5th) Lawrence fell at home and suffered several serious injuries. Following a short hospital stay in Great Falls, he transferred to the nursing facility in Chester. Lawrence died there on Tuesday evening (May 5, 2009), just a few weeks short of his 88th birthday.

Lawrence was baptized and a life member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. He was also active in the Montana Stockgrower's Association.

Lawrence loved music. He played harmonica, guitar, and accordion. In those early years Lawrence and his brother, Joe, played music together at local school and barn dances. In later years he continued to

enjoy fiddling contests and the music on "Big Joe's Polka Show" Whether Lawrence was working or relaxing at home, he always enjoyed listening to music on the radio.

His other hobbies over the years included trapping beavers and coyotes, raising hunting hounds, attending horse races, and playing "penny-ante poker". In his quiet time at home Lawrence loved to read, mainly news publications, so he kept up on current events and politics. He also enjoyed television, especially "Jeopardy", "Who Wants to be a Millionaire", rodeos, and TV cattle auctions.

Lawrence was a quiet, reserved, and private man. A lifelong bachelor, he kept a clean house and enjoyed the comfort of his home.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 4 brothers (Ernest in 1993, Joe in 1995, Frank in 1996, and George in 1997).

He is survived by his sister, Margaret Meissner of Chester; his brother, Paul (Arlene) Meissner of Chester; 1 niece, Joey (Ed) Cole of Chester; 3

nephews, Shawn (Desma) Meissner of Great Falls, Blaine Meissner of Chester, and Wallace Meissner of Chester; and 5 great-nieces/nephews.

Funeral Mass was celebrated at 2:00 p.m. Saturday (May 9th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester by Father Joseph Diekhans.

Scriptures were read by Pat Seidlitz and Jan Albright and the obituary was read by Ed Cole. Ushers were Tom Osterman and Arnie Lalum and the altar server was Ken Osterman. The communion gifts were presented by siblings, Paul and Margaret, and Eucharistic minister was Marjie Dahinden. St. Mary's choir sang "Valleys of Green" and "Amazing Grace", accompanied by organist, Christy Fossen. Vocal tributes included "The Old Rugged Cross" by Loren Hawks and "On Eagle's Wings" by Anne Seidlitz-Melton. Pallbearers were Dan Wolery, Matt Eide, John Wickum, Garth Good, David Pugsley, and Robert Pugsley Jr. The service ended with a special rendition of

"Home on the Range". Following burial at the family plot in the Chester Cemetery, a reception was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to Liberty Medical Center in Chester.

FRANCES LUCILLE (SHAFFER) MIKULECKY

Born: Age: 93 - Died: January 20, 2009

Great Falls Tribune

January 28, 2009

Frances Lucille Mikulecky

NORTH OLMSTED, Ohio —
Frances Lucille (Shaffer)



Mikulecky

Mikulecky, 93,
a native of
Inverness, died
of congestive
heart failure
Jan. 20 at her
home in North
Olmsted, Ohio.

Her memorial service is Saturday at Zion Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes. Chambers Funeral Home in Cleveland is handling arrangements.

Frances was born on a homestead near Inverness to Joseph Shaffer and Olena Larson Shaffer in 1915. She attended school in Inverness and District 70 near Detroit Lakes, Minn., and graduated from Detroit Lakes High School in 1932. Frances attended the Teacher Training Department in Detroit Lakes, and then taught in rural schools in Minnesota for four years until she married Stanley Mikulecky on June 23, 1937. She lived in Great Falls from 1990 to 2000.

Survivors include one son and two daughters, David (Marilyn) Mikulecky of Great Falls and Mary Lou (Thomas) Kusserow of Tempe, Ariz.; Carol (Charles) Lego of North Olmsted, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. This amazing lady was an inspiration to all those who came in contact with her.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Stanley in 1988; her parents; four brothers, baby boy Shaffer, Joseph Shaffer, Curtis Shaffer and Harris Shaffer; and one sister, Elva Shaffer Bengtson.

Her hobbies included gardening, reading, letter writing, crossword puzzles and quilting.

Memorials are suggested to Zion Lutheran Scholarship Fund.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

ROSEMARY ELIZABETH (BIEGALKE) MONTAYNE
Birth: November 19, 1934 - Death: July 15, 2009

Liberty County Times
July 22, 2009

Rose Montayne



Once upon a time she lived a pretty lady named Rosemary Elizabeth Montayne. She passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at her residence in Kalispell, Montana. She was born on November 19, 1934 in Chester, Montana the daughter of Paul and Matilda (Beste) Biegalka.

She graduated from Chester High School in 1952. Muther met and married John David Montayne in Miles City, Montana. They had four unbelievably adorable children, Samuel Paul Montayne, Sr. now of Kalispell, MT; Daniel Thomas Montayne of El Monte, CA; Ramona Elizabeth Montayne of Pasadena, CA and Rachel Montayne of Big Bear City, CA; two and a half wonderful grandchildren, Samuel Paul Montayne, Jr and Aubrey Lynn Montayne and Baby Bear Montayne. She is also survived by three sisters, Bernice Skierka of Chester, MT; Delores Hortsch of Portland, OR and Madonna Lovelace of Philadelphia, PA.

La familia spent 13 years in beautiful Sheridan, WY; then moved to Billings, Montana

for 10 years or so...Mom spent time in Tuscon, AZ and Rowland Heights, CA. She moved back to Montana to be closer to her son and his family.

Mom enjoyed playing cards, (and winning) with her children and grandchildren, shopping with her friends and daughters, painting, reading books, crossword puzzles;(puzzles of any kind really), talking to friends and family. One of her most favorite things to do was to have cheese and pickle sandwiches and ice cream with her grandchildren. Mom was always there for her children.

Memorial services for Rosemary will be held at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, July 23, 2009 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Rosemary's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Rosemary's guest book.

AUDREY RAE (MATTIE) MRNAK
Born: May 9, 1932 - Died: October 27, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
October 29, 2009

Audrey Rae Mrnak

GLENDIVE — Audrey Rae (Mattie) Mrnak, 77, of Glendive, died of natural causes Tuesday at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.



Mrnak

Visitation is 2 to 9 p.m. Friday, with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at the Evangelical Church in Glendive. Her funeral is 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with burial in Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Home of Baker is in charge of arrangements.

Audrey was born May 9, 1932, in Baker, to Cole and Florence Mattie. She had one little sister, Yvonne Joyce, who died in infancy. Audrey attended grade school in Golva, N.D., and graduated from high school in Baker in 1952.

Audrey married Keith Henry Mrnak in Baker on Oct. 29, 1952. They had three children, Yvonne, Duane and Darwin. During their married years, they lived in Lothair, Mont., where Audrey was postmaster. They later moved to Havre, where she attended college, earning her licensed practical nursing degree in the spring of 1972. She loved being a nurse. Audrey excelled with older patients in extended care, and truly loved each and every resident she cared for.

Audrey never met a stranger. She loved people and enjoyed her children and grandchildren.

She explored new foods and crafts with her children and grandchildren, especially "bumming around town," attending yard sales and playgrounds with her grandkids. In her later years, she added needlecrafts and beadwork to her love of sewing. In retirement, Keith and Audrey traveled to the Grand Canyon, to visit family in Minnesota, to Wisconsin, and other places in their RV, enjoying the sights and the people they met.

Audrey entered the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in March 2007, where she had resided since.

Audrey was preceded in death by her parents, infant sister and grandson Derik.

She is survived by her husband, Keith of Glendive; daughter Yvonne (Ron) Gebhardt of Sidney, Mont.; sons Duane (Lisa) Mrnak of Grand Rapids, Minn., and Darwin Mrnak of Stanley, N.D.; five grandsons, Craig (Marci) Gebhardt of Honolulu, Hawaii, Nick (Leandra) Gebhardt of Great Falls, Scott Froehlich of Havre, Mont., Jeremy (Eve) Froelich of Bemidji, Minn., and Derik (Jennifer) Froelich of Grand Rapids, Minn.; and nine great-grandchildren.

GREGORY JAMES NESBO
Born: June 25, 1953 - Died: May 5, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
May 26, 2009

Gregory James Nesbo

SHELBY — Gregory James Nesbo, 55, an electrical engineer from Bothell, Wash., died of respiratory failure and complications of diabetes May 5 at a Bothell hospital.



Nesbo



His memorial service is 6 p.m. Friday at Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby, with a gathering at the Oasis following the service.

Greg is survived by his wife of 32 years, Kathleen (McGovern) Nesbo of Bothell; father, John G. and stepmother, Delores, of Trego; stepfather, Carl K. Nelson of Shelby; brothers, Glenn (Janet) of Winchester, Ill., Jerry of Boise, Idaho, and Shawn (Tracy) of Conrad; sisters, Jane Nesbo Garsjo of Shelby, Jean of Helena, Shirley Fulgham and Sheila (Rod) Robertson both of Gilbert, Ariz.; as well as 10 nieces and nephews.

Greg was preceded in death by his mother, Donna C. Nelson; paternal grandparents, Gunwald and Katherine Nesbo; and maternal grandparents, Glen and Mabel Standiford.

Greg was born on June 25, 1953, in Conrad, the eldest of eight raised on a dry-land farm/ranch north of Shelby. Greg graduated from Shelby High School then served in the U.S. Navy during the end of the Vietnam War era. He was a medic and assisted in transport of several wounded soldiers out of Vietnam.

Greg then attended the University of Washington in pre-med, later transferring to the University of Montana as a pre-law student. He left college and worked as a roughneck in the oil fields along with general contracting and being the sound engineer for "Night Shift" for many years. He later returned to college and graduated with honors from Montana State University in 1995 with a degree in electrical engineering with a minor in robotics. He worked for Microsoft, Siemens and Automated Systems in Seattle. He was a certified electronics technician, and a member of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Computer Society, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Biomedical Engineering Society and the American Mensa High IQ Society.

Greg enjoyed expanding his knowledge base, computers, mathematics, tutoring college students, stimulating his nieces and nephews with "Scientific American" and other science project gifts, along with swimming, doing volunteer work and advocating for the less fortunate.

Condolences may be sent to Kathleen Nesbo, 18219 96th Ave. NE, No. 305, Bothell, WA 98011.

RUTH EILEEN (SMITH) NICKOL
Born: Age: 86 - Died: January 7, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
January 8, 2009

Ruth Eileen Nickol

CONRAD — Ruth Eileen (Smith) Nickol, 86, a lifelong Montana resident, homemaker and former teacher, died of natural causes Wednesday at her home in Conrad.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at the Conrad Mission Church, with burial in Hillside Cemetery. Pondera Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include children Leo Nickol Jr. of Big Sandy, William Nickol of Globe, Ariz., James Nickol of Ledger, Carolyn Nickol of Marysville, Wash., Robert Nickol of Conrad, Elaina Zempel of Diamondville, Wyo., and Cynthia Grubb of Conrad; sisters Marion Rider of Wisconsin, and June Aline of Louisiana, Rita Raff of Washington, and Joan Fowler and Donna Wingard of Great Falls; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Nickol; and a son, Frederick Nickol.

MORTON NERI OGDEN

Born: April 17, 1928 - Died: January 10, 2009

Great Falls Tribune

January 14, 2009

Morton Neri Ogden

Morton Neri Ogden, 80, of Great Falls, a retired Simms area rancher, died of natural causes

Saturday at a local nursing home.



His memorial service is 11 a.m. Saturday at Simms United Methodist Church, with burial in Sun River Cemetery. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Croxford Funeral Home and Crematory.

Survivors include his sisters, Lois K. Coons of Billings and Helen Brannon of Chester; nephews Jim (Mary Lou) Coons of Billings, Jerry (Pat) Coons of Denver, Colo., and Bill (Cathy) Brannon of Antioch, Calif.; and nieces Sandy Taylor of Bozeman and Patricia (Jim) Ritter of Billings.

Morton was born April 17, 1928, in Great Falls, Mont., to Jake and Florence Ogden. He was raised and educated in Simms, graduating from Simms High School in 1946. He served in the Air National Guard in Valdosta, Ga., and Victorville, Calif.

Morton was a rancher and enjoyed antique cars and horses. He was a member of Simms United Methodist Church, Simms Volunteer Fire Department and the American Legion, and was a weather observer for the National Weather Bureau for more than 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Bruce Brannon.

Memorials in his name are suggested to the Simms Volunteer Fire Department or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be posted online at www.croxfordfuneral-home.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

BESSIE L. (PETERSON) ODEGARD
Birth: February 6, 1915 - Death: August 21, 2009
Liberty County Times
September 2, 2009



Bessie Odegard

On August 21, 2009 Bessie L. Odegard passed away at the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, her daughter Susie and son Terry were with her the day of her **p a s s i n g**. Bessie was born February 6, 1915 in Dickinson, N.D. to William and Grace (Lavine) Peterson.

After graduation from Glendive High School she married Richard R. Batzer and to this union a son, Dick was born. After the untimely death of her husband, she enrolled in the college at Dillon where she graduated with an Associate Degree in Education.

Bessie began her teaching career in country schools and taught in various Northern Montana locations.

She met Paul B. Odegard while teaching school in the Whitlash area. They were married in April of 1942 and from this union two children were born, Terry and Susie.

When her children were older she returned to college and graduated from Northern Montana College with a Bachelors Degree in Education. She then taught school in Shelby and Joplin and served as Liberty County Superintendent of Schools.

She took pride in teaching first graders to read.

Bessie enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, cooking,

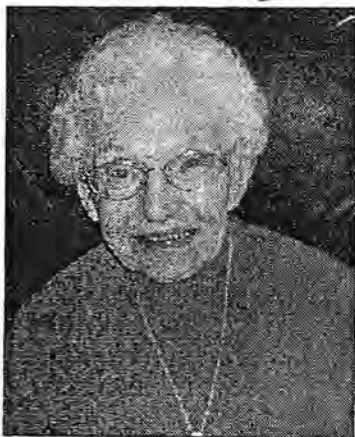
gardening and sewing. She was a member of the Republican Women's Club, Royal Neighbors and Liberty County Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, beloved Grandmother Nora Lavine, husbands Richard Batzer and Paul Odegard; son-in-law Dean Wollan and brother William Peterson II. Bessie is survived by her daughter, Susie (Audrey) Wollan, son Terry (Susan) Odegard of Billings and son Richard (Myrna) Batzer of Payson, UT; her sisters Nora Faunce and Shirley Koch of Arizona, seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Per Bessie's wish cremation has taken place and a private service will be held at a later date. Internment of the ashes will be in the Glendive Cemetery.

Memorials in Bessie's honor may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Montana. Arrangements were entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home at Havre

MAYETTA ODELLA (EGGEN) OLSON
Birth: September 12, 1913 - Death: January 29, 2009
Liberty County Times
February 4, 2009



Mayetta Olson

Mayetta Olson, 95, died of natural causes on Thursday January 29, 2009 at the Northern Montana Hospital in

Havre. Her burial was held on Friday January 30, 2009 at the Highland Cemetery. A celebration of life service will be held for Mayetta later this summer. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

A resident of Hill County all of her life, Mayetta Odella Eggen was born on September 12, 1913, to Norwegian homesteaders, Nelsine Ericsson Otternes and Harold Eggen, on the family farm south of Inverness, Montana. Mayetta attended Cockerall Springs School, District 28, south of the family farm. She transferred to

town school in Inverness in third grade, and graduated from Inverness High School in 1930. She attended Northern Montana College in Havre and obtained her teacher's certificate. On October 12, 1931, Mayetta married John Paul Olson in Great Falls, Montana. They farmed south of Rudyard, Montana, for a short time, and then moved to the farm south of Inverness. During their children's school years, they moved back and forth from the farm to Havre. They built what was to be their retirement home in Havre forty years ago.

Mayetta was active in three churches of which she was a member: Bethel Lutheran in Joplin, First Lutheran and Messiah Lutheran in Havre. She enjoyed crocheting and playing bridge. She, also, belonged to three service clubs: Sons of Norway, Eastern Star, and Daughters of the Nile. With her husband, Mayetta spent twenty one years traveling in their Airstream across the United States and into Canada and Mexico; they went to many Airstream Rallies. They, also, flew to Norway, France, Spain and Hawaii. Interested in geneology, Mayetta took many trips to visit

cousins, uncles and aunts in Norway, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John; one son Wayne K. Olson and brothers Clifton and Adolph Eggen; and one sister Pearl Moore.

Mayetta is survived by her two daughters, Marilyn (David) Green of Lake Park, Minnesota; Gail (Frank) Searl of Havre, Montana. One sister Violet Brandt of Richland, Washington.

10 Grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

MONA BELLE (WELTE) OPPERUD
Born: July 9, 1929 - Died: November 17, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
November 19, 2009

Mona Belle Opperud

HAVRE — Mona Belle (Welte) Opperud, 80, a retired clerk, died of natural causes Tuesday at a Havre care center.



Opperud

Her memorial service is 10 a.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Havre, with burial in Highland Cemetery. A fellowship lunch will be held at the church after the burial. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is in charge of arrangements.

Mona Belle was born July 9, 1929, in Havre, the daughter of Norman and Frances Light Welte. She spent her early years on the family farm north of Hingham. In 1943, she moved to Havre and graduated from Havre High School in 1947. She attended Northern Montana College and received a two-year business degree in 1949.

On Nov. 12, 1949, Mona Belle married Leonard Opperud at the First Presbyterian Church in Havre. Shortly after the couple married, Leonard was transferred to Honolulu, Hawaii, with the U.S. Air Force. Mona Belle followed and spent the next three years in Honolulu, where two daughters, Virginia and Bonnie, were born. The couple was transferred to Paxton, Ill., and then Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls. After Leonard resigned from the Air Force, they moved back to Havre, where a third daughter, Carol, was born.

Mona Belle worked as a clerk for the City of Havre water

department. She retired in June 1984. After retiring, she and Leonard traveled extensively throughout the Western United States. They especially enjoyed taking their grandchildren with them on trips. Besides spending time with her family, Mona Belle enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, crocheting and walking. She was a longtime, active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Havre.

After Leonard's death on Oct. 9, 2006, Mona Belle moved to Havre Eagles Manor, where she made many new friends and renewed many old friendships. She was a loving and generous wife, mother, grandmother and friend who will be missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her husband, Mona Belle was preceded in death by her parents.


Survivors include daughters Virginia (Duane) Naber, Bonnie (DeWayne) Haas and Carol (Pat) Graham, all of Havre; sister Lois (Vernon) Locke of Billings; 10 grandchildren, Lori Naber, Brenda (David) Olson, Karen (Larry) Castillo, Brandan Haas, Jeannette (Josh) Wierzbicki, Shelcee (Nathan Graves) Haas, Stephanie Longin, Jaimee (Troy) Hansen, Jennifer Hamblock and Julie (Jefferson) Chang; and 10 great-grandchildren, Tyler, Bryce, Kyle and Brady Olson, Kamilah Castillo, Jady and Jalyn Wierzbicki, Madison Graves, and Brooklyn and Tatum Hansen.

Memorial contributions in Mona Belle's honor may be made to Space for Grace at Northern Montana Care Center, Bear Paw Hospice or to a memorial of one's choice.

Condolences may be posted online at hollandbonine@q.com and/or gftribune.com/obituaries.

WAYNE WESLEY PATRICK
Born: Age: 85 - Died: January 27, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
January 29, 2009

Wayne Wesley Patrick

HAVRE — Lifelong Montana resident and Navy veteran Wayne Wesley Patrick, 85, a life master at bridge who also  enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing and bowling, died of natural causes Tuesday at a Havre care center.

His memorial service is 10 a.m. Saturday at the First Lutheran Church in Havre, followed by burial with military honors in Highland Cemetery. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Eileen (Holthe) Patrick of Havre; a daughter, Amy Booker of Havre; a son, Ward Patrick of Carson City, Nev.; sisters Phyllis Gagnon of Chester, Ruth Meredith of Havre; brothers Don Patrick of Grafton, Iowa, Raymond Patrick of Havre and Bernard Patrick of Havre and Nevada; and five grandchildren.

JEAN MAE (HAGEN) PAULSON
Born: Age: 93 - Died: March 15, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
May 5, 2009

Jean Mae Hagen Paulson

WOLF POINT — Jean Mae Hagen Paulson, 93, of Wolf Point, a retired teacher who enjoyed flower gardening, painting and knitting, died of natural causes March 15 at a Wolf Point hospital.



Paulson

Cremation has taken place and her memorial service and burial will take place in Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is handling arrangements.

Survivors include a sister, Margaret Graff of Chester; daughters JoAnn Hagen of Kenai, Alaska, and Janice Holen of Wolf Point; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Olaf Rudolf Jonathan Hagen; and her second husband, Norman Paulson.


EDMUND F. PECHIA
Born: October 7, 1926 - Died: March 24, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
March 29, 2009

Edmund F. Pechia

SHELBY — Edmund F. Pechia, 82, of Shelby, a retired Toole County Road employee, died of asphyxia Tuesday at his home.



Pechia

 Visitation is 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. His funeral is 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with burial with military honors in Mountain View Cemetery.

Ed was born Oct. 7, 1926, at Anderson, Minn., to Edmund Robert and Jennie (Relbuff) Pechia. He and Jean E. Hanson were married on March 24, 1952. Ed entered the Army in November 1952, and served during the Korean Conflict, receiving his discharge in 1954. After his return home, he drove truck for Culligan Water, was a watertruck driver for Comanche Drilling and then an equipment operator for the Toole County Road Department until his retirement.

Ed was a member of Walleyes Unlimited, the VFW and American Legion. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Survivors include his children, Linda Sutherland of Tracy, Calif., Robert Pechia of Port Orchard, Wash., Dewayne Pechia of Choteau and Cinda Pechia of Chester; several siblings; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

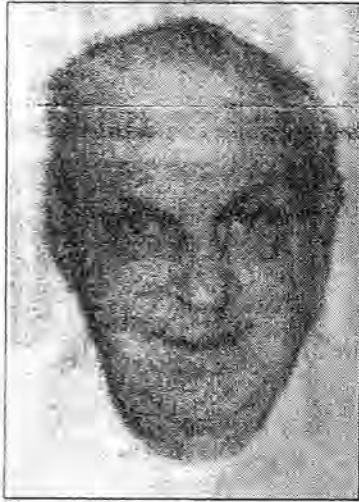
He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Jean, in 1995.

Condolences may be posted online at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

GLEN CLARENCE PETERSON

Birth: July 7, 1931 – Death: February 26, 2009

Liberty County Times
March 4, 2009



Glen Peterson

Glen Clarence Peterson was born July 7, 1931 at Hill River Township, Minnesota. He was the fourth of ten children born to Helmer Sigfred Peterson and Hannah Christine Halland. Glen was baptized and confirmed in the Vernes Lutheran Church at McIntosh, Minnesota. He attended the Lindsay Elementary School in Polk County and graduated from the 8th grade on July 2, 1945. As was common in those days, Glen worked hard on the farm to help provide for the family's livelihood.

Glen enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1955. He transferred to the Army Reserves in 1958 following a military accident. Reportedly, he was pinned under a cannon that was being moved and he suffered from a fractured jaw and subsequent surgeries. Glen was honorably discharged from the Reserve Corps in 1961 with the rank of Specialist-4.

He moved to Chester (Mt.) in 1959. He worked for a short time on the Tiber Dam project, then took a job with Marias Equipment as a truck driver and mechanic. He married Betty Norlander in 1960. They had two daughters, Susan and Catherine. In 1969 Glen adopted Betty's four children:

Linda, Mike, Bruce, and Jeff. The Petersons marriage eventually ended in divorce.

Before his retirement in the early 1990's, Glen worked 20+ years for the Liberty County Road Department. After he retired, he enjoyed gardening and canning his produce, and always had plenty to share with family and friends. He also enjoyed planting fruit trees in his backyard and was proud of the fruit harvested each year. In addition he nurtured his Minnesota peonies, which bloomed for him every year.

In his quiet time at home Glen loved watching "old westerns," sitcoms, documentaries, and the "news" on television. He had two TV's set up in his living room so he could watch many of his favorite shows at the same time.

Glen enjoyed having coffee and eating at Spud's Café, where he would spend time visiting with the many "regulars," who became his friends. Another favorite pastime was his love of garage sales.

Glen's roots were in Minnesota, so he traveled there frequently to see family and old friends. He was very independent and many of these trips were "spur-of-the-moment," so it was always a surprise to his family when he arrived. He last visited McIntosh this past Thanksgiving (2008).

Glen's health began to fail and he was diagnosed with lung cancer in January of 2009. He felt fortunate to continue to live at home during his treatments. He was recently admitted to the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, where he died on the early morning of Thursday (February 26, 2009). Glen was 77 years old.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers (Andrew and Robert Peterson), 1 sister (Margaret Merrick), 1 sister-in-law (Catherine Peterson), 1 grandson

(David Erickson), and 3 nephews (Brian Peterson, Russell Peterson, and Kenny Vaa).

Glen is survived by his children, Susan Peterson of Kalispell,

Catherine Peterson (address unknown), Linda (Stuart) Erickson of Chester, Mike Norlander of Nevada, Bruce (Kathy) Norlander of Kalispell, and Gordon (Suzie) Peterson of Columbia Falls; 6 grand-children and 10 great-grand-children; 3 brothers, Roger (Karen) Peterson of Milwaukee, WI, John (Doña) Peterson of McIntosh, MN, and Donald Peterson of Wolf Point; 3 sisters, Phyllis Kiecker of Fosston, MN, Ruby Ellen Peterson of Minneapolis, MN, and Judy (Roger) Nephew of Fertile, MN; 1 cousin; and many nephews/nieces.

A public viewing for Chester area friends was held Tuesday at the Rockman Funeral Chapel. Cremation followed. No formal services are planned. Glen's ashes will be interred in the family plot at McIntosh, Minnesota later this spring.

GLEN C. 'FLIPPER' PHILLIPS

Birth: November 2, 1951 – Death: April 25, 2009

Liberty County Times

May 20, 2009



Glen Phillips

Glen Charles Phillips, better known as "Flipper" Phillips, age 57, a retired truck driver and diesel mechanic, died at his home in Great Falls on Saturday evening (April 25, 2009) from gastric cancer.

He was born November 2, 1951 in Havre, Montana, one of five children of Curtis LeRoy "Roy" Phillips and Isabel May "Teddy" Abrahams. Glen spent his formative years in the Rudyard community. In 1965 the Phillips family moved to Joplin, where Teddy worked as a teacher, so Glen

finished his schooling in Joplin. Following his graduation from Joplin High School in 1971, he began working as a farm laborer around Joplin and Chester.

Glen married Lanea Aspegvig of Rudyard in 1973. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1980. Glen left the Hi-Line community to begin a long career as an over-the-road truck driver. He lived and worked in Missoula, Kalispell, and Polson. In 1996 he moved to Great Falls, where he was a devoted caregiver to his mother for eight years until her death.

Glen was diagnosed with stomach cancer in November of 2007.

He lived with his sister, Kathy, but was able to care for himself during most of his illness. In March of this year he began receiving special care by family members and hospice nurses. Lanea was a loyal friend and provided wonderful comfort to Glen

and his siblings during this trying time. The Phillips family appreciates her kindness and support, and are thankful that Glen could die peacefully in the comfort of his home.

Flipper had a special gift for making friendships that lasted his lifetime. His quick wit and quirky sense of humor remained endearing until the end. He passionately enjoyed any sport involving water and beer, namely, fishing, skiing, and boating. Other hobbies included tweaking and inventing, and he was known for his excellent cowboy "jitter-bug." In his quiet time at home he enjoyed watching "old westerns" on television.

Glen was preceded in death by his father in 1990, his mother in 2004, and an older brother (Curtis Phillips Jr. in 1957).

Survivors include his 2 sisters, Kathy Phillips of Great Falls and Diane Phillips (and husband, James Peterson) of Galesburg, Illinois; his broth-

er, Scott Phillips of Havre; his much-adored niece, Katherine Peterson, and equally-adored nephew, Axel Peterson, both of Galesburg, Ill.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Glen requested no formal services. There is an open invitation to community friends to a "Service of Remembrance" on Friday (June 12th) at 3:00 p.m. at the Joplin Cemetery, where Glen's ashes will be buried in the family plot. A time for refreshments and reminiscing will follow at the Joplin City Park.

Memorials are suggested to Peace Hospice of Montana (c/o Benefis Healthcare Foundation, P.O.Box 7008, Great Falls 59406) or the Center for Mental Health Foundation (P.O.Box 1653, Great Falls 59403).

HELYN IRENE (MORGAN) PLOVANIC
Born: March 26, 1926 - Died: January 16, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
January 18, 2009

Helyn Irene Plovanic

LEWISTOWN — Helyn Irene (Morgan) Plovanic, 82, of Lewistown, died of cancer Friday at Central Montana Medical Center.



Plovanic

Visitation is noon to 7 p.m. Monday at Creel Funeral Home in Lewistown. Her funeral is 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church, with burial in Lewistown City Cemetery. A reception will follow at the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall.

Helyn passed away Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at the Central Montana Medical Center, following a courageous yearlong battle with cancer. She was born March 26, 1926, in Havre, Mont., to Robert and Frances Morgan. She attended grade school in a country school south of Cleveland, then attended high school at Kremlin and Havre.

After high school, she went to telegrapher school and worked for the Great Northern Railroad in various communities around the state.

She moved to Lewistown and met Dick Plovanic. They later married and had three sons, Jim, Jerry and Tom.

Helyn was membership chairman for the PTA for two years, and a den mother for the Cub Scouts for nine years. She loved volunteering for projects and never missed a chance to help people.

Helyn went to work for Don's Store for 11 years. Later, she and

her husband moved to Lewiston, Idaho, where she worked for JC Penney for 10 years. They later moved to Couer d'Alene, where she worked for eight more years and then moved to Spokane, Wash., where her husband passed away in 1988. In 1991, Helyn returned to Lewistown, where she resided until the time of her death.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as a deacon for nine years.

Helyn loved her church and made many friends throughout her life. She will be greatly missed by all who came to know her. Her warm and friendly smile and gentle soul will never be forgotten.

Helyn loved her beautiful flowers, and her yard was one of the most beautiful around. She also loved cross-stitching and ceramics.

Helyn is survived by two sons, Jerry (Kim) of Lewistown, and Tom of Las Vegas; four grandchildren, Tracey (Scot) and Brian (Veronica) of California, Jody (Mike) of Washington, and Shannon (Tony) of Great Falls. She also is survived by six great grandchildren, Zakery, Alisha, Jessica, Jayce, Jailey and Sydnee; and two stepgrandchildren, Kelsie of Lewistown, and Colin of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick, in 1988; a son, Jim, in 1965; a great-grandson, Tayler, in 2006; her parents; and a brother, Earl, in 1999.

Memorials are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church, 215 5th Ave. S., Lewistown, MT 59457.

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CHARLOTTE 'LOTTIE' REHAL

Birth: August 7, 1911 – Death: March 1, 2009

Liberty County Times

March 18, 2009



Lottie Rehal

Charlotte "Lottie" Rehal was born August 7, 1911 in Tacoma, Washington. She was one of six children born to Shebel and Sophie (Sawaya) Rehal. Lottie received her early education in Joplin, Mt. She completed her high school years in Chester, where she played girls basketball and was an honor student. She graduated from C.H.S. in 1932.

Lottie lived her entire life in the Chester community. She worked as a mail clerk for the U. S. Postal Service at the Chester post office for 40+ years. In addition, she worked evenings and weekends at the Liberty Theater for her good friends, Gilbert and Olive Richardson. After her retirement in 1981, Lottie was active in a local bowling league and enjoyed spending time with her longtime companion and friend, Harold Prihoda. They spent many years fishing together at Tiber Dam and traveling back-and-forth to Minnesota to visit Harold's family. Lottie's other hobbies including reading, playing cards, and crossword puzzles.

In addition, she loved to play the slot machines, and it was always a treat when "she got the best of them!"

Lottie devoted her life to her mother, who was homebound, and to her other family members. If there was ever a family emergency, she was always ready to help. She helped raise her two nephews, Ron & Marv Sunderland, when their mother Rosalie went to cosmetology school. She was supportive to all of her nephews, nieces, and cousins, as well as her extended family, and enjoyed attending their special activities and events.

Lottie was fortunate to have good health over the years and live independently in her own home. Her condition deteriorated these past few months, so

she transferred to the Liberty Medical Center. She died at the Chester health facility on Sunday evening (March 1, 2009) at the age of 97 years.

She was preceded in death not only by her parents, but also by 3 sisters (Eleanor Rehal, Louise Rehal, and Rosalie Sunderland), 1 brother (Norman Rehal), 1 brother-in-law (Roy Green), and 4 nephews/nieces (Ron and Linda Sunderland and Sam and Kate Shamey).

She is survived by a sister, Kathryn Green of Billings; 3 nephews, Marvin Sunderland of Billings, Steven Green of Billings, and Robert Green of Spokane, Wa.; 2 nieces, Charlotte Hoiland of Miles City

and Carolyn Williams of Manitoba, Canada; and her companion of 47 years, Harold Prihoda of Chester.

Lottie was cremated and her ashes will be buried in the family plot at the Chester Catholic Cemetery. A memorial service will be in Chester on Friday (June 5, 2009); time & place to be announced later. Because Lottie was a longtime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester, all undesignated memorials will be sent to the church in her memory.

Lottie's family would like to acknowledge Harold for his loyal devotion to Lottie. He took care of her and extended the quality of her life by driving her to medical appointments in Great Falls, to dinners and special outings in Havre, or to anywhere else she needed to go. Harold has been a big part of the Rehal family over the years. His example of unflinching love and devotion is a "blueprint" of how the rest of us should conduct our lives.

JAMES LAWRENCE RETTIG

Birth: June 18, 1946 – Death: October 1, 2009

Liberty County Times
October 14, 2009



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James Lawrence Rettig

Dateline – Big Sandy, Montana

James "Jim" Lawrence Rettig, 63, died Thursday evening at his home in Big Sandy, Montana of cancer. His prayer vigil service will be 7 p.m. Sunday October 4, 2009 with his funeral service 11 a.m. Monday October 5, 2009 at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church with Father Pete Guthneck officiating. Burial will follow at the Big Sandy Cemetery. A fellowship will be held at the church immediately after the services at the graveside. Memorials in Jim's honor may be made to

the Walleyes Unlimited of Montana, Jim Rettig Fund, c/o Mike Butzlaff, 114 E Indian Street, Wolf Point, MT 59201 (406-653-3157).

Jim was born June 18, 1946 in Williston, North Dakota to Vincent and Agnes (Pesek) Rettig. He attended public schools in Alexander, North Dakota and graduated from High School in 1964. He then attended Dickinson State College where he studied journalism. He married Terry Malloy December 31, 1968 in Dickinson where Jim was working as a wire editor for the Dickinson Press. The couple moved to Sidney, Montana where Jim worked for the Sidney Herald. Then they moved to Rollins, Wyoming where Jim taught journalism to the inmates at the Wyoming State Prison. In 1971 he and his wife Terry moved to Big Sandy, Montana and purchased the Big Sandy Mountaineer. Jim was a community minded person who invested a lot of time and effort into his community. He established the Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture and served as President and as a board member for many years. Jim had a wonderful giving spirit which was enriched every year at Christmas. He was known to many in Big Sandy as the King of the Christmas Stroll and Parade of Lights. Jim had a passion for Walleye Fishing. He was one of the founding members of Montana Walleye's Unlimited and has served as President of the State organization and he was currently serving as Region 2 director, Circuit director of the state, and a board member of the Fresno Chapter. He was Co-Founder of Fish Tales Magazine, and also served as the publisher of the magazine which was sent to over 2,600 Walleye Fisherman across the state. Throughout Jim's career he has had the opportunity to meet many people across the Hi-Line and Montana. He was a member of the Mon-

tana Newspaper Association and also served as President.

Jim's first wife Terry passed away in 1995. He married Linda (Tallmadge) Gilkison in July of 2002 and together they operated the newspaper and served the community of Big Sandy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his first wife Terry Rettig in 1995.

Jim is survived by his wife of seven years Linda Rettig of Big Sandy, Montana. His son Shawn (Tiffany) Rettig of Rudyard, Montana; Shannon (Dean) Rhyneer of Townsend, Montana. Two grandchildren: Tylynn and Caden Rettig of Rudyard, Montana. Step-daughters: Sabrina (Lloyd) Sidmore of Troy, Montana; Stephanie (Ray) Hentschel of Havre, Montana; Brandi (Josh) Turney of York, Pennsylvania. 4 step-grandchildren: Kierstin (Frank) Kusters of Columbia Falls, Montana and Brian Norman of Okinawa. Jim was also blessed with four step great grandchildren.

Three sisters Mary Rettig of Missoula, Montana; Kim (Greg) DeLorme of Williston, North Dakota; Pam Rettig of Bismarck, North Dakota. Two brothers: Bob Rettig and Ed (Mary) Rettig all of Alexander, North Dakota. Numerous nieces and nephews.


DONALD H. REYNOLDS
Born: March 17, 1926 - Died: July 15, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
July 16, 2009

Donald H. Reynolds

LAUREL — Navy veteran Donald H. Reynolds, 83, died of natural causes Wednesday at a Laurel care facility.



Reynolds

 Cremation has taken place under the direction of Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. A memorial service is 2 to 4 p.m. July 11 in the Golden Eagle Room at Eagles Manor in Great Falls.

Don was born March 17, 1926, in Fort Benton, to Harris and Ivey (Boyd) Reynolds. He spent his childhood between Fort Benton and the family ranch in upper Highwood. Don attended school in Fort Benton, and graduated in 1944. He entered the U.S. Navy in the same year and, in 1946, he received an honorable discharge as pharmacist's mate second class. He attended Montana State University-Missoula, and graduated in 1951, with a B.A. in English.

Don married Lauretta Marcussen Ryan on Nov. 20, 1960, and they ranched at the Upper Highwood homestead until the early 1980s. He became a County Appraiser for Liberty and Toole counties, living in Chester and Shelby until retirement. He and Lauretta then moved to Kalispell.

He loved boxing and remained a fan throughout his life. He also enjoyed bowling — he and Lauretta started the first mixed league in Belt in the early 1960s. Don was an avid golfer and enjoyed RV traveling. While in Kalispell, a favorite pastime was taking Lauretta dancing at the Big Fork Inn. He also loved his dogs, and had several throughout his lifetime. He and Lauretta also lived in Condon and Great Falls, before moving to Laurel.

Donald is survived by his wife of 48 years, Lauretta; four children, all of Montana, Dawn (Richard) Stahl of Laurel, Kathy Ryan of Havre, Mike (Judy) Ryan of Great Falls, and Sarah Johnson of Great Falls; eight grandchildren, Lee, Eric, Brett, Patrick, Jesse, Ian, Alison and Alana; seven great-grandchildren; his sister, Jean Withrow of Geraldine; and two nephews, Paul and Lon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harris and Ivey Reynolds; and an infant sister.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association, Montana Division, 2812 1st Ave. N., Billings, MT 59103; or the Great Falls Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 129, Great Falls, MT 59403.

MICHAEL J. RICHTER, M.D.
Born: Age: 47 - Died: April 18, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
May 5, 2009

Dr. Michael J. Richter

GLENDALE, Wis. — Former Great Falls resident Michael J. Richter, M.D., 47, a family practice physician, died April 18 after being struck by a motorist while walking his dog.



Richter

Services took place April 21 at St. Monica's Catholic Church in Whitefish Bay, Wis.

Mike entered into the fullness of Eternal Life following a devastating accident on April 18, 2009. While walking his beloved family dog on a beautiful Saturday morning, Mike was struck by a vehicle that lost control due to a man suffering from a heart condition.

He was the best friend and beloved husband of Julie (née Lenz) and cherished father of Katherine, 14, Jane, 13, and Beth Christensen of Enumclaw, Wash.; his stepmother, Helen Richter of Big Sandy; a sister, Jan (Stan) Holmquist of Bozeman; three brothers, Ric (Jane) Richter of Tucson, Ariz., Rhett (Pearl) Richter of Glendive, and Doug (Sarah) Richter of St. Paul, Minn.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews and wonderful friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Katherine Vaughn; his father, Vern Richter; and a brother, Clark.

Mike was born in Havre. He attended Sunnyside Elementary School in Havre before moving to Big Sandy with his family. He graduated from Big Sandy High School and then attended Dawson Community College in Glendive, where he played basketball for the Buccaneers. After receiving his degree from Dawson, he continued his collegiate education at the College of Great Falls.

He also continued his passion for basketball while in Great Falls and played two years for the Argos.

He then went on to fulfill his lifelong dream and received his medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin, finishing his residency at Columbia St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee. He cherished his staff and the 13 years he spent as a family physician at the Glendale Clinic. For the past two years, he was a family practice physician at Aurora Health Care. Mike was a dedicated doctor who loved his work and had a deep compassion for his patients, who will remember his warm, kind, and gentle presence. His charm, combined with his keen medical sense, made him a favorite doctor.

Mike was passionate about his family and his friends. He will be forever remembered for his bear hugs, his ability to appreciate a good meal, and for placing the needs of others above his own. He had a hearty laugh, and his 6'5" stature made him larger than life. Basketball was another love — he coached both of his daughters at St. Monica Catholic Grade School in Whitefish Bay and was assistant varsity coach at Rufus King High School in Milwaukee. When not doting on his wife and daughters, Mike loved a good game of golf, great music, or pick-up basketball with his cherished friends. At home, he was always in the company of the adored family dog, Gymmie, who accompanied him in death.

The family asks that memorials be made to the Michael J. Richter Memorial Trust, c/o Marshall and Ilsley Bank, 177 East Silver Spring Dr., Whitefish Bay, WI 53217. The trust established will be used for his girls' education, as well as distributed to Mike's favorite charities.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

JOHN THOR RITLAND
Born: October 4, 1972 - Died: June 27, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
July 9, 2009

John Thor Ritland

John Thor Ritland, 36, of Great Falls, drowned June 27 in the Missouri River in Great Falls.



Ritland

His memorial service is 11 a.m. Monday at Bethel Lutheran Church, with burial in Highland Cemetery. Croxford

Funeral Home and Crematory is handling arrangements.

John is survived by his wife Nikki (Kuntz) Ritland; children Michael, Matthew and Kira; his father John (Harriet) Ritland of Florida; a brother, Dale (Shantell) Ritland of Billings, two grandmothers, Phyliss Wood of Great Falls and Florence Wilmes of Chester; several aunts and cousins. John also had a large extended family: mother-in-law Judy Kuntz; brother-in-law Tim Kuntz; sisters-in-law Amy Kuntz and Jill Kuntz, all of Great Falls, and sister-in-law Julie (Greg) Monk of Stevensville, Mont.

John was born Oct. 4, 1972, in Jacksonville, Fla., to John and Mary Kay Ritland. He was the second of two children. He moved to Great Falls in 1983 with his mother and brother to join family already living in Great Falls. He attended elementary school and graduated from Great Falls High School in 1990.

In 1999, he married Nikki Kuntz, and in 2004 welcomed their first son, John Michael. In 2005, a second son, Matthew, came into their lives. In 2007, they were blessed with a little girl, Kira Marie, who was the light of her father's eyes. John very much enjoyed being a father and welcomed every challenge that parenthood brought.

John worked for Sam's Club in the meat department for 11 years. It was a job that he loved and looked forward to going to every day.

John was a laid-back person and his "go with the flow" attitude came in handy with his large family. His hobbies included camping, reading, puttering around his garage and spending time with his family. He loved the Jacksonville Jaguars and could be seen every Sunday decked out in full Jaguar attire. John was very close to his in-laws and enjoyed sitting around with them playing games, watching scary movies or doing projects for his mother-in-law.

At age 26, John was diagnosed with Huntington's disease. The disease has taken several of John's family members, including his mother, Mary Kay Ritland; a grandfather, three aunts and a cousin. Because of this disease, John chose to take his own life.

Memorials are suggested to John's children at Great Falls Teachers Federal Credit Union in Great Falls.

ADAM SCHWEITZER

Born: May 15, 1920 - Died: December 4, 2009

Great Falls Tribune

December 9, 2009

Adam Schweitzer

HELENA — Adam Schweitzer, 89, a World War II veteran and leader in Montana agriculture and the father of Gov. Brian Schweitzer,



Schweitzer

died of natural causes Friday in Helena.

Visitation is 6 p.m. Friday, followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m., at Retz Funeral Home in Helena. His



funeral is 11 a.m. Saturday at the Cathedral of St. Helena, followed

by a luncheon in the Brondel Center of the Cathedral.

Mr. Schweitzer was born May 15, 1920, in Goldstone, Mont., the seventh of nine children, to Michael and Francisca Schweitzer. His first language was German; he only learned English after beginning school. He never had the opportunity to attend high school, but he had a lifelong thirst for learning that he passed on to his children and grandchildren. When World War II started, he joined the Army Air Corps, graduating in the top 1 percent of his aircraft engineering class. After the war, he returned home to take over the family farm.

In 1946, he married Kathleen H. McKernan of Box Elder. The family moved to Geysers in 1954. Mr. Schweitzer was both innovative and active in the farming and ranching community. In pursuit of better performance, he helped organize the Montana Beef Performance Association and as director he helped start the first Performance Bull Testing Station in Montana. He produced the first Simmental calf born in the United States in October of 1968, and held the first production Simmental Sale. He was elected to be the Montana Director for the American Simmental Association, and Schweitzer Simmentals were internationally recognized for producing the best Polled Fullbloods in the world. He won numerous awards including

Grand Champion with a buff named Montana in Argentina, and Grand Champions in Europe, Australia, Canada and Mexico. His final show was in Dallas, Texas, where he won World Grand Champion Bull. While searching for a better market for his produce, he became involved with the National Farmers Organization and eventually became the national director for the NFO.

Mr. Schweitzer was also active in his community outside of agriculture. Among his proudest accomplishments were organizing and creating the Geysers Rural Fire Department, serving on the local school board, serving on the St. Cyril Catholic parish council, actively participating in the Knights of Columbus, and leading the Raynesford Willing Workers 4-H Club. He encouraged his children to get a good education. He was proud that all of his children attended college and pursued successful careers as doctors, real-estate agents, consultants, and governor.

During his youth, Mr. Schweitzer enjoyed hunting, baseball and dancing. In his later years, he enjoyed world travel to countries such as Canada, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, Mexico, Germany, Denmark, Switzerland and Saudi Arabia.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Kathleen, of Helena; a brother Frank, of Nevada; a sister, Francis, of Arizona; his children: Darwin (Sharon), of Oregon, Warren (Ingela), of California, Mike (Jolyn), of Billings, Brian (Nancy), of Helena, Walter (Cindy), of Helena, and Mary (Joe), of Ohio; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by six siblings and one grandchild.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Montana Chapter, 3010 11th Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101; or the Geysers Volunteer Fire Department, Box 102, Geysers, MT 59447.

Condolences may be left online at www.RetzFuneralHome.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

GEORGE ROBERT SCOFIELD
Born: Age: 58 - Died: July 13, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
July 19, 2009

George Robert Scofield



Scofield

CHINOOK — George Robert Scofield, 58, of Chinook, a Vietnam Army veteran and ranch hand, died Monday of an accidental gunshot wound while target shooting at his residence south of Chinook.

A memorial service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Assembly of God Church in Chinook, with a luncheon at the church to follow. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his special friend, Meredy Phares; sons Robert Scofield of Salt Lake City, Utah, Tyler Scofield of Chinook, and Todd Phares of Chinook; daughters Aubrie Kallenberger of Havre, Stacey Ladnier of Corona, Calif., Bobbie Mitchell of Chinook, and Gabrielle Peterson of Kremlin; brothers Duane Scofield of Marietta, Calif., Robert Scofield of Havre, and Ronald Ray of Warrick; a sister, Beverly Boucher of Havre; and 13 grandchildren.

DARLENE RAE (WHITSON) SEAGRAVES

Born: Age: 77 - Died: December 18, 2009

Great Falls Tribune

December 25, 2009

Darlene Rae Seagraves

HAVRE — Darlene Rae (Whitson) Seagraves, 77, of Havre, a minister's wife, Sunday school-teacher and homemaker, who loved music and entertaining, died of complications of Parkinson's disease Friday



Seagraves

at Northern Montana Care Center in Havre.

A memorial service is 10 a.m. Tuesday at Assembly of God Church in Havre, with burial of ashes in Highland Cemetery. Cremation and arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Rev. Paul Seagraves of Havre; sons Don Seagraves of Havre, Dave Seagraves of Halstad, Kan., and Paul Seagraves of Gillette, Wyo.; a sister, Ardell Peterson of Havre, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Seagraves.

LORRAINE (LUDWIG) SHIRLEY

Birth: April 15, 1930 - Death: September 25, 2009

Liberty County Times

October 7, 2009

Montana and married Tom Shirley in Hingham, Montana, moving to Big Spring, Texas in 1952. She worked as an RN for Malone-Hogan Hospital from 1953 to 1983 where she was awarded the Dr. Frist Humanitarian Award in 1975 for her dedication and love of her patients. Lorraine enjoyed gardening, reading and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas R. Shirley of Kingsland, Texas; three children and their spouses, Mary Anne and Randy Law of Agency, Missouri, Karen and Steve Fraser of Kingsland, Texas and Tom and Lori Shirley of Sugarland, Texas; eleven grandchildren, Kristi Bongers

and husband, Peter of San Diego, California, Valerie Law of Kansas City, Missouri, Matthew Fraser of Chicago, Illinois, Lauren Fraser of Dallas, Texas, Taylor Fraser of Austin, Texas, Payton Shirley, Pierson Shirley, Berkley Shirley, Connor Corporon, McKenna Corporon and Calie Corporon all of Sugarland, Texas; two brothers, Tom Ludwig and wife, Pat of Chester, Montana and Ted Ludwig and wife, Esther of El Cajon, California; three sisters, Virgie Toner of Gilford, Montana, Ruthie Simon of Seattle, Washington and Irene McMaster and husband, Wally of Spokane, Washington; and 71 nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death

by her parents; three brothers, Junior, Lee and Roger Ludwig; and two sisters, Evelyn Little and Ethel Carr.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 28, 2009 at the Putnam Funeral Home Chapel in Kingsland, Texas. Graveside services will be 1:00 PM Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas. Mrs. Shirley will be available for viewing on Tuesday and until noon on Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Lorraine Shirley

Lorraine Shirley, 79, of Kingsland, formerly of Big Spring, died in Austin, Texas on September 25, 2009. The daughter of Joseph and Tracy Velcheck Ludwig, she was born on April 15, 1930 in Rudyard, Montana. She attended Columbus School of Nursing in Great Falls,

ROBERT A. SNYDER
Born: March 9, 1918 - Died: July 2, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
July 4, 2009

Robert A. Snyder

Robert A. Snyder, 91, of Great Falls, a small-engine mechanic



Snyder

and Air Force veteran, died Thursday at a local care facility, of complications from Alzheimer's disease.

Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at

Schnider Funeral Home. His funeral is 1 p.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church,

with burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Robert was born March 9, 1918, in Lewistown, to Harold and Lizzie (Ketchmark) Snyder. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

Robert was employed with the civil service, retiring after 30 years. His career took him to Anchorage, Alaska, at the time of the big earthquake in 1964.

He was a member of the Elks Club, Mended Hearts and ARK Club and was a deacon at First Presbyterian Church.

Artistic and very much a perfectionist, Robert was gifted in woodworking. He enjoyed dancing, playing cards, fishing, family gatherings and bowling, where he met Emma, the love of his life. The two did a lot of traveling and were always at each other's side.

Survivors include his wife, Emma Snyder of Great Falls; sons Chuck (Rosemary) Dailey, Pat (Bev) Dailey and Tom Dailey, all of Great Falls; daughters Margo Halsey, Margie (Jim) Hilliard and Janet (Art) White, all of Great Falls, Bonnie (Elliott) Teague of Elko, Nev., Deborah (Terry) Dailey McIlrath of Eugene, Ore., and Lennie White of Princeton, Ky.; his identical twin, Howard (Louise) Snyder of Great Falls; 37 grandchildren; 71 great-grandchildren; and 27 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by daughters Lynn Swenson and Joyce Matuska; a son, Clark Snyder and his wife, Judy; his parents; his first wife, Martha Pease; a sister, Mildred; a grandson and a granddaughter.

Memorials are suggested to Peace Hospice of Montana, 2600 15th Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.

IRMA MARIE (BRODHEAD) SOLBERG.
Born: November 5, 1932 - Died: May 6, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
May 10, 2009

Irma Marie Solberg

HAVRE — Irma Marie (Brodhead) Solberg, 76, died of natural causes Wednesday at a Havre care center.



Solberg

Her memorial service is 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Messiah Lutheran Church, with burial of ashes in Highland Cemetery. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is in charge of arrangements.

Irma Marie was born Nov. 5, 1932, to Wendell and Ruth (Varn-er) Brodhead in Fairview, Mont. She graduated from Fairview High School in 1951. She worked at the Men's Wear Shop in Fairview while attending high school, and for two years following graduation.

Irma married Ordean Solberg in Fairview on March 7, 1954. They made their home on the Solberg family farm south of Gildford, until moving to Box Elder in 1959.

Irma was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Box Elder, serving on the church council, and was a Sunday school and Bible school teacher. She was a charter member of Faith Circle, serving as an officer, and also was active in circle activities. She was a current member of Messiah Lutheran in Havre. She was a Girl Scout leader and substitute teacher. Family and friends knew her as a cookie maker and a sewing master. She enjoyed all types of crafts, including knitting, crocheting, needlework and oil painting.

Her grandchildren were her source of joy. She spent many hours with them.

She loved to dance, especially the waltz. Her children recall the dance lessons around the kitchen table and her singing while making a meal or baking. Gardening and yard work were not work, but fun and relaxing activities for Irma.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Cathy Brodhead; her grandson, Josh Rambo; her husband, Ordean, in December of 2008; brothers-in-law Richard Sundheim, Bradley Evanson and Clair Mathiason; and a sister-in-law, Mable Nelson.

She is survived by her four children, Randy (Anita) Solberg of Box Elder, Brian Solberg of Chinook, Sue Ellen (Pat) Bahnmiller of Great Falls and Jennifer (Jeff) Johnson of Havre; a brother, Leon (Myrna) Brodhead; sisters Audry Sundheim and Renee (Bob) Sundheim; in-laws Helen (Bob) Leete, Alice Evanson, Mildred Mathiason, Lyla (Louis) Krone, Irene (Ben) Askelson, Gene Nelson, Larry (Marilyn) Solberg and Roy (Betty) Solberg; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials in Irma's honor be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312; Faith Lutheran Church Reconstruction Fund, c/o St. John's Lutheran Ministries, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 50102; or the Messiah Lutheran Church, 417 20th St., Havre, MT 59501.

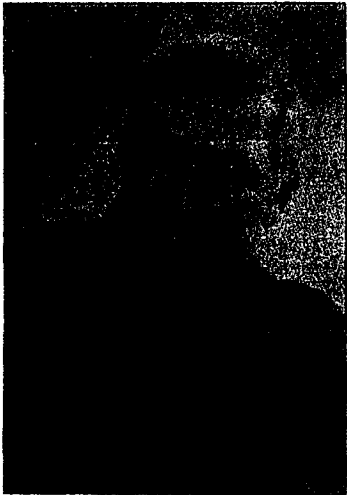
Condolences may be posted online at hollandbonine@q.com and/or gftribune.com/obituaries.

BENJAMIN BENEDICT 'BEN' SPINLER

Birth: October 3, 1938 – Death: November 15, 2009

Liberty County Times

December 2, 2009



Ben Spinler

Benjamin Benedict "Ben" Spinler was born October 3, 1938 at Havre, Montana. He was the youngest of five children born to Joseph and Frances (Pester) Spinler. Ben was raised on the family farm 8 miles north of Hingham. He received his formal education in Hingham, where he was a proud Hingham Ranger on the basketball team. Following his graduation from Hingham High School in 1956, Ben began working on the family farm.

In the summer of 1958 Ben took a job on the oil rigs near Sunburst. He returned to the Hi-Line that fall to court his young bride-to-be, Marjorie E. Durkee. They were married on September 9, 1958 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre. Ben and Marjie moved to the Spinler farm, where they lived and worked and raised their family of three. In 2003 Ben turned over the farming operations to his son, Greg, but continued to help out when needed. That same year Ben and Marjie moved to the Norenberg place north of Rudyard, where they enjoyed their retirement years.

On this past Sunday (November 15, 2009) the Spinler's attended a social function in Havre. On their trip home later that evening, Ben wasn't feeling well. Soon after their arrival, he suddenly collapsed in the stairwell of their home and could not be resuscitated. His untimely death came at age 71.

Ben was baptized and confirmed at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham and remained a lifetime member. He served on the church financial committee for many years and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Ben had also served on the Hingham School board and the Hingham Farmer's Elevator board. In addition he was a member of the Havre Elks Lodge.

Ben enjoyed many hobbies during his life. He was an active bowler who at one time maintained a respectable average of 185. A loyal member of many Hi-Line bowling leagues, Ben also served intermittently as the league secretary and/or president. Currently, he was the association manager of the Rudyard USBC Association. Almost every winter the Spinler's traveled with local friends to various national bowling tournaments throughout the United States.

Ben also enjoyed golfing. An avid golfer, he loved the competitiveness of the sport. Just for the fun of it, he collected golf balls from the various golf courses that he played over the years.

Ben loved to fly and maintained a private pilot's license for 21 years. Soon after get-

ting his pilot's license, he flew his young family to an adventure at Disneyland in California. Ben enjoyed owning an airplane and was a longtime member of the A.O.P.A.

In his quiet time at home Ben loved to explore the internet. His family proclaims that he was a basic "computer whiz" who could find and fix things that most experts couldn't!

Ben also enjoyed playing cards (especially pinochle, cribbage, and "hand-&-foot"), but only if he was winning! He loved being outdoors and working in his vegetable garden. Additional interests included fishing and water-skiing. He loved his beautiful Ford pick-ups and always kept them in immaculate shape. Ben was also an avid football fan, mainly of the Montana Grizzlies and the Carroll College Saints.

The Spinler's loved to travel. In 2008 Ben and Marjie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on a memorable trip to Hawaii. They also enjoyed spontaneous "gambling junkets" with friends to Nevada.

Family was very important to Ben. He loved his kids and grandkids and was extremely proud of all of them! He enjoyed family gatherings, like their summer outings to the cabin near Essex. He loved farming with Greg and driving the combine at harvest time. Ben was just a "kid at heart" when it came to wrestling and playing with the grandchildren. Marjie would ask him "not to get those kids so wound up", but he would just continue to laugh, play and promote the action!

Some of Ben's well-known favorite phrases were "Read the book!", "dirty pig", and "Needs more practice!". Whatever the situation, he was always patient, considerate, and concerned. A loving husband, caring father, and loyal friend – he will be missed dearly.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents and 2 sisters (Rosalie Spinler and Lillian Beatty).

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marjie Spinler of

Rudyard; 3 children, Nancy Collick of Helena, Greg (Rose) Spinler of Hingham, and KayCee Adams of Helena; 5 grandchildren, Ryan and Paige Collick, Quinn and Gavin Spinler, and Jessica Adams; 2 brothers, Victor and Gilbert Spinler of Havre; 1 brother-in-law, Don Beatty of Havre; and numerous nephews and nieces.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Thursday (Nov. 19th) at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham by Father Joseph

Diekhans. Scripture readings were by grandsons, Ryan and Quinn. The eulogy was shared by Laurel Walker. Organist, Sharon Spicher, accompanied vocalist, Marcus Jochim, who sang "I Know That My Redeemer Lives", "On Eagle's Wings", "Gift of Finest Wheat", and "You Light Up My Life". Terry Hybner was altar server and Dan and Lynn Hybner were Eucharistic ministers. The communion gifts were presented

FRED CICEL SPRINGER

Birth: April 30, 1935 – Death: October 9, 2009

Havre Daily News

October 12, 2009

FRED CICEL SPRINGER obituary

Fred Cichel Springer, 74, who farmed south of Kremlin for 49 years, passed away Friday, Oct 9, 2009, at Northern Montana Hospital of natural causes.

Cremation has taken place and the celebration of his life will be 11 a.m.

Friday at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church with Rowlie Hutton officiating.

Memorial contributions in Fred's honor may be made to the Hi-Line Sletten Cancer Center or to your favorite charity. Services and arrangements were entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Fred was born April 30, 1935, in Havre, Mont., to Claude and Blanche (Bjertness) Springer. He grew up on a farm north of

Havre with his parents and 13 siblings. He and his brother, Martin, joined the Army in 1954 and served in Germany and were both honorably discharged in 1956. Fred returned to the Havre area and worked various jobs until he married Betty Adams on March 24, 1960. The couple moved to the Purdy farm near Kremlin and worked there until 1971 when they rented a farm south of Kremlin. Fred always liked to keep busy, and in the wintertime he would work various jobs such as working on the water pipeline for the Hi-Line Water District and also worked as a telephone installer for R.E.A.



Springer

Fred and Betty had three children, Kevin, Cindy and Lisa. He was a member of the Kremlin Lutheran Church and served on the council. He served on various boards, the FHA, the FSA and many years as a 4-H leader, and he was president of the Livestock board. Fred enjoyed the outdoors, farming, fishing, collecting belt buckles, watching bull riding and attending family dinners and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. He had a great sense of humor and always kept his shop and barn in meticulous condition. His greatest attribute was that Fred always had time to visit with anyone.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Vurl, Clyde, Ruel, Glen, Cliff and Lynn; and sisters, Eva

McIntosch, Deloris Allen, Vera Swinney and Buelah Brown.

Fred is survived by his wife of 49 years Elizabeth "Betty" Springer of Kremlin, Mont.; children, Kevin (Lisa) Springer of Kremlin, Mont., Cindy (Jeff) Martin of Tacoma, Wash., and Lisa Springer-Laster of Vancouver, Wash.; eight grandchildren; his brother, Martin Springer of Havre, Mont.; sisters, Ila Knudson of Cranbrook, British Columbia, and Betty Anderson of Harlem, Mont.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

DONALD LEE STACK

Birth: October 19, 1950 – Death: August 17, 2009
Liberty County Times
August 26, 2009



Donald Stack

Donald Lee Stack, age 58, of Corona, California died of natural causes on Monday (August 17, 2009). Don was born October 19, 1950 the youngest son of Bert and Lucille Stack of Big Sandy. He was raised and educated in Big Sandy. After graduating from high school in 1969, Don attended Westminster College in Salt Lake City, where he began his career in flying. Advancing from small planes to jets, he had flown for many private individuals and companies, including Paramount Studios and Time-Warner Corporation. During the course of his flying career, Don transported many movie stars and executives to all corners of the globe. He loved flying so much that he often commented that he enjoyed flying the plane more than meeting his celebrity passengers. At the time of his death he served as head pilot for Time-Warner Corp.

In 1987 Don married Kristine White of Los Angeles and they later divorced. The couple enjoyed their three wonderful daughters – Montana

Nicole, Dallas Leigh, and Ireland Celine – who are all accomplished in horsemanship and soccer. Don loved spending time with his girls.

In addition to his 3 daughters, Don is survived by a brother, Francis (Karen) Stack of Chester, MT and other relatives in Montana. He was preceded in death by his parents and an older brother (Gary).

Funeral arrangements were handled in Laguna Hills, CA. A short memorial service is being planned for this fall in Montana for area family and friends.

THEODORE BURTON 'TED' TEMPEL
Birth: July 4, 1927 - Death: March 3, 2009
Liberty County Times
March 11, 2009



Ted Tempel

Theodore Burton "Ted" Tempel was born July 4, 1927 on the family homestead 25 miles north of Chester, Montana. He was the 6th of eight children born to Edward and Mary (Kreitmier) Tempel. Ted received his formal education at the Tingdal Country School and at Joplin Schools, then began working on the farm.

In 1945 he enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps during World War II and trained as an airplane mechanic. He attained the rank of Corporal at the time of his honorable discharge in 1948. Following his military commitment, Ted moved to Chicago to attend a trade school.

He eventually returned to Montana and began working with several brothers in their farming operations in northern Liberty County. In addition, he worked winters at the Great Falls Smelter. Ted acquired his own farm in 1950.

He married Elvina M. Cady on February 22, 1953 at Bethel Church in Joplin. They lived on the farm and raised their family of five. In 1968 they began spending their winter months in Joplin, where the children were active in school. In 1984 they moved to their new home in Joplin and lived there from that time on. Ted officially retired in 1989, but continued to stay active at the farm. In fact he was busy helping his son, Greg, this last summer and was looking forward to working this spring. On this past Tuesday morning (March 3, 2009) Ted collapsed at his home in Joplin.

He was taken by ambulance to the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, where resuscitative efforts were to no avail. He died at age 81.

Ted was confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran Church north of Joplin and was active there in his younger days. After moving to Joplin, the Tempels attended church at Bethel. Ted as a longtime member of the Chester American Legion and V.F.W. Post #3997 and the N.R.A. In addition, he had served on the Joplin School Board and the Mt. Royal TV District.

Ted loved his life as a Montana farmer. He enjoyed all aspects of farming, except picking rock, and he could spend hours "tinkering in his shop." In his younger years he enjoyed snowmobiling, bowling, hunting, and camping. In later years he liked to fish and work in his garden. He also enjoyed playing cards, especially pan. During

his quiet time at home Ted liked to read (mainly, farm magazines and historical publications) and watch television (he was especially fond of the History Channel and was a loyal fan of the N.F.L.). Over the years the Tempels took several fun trips with their families, but their most memorable one was their 50th Wedding Anniversary Cruise to Alaska in 2003. Generally, Ted loved to be home where he could enjoy his grandchildren. He spent many hours building playhouses, tree houses, miniature farm buildings and equipment, and other projects that made life fun for him and the grandkids.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws (Charles and Helen Cady), 2 sons (Jerry in 1988 and Daniel in 1991), a daughter-in-law (Denise in 1989), a brother (Bert Tempel),

and a sister (Helen Hodges).

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Elvina Tempel of Joplin; 1 daughter, Renee (Mark) Evans of Joplin; 2 sons, Ed Tempel of Fremont, Ca. and Greg (Trish) Tempel of Joplin; 4 brothers, Ed (Joyce) Tempel of Chester, John Tempel of Chester, Bill (Marcia) Tempel of Colfax, Wa., and Ben (Lorraine) Tempel of Kalispell; 1 sister, Mary Gormley of Choteau; a sister-in-law, Ann Tempel of Las Cruces, N. Mex.; 11 grandchildren (inc. Tawnya/Brad, Dustin, Kari, Matthew, Cole, Jeraca, Braeden, October, Kassondra, Arianna, and Evelina); 2 great-grandchildren (Steven and Moses); and many nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday (March 6th) by Pastor Arden K. Barden at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Personal remembrances were shared by son (Ed) and 4 granddaughters. Pianist, Tammy Duncan, accompanied Gaynelle Tempel, who sang "In the Garden" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand". The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art". Ushers were Ron Tempel and John Laird. Pallbearers included Butch, Jeb, Russ, Tim, and Rod Tempel and Dean Hodges. The service ended with a rendition of "Battle Hymn of the

Republic." Graveside services followed at the Joplin Cemetery. Military taps were played and Ted's nephew, David "Butch" Tempel, made the flag presentation. A reception was held at Kjos Hall.

Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.


THEODORE NIELS 'TED' THOMPSON
Born: March 14, 1937 - Died: October 29, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
November 1, 2009

Theodore Niels Thompson

BELT — Theodore Niels "Ted" Thompson, 72, a Marine Corps Reserve veteran and retired business owner, died of cancer Thursday at his home in Belt.



Thompson

 His memorial service is 1 p.m. Saturday at Christ's Church on the Hill. Cremation has taken place under the direction of O'Connor Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Arla Thompson of Belt; his mother, Deloris Thompson of Columbia Falls; daughters, LeAnne (Jerry) Hansen of Essex and Charlotte Thompson of Great Falls; a son, Fred Thompson of Helena; brothers, Richard and Robert Thompson of Columbia Falls and Ronald Thompson of Parker Heights, Texas; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Thompson.

Ted was born March 14, 1937, in Conrad. He was raised in Cut Bank and attended Cut Bank Public School. Ted served in the Marine Corps Reserve from 1954 to 1959 and was honorably discharged.

He married Arla Krattiger in Valier in 1959.

In his youth, Ted worked as a farmhand, on oil rigs and with the

elevator in Valier when courting his wife. He lived in Great Falls after his marriage and worked for Buttrey Warehouse, Gamble Robinson and Westside Texaco. Taught by his father and a welder by trade, he went to work for Industrial Steel and Talcott Builders. In 1966, he moved his family to Galata and worked for Farmer's Union Oil Co. In 1980, he moved to Belt and was the manager for Cenex. In 1985, he leased and then bought the Cenex station and operated "Belt Service and Ag." He sold the business in 1994. He owned and operated a water tender truck, which he contracted with the Forest Service during fire season since the mid-1980s. He helped local ranchers branding, calving and shipping.

Ted was a volunteer for the Belt Rural Fire Department for 10 years, and was a member of the Galata American Legion for more than 40 years.

He belonged to the Shelby Gun Club before moving to Belt. He was an avid big game hunter and fisherman, enjoyed camping and loved the outdoors. He especially enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was always willing to give a helping hand to his neighbors and friends.

Memorials are suggested to the Belt Rural Fire Department or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be posted online at www.oconnorfuneral-home.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

BORGHILD (UNDERDAHL) THORP
Born: September 7, 1919 - Died: November 23, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
November 25, 2009

Borghild Thorp

Borghild (Underdahl) Thorp, 90, of Great Falls, died of natural causes Monday at a local extended-care facility.

Visitation is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at Schnider Funeral Home. Her funeral is 2 p.m. Saturday at Faith Lutheran Church, with burial in Highland Cemetery.

Borghild was born Sept. 7, 1919, in Silverton, Ore., daughter of Gilbert and Bessie Underdahl.



**Thorp
in 1994**

She was raised in Silverton and attended Brush Creek Elementary School. In 1926, the family moved to Montana, where she attended Shelby High School. Following high school, she attended business school in Minneapolis.

Borghild married Ralph Thorp in Minneapolis on July 20, 1943.

She was employed with Sears prior to World War II and during the war, did secretarial work and lived in Salinas, Kan., (Fort Riley) and San Francisco. In 1955, Borghild moved back to Montana, where she was a secretary/receptionist for a chiro-

practor, a lunchroom cashier at Longfellow School, and the co-owner of Servisoft Soft Water with her husband.

Borghild participated in community concerts, was a lifetime member of Sons of Norway and a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed music, needlework, quilting and volunteering with nursing homes and the food bank.

Survivors include her children, Richard Thorp of Great Falls, Barbara (Robert) Fast of Terrebonne, Ore., Charles Thorp of Seattle and Robert (Jody) Thorp of Buena Vista, Colo.; grandchildren Thomas Fast, Richard "Richie" Thorp, Ryan Thorp, Rhonda Thorp Grainger, Elizabeth Fast, Josh Thorp and Kendra Brohaugh; and great-grandchildren Gage Grainger, Kelsey Fast and Kylie Fast.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Dec. 2, 1972; brothers Irwin Underdahl in 2000 and Orlo Underdahl in 2009; and a granddaughter, Brandy Thorp.

The family suggests memorials to Faith Lutheran Church, 3125 5th Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405; or Sons of Norway, 1314 7th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.

Condolences may be posted online at www.schniderfuneral-home.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

FLORENCE CAROL (SJOL) UNDERDAHL.
Born: December 10, 1922 - Died: May 10, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
May 12, 2009

Florence Carol Underdahl

Florence Carol (Sjol) Underdahl, 86, of 3361 Wild Rose Lane, died of natural causes Sunday at a local hospital.



Underdahl

Her memorial service is 11 a.m. Friday at Faith Lutheran Church. A private family burial will take place in St. Olaf Cemetery in Toole County. Croxford Funeral Home and Crematory is handling arrangements.

Florence is survived by a daughter, Carey Beth (Bob) Lewis of Mountain View, Wyo., sons; Kirby (Penny) Underdahl of Ledger and Brent (Kari) Underdahl of Great Falls; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Florence was born Dec. 10, 1922, in Parshall, N.D., to Carl and Agnes (Brevig) Sjol. She was raised and educated in Max, N.D., graduating as valedictorian of Max High School. She earned her degree in elementary education from North Dakota State University in 1942.

She taught school in Columbus, N.D.; Whitefish, Kalispell, Fort Benton and Conrad. She also worked for the USAF storage depot in Los Angeles for the World War II effort. She also was a licensed teletype operator for the Oregon shipyards. She married Irwin Underdahl in Great Falls on June 17, 1956.

She was a school board clerk at Pondera Country School, a treasurer for St. Olaf Lutheran Church, a member of the Sons of Norway and the Red Hat Society.

She was a member of the Good Sam's Club, the Senior Citizens Center, and Faith Lutheran Church.

Florence enjoyed gardening, camping, square dancing, all the church activities, and playing cards with her friends at the Senior Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband Irwin on Aug. 17, 2000; a son Brian Underdahl; three sisters and two brothers.

Memorials in her name are suggested to the Faith Lutheran Church Building Fund, 3125 5th Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.

Condolences may be posted online at www.croxfordfuneral-home.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

ORLO M. UNDERDAHL
Born: August 29, 1928 - Died: June 9, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
June 11, 2009

Orlo M. Underdahl

CONRAD — Orlo M. Underdahl, 80, died of complications from Alzheimer's disease Tuesday at a Conrad extended-care facility.



Underdahl

His funeral is 2 p.m. Friday at Pondera Valley Lutheran Church, with burial in Hillside Cemetery. Pondera

Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Orlo was born Aug. 29, 1928, in Silverton, Ore., to Gilbert and Bessie Underdahl. He was raised in Ledger and graduated from Shelby High School.

He married Dulcie Fuson in 1949 in Conrad.

Orlo started farming in 1947 and owned Northwest Equipment in Conrad from 1970 to 1994. He was a member of the Conrad Moose Lodge, Pondera Valley Lutheran Church, treasurer of St. Olaf Lutheran Church, and a board member of Pondera Schools. Orlo loved entertaining at the family cabin at Echo Lake, along with snow skiing and walking for exercise.

Survivors include daughters Diana Hoy of Great Falls, Linda (Cliff) Spencer of Oregon City, Ore., Lila (Jim) Anderson of Ledger and Donna (Bob) Fischer of Helena; a son, Eugene (Lana) Underdahl of Conrad; a sister, Borghild Thorp of Great Falls; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dulcie Underdahl; his parents; and a brother, Irwin Underdahl.

Memorials may be made to Pondera Valley Lutheran Church or Pondera Medical Center Extended Care.

INGE (LUFT) VAN ECK
Birth: May 1, 1944 – Death: December 22, 2009
Liberty County Times
December 30, 2009

Inge Van Eck

Inge (Luft) Van Eck was born May 1, 1944 just outside of Prague, Czech Republic. She was the eldest of three children born to Franz and Anna (Marges) Luft. Inge grew up in Ansbach, Germany where she received her formal education. Following high school she graduated from a two-year business college at Nuremberg, Germany.

Inge met a U. S. military man, Adrianus "Ed" Van Eck, who was stationed in Germany. She came to the United States with Ed and they were married on April 9, 1964 at Sebastopol, California. They made their home in Sebastopol, where Inge worked as a secretary at the Mount Gilead Christian Campground. The Van Ecks later moved to Truckee, where Inge worked at Calvary Chapel as the church secretary. In addition to raising a family of two daughters and maintaining full-time employment, Inge enjoyed working with Ed in high school ministry for 33 years in California.

The Van Ecks retired in 2004. The following year they moved to Hingham, Mt. to be closer to their grandchildren. Inge's health had not been good these past few years. She was recently admitted to the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre, where she died on Tuesday

(December 22, 2009) at age 65.

Inge was very devoted to her family and her faith. In 1965 she became a "born again" Christian. Since moving to Montana, she has enjoyed the fellowship at the Chester Alliance Church.

Most of Inge's hobbies revolved around her family. She loved to cook, especially German cuisine. In her quiet time at home she enjoyed knitting and crossword puzzles. She was also fond of reading, especially Christian publications.

Even though Inge left this earth far too soon, her family is comforted in the fact that during her life she was a great wife, a great mother and grandmother, and a great woman of God.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Ed Van Eck of Hingham; 2 daughters, Patricia (Peter) Hansen of Havre and Christina Van Eck of Hingham; 6 grand-

children (including Daniel, Andrew, Eleesha, Audriana, Leigha, and Peter Hansen); 2 brothers, Helmut Luft and Karl-Heinz Luft, both of Germany; and 1 nephew and 1 niece, Reiner and Andrea Luft, both of Germany. Inge was preceded in death by her parents.

A "Celebration of Life" Service was held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday (Dec. 29th) at the Alliance Church in Chester. Pastor Henry Hatch conducted the ceremony. Cremation and arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

ROBERT WALBORN
Born: November 13, 1961 - Died: July ?, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
August 22, 2009

Robert Walborn

Rob Walborn, 47, of Fort Benton, an employee of Mountain



Walborn

View Co-op Fertilizer Plant, died in late July in Fort Benton. The cause and exact date of death have not been determined.

His memorial service will take place at a later date.

Rob is survived by his father Cecil (Lynne) Walborn of Great Falls; daughter Mandi of Washington; sister Jackie (Tom) Fultz of Fort Benton; brother Gene (Joyce) Walborn of Helena; nieces Breanne (Josh) Kistler of Fort Benton, Emily Walborn of Helena and Isabella Kistler of Fort Benton; nephews Jakob Fultz of Fort Benton, Benjamin Walborn of Helena, and Austin and Blake Kistler of Fort Benton; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Rob was preceded in death by his mother; brothers Roger and Rodney; grandparents Lester and Frances Walborn, Jack and Martha Wright, and George and Gert Swears.

Rob died of a broken heart in late July. Robert Alvin Walborn was born in Fort Benton on Nov. 13, 1961, to Cecil and Fran (Wright) Walborn. He was a lifelong resident of Chouteau County, attending school in Fort Benton and Highwood. After high school, Rob attended Dakota Bible College and Helena Vo-Tech.

Rob accepted Jesus as his Savior and was baptized at the First Christian Church in Fort Benton on Nov. 21, 1975. He married Jennifer Olander on Dec. 28, 2008.

Rob enjoyed everything to do with auto racing. This included racing go-karts in his youth and watching NASCAR and demo derbies as an adult. He loved camping with his daughter, spending time with family and friends, solving puzzles, playing solitaire and tinkering with anything mechanical. Rob was a very kind, caring, person always eager to assist those that needed help.

Rob was a hard-working, dedicated laborer all his life. As a young man, he spent his summers working on many local farms and working as a custom cutter throughout the West. Most recently, Rob was employed at the Mountain View Co-Op Fertilizer Plant in Fort Benton. All those that knew Rob knew that no job was too dirty and that he would literally jump into any job with both feet.

Rob successfully completed treatment for his alcoholism late last year. It was the happiest Rob had been in years. His family was very proud of him for the way he had dealt with and conquered the many difficulties in his life. Rob is now home with his mom.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

BRET FRANCIS WANKEN

Birth: October 4, 1991 – Death: May 22, 2009

Liberty County Times

May 27, 2009



Bret Wanken

Bret Francis Wanken, age 17, of Shelby, MT died early Friday morning (May 22, 2009) at the Benefis East Medical Center in Great Falls as a result of an accident.

Bret and his twin-brother, Brad, were born October 4, 1991 in Shelby. They were the youngest of four children born to Troy and LouEllen (Fremont) Wanken. Bret enjoyed living on the family ranch all his life. He was an energetic, high personality junior at Shelby High School where he was involved in football, wrestling, and track. He also served as class president during his three years in high school and enjoyed the Explore America program (especially, their recent trip to the eastern U.S. states). Bret loved to travel; he appreciated last summer's trip to Costa Rica and was looking forward to this summer's trip to Ireland. In addition he was an active leader in the Rockin' 4-H Club and F.F.A., competing in many events throughout the years.

His favorite pastimes included trap-shooting, hunting, fishing, swimming at the pond, and just being in the great outdoors. He enjoyed Espresso coffees and he made the best milk shakes ever! Bret had a mischievous passion for life. His spontaneity made people laugh and he was loved by everyone.

His family is consoled by the fact that Bret made a commitment to Christ and he was baptized at the First Baptist Church in Shelby, and he remained loyal to his faith.

Those left behind to keep his memory alive are his parents, Troy and LouEllen Wanken of Shelby; his sister, Robyn; his older brother, TJ; and his twin-brother, Brad, all of Shelby; paternal grandparents, Frank and Marion Wanken of Chester; maternal grandparents, Ken Fremont of Ashton, Idaho and Fran (Roger) Marshall of Spearfish, South Dakota; and many other aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends. We will remember you, Bret, forever...

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Tuesday (May 26th) at the Shelby High School Gymnasium. The service was conducted by Pastors Paul Lackey and Ike Aslin. Shelby H.S. friends sang "On Eagle's Wings" and the congregation sang "Amazing Grace". Pianists were Brenda Longcake and Aunt Melanie Weatherstone. A special audio-video presentation was shown (set to the music of "Only the Good Die Young"). Ushers were Shannon McAllister, Tom Welker, Robbie Lee, and Brian Hayes. Pallbearers were Mark Peltier, Scott Kelleher,

Keil Anderson, Ryan Stewart, Rylan Hanson, and Matthew Hagman.

Honorary bearers were "all of Bret's many other friends". After the service, a balloon ceremony was held outside of the gym, followed by a luncheon in the school cafeteria. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Viewing for Chester area friends was all day Sunday at the Rockman Funeral Chapel. Viewing for Shelby friends was Monday afternoon at the Whitted Funeral Chapel. There was also viewing at the high school on Tuesday beginning at noon. Final disposition will be cremation.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being established to provide a scholarship in Bret's memory. The first scholarship will be awarded next spring when Bret's "Class of 2010" graduate at Shelby H.S.

JUDEE L. WARGO
Born: March 11, 1944 - Died: July 7, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
July 9, 2009

Judee L. Wargo

CARTER — Judee L. Wargo, 65, of Carter, an extension agent for the state of Montana, died of natural causes Tuesday at her residence.



Wargo

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Croxford

Funeral Home. A memorial service is 2 p.m. Monday at Fort Benton Agricultural Center.

Judee is survived by her husband, William Potts of Carter; a sister, Joanne (Gregory) Miller of Conifer, Colo.; a niece, Linnea Miller of Lakewood, Colo.; and a cousin, Diane Carter of Great Falls.

Judee was born March 11, 1944, in Great Falls. She was raised and educated in Great Falls, and graduated from Great Falls High School in 1962. She furthered her education, graduating from the College of Great Falls with a bachelor's degree in 1975, and then onto Montana State University, graduating in 1978 with a master's degree.

She married William Potts in

Kona, Hawaii, in 1989.

She was employed with the Montana State University Extension Service from 1980-1988 in Liberty County; the Montana Department of Agriculture in Helena from 1988-1991, and the MSU Extension Service in Chouteau County from 1991 until her death.

Judee was active in many programs, including 4-H. She was a former board member of the Dedman Foundation of Fort Benton, and the Liberty Village Arts Center in Chester, and a current member of the Great Falls Dog Training Club.

Judee loved showing dogs, shopping, traveling, Hawaii, reading and beading jewelry.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph P. Wargo, and her mother, Gertrude L. Wargo.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Dedman Foundation of Fort Benton, P.O. Box 1282, Fort Benton, MT 59442, would be appreciated.

Condolences may be posted online at www.croxfordfuneralhome.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

VERDA BERNICE (LINCOLN) WARNER
Born: January 10, 1923 - Died: July 14, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
July 18, 2009

Verda B. Pandis Warner

Verda Bernice (Lincoln) Pandis Warner, 86, of Great Falls, died of natural causes Tuesday at Peace Hospice.



Warner

Visitation is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at Schnider Funeral Home.

Her funeral is 11 a.m. Monday at Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Chapel, with burial in Highland Cemetery.

Verda was born Jan. 10, 1923, to Albert and Elizabeth (Haas) Lincoln, in Rudyard, Mont. She was raised on the family homestead 20 miles north of Rudyard and attended school in Rudyard, staying in town during the week and going back home on the weekends.

Verda always wanted to be a nurse and joined the Army Cadet Nursing Corps to attain her diploma in nursing. She went to Northern Montana College in Havre for one year in preparation for nursing school, and then entered into nurses' training at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls. Nurses' training for Verda was a rigorous three-year program with no vacation, in which she was required to spend eight hours in the classroom followed by eight hours of clinical experience in the hospital. Verda's nursing career began in 1945, immediately upon her graduation, and spanned 38 years.

She married William "Bill" Pandis in 1946, in Stanford, Mont., and they had three children. The birth of Verda's children accounted for the only interruption in her nursing career. She returned to the hospital as a private-duty nurse while her children were small, and went on to become head nurse of the medical unit at Deaconess Hospital in 1959. From 1974-79, she was medical audit coordinator at the Deaconess; however, she missed

patient care so much that she returned to the bedside in 1979, and became charge nurse on the fourth floor, a position she held until September 1982. Verda truly touched many lives and was remembered as a role model, a nurse who always took the time to know her patients and the kind of nurse in which good patient care was a reality, not a promise.

Verda was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and she cherished time spent with her family. Her grandchildren have fond memories of fishing trips and time spent at the cabin in Monarch. Verda was a longtime member of the Montana Nurses Association and also was a member of the Montana Association for the Blind and the DAV Auxiliary.

Survivors include her daughters Delores "Dody" Pandis and Nancy (Dave) Anderson, both of Great Falls; her son, Roland "Buck" (Dolly) Pandis of Great Falls; grandchildren Dena (Rick) Walker of Spokane, Wash., William "Bill" (Jaime) Pandis of Superior, and Kelli Pandis (Reginald Sutton) of Great Falls; great-grandchildren Ciara and Kacey Walker of Spokane, Taylor Pandis-Sutton of Great Falls, and Madelynn and Hunter Pandis of Superior; stepdaughter Eloise Barry of St. Augustine, Fla., and her children Shannon Barry and Kevin (Ildako) Barry; as well as her little dog, U.B.

Verda was preceded in death by her first husband, William "Bill" Pandis, in 1971; her second husband, Orville Warner, in 1995; sisters Gladys Torgerson and Irene Jackson; and her brothers Donald, Edgar and Ervin Lincoln.

Donations may be made to Peace Hospice, 1101 26th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405; Great Falls Rescue Mission, 326 2nd Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405; or Monarch Methodist Church, Monarch, MT 59463.

A special thank you to Peace Hospice of Great Falls, along with Audrey, her special friend and nurse.

FRANCES MARIE (HECK) WENDLAND
Birth: October 26, 1910 – Death: June 22, 2009
Liberty County Times
July 1, 2009



Frances Wendland

Frances Marie (Heck) Wendland was born October 26, 1910 on the family farm northwest of Rudyard, Montana. She was one of ten children born to John and Catherine (Mangold) Heck. Frances received her education at the Happy Valley country school northeast of Inverness, at St. Jude's Catholic School in Havre, and at Rudyard High School where she graduated in 1929. In the few years that followed, she worked at a hotel and a café in Rudyard.

Frances married Clarence E. Wendland on September 18, 1933 in Havre, Montana. They made their home on the Wendland farm onemile northwest of Rudyard, where she worked diligently as a farmwife, homemaker, and mother of four. The Wendlands retired from farming in 1979 and moved into Rudyard. In the fall of 1999 Frances transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. Clarence joined her there soon after. They were married 66+ years when Clar-

ence died on March 1st, 2000. Frances remained in the Chester rest home, where she died peacefully on the morning of Monday (June 22, 2009). She was 98 years old.

Frances was baptized and confirmed as a Catholic and remained faithful throughout the years. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness and was a loyal member of the Inverness and Rudyard Altar Societies. She was also active in the Rudyard Birthday Club, the local P.T.A., and Home Demonstration Clubs. Frances enjoyed many hobbies, including bowling, square-dancing, sewing, reading, and playing cards (especially, whist and pinochle). When daughter, Sue, was in her formative years and took baton lessons, the Wendland's enjoyed traveling to her twirling competitions – and as a special touch, all of Sue's costumes were all handcrafted and sewn by Frances.

In later years Frances developed an interest in politics and was always eager to watch political newscasts and debates. Just for the fun of it, she collected miniature teacups, saucers, and crystal bells. Her family will remember her as an excellent cook, a meticulous homemaker, and a loving mother/grandmother/friend.

In addition to her husband and parents, Frances was preceded in death by an infant daughter (Teresa), a daughter-in-law (Kathy), her 2 brothers (John and Frank Heck), and

her 7 sisters (Mary Holzer, Helen Schmaltz, Tillie Feldman, Rose Schleppe, Elizabeth Schaller, Barb Hagel, and Jennie Schwarzenberger).

Survivors include 3 sons, C. Dale Wendland of Rudyard, Bill (Sylvia) Wendland of Dickinson, ND, and Rex Wendland of Mission Viejo, CA; and 1 daughter, Sue (Rick) Moss of Conrad.

Frances was also blessed with 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces.

A vigil prayer service was 7:00 p.m. Wednesday (June 24th) at Sacred Heart Church in Inverness. The Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Joseph Diekhans at 2:00-p.m. Thursday at the church.

Christy Fossen served as organist and Marcus Jochim sang "Amazing Grace", "Ave Maria", "The Old Rugged Cross", "Psalm 23", and "On the Wings of a Snow White Dove". Selected scriptures were read by Mike Wendland and the eulogy was given by Rick Moss. Ushers were Fred Elling and John Wendland. Pallbearers included Chris and Jeff Wendland, Randy Haas, Rick Moss, Lane Rigg, and Mike Nussbaum. Following burial at the Inverness Cemetery, a reception was provided at the church by the Altar Society. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials may be given to the Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester or donor's choice...

CARL O. WESTERMARK
Born: November 11, 1917 - Died: July 8, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
September 10, 2009

Carl O. Westermark

SHELBY-DUNKIRK — Carl O. Westermark, 91, a longtime resident of Shelby-Dunkirk, died of natural causes Tuesday in Billings.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Whitted Funeral Chapel of Shelby.

A private family service will be held on the farm he owned in the Dunkirk area, now owned by the Fretheim Brothers. It is there that his ashes will be thrown, as he said, "To the four winds of heaven."

He leaves behind his devoted wife, Maxine; three children, Dale (Julie) Westermark of Billings, Gary (Sue) Westermark of Lynnwood, Wash., and Victoria Westermark of Beverly Hills, Calif.; grandchildren, Dana, Jenna, Hans, Tara Sue and Jessica; and stepson Gary Stracener.

Carl was born in Parshall, N.D., on Nov. 11, 1917. He operated grain elevators in Dunkirk and Devon for more than 30 years and also owned farms there.

He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years, and was active in the Masonic Lodge and the Elks Lodge for many years.

Carl will be missed by his family and friends.

Condolences may be posted online at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

TRAVIS KENT WICKUM
Birth: August 3, 1982 – Death: July 4, 2009
Liberty County Times
July 22, 2009

Travis Wickum

Travis Kent Wickum was born August 3, 1982 in Chester, Montana to Nancy and Clifford Wickum. He spent many of his childhood days on the family farm north of Chester. He graduated Joplin-Inverness High School in 2001, the same night his first daughter Leighla was born.

Travis worked at Plum Creek in Columbia Falls for 6 years. In 2003 his daughter Marissa was born and in 2005 his daughter Madisyn arrived. In January 2006 Travis met the love of his life Jessie Diamond and were married December 13, 2007 and made Whitefish, MT their home. Travis was a gentle giant who loved to hunt, fish, snowmobile, hike and shoot bow.

Jessie and Travis were looking forward to her first bow hunt in August. Travis was skilled at fly tying and loved to work on cars but his loving wife and three girls were his world.

Travis is survived by his wife, Jessie, his three daughters, Leighla of Lolo and Marissa and Madisyn of Polson. His parents Nancy and Mitch Hauge of Seeley Lake and Cliff and Helen Wickum of Chester, brother Ryan and wife Melissa of Missoula and brother Roy and his wife Breanna of Seeley Lake, paternal grandparents Roy and Maxine Wickum, 4 nieces and many aunts and uncles.

GERALDINE 'GERRY' (GRUBB) GROSECLOSE WOLFE
Birth: October 27, 1930 - Death: January 10, 2009

Liberty County Times
January 21, 2009



Gerry Wolfe

Gerry Wolfe, age 78, died of natural causes at her Chester home on this past Saturday (January 10, 2009).

Gerry was born October 27, 1930 at Rural Retreat, Virginia and her official birth name was Opal Geraldine Grubb. She was one of five children born to Con Preston Grubb and Neta Blanch King. Gerry grew up in Wythe County, Virginia and received her formal education there, graduating from Rural Retreat High School in 1947.

She married Malcolm Groseclose in 1948. They lived in Virginia until 1954, then moved to Havre (Mt.) where Malcolm was employed on the railroad. Gerry worked diligently as a homemaker and mother of three. She became a widow at age 31 following Malcolm's untimely death in 1961.

The following year Gerry met a Chester area farmer, Delmar Daniel Wolfe. They were married on July 12, 1962 in Sparta, North Carolina. They lived and

worked on Delmar's farm south of Chester during most of their married life. When Delmar retired in 1986, they continued to live in their farm home until 1994 when they moved to Chester. After Delmar passed away on October 6, 2003, Gerry continued to reside in their Chester home. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1972 and was proud to be a cancer survivor for 35+ years. Unfortunately, she suffered from other health problems related to age and arthritis, so has been homebound in recent years. On a positive note, Gerry appreciated her independence and the loving care she received from her family.

In her active years Gerry was a member of the Chester Garden Club and the Chester Lionettes. She was baptized and raised as a Methodist, but transferred to the Lutheran faith following her marriage to Delmar. During their 41 years of married life together, the Wolfes remained best friends and constant companions. They enjoyed bowling, dancing, and attending their grandsons' many school activities and sporting events. They worked together on the farm; of interest is the fact that Gerry actually loved to drive tractor! The Wolfes appreciated their time together and made several memorable trips to the Caribbean, Hawaii, and San Diego. No matter what the event, Gerry always looked good and dressed for the occasion!

Gerry enjoyed many hobbies. She collected pig memorabilia, snow globes, and cookbooks. She loved television, mainly HGTV and Hallmark movies, and she never missed her favorite soap operas, "The Young & the Restless" and "The Bold & the Beautiful!" Gerry enjoyed flower gardening (especially raising beautiful gladiolas) and working in her yard. In her younger years she was an exceptional cook and canner; her family will always remember her wonderful homemade rolls and her delicious chocolate meringue pies! In her later years Gerry looked forward to special baked goods from her children, like rosettes from Ron, coconut cake from Sharon, and French toast and omelets from Linda.

She loved her children and always encouraged them to be independent "free thinkers" and to enjoy life to its fullest. They will miss her dearly.

Gerry was preceded in death not only by her husbands and parents, but also by a grandson (Jason Groseclose), her four siblings/spouses (inc. Ruby/Fred Catron, John Grubb, Elmo/Ethel Grubb, and Warren/Hazel Grubb), and several in-laws (inc. Anna Mae/Albert Hanson, Maxine/Leo Wigen, Dean Wolfe, and Fay Wolfe).

Surviving are her 3 children, Ron (Bev) Groseclose of Hingham, Sharon (Robert) Gomke of Kremlin, and

Linda (Don) Dill of Arlington, Tennessee; 4

grandsons, Jeff Groseclose, Robbie and Jerrad Gomke, and Daniel Dill; and 2 great-grandsons, Jace and Tanner. Also surviving are her extended family (in-laws), Kenneth and Betty Jean Wolfe, Fay Wolfe, Roger Wolfe, and Doris Grubb; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday (Jan. 16th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor Val Metropoulos and Lay Minister Cheryl Muncy officiated. Sharon Spicher served as organist and the congregation sang "Borning Cry". Vocal, Mary Ann Zorn, performed "In the Garden" and "Day by Day." Grandson, Jeff Groseclose, read Psalm 121. Personal remembrances were shared by children Sharon Gomke and Linda/Don Dill. Ushers were Ray Seidlitz and Tom Osterman. Honorary bearers were Gerry's grandsons and friends, Rory Seidlitz, Earl Keith, Pete Schuhmacher, and Donnie Heimbigner. The service ended with Gerry's favorite song, "Unforgettable" (a CD by Natalie and Nat King Cole). Following a reception at the fellowship hall, graveside services with burial of ashes were finalized at the Erickson Cemetery (near the family farm south of Chester). Cremation and arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials were suggested to the Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester.

KENNETH CHARLES WOOD

Birth: October 18, 1942 – Death: November 19, 2009

Havre Daily News

November 24, 2009



Kenneth "Kenny" Wood, age 67, of Copeland, KS passed away at Western Plains Medical Complex, Dodge City, KS. He was surrounded by his family on Thursday November 19, 2009 after a long valiant battle with lung cancer.

Kenny was born in Havre, MT on October 18, 1942, the son of Curtis and Frieda Wood.

Kenny served with the US Army in Vietnam from 1965-1967. He was a member of the local American Legion Post 369 in Copeland, KS. On November 29, 1969 Kenny married Rhea Jo in Great Falls, MT. They had just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this past year. They made their family home in Inverness, Mt and were blessed with three children; daughter Kelly in 1970, son Landon in 1972 and daughter Kodi 1975. In 1981 family moved to Hooker, Ok where Ken was grain elevator manager for Cargill. Later he moved on with ADM in Tyrone, Ok.

Kenny loved to be surrounded by his family and friends. Kenny also enjoyed traveling to Montana to visit family and friends.

Kenny is survived by his loving wife Jo of Copeland, his daughter Kelly and Husband Roscoe of Woodward, OK, son Landon and wife Danielle of Moscow Mills, MO, daughter Kodi and Husband Kevin of Pratt, KS; six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, three step great grandchildren, three sisters Ginny, Dorothy, Margret of Montana, three brothers Clarence of Montana, Louis of Texas, and Richard of Michigan.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents Frieda Wood, Curtis Wood, step mother Rose Wood and sister Florence Wood.

A memorial has been established for Cancer Center of Kansas in Dodge City. Memorials can be mailed to Haskell County Funeral Home-PO Box 607-Sublette, KS 67877.

VIOLET MARGERY 'VI' (HAYTER) WOODS
Birth: January 13, 1910 – Death: March 26, 2009
Liberty County Times
April 1, 2009



Violet Woods

Violet Margery "Vi" Woods was born January 13, 1910 at Vegreville, Alberta, Canada. She was one of six children born to Mary Louise Chiddell and Charles H. Hayter. She received her formal education in Canada, graduating from Vegreville High School in 1928. Vi spent the following year at "normal school" in Camrose, Alberta where she earned a teaching certificate. She accepted a teaching position at the Fairwood School in Warwick, Alberta, a job she enjoyed for three years.

While working in Warwick, Vi met her husband-to-be, William Roscoe Woods. They were married July 6, 1932 at Vegreville. They lived in Canada and began raising their family of three. In 1946 the Woods' moved to Montana to a farm 7 miles northeast of Inverness. In addition to working as a farmwife and homemaker, Vi began teaching 1st and 2nd grades at Inverness in 1950. While teaching, she continued her

personal schooling at Northern Montana College in Havre and eventually earned a B.A. Degree in Education. Vi spent 25 years teaching in the Inverness School system before retiring in 1975.

Vi's husband died in 1959. She continued to live independently on the family farm until age 88. In 1998 she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. During her stay at the rest home, Vi maintained a positive attitude and a "sharp" mind. She died peacefully on this past Thursday morning (March 26, 2009) at age 99.

Vi was a loyal member of the United Methodist Churches in Inverness and Chester. She served as treasurer of the church council at Inverness for several years. After retiring, she held many state and national offices while traveling for the church and she became very active in the Yellowstone Methodist Conference. In addition, Vi was a member of the Eastern Star and volunteered as a Rainbow Girls advisor for several years. She was also active at the Rudyard Senior Center, where she served as past president.

Vi loved to travel. She attended three World Fairs, a church trip to Hawaii, and a cruise to Alaska. She made two memorable trips with her father and sisters – to England in 1963 and to New Zealand in 1981 to visit relatives and explore their ancestry.

In her quiet time at home Vi

enjoyed reading and crocheting. She believed in keeping physically fit and mentally young, so she was an avid exerciser. In nice weather she walked up to 5 miles each day. In poor weather she rode her stationary bike [prior to moving to the rest home, she had logged over 10,000 miles on the bike!]. Vi was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a young son (Barry Woods, who died of meningitis in 1943), 2 brothers (Ralph and Frank Hayter), and 3 sisters (Iris Carveth, Marguerite Tetreau, and Beatrice Henson).

Survivors are 2 sons, William "Bill" Woods (and wife, Sharon) of Rudyard and Walter Woods (and wife, Anne) of Richland, WA; 2 grandchildren, Joanie Moore of Hermiston, OR and Dan Woods of Portland, OR; 4 great-grandchildren, Katie, Kristie, Brittney, and Cody; 1 great-great-grandson, Cole; 1 brother-in-law, Alphonse Tetreau of Vegreville, Alberta; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Monday (March 30th) at the United Methodist Church in Chester. Pastor Dolly Collins officiated. The congregation sang "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and "How Great Thou Art," accompanied by Sharon Woods on the organ and Shirley Boley on the piano. Vocalist, Kama Hamilton Morton, performed "My Life Flows On" and "His Eye is on

the Sparrow." Vi's obituary was read by Joanie Moore. Pallbearers were Greg Woods, Don Han, Ross O'Neil, Richard Fisher, Norbert VanDessel, and Dennis Kenfield. Casey Boley and Dan Woods served as ushers. Honorary bearers were Bob Woods, Tony Jochim, Ken Monilaws, Willie Haaland, Chuck Lineweaver, Dr. Richard Buker Jr., Dennis Anderson, and Terry Stevenson. A luncheon followed at the church. Graveside services were 2:00 p.m. at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials may be given to the Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester or donor's choice...

SARAH J. WURZ
Birth: April 12, 1927 – Death: August 23, 2009
Liberty County Times
August 26, 2009

Sarah Wurz

Sarah J. Wurz was born April 12, 1927 at the Old Elm Springs Colony near Milltown, South Dakota. Her parents were Jacob Wurz and Elizabeth Wipf. When she was two years old, the family moved to Alberta, Canada where Sarah spent her adolescent years at the Elm Springs Colony. They eventually moved to Sunnyside Colony near Warner, Alberta.

Sarah married John A. Wurz on November 18, 1948. They moved to the Hillside Colony near Sweetgrass, Mt. in 1950, then to the Rimrock Colony near Sunburst in 1963. In addition to raising a family of seven, Sarah worked diligently as head cook at the colony. In 1982 the Wurz's moved to Eagle Creek Colony north of Lothair, where Sarah continued to serve as head cook until her retirement.

Her health began to fail this past year. During that time she had heart surgery and other ailments. On Thursday (August 20th) Sarah suffered a stroke at home. She was admitted to the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, where she died peacefully on Sunday morning (August 23, 2009). She was 82 years old.

Sarah's hobbies included cooking, gardening, sewing, and reading. Throughout her life she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend...

She was preceded in death by her parents and several siblings.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, John A.

Wurz of Eagle Creek Colony; 5 sons, John, William, Elias, Danial, and Andrew Wurz, all of Eagle Creek; 2 daughters, Sarah Wurz and Barbara Hofer, both of Eagle Creek; 18 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Michael and Peter Wurz, both of Rimrock Colony; 5 sisters, Katie Hofer of Rimrock Colony, Rebecca, Margaret, and Rachel Wurz, all of Hillside Colony, and Lydia Waldner of Kyle Colony in Kyle, Saskatchewan; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were noon

Tuesday (August 25th) at the Eagle Creek Colony Church. Burial followed at the Eagle Creek Colony Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

MARLENE (DOLLIVER) ZORN
Born: April 17, 1935 - Died: July 21, 2009
Great Falls Tribune
July 23, 2009

Marlene Zorn

KALISPELL — Marlene (Dolliver) Zorn, 74, died Tuesday in Kalispell, of complications from Parkinson's disease and dementia.



Zorn

Visitation is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Her memorial service is 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Marlene was born April 17, 1935, in Conrad, Mont. She grew up in Conrad, graduating from Conrad High School in 1953. In 1954, she was elected to the office of Grand Worthy Advisor for the state of Montana Order of Rainbow for Girls. In 1955, she earned her teaching certificate from Northern Montana College in Havre, where she met fellow educator Dale Zorn, whom she married in 1956.

She received her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Montana in 1969 and her master's degree in education from Concordia College in Chicago, Ill. Marlene was an active member of Eastern Star and served as the Worthy Matron in Shelby, Mont.

She was a talented and respected educator and mentor. She taught elementary school in Hinsdale, Superior, St. Regis,

Kevin and Cut Bank, Mont., as well as Itasca, Ill. She also served as principal in Cut Bank and Choteau, Mont.

Marlene enjoyed being with her family, quilting and her flower gardens. She was a loving wife and mother, and brought joy into the lives of those around her. She was very active in the communities in which she lived, and everyone who knew Marlene held her in the highest regard. A giving friend and colleague, her integrity and commitment to others made her a wonderful role model.

She is survived by her husband Dale; two daughters, Leanne (Kevin) Roberts and Wendy (Brian) Ihde; two sons, Dan (Anne Marie) Zorn and Bob (Shery) Zorn; 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; a sister, Jeanne (Marv) Kildahl; two brothers, Dick (Betty) Dolliver and Bob (Pat) Dolliver; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Hazel Dolliver; and her brother Don Dolliver.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Home Options Hospice c/o The Northwest Healthcare Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901, www.nwhc.org/foundation.

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