

BRET ALLEN AKLESTAD
Born: November 18, 1965 - Died: May 31, 2013
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Bret Aklestad

Bret Allen Aklestad, 47, passed away Friday, May 31, 2013, in Seaside, Ore.

Bret was born on Nov. 18, 1965, in Chester to Lyle and Loretta (Fritz) Aklestad.



Bret was raised on the family farm at Sweetgrass. He was a hard worker, enjoying mechanics, driving truck and tractors and farm life. He attended Sunburst schools and graduated in 1984. Bret was good at sports, playing on the basketball team and football team, and then going to the lake house in Bigfork to enjoy waterskiing and having fun at the lake.

After graduation, he attended upholstery school in Portland. Bret upholstered for Automotive Upholstery Shops in Portland and Minneapolis. It was in Minneapolis where he met Diane Mazurek and their beautiful daughter, Isabel, was born on May 5, 1998. He was always a proud father.

Bret last worked at Beaverton, Ore., where he was

known as an accomplished upholsterer and hard worker.

Bret is survived by his parents, Lyle and Loretta Aklestad of Bigfork; his daughter, Isabel Aklestad, of Royal Oak, Mich.; grandmother, Lillie Fritz, of Chester; stepgrandfather, Jerry Schreck, of Kalispell; sister, Debra Ianniello, of Pembroke Pines, Fla.; as well uncles, Gary Aklestad, Errol Fritz and Doug Aklestad; aunt, Elaine Keister; nephew, Michal Ianniello; niece, Nicole Ianniello; and lots of cousins.

He was preceded in death

by his grandfathers, Leonard Fritz and Carl Aklestad, and grandmother Helen Aklestad Schreck.

A memorial graveside service with interment of ashes was held June 15 at Bigfork Cemetery.

CLAUDETTE MARIE (MEYER) ALEX
Born: February 21, 1915 – Died: December 8, 2013
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Claudette Alex

February 15th, 1995. Claudette continued to live independently until age 95, when she fell & fractured a hip. Following rehab she moved to the Wheat Country Estates (assisted-living facility in Chester). Several months later she transferred to the Liberty Medical Center for extended care. She died peacefully at the Chester nursing home on the afternoon of Sunday (December 8th, 2013). She was 98 years old.

Claudette was baptized & confirmed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness and remained a lifelong member. She played the church organ for many years and sang in the church choir until age 92. She was also active in the Altar Society until age 94. In addition she was a loyal member of the Inverness Birthday Club.

Claudette loved her life as a mother & grandmother. For many years she designed & sewed clothing items for her girls. She was an avid fan of their school events, especially high school basketball. She enjoyed summer activities with her family at their Swan Lake cabin. Claudette was an excellent cook and always prepared wonderful noon dinners. And there were always freshly baked cookies at her home everyday for the grandkids after school.

Claudette & Glen liked to bowl

& dance in those early years. They were actually "home bodies", but did enjoy travelling to Las Vegas with friends each year. While there Claudette loved to play the penny poker machines! Before Glen's death, they made a trip to Hawaii and went on a memorable cruise. In her quiet time at home, Claudette loved to read romance novels. She kept herself fit by walking three miles each day – an exercise she did until age 94!

Those who knew Claudette will remember her as a "classy lady". Her natural beauty & personality was always accented with impeccable hairdo, makeup, clothing, & jewelry. She always looked good!

Claudette was preceded in death not only by her husband & parents, but also by a daughter (Doral Anderson in 2013), two infant children; and her 7 siblings (Donald Meyer, LaVerne McFadden, Ione Kraft, Alda Meyer, Adelaide Meyer, Inez Meyer, and Eileen Han).

Survivors are her 4 daughters, Purnee Altman of Great Falls, Arlita (Ken) Fenner of Deer Lodge, Leota (Don) Hansen of Rudyard, and Dana (Jan) Phillips of Inverness; son-in-law, Darwin Anderson of Rudyard; 15 grandchildren (inc. Darwyne, Darcy, Deena, & Dexter; Gwen, Mindy, & Hallie; Jody & Kari; Taryn, Haven, Kaleb, & Karnell; and Brandon & Lindsay); 28 great-grandchildren; and numer-

ous nieces & nephews.

Vigil Prayers will be 7:00 p.m. Friday (Dec. 20th) at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. Funeral Mass will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the church. Father Joseph Diekhans will celebrate the Mass. Christy Fossen will serve as organist and Sacred Heart choir will sing selected hymns. Vocalist, Katelyn Hansen, will perform "Amazing Grace". Scripture readers will be Kari Hansen, Jody Hansen, & Mindy Miller. The eulogy will be shared by Jan Phillips. Greeters will be Brandon Anderson & Jody Hansen, and Altar server will be Mike Wendland. Claudette's grandchildren will present the communion gifts and Carol Fraser will assist as Eucharistic Minister. Pallbearers will be Ken Fenner, Don Hansen, Jan Phillips, Darwin Anderson, Dexter Cady, and Kaleb Phillips. Following burial at the Inverness Cemetery, a reception will be held at the church. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials may be offered to the "Keyboard Fund" at Sacred Heart Church, the Liberty County Nursing Home, or donor's choice...

Claudette Marie (Meyer) Alex was born February 21st, 1915 at St. Joe, Minnesota. She was one of eight children born to Rose Elizabeth Pfannenstien and Michael Leo Meyer. Claudette grew up on the family homestead near Inverness, where she received her formal education. She was a member of the very first graduating class of Inverness High School – the Class of 1932. The following year she attended beauty school in Melrose, Minnesota.

Claudette married Glen Leroy "Snuffy" Alex on October 11th, 1935 in Hingham. During those early married years, Claudette cut hair and gave permanents to many local ladies in her home. Before long she was busy working as a farm wife, homemaker, & mother of five daughters. The Alex's made their home in Inverness and farmed until their retirement in 1995. They were married 59 years when Glen died on

DAVID PROSPER ANDERSON
Born: August 13, 1937 – Died: July 31, 2013
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David Anderson

David Prosper Anderson was born August 13th, 1937 in Havre, Mt. He was the only son of two children born to Prosper and Hazel (Olson) Anderson. David grew up and received his formal education in Joplin, graduating from J.H.S. in 1955. During his high school years he was a proud member of the Joplin Bulldogs basketball team. David continued his education at Northern Montana College in Havre, where he majored in Ag studies.

On December 16th, 1958 he married Carol Boucher in Shelby. They lived in Joplin where David worked for Hi-Line Equipment in implement set-up & delivery. In 1959 he enlisted in the Air National Guard and served as a Staff Sergeant in the motor pool at Gore Hill in Great Falls. In addition he worked for various area farmers. Following

the flood of 1964, David took a job with the U. S. Forest Service where he built trails near Augusta. After his 6-year duty with the Guard, he received his honorable discharge in 1965. That same year he leased the Norman Knutsor place south of Rudyard, where he farmed & ranched for the next 20 years. The Anderson's raised a family of 3 sons before their marriage ended in 1983. David continued to work in farming throughout the Hi-Line until he finally retired in 2002. He made his home in Joplin.

David's health had slowly declined the past ten years. He died quietly at his home on this past Wednesday evening (July 31st, 2013). He was 75 years old.

David was baptized & confirmed and a life member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. In his early days he was active in the Rudyard Jaycees and enjoyed his membership in local Saddle & Team-Roping clubs. He loved rodeos and participated in several local events. In addition he loved to help with local brandings, where he was often asked to heel calves.

In his younger days David enjoyed hunting. He was a lifelong lover of old western movies and country western music (his favorite singer was Marty Robbins).

David will be

remembered as a Montana cowboy through-&-through – everything from his boots to his western shirts & jeans to his belt buckles to his cowboy hats. He didn't just dress & play the part, he had that natural swagger that defined him as a cowboy!

He is survived by his 3 sons & spouses, Brad & Bonnie Anderson of Rudyard, Todd & Ellarae Anderson of Billings, and Jay & Tammie Anderson of Wright, WY; 8 grandchildren, Logan, Haylee, Kate (Matt), Grace, Nollee, Wyatt, Garrett, & Clara; his sister, Mary Jane (Kent) Meldrum of Forestville, CA; 2 nephews, Darwyn & Greg Meldrum; and 1 niece, Joni Schmidt. David was preceded in death by his parents, Prosper & Hazel.

A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (Aug. 6th) at the Bethel Church in Joplin. Pastor Will Anderson officiated. Pianist, Christy Fossen, accompanied the congregation, who sang "How Great Thou Art". Vocalist, Terry Stevenson, performed "In the Garden". The obituary was read by Logan Anderson and the scriptures were read by Bonnie Anderson. Ushers were Larry Olson & Sandy Anderson. Dave's ashes were buried in the family plot in the Joplin Cemetery, where military taps were played and the flag was presented to the family. A reception followed at Kjos Hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

DAVID PROSPER ANDERSON

BORN: August 13, 1937 in Havre, Mt.

DIED: July 31, 2013 in Joplin, Montana

AGE: 75 years ... 11 months ... 13 days

Headin' In

*Some fellers favor sunup -
just before their day begins,
While others favor eve'nin -
when their day is at an end.*



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*But this old cowboy's dif'rent - it's the way I've always been,
Cause the time that gets me smilin' - is the time for headin' in.*

*With a day of work behind me - and before the sunset ends,
It's a quiet and peaceful feelin' - on the trail while headin' in.*

*There's a breeze that often comes up - as a warm, southwestern wind,
And a glow across the prairie - as I'm slowly headin' in.*

*Above a hawk is wheelin' - swoopin' down then up again,
As if he wants one final look - 'fore he too is headin' in.*

*My saddle pal don't say much - but he tells me with a grin,
He feels about the same as me - with our ponies headin' in.*

*Someday this'll all be over - just the prairie, grass and wind,
I hope He'll let me pass this way - when it's time for headin' in.*

MEMORIAL SERVICES: 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (Aug. 6th, 2013) at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin, Montana

OFFICIANT: Pastor Will Anderson

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Bonnie & Grace Anderson

OBITUARY READING: Logan Anderson

PIANIST: Christy Fossen

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "How Great Thou Art"

VOCALIST: Terry Stevenson


VOCAL TRIBUTE: "In the Garden"

USHERS: Larry Olson and Sandy Anderson

CLOSING MUSIC: Marty Robbins tape . . .

"The Strawberry Roan" and "Big Iron"

BURIAL OF ASHES: Joplin Cemetery

MILITARY RITES: "Taps" and flag presentation... 

RECEPTION: To follow in Kjos Hall at the church...

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester

DAVID'S FAMILY: 3 sons, Brad/Bonnie, Todd/Ellarae, & Jay/Tammie; 8 grandchildren, Logan, Haylee, Kate, Grace, Nolee, Wyatt, Garrett, & Clara; 1 sister, Mary Jane; and several nephews & nieces...

DORAL ANNE (ALEX) ANDERSON
Born: July 25, 1955 – Died: March 5, 2013
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Doral Anderson

Doral Anne (Alex) Anderson was born July 25th, 1955 to Claudette Meyer and Glen Alex; she was the youngest of five girls. She was baptized and confirmed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. Doral attended 12 years of school in Inverness where she participated in basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, track, bowling, and music. Her love of music provided an opportunity for her to travel to Germany, Switzerland, & Italy during her high school years. After graduation in 1973, Doral attended the University of Montana in Missoula for 4 years, earning a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. During her college years she excelled

in bowling as a member of the U. of M. bowling team. After graduating she moved to Swan Lake, where she was fortunate to be able to walk across the road from her home to pursue her career – teaching grades 4 through 6 in a two-room school. At the end of the day she walked back across that road to enjoy what she really loved – Swan Lake.

On December 11th, 1982 Doral married her high school sweetheart, Darwin L. Anderson, at the Cedar Bay Lodge in Swan Lake. Together they moved to Rudyard to run the Anderson family farm. Doral accepted a second grade teaching position at Blue Sky Elementary. Doral and Darwin lived at the farm and raised a family two – Brandon Tyler and Lindsay Joel.

During these years Doral enthusiastically participated in many activities. Among these were softball, bowling, water skiing, snow-skiing and successfully growing a big garden. She RARELY (as in NEVER) turned down a chance for a “girls only trip”, be it to Vegas, Tiber, Swan or where ever.

On the farm she couldn't be kept off the riding lawn mower. AND you had better make sure you stayed out of her way!!! She also made

sure that SHE drove the combine at harvest time. Doral was an awesome cook and baker; some of her specialties included spaghetti, cinnamon rolls, homemade syrup for pancakes, and her delicious baked beans. She made special cakes for birthdays: German Chocolate for Darwin & Lindsay's and Red Velvet for Brandon & Doral's – these cakes always tasted SO good!

Doral was raised a Catholic woman. She faithfully attended Mass and put her heart into singing in the choir and being a member of the Sacred Heart Circle. Doral had a very powerful and beautiful voice. She loved to sing, especially “sing alongs” with Neil Diamond. She also enjoyed singing with her friends in the Hi-Line Choir each Christmas and at other events throughout the years.

It's no surprise that Swan Lake was Doral's favorite getaway. She spent many summers there with her mother and her children. At the lake she took the mandatory walk every morning with Claudette, spent the days lying by the lake or water skiing, and ending every evening with a campfire. Each day, no matter what the weather conditions, when one o'clock rolled around, it was time to take a break inside – to

watch “Days of Our Lives” on television. How she LOVED that show!

As a mother she was always supportive of her children, taking an interest in all their activities, especially sports. She was quite the sideline referee as all her friends can confirm.

When the kids were in college the Anderson family enjoyed a trip to Hawaii together. It was Doral's dream vacation – being able to sit on the beach and swim in the ocean. To Doral: “Heaven's a big body of water”!

Doral lived life to the fullest. Always ready for fun, her contagious laugh could light up a room. She put her whole heart into loving her family.

In the fall of 2004 Doral was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. She continued to live at home with Darwin's loving care until 2012. That year, after breaking her wrist, she moved to Liberty Medical Center in Chester where she received continuous care. Doral passed away at the rest home on Tuesday evening (March 5th, 2013) in the presence of her loving family. She was 57 years young...

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Darwin Anderson of Rudyard; son, Brandon Anderson of Billings; daughter, Lindsay An-

erson of Helena; mother, Claudette Alex of Chester; 4 sisters, Purnee Altman of Great Falls, Arlita Fenner of Deer Lodge, Leota Hansen of Rudyard, and Dana Phillips of Inverness; and numerous nephews, nieces, & cousins. She was preceded in death by 2 infant siblings and her father (Glen in 1995).

May the blessing of Almighty God be added to the memory of our beloved Doral Anne Anderson.

Memorial Mass was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday (March 9th) Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. Father Joseph Diekhans officiated. Scripture readings were shared by Jan Phillips & Kirsten Kammerzell. Greeters were Toni Knapton & Kaleb Phillips. Altar server was Terry Hybner. Selected music included "Holly Holy" & "Sweet Caroline", performed by Neil Diamond (taped), Sacred Heart Choir, and other musical friends from the Hi-Line. A vocal tribute by Leota & Katelyn Hansen was "Amazing Grace", accompanied by Sharon Spicher on the organ. Doral's obituary was read by Lynn Hybner, a personal letter & poem (from Lori Lawrence) was read by

family remembrances were shared by Leota Hansen. Friends serving as honorary bearers included Twyla Anderson, Carol Bangs, Lynn Hybner, Tracy Wendland, Glenda Pester, Lori Lawrence, and Elizabeth Campbell. A reception followed at the Holy Family Youth Center in Rudyard, where family & friends enjoyed a power-point presentation of Doral's life.

Arrangements & cremation were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. This summer Doral's ashes will be scattered at Swan Lake and buried in the Alex family plot at the Inverness Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be offered to the Liberty Medical Center, where she received loving care this past year.

Carol Bangs, and

BARBARA ALICE (STANDIFORD) BACKEN
Born: August 19, 1917 – Died: May 3, 2013
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Barbara Backen

Barbara Alice (Standiford)

Backen, affectionately known as "Bobbie" to her family and friends, was born August 19, 1917 on the family homestead northeast of Lothair, Montana. She was the youngest of five children born to John and Nellie (Melvin) Standiford. Barbara grew up on the farm and received her early education at the Lothair School. She completed her secondary education in Chester, where she graduated from C.H.S. in 1935.

She fell in love with a young man from North Dakota, Kenneth Theodore Backen, who had come to work in the wheat

fields of north central Montana. They were married on August 4, 1937. The couple made their home in the Lothair community, where they farmed and raised a family of four. They retired from farming in 1985 and continued to live independently until 2005, when they moved to the Wheat Country Estates in Chester. The Backens were married just shy of 70 years when Kenneth died on March 31, 2007. Barbara remained at the W.C.E. until a recent illness took her to the Liberty Medical Center. She died at the Chester nursing

facility on Friday afternoon (May 3, 2013) at the age of 95 years.

Barbara's hobbies included gardening, reading, bird-watching, and needlework. In addition she was a good cook and she loved cats. The Backens enjoyed RV'ing during their retirement years.

Barbara was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by 4 siblings (Beulah Wickum, Glen Standiford, June McDowell, and Gordon Standiford).

She is survived by her 4 children, Loretta Lyders of Ches-

ter, Carol Hainline-Schulze (and husband, Bill) of Des Moines, WA, Susan Bussert (and husband, Leroy) of Grandview, WA, and Steven Backen (and wife, Linda) of Lothair; 5 grandchildren (inc. Martin, Tierney, Mike, Ross, and Joe); 12 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Barbara was buried at the Lothair Cemetery on Tuesday (May 7th). A private family memorial service followed at the Backen home in Lothair. Pastor Grahame Nicolson conducted the services and was as-

sisted by his wife (Karen), who provided musical ministry. The services concluded with a luncheon. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester.

VERA MARIE 'PAT' (CAMPBELL) BERG
Born: September 3, 1911 – Died: January 31, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
February 3, 2013

Vera Marie Berg

KREMLIN — Vera "Pat" Marie (Campbell) Berg, 101, died of natural causes Thursday, Jan. 31, at a Havre care center.

Service is 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 6, at First Lutheran Church in Havre, with burial in Highland Cemetery. Holland & Bonnie Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



Pat was born on Sept. 3, 1911, in Shrewsbury Township, Pa., to Joseph Campbell and Ermina Snell. She was the first of two daughters.

The family lived in Mar Glen, Pa., until her father bought a jewelry store in Ralston, Pa., in 1918.

Her mother died in early 1919 when Pat was only 7, likely a victim of the Spanish Flu Pandemic.

Pat finished her eighth-grade year in Proctor, Pa. She started her freshman year of high school, but instead of finishing school, she moved to Williamsport, Pa., to get a job.

While waitressing, she met her first husband, Wesley Bohart. They had one child, Sarah.

In 1932, the couple hitchhiked to Havre to follow Pat's father and his brother, George Campbell, who had homesteaded north of Havre. The couple had less than \$5 in their pockets and only the clothes on their back. The Great Depression had hit the country hard, and they were in search of a better life. After being in Havre a month, Wesley went back to Pennsylvania and the two divorced.

In 1934, Pat married Clayton Jolly. They owned a dance pavilion at Sandy Creek, just north of Highway 2, and had two daughters, Marlene and Shirley.

In 1936, the dance pavilion and attached home burned to the ground, so the family moved to Kremlin where they again ran a bar. Pat helped run the bar until their marriage failed. In 1941, after the United States entered World War II, Pat moved back to Pennsylvania where she became a "Rosie the Riveter."

Pat worked on an assem-

bly line in an airplane factory, building airplane engines. She later worked civil service for the government and was transferred to Meriden, Conn., to be an inspector in a ball-bearing factory, and later still to inspect airplane parts in a factory in New Castle, Del.

In October of 1945, Arthur Berg, whom she had met in Kremlin and had been corresponding with during the war, came back from Europe where he had been stationed. They were married and returned to the Berg family homestead in Kremlin. They made their home in the house Art was born in.

In 1976, Art and Pat incorporated farms with their daughter, Marlene and son-in-law, Charles Melby. Art and Pat continued to farm until they moved into Northern Montana Care Center in June 2008.

Pat was a strong Christian and an active member of the Kremlin Lutheran Church, the church women's group and the quilting circle. She loved to make ceramics, sew, knit and crochet. She enjoyed following her grandchildren

and great-grandchildren's activities and sports, attending basketball games well into her 90s.

She had a playful, even mischievous, personality, and was gracious and kind to everyone.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 66 years; sister, Velma Campbell; sons-in-law, Charles Melby and Gene Montgomery; and a great-grandson, Joshua Rambo.

She is survived by her three daughters, Sarah Montgomery of Williamsport, Pa., Marlene Melby of Kremlin and Shirley Watte of Warburg, Alberta; sisters-in-law, Delores Berg of Kremlin, Margaret Throckmorton of Great Falls and Margaret Berg of Bozeman; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials in Pat's honor may be made to the Kremlin Lutheran Church or the Northern Montana Care Center Activity Fund.

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

THELMA SYLVIA BISSERTT
Born: October 10, 1916 – February 17, 2013
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Thelma Bissertt

October 10, 1916 to February 17, 2013

Born Thelma Sylvia Madslangrud in 1916 to Norwegian immigrant parents Anne and Thorvald Madslangrud on a homestead farm 5 miles north of Chester, Montana. In 1920 she moved with her parents and siblings to a dairy farm that they purchased in Lewistown Montana. In 1929 her father Thorvald tragically died from a fall off of the dairy barn he was building. It was the Great Depression and like many families, they struggled to make ends meet. Thelma being the second oldest, was delegated to taking care of the 4 younger children as her mother worked the farm.

In 1932 Thelma with her family moved to Glasgow, Montana where the Fort Peck Dam was under construction. There her mother bought a large home and opened a Boarding House. When World War II broke out, Thelma and a couple of her girlfriends moved to Los Angeles to work at the Lockheed Aircraft Factory there. She was an original "Rosie the Riveter" installing pilot seats into bombers and fighters. It was during this time she met her first husband Glen Good and they were married just before he joined the Army and went to Europe. Glen made it through the war but was wounded three times earning one Silver and two Bronze Stars for bravery only to be killed in a car accident outside of Wallace, Idaho just a couple of years after the war. Thelma was also injured.

In 1951 she met and married Bill Bissertt. They first lived in Billings and then Great Falls for a little while as Bill was a sales representative for the Sherwin Williams Paint Company. They settled into Conrad Montana in 1955 where they purchased the Marias Hotel. For forty some years Thelma ran both the hotel and a profitable beauty salon. In 1958 Bill and Thelma adopted a young girl named Sheila who was 7 at the time.

In 1992 Thelma and Bill retired and moved to Kalispell to be close to relatives and lived for a short while with sister-in-law Coral and Dave Fyall before moving into their own home. Bill later became

ill and moved into the Veterans Home for care at Columbia Falls where he later passed away in 1999. Thelma moved into Kalispell's Brendan House in 2006 where she received much loving care from her two nieces Renae Solum and Neoma Anderson and the many wonderful nurses and care providers there. Thelma was quite a good artist and oil painter. She also enjoyed antique collecting and refinishing classic old furniture. Throughout her life Thelma was a God loving woman who exemplified what is to be known as "The Greatest Generation". She survived many historical challenges and personal heartaches with courage and a smile. She once said that she was so blessed to have so many good people caring for her. Truthfully, it was really us who were blessed to have such a wonderful woman in our lives to care for.

Thelma is survived by her daughter Sheila and husband Paul Renner of Spokane, 4 grand-children and 6 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren, 11 nieces and nephews, sister in-law Coral (formally Rude) Fyall of Kalispell and brother in-law Al Ploss of Mesa, Arizona. She is preceded in death by her parents Anne and Thorvald, 5 siblings... Norma Dunn, Elmer Rude, Edna Darroch, Kenneth Rude and Ina Ploss.

Thelma has asked to be interred next to her first husband Glenn Good in Coeur d'Alene. Memorial services there will be announced at a later date. For more information contact: darroch@com-cast.net

JAMES G. BLISS
Born: October 11, 1948 – Died: October 19, 2013
Havre Daily News
October 25, 2013

James G. Bliss

BOW, N.H. — James G. Bliss, 65, of Bow passed away Oct. 19, 2013, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Manchester after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Helena, Mont. on Oct. 11, 1948, the son of Inga (Blockus) Bliss and raised in Gildford, Mont. He was a graduate of Gildford High School and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam and was later stationed at The Army Recruiting Station in Manchester.

James met his future wife

Elaine Guimond while stationed in Manchester. They were wed and shared 43 years of marriage.



James G. Bliss



He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service and was active with various veterans organizations. He enjoyed traveling with his wife. He cherished his family and was very involved with his grandchildren and their sporting events.

Family members include his wife, Elaine Bliss of Bow; a daughter, Sheli Bliss of Manchester; a son, Kenneth Bliss of Bow; a granddaughter, Saara Bliss of Bow; a grandson, Andrew Bliss of Bow; and a sister, Susan Bliss of Ogden, Utah. He was prede-

ceased by a brother Jerry Bliss.

We would like to thank the staff at Concord, N.H. Hospice and the doctors and nurses at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for the care he received.

Funeral services were held in Manchester N.H. on Oct. 23, 2013. Interment with full military honors was in the N.H. Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen., N.H. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Manchester Vet Center, 1461 Hooksett Rd. Hooksett, N.H. 03106. Condolences may be offered at <http://www.mchugh-funeralhome.com>.

MARTIN (MARTY) BORLAUG
Born: July 27, 1950 – Died: August 5, 2013
Havre Daily News
August 14, 2013

Martin (Marty) Borlaug

Martin (Marty) Borlaug, passed away on Aug. 5, 2013, at the Veterans Home in Buffalo, Wyo. Martin, son of George and Clara (Christensen) Borlaug, was born on July 27, 1950, in Havre.



**Martin (Marty)
Borlaug**



He grew up south of Gildford and attended school in Gildford graduating in 1968. He then attended Northern Montana College and joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Clara Borlaug; and sister, Selma (Ole) Shelstad of Cottage Grove, Minn. He is survived by his brother, Bud (Mary Jane) Borlaug of Havre; sister, Sonya (Hap) VandeSandt of Gildford; and two nieces and five nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. on Aug. 31, 2013, at Highland Cemetery in Havre.

ROBERT 'DUANE' BRACKEN
Age: 72 – Died: March 22, 2013
Liberty County Times
July 24, 2013

Robert Bracken

"Robert "Duane" Bracken, 72, of Somers, Montana passed away peacefully at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls on Friday, March 22, 2013. There will be a Remembrance Gathering on **Saturday, July 27th at Spud's Cafe in Chester** at 1:00 p.m. to celebrate Duane's life, after the scattering of his ashes on the family farm."

KATHERINE JEAN (LANGEL) BRANDT
Born: January 24, 1933 – Died: February 6, 2013

Liberty County Times
February 13, 2013



Katherine Brandt

Katherine Jean (Langel) Brandt, age 80, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday (February 6th, 2013).

"Jeanie", as she was affectionately called by her family, was born January 24, 1933 at the homestead north of Rudyard, the sixth of ten children of Helen McCann and Arnold "A.C." Langel. She received her early education at the Goldstone School north of the family farm. To attend high school, she moved in to Rudyard and lived at the Grand Hotel. She graduated from Rudyard High School in 1951. Her got her first job at the telephone office in Rudyard.

While attending a local dance, she met Robert Brandt. They were married September 28, 1952 at the Goldstone Church. When their second child was born, they moved to the Brandt farm, located between Hingham and Rudyard.

Katherine spent most of her life as a homemaker with seven children to keep her more than busy besides helping with farm-

work. Robert became the rural mail carrier for the north & south Rudyard routes in 1963. After his health failed, Katherine continued those mail routes along with her son, Darryn, for many more years. In addition she worked part time as a postal clerk in Hingham. She took classes from H&R Block and worked for them for awhile in the late 1970's. The Brandt's also served as caretakers for the Rudyard Cemetery for several years. Katherine took over the J-&J Grocery Store in Rudyard and they moved into town in the early 1990's. Robert passed away in 1996, just a few weeks before their 44th wedding anniversary.

The Brandt's were members

of Hingham Lutheran Church for many years. Katherine was involved in the Koininia Circle and the activities of the women's group. She taught Sunday School and was the church secretary for a time. After giving up driving, she transferred her membership to New Beginnings Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

Most of Katherine's world revolved around her children and especially her beloved grandchildren. She was always excited to see them or hear from them and was proud of any of their accomplishments. She followed Chris and Ryan's sporting events faithfully. Her last big trip was to Lakeside to attend the wedding of her granddaughter, Lindsey. She loved to sew and enjoyed making jean quilts for graduates. She sewed clothes, inc. doll clothes, and was very talented at crocheting. She loved to read "romances", work crossword & jigsaw puzzles, and watch movies (especially those on the Lifetime and Hallmark channels)

Special thanks to all those who helped care for her the last couple of years in her failing health, especially Stan & Willie, Dale Wendland,

Yvette & Rick Shanklin, Will & Susan Anderson, Taiffy & Dakota from the café, and many more of her friends from around town.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday (Feb. 11th) at the New Beginnings Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Pastor Will Anderson officiating. Organist, Sharon Spichter, played four congregational hymns, inc. "Beautiful Savior", "Precious Lord, Take My Hand", "In the Garden", & "Amazing Grace". Scriptures & memories were shared by daughter, Marilyn, and the obituary was read by son, Gary. Pallbearers & ushers were Todd, Bill, Dennis, & Albert Langel; Doug & Les Kaercher; David Phifer; Loren Brandt; Dale Wendland; and Kurt Pehl. Following burial in the Rudyard Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials may be given to the Rudyard Ambulance Service (Box 111, Rudyard 59540) or to

Katherine is survived by six children, Marilyn (Bill) Henry of Havre, Robert, Jr. "Bob" Brandt of Clinton, Clyde (Toni) Brandt of Havre, Gary Brandt and Jim (Theresa) Brandt, both of Sun Prairie, and Karen (Dave) Watson of south Joplin; 10 grandchildren, Lindsey (Jim) Bennett of Durham, NC, Keelie Brandt of Havre, Chris & Ryan Brandt of Missoula, Misty (Jim) Anderson of Odgen, Utah, Edwin (Kaitlyn) Torres of Great Falls, Zachary & Tyler Brandt of Sun Prairie, and Samantha & Topanga Watson of Joplin; 1 great-grandson, Jensen Anderson of Ogden, Utah; 1 brother, Stanley (Willie) Langel of Rudyard; 2 sisters, Audrey (Lloyd) Kaercher of Havre and Lucille Miller of Salem, OR; 3 sisters-in-law, Ruby Langel of Missoula, JoAnn Langel of Havre, and Alberta Langel of Billings; as well as numerous nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her husband (Bob); son (Darryn); granddaughter (Rebecca Henry); her parents; 4 brothers (Duane, Bud, Richard & Gerry); and 2 sisters, (Lillian & Dorothy).

WILLIAM CLAYTON 'CLAY' BRIDEN
Born: June 18, 1934 – Died: July 30, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
August 2, 2013

William Clayton 'Clay' Briden



VALIER—William C. (Clayton) Briden, Jr, 79, a retired GM Dealer died July 30, 2013, at the Benefis Peace Hospice of natural causes.

Services will be Monday (Aug. 5) at 2:00 p.m. at the Valier United Methodist Church with Pastor Dolly Collins officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Whitted Funeral Chapel.

Clayton was born on June 18, 1934, in Valier to William C. (Clayton) Sr. and Annie Kowcun Briden. He was educated in Valier and graduated in 1952. He entered the auto business in 1952 and retired in 1993. He was very active in the Valier community, serving on the bank board, school board, airport board, volunteer fire department, volunteer ambulance, and community club. He also was involved with the Montana Auto Dealers Association,

Triangle Dealers Association, and was an avid pilot.

Clayton and Myrna Mozer were married in June, 1953. To this union three children were born, Brett, Toni Ann and Keith. Clayton and Myrna later divorced. In 1995, Clayton married Sue Norsby Welker. They moved to Great Falls where they resided until his death.

Survivors include his wife, Sue, of Great Falls, son Keith of Valier, brothers James (Julie) of Chester and Jack (Pat) Woods of San Diego. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Rod Welker of Cut Bank, Keri (Jake) Yates of Billings, Jami (Scott) Laird of Cut Bank, Jon Welker of Lewistown, Lisa (Dennis) Gerke of Belt and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Clayton was preceded in death by his parents, his son Brett, his daughter Toni Ann, brother Tom Briden, and 3 half-brothers and 3 half-sisters and his loving German Shepherd Meisha.

Condolences may be made online at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com

RONALD GEORGE BROCKWAY
Born: January 11, 1926 – Died: April 7, 2013
Liberty County Times
April 17, 2013



Ron Brockway

Ronald George Brockway, age 87, long-time resident of Anchorage, Alaska, passed away peacefully on Sunday (April 7th, 2013) in Anchorage surrounded by his loving family.

Ron was born January 11th, 1926 in Fairview, Montana, the eldest of six children of Arden and Velma Brockway. He attended country school in the area, moved to Sidney, MT., and graduated from Sidney High School in 1944. In 1950 he was inducted into the U. S. Army (11th Battalion, Battery "C") near the start of the Korean Conflict and served in Austria. Following his honorable discharge, Ron returned to Montana and attended the University of Montana at Missoula (1953 - 1957) on the G.I. Bill. He earned a B.A. degree with a major in geology. While at the University, he met Mary Ann Kocar of Hingham, Montana, and they married on November 23rd, 1957.

After graduation Ron was employed as a geologist by Sinclair Oil & Gas Company in Billings, MT. He worked for PUMO, a company that drilled core holes for missile sites in Montana. Later, while employed by American Stratigraphic Co. (Amstrat), he worked in Billings, Casper, and Denver. In 1967 Ron transferred to Anchorage to manage the Amstrat company office. His career with Amstrat spanned 29 years, during which time his main responsibilities were analyzing samples and preparing logs for over 500 exploratory wells in Alaska. He also worked on the North Slope as a well-site geologist. He retired in 1989 and continued to live in Anchorage, where he worked as a geological consultant.

He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Anchorage, Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, Korean War Veterans, AAPG, and the Petroleum Club.

Ron loved to fish & hunt, garden, bowl, watch football (especially the Denver Broncos and the Montana Grizzlies), sketch, play cribbage, and do crossword puzzles. He enjoyed music and dancing. The Brockways traveled to many states and countries to visit their children, relatives, and friends.

From humble beginnings, Ron learned the value of hard work and perseverance. He always maintained his fun-loving spirit and will be remembered as a kind, caring, supportive, loving husband, father, and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Darvin. Another brother, Don, passed away on April 8th, the day following Ron's death.

Ron is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Ann Brockway of Anchorage; 1 son, Tom (Adelle) Brockway of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; 2 daughters Risa (Robert) Amparan of Houston, TX and Janine (George) Raybe of Woodbridge, CA; 9 grandchildren (Alyssa, Brianna, & Cayla of Houston; Jessica of Woodbridge, CA; Ben, Molly, & Jack of Anchorage; Dira & Keshya of Kuala Lumpur); 2 brothers, Merlin (Sharon) Brockway of Wyckoff, NJ and Merrill Brockway of Butte; 1 sister, Virginia (Frank) Foltz of Billings; and numerous cousins, nieces, & nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Anchorage on April 12th. A second Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, MT. at 11:00 a.m. Thursday (April 18th). Burial with military rites will be at the Hingham Cemetery, followed by a reception at the church. Visitation will be at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester on Wednesday (April 17th) and just prior to the Mass in Hingham on Thursday. (Call Rockman FH 406-759-5550 for details)

The family suggests memorial donations to Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham; the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN; the First Responders in Hingham; or a charity of one's choice.

NINA T. BROWN

Born: March 18, 1934 – Died: May 5, 2013

Liberty County Times

May 15, 2013



Nina T. Brown

Dateline – Havre

Nina T. Brown, 79, Director of Child Evangelism for the Hi-Line, of Havre, went to her final rewards

in Heaven at 4:30 a.m. on May 5, 2013. Nina's Memorial Service will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2013 at Holland & Bonine Funeral Home with Chad Leathermon officiating. Nina has been cremated and will be buried with her husband at East Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Brunswick, Ohio. The family has requested that memorials be made to a mission of your choice. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements.

Nina was born March 18,

1934 to Pon A. and Mary (Braswell) Tackett Sr. in Yazoo City, Mississippi. She attended school in Mississippi and college in Ohio and Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC. She married Thomas D. Brown June 12, 1965 at the Brunswick First Baptist Church. The couple had three children. After Thomas's passing, the family moved to Montana in 1986.

Nina had served as the Central Hi-Line Director of Child Evangelism for the last 27 years here in MT. Prior to that position she was

a teacher in elementary and secondary schools in Ohio. Her life's ambition and mission had been to touch the lives of as many as she could. In that regard she dedicated her life in Montana to the efforts of child evangelism that included Five day Clubs, Bible Schools, Fair Ministries, and Missionary teacher training. She loved this work.

Nina was a volunteer at the Senior Center, Boys and Girls Club, enjoyed stamp craft, needle crafts, gardening, and devotionals. She threw herself fully into each and every

hobby or job she undertook. Her loving nature was a joy and blessing to all who knew her and she will be greatly missed. She is quoted as saying "Family, Friends, the Bible, Church, and the Children are my life."

Nina was preceded in death by her loving husband Thomas D. Brown and son Earl W. Brown; her parents and three of her four siblings, Pon Tackett, Betty Skinner, and Lt. Col Guin Tackett.

Nina leaves behind daughter Mary R. Brown of Great Falls, MT and son Thomas

J. Brown of Havre, MT. She is also survived by her remaining brothers Robert Tackett of Carrollton, MS and Marion Tackett of Sparta, TN and a very large extended family in the East and South of the country.

BERNERD 'BERNIE' BURKSTRAND

Age: 74 – Died: June 28, 2013

Great Falls Tribune

July 2, 2013

Bernerd "Bernie" Burkstrand



Burkstrand

GREAT FALLS —Bernerd "Bernie" Burkstrand, 74, of Great Falls, died on Friday, June 28, 2013. A celebration of his life will occur at a later date.



Schnider Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Bernie was a fantastic cook and a crossword genius.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Burkstrand of Great Falls; his sons Jerre Martin of Great Falls and Lionel Martin of Maine; his daughters Cathy Drost of Great Falls and Terri Lynn Martin of Butte; his brothers Murlyn and Roger (Bobbie) Burkstrand both of Great Falls; his sisters Trudy (Robert) Pulst, Doris (Buster) Wheeler, LuAnn Myre, and Cindy Ramsey all of Great Falls; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Bernie was preceded in death by his parents; a sister Karen Balsley; and a brother Neil Burkstrand

Condolences for the family may be left at www.schnider-funeralhome.com. SCHNIDER FUNERAL HOME

CHARLENE IRENE (ORCUTT) CARLSTAD
Born: May 25, 1936 – Died: February 12, 2013
Liberty County Times
February 20, 2013



Charlene Carlstad

Charlene Irene (Orcutt) Carlstad, age 76, died Tuesday (Feb. 12, 2013) of natural causes at the Benefis East Medical Center in Great Falls.

Charlene was born May 25, 1936 at Sparks, Kansas. She was one of eight children born to George and Elaine (Drury) Orcutt. She was baptized as an infant in the Methodist faith. Charlene received her education in Kansas at Wathena High School and graduated in 1955. She met Kenneth H. Carlstad, a North Dakota man who was stationed there in the military. They were married on June 18, 1955 at Atchison, KS. Following his discharge they moved to Texas for seven years, then to Oregon. In 1968 they came to Montana to be near some Carlstad relatives. They made their home in Joplin, where Kenneth ran his own excavation/construction business. Charlene worked diligently as a homemaker and mother of seven. After Ken was forced to retire due to a debilitating asthmatic condition, the couple moved to Lewistown

in 1981. Sadly, her husband's condition continued to deteriorate in the ensuing years and Kenneth died on June 3, 1985.

Charlene remained in Lewistown, where she cooked for the residents at the Eagles Manor Retirement Lodge until her retirement in 1997. She moved to Richey for the next five years and helped her daughter, Sherry, run a café. In 2004 Charlene moved again, this time to a retirement home in Belt. It was a nice quiet place, but it didn't have near enough action to satisfy Charlene. In 2008 she made her final move to the Portage Retirement Apartments in Great Falls, where she thoroughly enjoyed new friends and activities (i.e., Coffee Chat Club, BINGO, Pizza Nite, and Senior Center events). On this past Tuesday (Feb. 12th) Charlene drove

to an area clinic to check on a close friend. As she exited her car in the parking lot, she suffered acute distress. A good Samaritan assisted her until the ambulance arrived. Charlene was rushed to Benefis, where resuscitative efforts were to no avail.

During their early years in Texas, the Carlstads enjoyed attending live shows at Austin City Limits that featured famous country western groups like Johnny Cash. They loved the music and dancing. During those years of raising their family, they looked forward to frequent fishing and camping adventures.

Charlene liked to stay busy. She was an exceptional baker; her homemade rolls, apple pies, and fried chicken were family favorites. She enjoyed taking long walks and be-

ing outdoors. In her quiet time at home she liked to sew. She kept up on current events and never missed the evening news. Just for the fun of it she collected coins, loved to "text", and was an avid "Facebooker". Her family will always remember her as a gentle, loving, and devoted woman... "She lived in this world quietly – and she left this world quietly".

She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by a son (Steven in 1982), a great-grandson (Dillon), and a sister (LuVern Orcutt).

Charlene is survived by 2 sons, Kenneth (Kathy) Carlstad and Gary (Polly) Carlstad, both of Great Falls; 4 daughters, Debbie (Rick) Miller of Joplin, Sherry (Rob) Johnson of Richey, Jane Thom (Mike Newton) of Lewistown, and Donna (Kevin) Siroky of Billings; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 6 siblings, Anna Swan of Benton City, WA, Mark Orcutt of Troy, KS, Raymond Orcutt of Wathena, KS, Helen Sexton of Kansas City, MO, Shirley Gibson of Wathena, KS, and Marvin Orcutt of St. Joseph, MO; numerous nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Betty Stiner of Great Falls.

A family viewing was held at the O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls on Thursday and Friday, then Charlene was cremated per her request.

A memorial service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday (Feb. 16th) at O'Connor's Chapel by Pastor John Faerbach (of OSLC in Chester). Tara DeRudder read a select-

ed scripture (Ecc. 3:1-8); Robert Hauptman read a poem ("It's Okay"); Kandi Carlstad read a poem ("My Day"); and Tony Miller read the obituary. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross", lead by family friend, Riscilla Grimshaw. Special taped music included "I Can Only Imagine" (by Mercy Me) and "When I Get Where I'm Going (by Brad Paisley and Dolly Parton). A reception followed at the Portage Retirement Center in Great Falls.

Charlene's ashes will be buried in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery later this spring. All arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

JACQUELINE 'JACKIE' (HORTON) COFFMAN
Born: June 7, 1935– Died: February 11, 2013
Liberty County Times
February 27, 2013



Jackie Coffman

Jacqueline "Jackie" Horton Coffman was born in Powell, WY on June 7, 1935. She passed away at the Valle Vista in Lewistown on February 11, 2013. Jackie grew up on the South Fork of the Shoshone River near Cody, Wyo. She attended various country schools and high school in Cody. Jackie married James M. Coffman on Aug. 15, 1952 at the Presbyterian Church in Cody. Jim entered the army on Jan. 15, 1953 and was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. While in Washington their son, James was born. These were tough times and Jackie often spoke about the kindness of a local grocer that allowed the family to buy groceries on credit until the next payday.

After Jim was discharged from the army, the family

moved back to Cody where daughters, Pamela and Lorri Ann were born. The growing family soon moved on to Fairfield, Mont. where Jim worked a variety of jobs including owning a Texaco station. Jackie tended the young family but soon they were on the move again to Great Falls where Jim and Jackie and the kids lived and worked on a ranch south of town. The family then moved to Chester. While in Chester, Jackie worked at Marias Equipment, Liberty Bank, Liberty County

Nursing Home and she also cleaned homes for several people. The family owned and worked the local Tastee Freez for many years. While in Chester, Jackie was an active member in the United Methodist Church where she loved to teach Sunday school. She enjoyed crocheting, the company of her friends in ceramics group, and maintained a small Mary Kay cosmetic business.

Wherever Jackie lived, there was always country western music, whistling, and dancing with dad. She also loved to dance with the grandchildren, rocking and whistling them to sleep. Once the babies were asleep, she usually found a dust mop or vacuum and started cleaning. Jackie worked very hard to keep her home clean and took great pride in it.

When Jim retired as the manager of the Town of Chester, they moved to their cabin

in the Little Belt Mountains, south of Utica. It was a welcome site to see Grandma Jackie come out of the house onto the porch to greet friends and family as they drove into the yard. She was always eager to lend a hand carrying luggage, groceries or kids that were sometimes almost as big as she was.

After Jackie was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, Jim and Jackie decided to leave their much loved cabin home for the security of assisted living in Lewistown. Friends and family enjoyed the sight of Jim and Jackie sharing their last dance together at their 60th wedding anniversary in August of 2012. Jackie is survived by her husband, Jim and her three children Jim (Susan) Coffman, Pam (Ray) Scheele of Loma, and Lorri (Rod) Coulter of Jordan; grandchildren Darci, Cami, Colt, Eric, Aaron, Casey, and Chelsea; and great grandchildren Rhiana, Danner, Gracie and Teagan. Jackie is also survived by three brothers and two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jackie was cremated per her request and no funeral services are planned. A memorial will be scheduled in the spring at the family's cabin. Memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) or an organization of the donors choosing.

WILLIAM FRANCIS 'BILL' COLE

Born: April 8, 1926— Died: March 31, 2013

Liberty County Times April 10, 2013



William "Bill" Cole

William Francis Cole was born on April 8th, 1926 in Havre Montana to Edward M. Cole and Margaret A. Coomes. He was one of 3 children. The Cole family farmed in the Gildford area until 1936, when his father purchased a farm north of Chester on Cottonwood Creek. Bill attended the Grauman School near Chester through the 8th grade. Bill finished High School in Green Bay Wisconsin.

After graduation he returned to Montana and found work on the Prescott Ranch, located in the Sweetgrass Hills. Bill had many fond memories of his time spent on the ranch. In 1945 Bill was drafted into the U. S. Army and served as a military policeman for the Army Air Corps. Following his military discharge, he returned to the family farm. Shortly thereafter, he met a young lady visiting from Iowa, Agnes Ann Psotka. They married on January 24th, 1949. The couple raised a family of four: Mary Eileen, William Vincent ("Pete"), Timothy Michael, and Colleen Ann. Bill and Agnes farmed north of Chester until retiring in 2004. They moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in 2011.

Bill recently fell and was hospitalized in Great Falls. He transferred to the Peace Hospice for comfort care. He passed away peacefully on the evening of Easter Sunday (March 31st, 2013). He was 86 years old.

In his younger years Bill enjoyed square dancing, bowling and camping. He even built his own camper for his pickup for use on camping trips to the mountains. Bill also enjoyed woodworking, leather tooling, and his collection of toy tractors. Bill and Agnes enjoyed trips to Hawaii, Iowa, Denver and Phoenix to visit family and friends. Bill was especially fond of fishing trips with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who were his greatest joy. One of his greatest personal accomplishments was getting his private pilot's license in the later years of his life.

Bill was dedicated member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and active in the Knights of Columbus for many years. He also was an upstanding member of the American Legion Post 88 in Chester.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Margaret; a sister, Rosemary Cavitt; an infant sister, Mary; 1 son, Timothy; 1 daughter-in-law, Kryss; and infant granddaughter, Amy. Bill is survived by his wife of 64 years, Agnes Cole of Chester; 3 children, Mary (John) Fritz of Chester, Pete Cole of Chester and Colleen (James) Boucher of Aurora, Colorado; 7 grandchildren, Jennifer Fritz-Millard (Mark), Becky (Brett) Coragatelli, Ed (Joey) Cole, Angie (Jared) Crow, Theresa Berger, Ryan Boucher and Reagan Boucher; 13 great-grandchildren, Samantha, Rachel, Gabrielle, Colter, Logan, Tyler, Rhiannon, Sadie, Hunter, Osten, Kaitlyn, Sara and Allie.

A Vigil Service was held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (April 3rd) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Father Joseph Diekhans lead the vigil prayers. Two taped musical selections included "Why Me Lord" and "A Mansion on the Hill".

Bill's Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Joe at 11:00 a.m. Thursday (April 4th) at St. Mary's. Scriptures were read by Reagan Boucher & Jennifer Fritz-Millard; the obituary & "Prayers of the Faithful" were shared by Ed Cole; and a poem was read by Samantha Millard. Marie Woods served as pianist; Loren Hawks sang a vocal tribute, "Just As I Am"; and St. Mary's choir & community friends performed "Every Age", "Valleys of Green", "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", "How Great Thou Art", & "The Irish Blessing". Mass participants were Jake Fritz (Altar server); Mark Lakey, Christi Lakey, & Marje Dahinden (Eucharistic Ministers); and Gary Hejlik & Don Raunig (Greeters). The communion gifts were presented by Bill's great-granddaughters. Pallbearers were Ed Cole, Ryan Boucher, Mark Millard, Don Hull, Charles Hull, and Craig Fraser. Honorary bearers included Hunter Cole, Paul Meissner, Tim Campbell, and all of Bill's old friends waiting for him in Heaven.

Burial Rites were at the Chester Cemetery, where Father Joe offered committal prayers. Following military taps, Bill Gunderson presented the veteran's flag to the family on behalf of American Legion Post #88. The service ended with a special floral tribute & balloon release by the family in memory of Bill. A luncheon followed at the church.

Memorials may be given to honor Bill's life to the Sweetgrass Lodge or the Knights of Columbus. Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester handled the arrange-

ROBERT JUNIOR CONNOR

Born: September 13, 1928 – Died: February 8, 2013

Liberty County Times
February 20, 2013



Robert Connor

Robert Junior Connor, known affectionately as "Bob", went to his Heavenly Father on Friday afternoon (February 8, 2013). He died at the Northern Montana Care Center in Havre from complications of diabetes at the age of 84.

Bob was born on the family homestead in the Goldstone Community north of Rudyard on September 13, 1928. He was the tenth of 11 children born to Louisa E. "Lizzy" Stach and Robert Lee Connor. Bob received his 8th grade education at a country school located 2+ miles from the family farm. While travelling to and from school he would pick and eat native cactus apples. As a teenager Bob worked for various farmers in the Goldstone and Cottonwood areas, helping with field work and harvesting. As a young man he was employed at Runkle Brothers in Havre. One of his responsibilities there was driving Judge Elwell from-home-to-work-and-back each day, as the Judge's car was permanently stored in Runkle's garage.

In the fall of 1948 at a country dance in Rudyard, Bob met a young lady named Betty Lou Shaffer, and they were married on September 29, 1949. That winter Bob worked for the Great Northern Railway. In the spring they moved to Goldstone where Bob went to work for a local farmer. The Connors were blessed with their first child, a beautiful baby girl on May 15th, 1951. Later they moved back to Havre where Bob took a job with Montana Dakota Utilities. Their second child, a son, was born on November 2, 1952. In 1954 Bob's parents retired to Havre, so Bob moved his family to the Connor ranch, where they lived for the next 10 years. During this time their third child, another son, was born on July 7, 1955.

In addition to running his own ranch, Bob assisted other area farmers. Bob and his neighbor, Andy Schwan, did their harvesting together and helped each other throughout the years. Bob also measured the water levels in the Milk River for a governmental agency (as his father had done for many years). That same agency set up a weather station in Bob's yard and he entered all pertinent data on a daily basis. He also worked for the ASCS by measuring land and grain bins. In addition he sold Watkins Products for awhile, but decided the salesman business was not for him.

After the death of his folks in 1964, the ranch was sold to Andy Schwan. Bob moved his family to Columbia Falls where he worked for the Plum Creek Lumber Company for 3 years. They moved back to the "sunshine on the Hi-Line" and Bob took a job for a local farmer. They bought 3 lots and made their home in Inverness. Bob was hired by the Hill County Road Department, where he worked as a maintainer operator for 21+ years. Bob loved being outside – maintaining good roads, working in their big garden, and mowing the lawn. Soon after Bob retired, his son ("Butch") called and encouraged him to move to Wyoming to help with his business there. The Connors decided to sell their beautiful place in Inverness. In January of 1992 they moved to Evanston, Wyoming where Bob became Butch's chief mechanic, repair man, "gopher all the supplies", etc. for the next 15 years. Bob especially enjoyed feeding

and nurturing Butch's horses; the horses knew the sound of Bob's pickup and were always waiting for him to show up. When Bob realized his health was beginning to fail, he wanted to "go home" to Montana. Even though Evanston had many things similar to Havre (for instance, same size,

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Railroad Roundhouse, college, mountains close by, etc.), it just wasn't the same. So the Connors purchased their final retirement home in Havre and moved there in 2007. Betty cared for Bob at home as long as she could. He eventually transferred to the Havre nursing facility for extended care in January, 2013.

During his years on the farm, Bob served on the school board and the election board. In Columbia Falls he was Chairman of the Water Board. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge for many years.

In his retirement years Bob did a lot of beautiful woodworking. He was a self-taught woodworker. He never used a blue print – he simply planned each new project in his mind and then began building. He made many nice items, including a beautiful China Cupboard for Betty. The Connors loved square-dancing and round-dancing. They taught both Round-dancing and Social dancing. Bob was a very easy, smooth dancer and a good instructor. They loved the camaraderie associated with the dancing circuit and developed many lifelong friendships from it.

Bob's family always came first. He was very patient with his kids and taught them all many things. Bob could do many things and do them all very well.

Bob's health had been good until the past few years. He loved having people around to visit with and to help care for him. He was a lifelong friend to many people.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Betty Lou Connor of Havre; his daughter, Linda Marie Cady of Havre;

his two sons, Eugene Robert "Butch" Connor (and wife, Linda) of Evanston, WY and Russell Lee "Russ" Connor (and wife, Karen) of Pocatello, ID; his sister, Frances Minnick of Havre; 7 grandchildren, Lisa, Lonnie, Tanya, Stacy, Chad, Tracy and Justin; 6 great-grandchildren, Maverick, Broc, Cady, Javin, Sophie and Sydney; numerous nephews and nieces; sister-in-law, Virginia Pasma; brother-in-law, Rev. Jack R. Shaffer; future son-in-law, Rollie Murdock; and an ex-daughter-in-law, Karen Hall.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents (John & Fannie Connor), his parents, (Robert & Lizzy Connor), and 9 siblings (Ralph, Lavern, Gertrude, Harvey, Clarence, Donald, Cecile, Louis, & Richard).

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Friday (Feb. 15th) at the United Methodist Church in Chester. Pastor Grover Briggs officiated. Bob's obituary was read by a nephew, Lynn Minnick. Pianist, Tammy Duncan, accompanied the congregation, who sang "Jesus Loves Me" & "Amazing Grace". Vocalist, Mary Ann Zorn, performed "You Have Come Down To The Lakeshore". Vocalist, Marcus Jochim, performed "I Know That My Redeemer Lives". Together, Mary Ann & Marcus, sang "Why Me, Lord". Ushers were Tom Bangs & Steve Oraw. Pallbearers were Lonnie Cady, Maverick Cady, Javin Miles, John Standiford, Bryon Wolery, and Dan Wolery. Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Memorials may be given to the Rudyard Museum or donor's choice. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

ARDITH RAYE (STEARNS) CUSHING

Born: July 19, 1938 – Died: December 20, 2013

Liberty County Times

January 8, 2014



Ardith Cushing

Ardith Raye (Stearns) Cushing, affectionately known as "Tinkey", was born July 19th, 1938 at Kalispell, Montana. She was one of two children born to Ila Myers and Oren Stearns. Tinkey grew up in Kalispell and received her early education there. She came to Chester in her teens and finished her schooling at C.H.S., where she graduated with the Class of 1955. Tinkey continued her education at the Kinman Business College in Spokane, WA.

In April of 1956 she married Robert Cushing. They made their home in Grass Range, where Robert worked as a school teacher and Tinkey fulfilled her life as a homemaker & mother of five. Due to her cheer-leading skills from her high school days, Tinkey enjoyed working as the drill team leader at the Grass Range Schools. She was also active with her kids in the 4-H program.

When the Cushing's divorced in 1972, Tinkey & her children moved back to Chester to be closer to family. In the ensuing years she worked as a receptionist at the Chester Clinic, a dispatcher at the sheriff's office, and an office helper at the Liberty County Times. Her final job was administrative clerk at the local A.S.C.S. office, a position she held until her retirement in 2000.

Tinkey lived independently in her Chester home until 2004, then moved to the Wheat Country Estates (assisted-living facility). Over the years she dealt with intermittent medical issues. Recently she was being treated for a chronic infection, which resulted in extended care. Tinkey was admitted to a Lewistown nursing facility, where she died on the morning of Friday (December 20th, 2013). She was 75 years old.

Tinkey was baptized & confirmed in the Lutheran faith and enjoyed her membership at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. She loved the comradery at the Wheat Country Estates – including mealtimes, daily activities, and working in the communal garden. For the past few years Tinkey wrote/submitted the weekly "W.C.E. News" column for the Liberty County Times newspaper.

After returning to Chester in the 1970's, Tinkey renewed old friendships and enjoyed travelling with friends, especially to Glacier Park and surrounding areas. In her quiet time at home, she enjoyed reading and writing poetry. She also loved to cook – her homemade fudge and "Gramma's potatoe soup" were family favorites! Tinkey enjoyed crafts, playing games, and

collecting Christmas memorabilia. In addition she was fond of old movies, especially "heart-warming" Hallmark productions, "The Walton's", "Little House on the Prairie", and related films. Last, but not least, Tinkey "lived for her kids and her family" – she loved them all dearly.

Those who knew Tinkey will remember her classic red hair, her cute little smile, her love to socialize, and her "tender heart".

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother (Larry). Survivors include 3 sons, Rob/Becky Cushing of Grass Range, Jim Cushing of Great Falls, and Ken/Djuanna Cushing of Billings; 2 daughters, Leslie/Brian McNeil of Great Falls and Kay/Roy Weikum of Valier; 15 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Dec. 28th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor John Fauerbach officiated. Holly Frederickson served as pianist and the congregation sang "Silent Night" & "Be Thou My Vision". A special taped selection, "All My Tears (Be Washed Away)" was sung by recording artists, Selah & Kim Hill. Tinkey's daughter, Leslie, shared a spiritual eulogy entitled "Mom's Legacy". Grandson, Doug Vaskey, read an excerpt from a Grass Range school annual that described Tinkey's enthusiasm for life. Postlude music was "On Eagle's Wings". A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Tinkey's ashes will be interred later this spring with her parents at the C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

ARDITH RAYE (STEARNS) CUSHING

(Affectionately known as "Tinkey")

BORN: July 19, 1938 at Kalispell, Montana

DIED: December 20, 2013 at Lewistown, Mt.

AGE: 75 years ... 5 months ... 1 day



TINKEY'S LOVING FAMILY:

2 daughters, Leslie & Kay; 3 sons, Robert, James, & Kenneth; 15 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Psalm 23...

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

MEMORIAL SERVICES: 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Dec. 28, 2013) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Mt.

OFFICIANT: Pastor John Fauerbach

"MOM'S LEGACY": Leslie Vaskey McNeil

PIANIST: Holly Frederickson

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS: "Silent Night" and "Be Thou My Vision"

TAPED MUSICAL TRIBUTE: "All My Tears (Be Washed Away)" ... by Selah & Kim Hill ... Lyrics on back of card

POSTLUDE SONG: "On Eagle's Wings"

LUNCHEON: Will follow in the Church Fellowship Hall...

FINAL DISPOSITION: Tinkey's ashes will be buried next to her mother at the C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell later this spring.

ARRANGMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester

GARY LEE GENTRY SR.

Born: July 22, 1950 - Died: July 20, 2013

Liberty County Times

July 31, 2013



Gary Lee Gentry Sr.

Gary Lee Gentry Sr. was born July 22nd, 1950 in Ontario, Oregon. He was the second of four children born to Vera Fay Waldemer and Harrison Elmo Gentry. He was welcomed to the family by his parents and his sister (Norma Jean), and later was given two brothers (Otis and Doug).

Gary grew up in Idaho and California, where he received his early education.

At age 17 Gary joined the U.S. Army. He served in Vietnam for a year, in Germany for 3½ years, and in California for his final year. He attained the rank of E-4 and received his honorable discharge from the military in 1972. Gary returned to California where he married Kathy Lowrey in August of 1975. Gary was proud to earn his high school diploma in 1976 from the Clovis Adult School in Clovis, CA. He also attended several technical schools to learn refrigeration/air condition installation and computer skills. In addition to raising Kathy's son, Steven Lowrey, the couple had three children together (Joann in 1977, Gary Lee Jr. in 1978, and Emily in 1982).

The Gentry's moved to Joliet, Montana in 1977 where Gary worked as a farm hand. The following year they moved to Seattle, WA., then returned to Montana in 1979. Gary continued to work in the Laurel community as a farm hand before taking a sales position for Johnstone Supply. In 1996 they moved to Sidney, MT., where Gary enjoyed a new career as a computer technician - installing & repairing computers. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1997.

Gary met Rhonda Stiles in June of 1998 in Sidney. They were married on June 19th, 1999. Rhonda brought her three daughters (Kaja, Rosemary, & Amber) to this happy union. Together Gary & Rhonda had a son, Nathaniel (born May 27th, 1999), who extended their family to

eight. They made their home in Sidney for the next seven years. Gary suffered from several work-related injuries as well as many military-related health issues, which ultimately prevented him from being active in the work force and required frequent medical care. In 2006 the Gentry's moved to Townsend, MT. so Gary could be closer to the Fort Harrison VA Hospital in Helena. On this past Saturday afternoon (July 20th, 2013), Gary passed away peacefully at his home in Townsend. He was just two days shy of his 63rd birthday.

Gary enjoyed reading (especially, "The People Book" series), listening to old "rock-&-roll" music, and cooking/baking. Even with deteriorating

health, he still looked forward to camping, fishing, and hunting adventures with his wife, children, & friends. He also enjoyed his large collection of wolf memorabilia. In addition Gary loved the unconditional affection of his two pets: a miniature dachshund named "Holly" and a huge black cat named "Midnight" (AKA: "Fat Cat"). When Midnight wanted Gary's attention, she would just come up and plop herself right in the middle of him until he finally scratched & petted her. Holly was always lying in Gary's lap, whether he was in bed or sitting in a living room chair. And Holly loved to go to town on errands with Gary - on numerous trips she would lock Gary out of his pickup by standing on the door locks while innocently staring at him as he tried to convince her to move so he could unlock the doors. Both of these pets were great companions to him.

Gary was preceded in death by his father (Harrison Gentry), his sister (Norma Jean Perez), and his step-father (Gene Bergman).

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Gentry of Townsend; 8 children, Steven (Donna) Lowery of Sidney, Joann (Sam) Buckley of Glendive, Gary Lee Gentry Jr. of Sidney, Emily (Bobby) Smith of Fresno, CA., Kaja (Jeff) Anderson of Worden, Rosemary (DJ) Kohl of Helena, Amber Lamb of Big Sky, and Nathaniel Gentry of Townsend; 15 grandchildren; 1 great-

granddaughter; his mother, Vera Bergman of Starbuck, WA.; 2 brothers, Otis (Donna) Gentry of Starbuck, WA. and Doug (Teresa) Gentry of Fresno, CA.; his parents-in-law, Doug & June Stiles of East Helena; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, in-laws, and friends.

A visitation/viewing for family & friends was held at the Stevenson-Anderson-Wilke FH in Helena on Thursday evening (July 25th). Cremation followed. A memorial service was held at the Helena Kingdom Hall at 3:00 p.m. Friday (July 26th). A graveside service with burial of ashes at the Joplin Cemetery was held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday (July 27th). An opening prayer & scripture readings were shared by brother, Otis. The eulogy & dedication of the grave was done by father-in-law, Doug. Special scriptures were selected & read by wife, Rhonda. Two congregational

hymns, "Life Without End At Last" & "God Be With You Till We Meet Again", were sung. A flute tribute, "Be Still My Soul", was played by daughter, Kaja. The service ended with a closing prayer by mother-in-law, June. A 2-man

military detachment from Malstrom offered "taps" and the flag presentation. A reception followed at the Chester Lions Park. All funeral arrangements were organized by the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

FRED GOMKE
Born: AGE 75 – Died July 16, 2013
Havre Daily News
July 18, 2013

Fred Gomke

Fred Gomke, age 75, died July 16, 2013 in Great Falls. No services are presently planned. There will be a celebration of life at the Tip It Bar at a later date.

He is survived by his sisters, Shirley Hensley of Havre and Patty Marleau of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; and brothers, Mike Gomke of Havre, Robert Gomke of Kremlin and Blackie Gomke of Great Falls. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.



Fred Gomke

MARY L. DEES
Born: Age 80 – Died: January 29, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
January 31, 2013

Mary L. Dees

HAVRE—Mary L. Dees, 80, of Havre, who loved to travel, camp, read, go out for coffee and shop with her grandchildren, died of natural causes Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Care and Comfort Home.



Cremation has taken place, and at Mary's request, no memorial services will be held. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home handled arrangements.

She is survived by her sons, Steve Dees of Kremlin and Paul Dees of Havre; sisters Dorothy Foster of Arizona and Frances Cowan, Marge Johnkin and Lori Ward, all of Havre; brother Bill Weyh of Whitefish; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Dees; and one grandson.

RICHARD M. 'DICK' DEES
Born: March 17, 1924 – Died: June 15, 2013
Havre Daily News
June 27, 2013

**Richard M.
'Dick' Dees**

BILLINGS
— Richard M. "Dick" Dees, 89, of Billings, passed away on June 15, 2013, at Billings Clinic.

Dick was born on the family farm in Kremlin, on March 17, 1924, the son of Andrew and Dorthea Dees. He was raised and educated in Kremlin, graduating from high school in 1942.

Dick worked on the family farm until he married Lois Swanton in 1948. They lived in various places until settling in Billings to raise their family of three children: Barbara, Dick and Andy. Richard worked with the Yellow Pages selling advertisements, a career he enjoyed for 30 years until retiring in 1987. Following retirement, Dick pursued his hobby of



**Richard M.
'Dick' Dees**



woodcarving. His talent became a passion. He carved statues of famous people, folk figurines and various detailed decorative wood carvings. His most notable statue was a wood carving of George Burns, which he presented to George, who replied with a wonderful letter of appreciation. Although his passion was woodcarving, he also enjoyed puttering around the yard, fixing things needing to be fixed, watching "Bonanza" and "Gunsmoke," and ironing,

anything.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois, who passed away in 1991; and six siblings

Dick is survived by his children, Barbara Hopper, Dick Dees, and Andy (Tammy) Dees, all of Billings; grandchildren, Stacey (Brian) Lagreca, Justin Dees and Jeff Dees; great-grandchildren Sydney Cerovski, Cassie (Chris) Lagreca and Brice Lagreca; and his brother Donald (Rita) Dees.

Private family services will take place.

Donations, in Dick's name, may be made to Rocky Mountain Hospice or charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary of Billings is assisting with arrangements and remembrances may be shared with the family at www.michelottisawyers.com.

ADRIAN C. DOLL
Born: March 6, 1920 – Died: December 1, 2013
Havre Daily News
December 6, 2013

Adrian C. Doll

Adrian C. Doll, 93, of Havre was called home by our heavenly Father on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013.

Adrian was born on March 6, 1920, in Perham, Minn., to Edward and Mary Doll. He was the oldest of 11 children. After eighth grade Adrian left school to work on the family

farm. Then as a young man he left Perham seeking work in Oregon. After working odd jobs along the way to pay for the trip he spent a short time in Oregon until the work ended. He left Oregon for Montana to visit family friends at Fort Benton. He found carpentry work in Havre and made it his home for the next 60-plus years. Adrian met the love of his life, Dorothy J. Hoiseth, of Gilford, Mont., and they were married June 10, 1950. They were blessed with two children. In the years to follow Adrian built



Adrian C. Doll

and operated the Circle Inn Motel for five years then with his brother he went into the hog business five miles east of Havre. After buying out his brother, he operated the pig farm until the late '70s at which time he retired.

Adrian's passion in life was hunting and fishing. He loved to go big game hunting with his buddies from Havre and Minnesota. In the fall and winter if he

wasn't in the woods hunting, he was probably ice fishing or maybe just taking a nap in his fish house. The freezer always contained lots of Northerns and Walleyes. Adrian loved to dance in his younger years, he enjoyed camping and traveling. Adrian was a member of the Eagles and Knights of Columbus.

Adrian was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Mary Doll; his wife, Dorothy; his brothers, Herb, Vernon, Don, and August; his sister, Joan; and his granddaughter, Lisa Tilton.

He is survived by his daughter, Carla (Dan) Tilton of Billings; his son, Brian (Coreen) Doll of Havre; his grandchildren, Adrian, Ally and Ian; his brothers, Tom (Lozetta) Doll of Lyle, Wash., and Willie (Cheri) Doll of Malta, Mont.; and his sisters, Rose (Romy) of Kingman, Ariz., Pauline (John) Craig of Woodruff, Wis., and Marie Griffith of Stayton, Ore.

Visitation for Adrian will be on Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday evening, Dec. 8, 2013, at Holland & Bonine Funeral Home. A celebration of Adrian's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, 2013, at St. Jude Thaddeus Church. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Montana Make a Wish, the Montana Chapter of the American Cancer Society or the charity of the donor's choice. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with service and arrangements. You can leave memories and/or condolences at www.hollandbonine.com.

DOROTHY J. (HOISETH) DOLL
Born: November 18, 1931 – Died: June 14, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
June 18, 2013

Dorothy J. Doll

HAVRE —Dorothy J. Doll, 81, of Havre, passed away on Friday, June 14, 2013.

Dorothy was born on November 18, 1931, in Havre, to Oscar and Marie (Bjorgo) Hoiseth. She was raised in Gilford, and she married Adrian Doll in June of 1950. Their union was blessed with two children. Adrian and Dorothy built and operated the Circle Inn Motel for seven years. Later, she worked at First National Bank as a teller for many years. After her retirement, Dorothy remained active, volunteering at the hospital gift shop. She also traveled a lot, even becoming a tour hostess for a few years.

Dorothy loved to sew, and she was a great seamstress. She also enjoyed embroidering, quilting, gardening and camping. She loved to cook and entertain, but her true passion was playing cards. She was a sweet and loving, but firm mother. Dorothy was very organized and fiercely independent, and took wonderful care of her husband and her family. She was a

hard worker, but her family was her life, and she shared her work ethics with her children and grandchildren.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents Oscar and Marie Hoiseth, and her granddaughter Lisa Tilton. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Adrian Doll, of Havre; her daughter Carla (Dan) Tilton of Billings; her son Brian (Coreen) Doll of Havre; her three grandchildren, Adrian, Ally, and Ian; and her sister Evelyn Wilson of Gilford.

Vigil services will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013, at St. Jude Catholic Church. Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 21, 2013, at St. Jude. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Montana Special Olympics, the Montana Chapter of the American Cancer Society, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements, and you can leave your memories and/or condolences at www.hollandbonine.com.

KENNETH G. DUNCAN
Born: May 12, 1926 - May 19, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
May 23, 2013

Kenneth G. Duncan



CONRAD, MONTANA — Kenneth G. Duncan, World War II Veteran, 87, died of natural causes on May 19, 2013 at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, Montana.

 Services will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church of Conrad Montana at 11:00 AM. A reception will be held at the Conrad Moose Lodge immediately following and at 2:00 PM the funeral party will depart for Dupuyer, Montana for interment in the Dupuyer Cemetery at 3:00 PM, where Ken will be put to rest.

Ken was born in Conrad, Montana on May 12, 1926 to Oscar W. Duncan and Hermine Elizabeth (Minnie) Kallner Duncan. Ken was the 8th of 12 kids. He attended numerous country schools, including seventh through ninth grade in Conrad. He then transferred to Chester High School where he graduated in 1944.

He entered the Army in March 1945. By the time he finished basic training, victory was declared in Europe. He reported to Camp Gordon, Georgia for additional training. By the time his training has ended at Camp Gordon, the Japanese had surrendered. Thereafter he was sent to Fort Ord, California where he was processed and sent to Korea. He was assigned to an engineering unit in Korea for 6 months and then reassigned

to the Quarter Master unit in Seoul, Korea until he was released from the military in December, 1946.

Ken Duncan returned from Korea, where he started dating Dorothea (Dot) Thomas of Pendroy, Montana. Ken married Dot on August 24, 1947 at her parents place east of Pendroy, Montana. Kenneth delivered mail for a time in the Ledger area, then he worked for Ted Hawley of Conrad. Thereafter, Ken and Dot farmed with her father on the Pendroy bench until 1956 when they moved 5 miles west of Dupuyer, Montana where they ranched from 1956 until Dot's death in 1990.

Dot and Ken had 3 children Sherri Donovan, Terry Dougherty and Greg Duncan. Ken served two terms as Pondera County Commissioner. He was a member of the Conrad Moose Lodge, the Masons and the VFW. Ken had also served on the Dupuyer School Board and then beginning in 1970 he served on the Valier High School Board. Ken loved to play cards, hunt and he loved being outdoors with his cattle and livestock. While serving on the Pondera Hospital Board he met Jeannie Farrar.

On September 2, 1995, Ken married Jeannie Farrar of Conrad Montana. Jeannie and Ken resided at 326 Sixth Avenue Southwest in Conrad Montana until they moved to "The Springs", a retirement community in Whitefish, Montana in December 2012.

Ken fell ill in February 2013 at which time he was admitted to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell where he was receiving physical therapy and rehabilitation

services. He passed away on May 19, 2013 with his family present.

Ken is survived by his wife, Jeannie Duncan of Whitefish; daughters Sherri Donovan (Ken) of Condon; and Terry Dougherty (Pat) of Colorado Springs, Colorado and his son Greg Duncan (Tammie Klinker) of Helena Montana. He is also survived by his step children, Shirley Kronebusch (Jon) of Conrad, Montana and Steve Farrar of Billings, Montana.

He has 9 grandchildren. Kena Krona (Pete) of Kalispell Montana; Shawnia Taylor (Dave) of Monroe Louisiana; Kimberly Ross of New City, New York; Brian Donovan (Holly Behm) of Dillingham, Alaska; Sean Donovan (Crystal) of Kalispell Montana; Lindsay Heiken (Ben) of Broadview, Montana; Roberta Kronebusch of Bozeman, Montana; Callie Farrar of Billings, Montana and Devon Farrar of Billings, Montana. He also has 14 great grandchildren.

He is also survived by his sister, Ora Bucher of Conrad, Montana; and brothers Earl Duncan (Linda) of Conrad, Montana; and Bert (Bud) Duncan (Barbara) of Great Falls, Montana and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded death by his brothers Maynard Duncan of Kalispell, Montana; Lyle Duncan of Cut Bank Montana; Delwin Duncan of Anchorage Alaska; and sisters Laveave Duncan Miller Hammon of Dupuyer; Alice Iversen of Conrad; Gladys Griggs of Conrad; Annabelle Forrester of Wisconsin and Marjorie Prindle of Lakeside, Montana

INGA OTELIA (IVERSON) ELIASSEN
Born: February 11, 1919 – Died: February 28, 2013
Liberty County Times
July 3, 2013



Inga Eliassen

Inga Otelia (Iverson) Eliassen was born on a farm north of Grenora, North Dakota on February 11th, 1919. She was the oldest of four children born to Christ and Gina Iverson. Inga went to country school before finishing her high school years in Westby, MT.

She married her North Dakota sweetheart, Talmage "Tom" Eliassen, on May 10th, 1940 in Helena, MT, where Tom worked at the smelter. In 1942 her husband took a job at an elevator in Grenora, ND. They lived there until 1958, then transferred to the Farmer's Elevator in Hingham, MT. Inga worked as the Hingham Post Master for 16 years before retiring. Inga and Tom purchased a retirement house in Great Falls in 1984. When Tom's health began to fail in 1994, they relocated to Chester to be closer to their eldest daughter & family. They resided at the Sweetgrass Retirement Lodge. The Eliassen's were married 57 years when Tom passed away on January 7th, 1998. Inga continued to stay active at the Lodge, and eventually moved to the Wheat Country Estates (Assisted Living) in Chester. As her health continued to decline, Inga transferred to Denver, CO in November of 2012 to live near her son. She died at a Denver extended care facility on February 28th, 2013 at the blessed age of 94 years old.

Inga enjoyed quilting, and quilted with the ladies of the Lutheran Church every week. She also loved reading and playing cards. She was a cherished mother and grandmother, who was greatly loved by her family. The countless quilts she made over the years will be treasured, and her sweet smile will be remembered and so missed.

Inga was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by 2 sons (Perry & Hal Eliassen), 1 sister (Cora Beskoon), 2 brothers (Elmer & Harlan Iverson), and a son-in-law (Bob Lawrence).

She is survived by 3 daughters, Myrna Kay (Duane) Gjesdal of Chester, MT, Twyla Lawrence of Seattle, WA, and Lonnie (Justin) Cross of Glendive, MT; 1 son, Gene (Pam) Eliassen of Highlands Ranch, CO; 1 brother, Palmer (Sylvia) Iverson of Minot, ND; 3 half-brothers, Clifton Iverson of California, Arvid Iverson of Hot Springs, ND, and Warren Iverson of Max, ND; 2 half-sisters, LouAnn Hauf and Harriet Iverson, both of Minot, ND; 12 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Inga was cremated in Colorado. Her memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. this Saturday (July 6th, 2013) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor John Fauerbach will officiate. Loretta Lyders will serve as pianist and the congregation will sing "Amazing Grace". Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, will perform "In the Garden" and "When Peace Like A River". A reception will follow at the fellowship hall. Local arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Inga's ashes will be buried privately at the Highland Cemetery in Havre.

INGA OTELIA (IVERSON) ELIASSEN

BORN: February 11, 1919 at Grenora, N.D.

DIED: February 28, 2013 at Denver, CO:

AGE: 94 years ... 0 months ... 17 days ...



A MOTHER'S LOVE . . .

*A mother's love is something that
no one can explain,*

*It is made of deep devotion and of
sacrifice & pain;*

*It is endless and unselfish and
enduring - come what may,*

For nothing can destroy it or take that love away.

It is patient and forgiving when others are forsaking,

And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking...

It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,

And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation -

And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation.

A many splendored miracle man cannot understand;

And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

Helen Steiner Rice

MEMORIAL SERVICES: 11:00 a.m. Saturday (July 6th, 2013) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, MT.

OFFICIANT: Pastor John Fauerbach

GOSPEL LESSON: John 11:21-27...

OBITUARY READING: Chris Kolstad

PIANIST: Loretta Lyders

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "Amazing Grace"

SOLOIST: Wayne Wardell

VOCAL TRIBUTES: "In the Garden" and
"When Peace Like a River"

LUNCHEON to follow in the Church Fellowship Hall

FINAL DISPOSITION: Inga's ashes will be interred privately at the Highland Cemetery in Havre, Montana

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester

INGA'S FAMILY: 3 daughters, Myrna Kay/Duane, Twyla, & Lonnie/Justin; 1 son, Gene/Pam; 2 sisters, LouAnn and Harriet; 4 brothers, Palmer, Clifton, Arvid, & Warren; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, & friends...

COBY SHANE EPPERSON
Born: May 2, 1993 – Died: June 20, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
June 27, 2013

Coby S Epperson



SHELBY—Our beloved son Coby Shane Epperson died June 20, 2013 due to injury on the job. He was born May 2, 1993 and just turned 20 only a month before. Coby graduated from Sunburst High School in 2011 and went right to work for Al's Diesel. He later moved to Oregon to work with his Uncle Abijah in construction. Coby tried to love the city, but he was a country boy at heart. He moved back to Montana in March of this year and began working for Somont Oil in Oilmont.

He was one of our most treasured gifts from our God Jehovah. There are no words to express the hole that was left in our hearts, the hearts of our family, our friends, his friends, and the community. His life ended far too early and we are struggling to understand how this has happened. Coby was described by one of his friends like this, "Nobody didn't like Coby." Even if he did something that made you mad, you could not stay mad for long. He was a never ending jokester. He loved to play pranks. His laughter was infectious. He WAS the "Child Whisperer". He was always ready to lend a

hand, be supportive, and love you unconditionally. If Coby was your friend, he was your friend. The love he felt for his family was palpable. His loyalty, love and respect for his family were firm.

Coby is survived by his parents, Darwin & Cassandra (Nation) Epperson; two brothers, Greg Bowling and Austin Epperson (girlfriend Nicole Sasek); Coby's Fiance' Jessica Bailly; grandparents Rollye & Gail (Harden) Nation; and great-grandmother Lois Harden. Coby had a very large family and extended family with far too many to list but all of them very significant to his life. He was preceded in death by paternal great-grandparents, Max and Betty Epperson; grandparents, Viola Denver and Chuck Epperson; maternal great-grandfather, Clifford Harden; and great-grandmother and grandfather, Rita and Leon Nation.

Funeral services will be held at the Shelby High School Auditorium on Saturday June 29, 2013 at 2p.m. There will be a potluck BBQ to follow at Williamson Park (Marias River Campground). Later that evening there will also be a bonfire. Coby loved Ford Trucks, so we ask if you have any Ford apparel to wear it to the BBQ/Bonfire.

Condolences may be posted to www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

BARBARA MARIE (JOCHIM) FISHER
Born: June 3, 1921 - Died: January 1, 2013
Liberty County Times
January 9, 2013



Barb Fisher

Barbara Marie Fisher, 91,
died Tuesday, January 1, 2013

at the Northern Montana Hospital of natural causes. Her Prayer Vigil Service will be 5 p.m. Sunday, January 6th with her funeral mass 11 a.m. Monday, January 7th at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness, Montana with Father Joseph Diekhans officiating. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the church immediately after the service. Her burial will follow at 3 p.m. at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Memorial contributions in Barbara's honor may be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Boline Funeral Home.

Barbara was born June 3, 1921 in Inverness, Montana one of seven children born to Martin and Marianna (Mangold) Jochim. She attended schools and graduated from Inverness High School. She married Mike Fisher in 1942 at the Catholic Church in Inverness and together they

made their home North of Hingham on the Fisher Family homestead. The couple had eight children. Barbara was an excellent cook and baker. She cultivated a beautiful garden of which she grew most of the vegetables that the family ate in the summer. Barbara was very active with the Catholic Women and her passion was singing in the church choir. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters and always helped when needed. Barbara had an eye for design, color and decorating. The children say that she was an interior designer before her time. She was an impeccable dresser and enjoyed working at Marguarites clothing store in Havre. She was a loving wife, mother and neighbor. She enjoyed the get-togethers among the women in the farming community and always took time to visit and have a cup of coffee. Barbara loved to travel; and she and Mike did with their dear friends Fran and

Otto Baltrusch. They traveled to Hawaii, Fiji, Australia and Europe, seeing first hand all of the beautiful places that she had only read about.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Mike Fisher in 1995, an infant daughter and one son Neil Fisher. Her son in-law Munir Bahou, three brothers: Martin, Jake and Frank Jochim and two sisters Mag Hagel and Liz Woods.

Barbara is survived by her children: Phyllis Bahou of Murrieta, California; Joyce MacLean of Havre, Montana; Richard (Karen) Fisher of North Rudyard, Montana; Allen (Janice) Fisher of Havre, Montana; Karen (Bobby) Toner of Rudyard, Montana and Garrett Fisher of Polson, Montana. Her Grandchildren Simone Bahou; Alexis (Jennifer) Bahou; Aaron Keller; Kris (Kevin) Woods; Lisa (Jim) Habeger; Lacey (Mike) McIntosch; Logan (Kara) Fisher; Savannah (Bryan) Uhrich;

Spencer Fisher; Brent (Chris) Fisher; Britton Toner; Keenan Toner; Carlin Toner and Sara Fisher.

She is also survived by eleven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

BARBARA IANE MATKIN MAYNARD FORTSON
Born: October 8, 1920 – Died: August 26, 2013
Liberty County Times
September 11, 2013

Barbara Fortson

Barbara Jane Matkin Maynard Fortson passed away at her home in Vallejo, California on August 26, 2013. Her body was donated to science. Barbara was born October 8, 1920 at Carter, Montana to Laura L. Clemens and L. Ernest Matkin.

The family moved to Lothair, MT in 1932 and to Chester, MT in 1935. Barbara graduated from Chester High School in 1938. While living in Chester, she and her mother would play the piano for the services at the Chester United Methodist Church.

She married Ross Maynard, moved to California and later divorced. In California she was employed at Mare Island Navelx

She was a member of the Community Presbyterian Church for 50 years and sang in the choir. She also sang with the Vallejo Choral Society for many years. She enjoyed gardening.

She is survived by her faithful husband Howard Fortson, her daughter Sandra Laureness Cronhardt of California, her son Colin Ross Maynard of Great Falls, MT. and her brother Randall Matkin of Michigan, four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Her memorial service was September 5, 2013 at the Community Presbyterian Church in Vallejo, CA.

PATRICE MARLENE GAGNON

Born: July 28, 1950 – Died: December 30, 2013

Liberty County Times

January 15, 2014



Patrice Gagnon

Patrice Marlene Gagnon, age 63, passed away peacefully at her home in Great Falls, Montana on Monday (December 30, 2013).

Patrice was born July 28, 1950 in Great Falls, the second of five children to Ernest and Genevieve (Hull) Gagnon. She attended St. Gerard's school through the 8th grade. She received her secondary education at Great Falls Central Catholic High School where she was a member of the school band. Following her H.S. graduation in 1968, Patrice went on to attend the University of Great Falls where she earned a Degree in Mathematics and graduated with honors.

Patrice worked as a medical transcriptionist for 42 years; first at Columbus Hospital, then at Benefis Health System. For the last few years she worked from her home for Precyse.

Patrice loved to travel and made memorable trips to Europe, Australia, and Asia. She also loved to read and spend time with her family.

Patrice lived a simple life. She didn't venture far from home. She stayed close to family. She attended Church regularly. She worked at the same job for more than 40 years. Life's journey is different for each of us. The journey presents each of us with unexpected pleasures and unex-

pected challenges with many shifts and changes in direction. Patrice's life had several of these challenges, twists and turns. After being diagnosed with cancer 8 years ago, she took this challenge gracefully, positively and courageously managing to overcome this and defy her life longevity given by physicians. While her health was increasingly compromised in the past several years Patrice never complained, was constantly positive, always smiling and was always available and generous with others.

Her family will always remember Patrice's generous heart, her patience with everything and everyone, and her continuous positive attitude towards life. Patrice's family was each asked for words they felt described Patrice best. Words like: generous, selfless, caring, considerate, kind, gentle, always smiling, giving, thoughtful, patient, protective, motherly, amazing, sensitive, confidant, positive and courageous, all came immediately to mind for them.

She dedicated her life to her family and friends. Patrice was the best daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, friend and co-worker that anyone could ask for. Patrice did not need to be the center of attention. In fact she deliberately avoided this as well as being in pictures. Instead, she liked to come into any room and blend in, settling back to observe and quietly participate in whatever was happening. She will be dearly missed...

Patrice was preceded in death by her father, Ernest in 2009, and her mother, Genevieve in 1997.

She is survived by her brothers, Ken (Julie) of Chester and James (Cheryl) of Fort Benton; and her sisters, Yvonne and Rita, both of Great Falls. Pa-

trice never married but was very close to her siblings and her nephews, niece, & cousins.

A vigil service was held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday (January 2, 2014) at the O'Connor Memorial Chapel in Great Falls. These evening prayers were offered by Father Lou Krauth of Great Falls.

Patrice's Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (January 4, 2014) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester by Father Joseph Diekhans. Greeters were Mike & Kevin Nickol; Altar servers were Troy & Korrin Harmon; Scripture readers were Charles Hull & Ben Gagnon; and the Eulogist was Lyle Gagnon. The communion gifts were offered by Patrice's sisters and the Eucharistic Ministers were Ken Gagnon, Megan Nickol, & Monique Nickol. Marie Woods served as pianist and St. Mary's Choir/friends sang "Irish Blessing", "In Every Age", "Like a Child Rests", "You Are Mine", & "O Loving God". Pallbearers were nephews: Eric, Ryan, Cory, Shane, & Ben Gagnon and Andrew, Nick, & Tom Long. Patrice's honorary bearer was her cousin, Lee Gagnon. Following burial in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery, a reception followed at the church. Local arrangements were conducted by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Patrice at the Sletten Cancer Institute, 1117 29th St. South, Great Falls, MT, 59405.

MELVIN ARTHUR 'MEL' GOMKE

Born: February 22, 1942 – Died: September 9, 2013

Great Falls Tribune

September 12, 2013

Melvin A. "Mel" Gomke



KREMLIN —Mel Gomke at last made it all the way up the tunnel to the light on Sept. 9th to be with his Lord. His Memorial Service will be 2 p.m. Friday, September 13, 2013 at the Van Orsdel United Methodist Church with Pastor Marvin Eldridge officiating. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the church immediately after the service. Memorials in Mel's honor may be made to establishing a future campsite in the Bear Paw Mountains or to a charity of one's choice. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Melvin Arthur Gomke was born in Havre on Feb. 22nd, 1942 to Leona (Kramlich) and Christ Gomke. He attended school all twelve years in the same building in Kremlin. He played basketball and football with the Kremlin Foxes. He enjoyed sports as a spectator and a Babe Ruth coach. Mel spent many Sundays watching football with his three sons and was a lifelong Yankee's fan. Mel was always a farmer at heart but not in practice. He worked various farms as a teen and started adulthood as a grain elevator man. In 1963 he went to Pendroy to be a grain buyer and then to Williams for the G.T.A. company. He enjoyed that country and made many good friends there, then returned to the Hill in 1966 to become a grocer. He drove delivery trucks, booked after hours for farmers and eventually started Mel's Building Service. As a grocer, for 22 years Mel's Food operated in Kremlin.

When the economy of Kremlin changed, the inventory and equipment moved to the south end of Havre and for 18 years was the neighborhood grocery.

In 1963 he married Judi Holsapple and she followed his dreams. (He always had a plan going in his head about a new project, energy efficient houses, energy efficient houses, a greenhouse, flowerbed and a cabin. Mel has three sons that he felt was his greatest achievement. He taught them the value of money, a work ethic, how to do house repairs and the importance of family. His nine grandchildren were the joy of his life.

Mel was Kremlin's Fire Chief for 22 years, was chairman of the Kremlin United Methodist church board, a member of the Kremlin water board and the Hill County Park board. He built a cabin in Beaver Creek Park where there were no trees so he could lovingly make the yard of his dreams. He enjoyed fishing with his sons, buddies and grandchildren. When they all gathered at the cabin he said it was his piece of heaven on earth.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Ann Beattie, Frances Bitz, Irene Swartz, Ellanora "Red" Larson, and good friend Bob Swinney.

Survivors are his wife Judi of 50 years, sons Bill (Debbie) Gomke and children Chris, Josh and Aaron of Charles town, WV; Tim (Debbie) Gomke and children Justin and Tanner of Chinook; Matt (Sierra) Gomke and children Hailey, Cody, Abby and Madison of Sheridan, WY. He leaves a sister, Alma Klobofski of Havre, and brother Don of Kremlin.

Condolences may be posted at www.hollandbonine.com

ROSEMARY GOUCHENOUR

Born: November 11, 1938 - Died: December 3, 2013

Great Falls Tribune

December 4, 2013

Rosemary Gouchenour

POWER



Rosemary

—Rosemary Gouchenour, 75, originally from Ledger, MT, was called home Dec. 3, 2013 to be with her dear husband Don and her other loved ones.

She was 75 years old, born in SLC, UT, Nov. 11, 1938 - died from complications of diabetes. Visitation 6 p.m. Friday Dec. 6th, funeral the 7th of December at 11 am @ the LDS church in Conrad, MT with burial at Hillside cemetery in Conrad. Croxford Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Rosemary was born to Bettie and Dean Powell Sr. She lived in California, Utah and came to MT when she was 14 years old. She married Don Gouchenour Sr. June 30, 1954 - they raised 11 children had the opportunity to see 49 grandchildren and 65 great

grandchildren. She loved family with all her heart. She helped with 26 foster children too. She was an avid reader, a 4-H leader, Home Demonstration Leader, cub scout den leader for many years, she sold Watkins, Fuller Brush, loved meeting people, loved flowers, loved to garden, loved animals, was an amazing cook, baker, she cooked at Chatcolab - she loved beading, leather work - she enjoyed crocheting, quilting, sewing, being a nurse to her kids, loved to do arts and crafts with her grandkids. She was active in church - loved music and sang beautifully.

Rosemary is survived by her children - daughters: Esther (Mike) Susan, Rachel (David) Pauline (Doyle) Bettine (Bob), Sons: Don (Debra), Clifford (Joan), Joseph (Eva), Chas (Shelene) Sam (Andrea) and Raymond (Milagros). She had 5 sisters and 5 brothers, 1 sister and 1 brother already passed away. She loved life and was a wonderful example.

Condolences to the family may be shared at www.croxfordfuneralhome.com

ROBERT FRANCIS 'BOB' GREYTAK
Born: January 18, 1931 – Died: December 8, 2013
Liberty County Times
December 18, 2013

Robert Greytak

Robert Francis "Bob" Greytak was born January 18th, 1931 in Havre, Montana. He was the eldest of 12 children born to Albert and Gladys (Thompson) Greytak. Bob grew up on the family farm 45 miles northwest of Havre. He received his early education at the Border School near the farm, then finished his schooling in Havre, where he graduated from Havre High School in 1948. Bob worked on the family farm until age 24, when he purchased his own place 26 miles north of Hingham.

He married Donna M. McDermott on September 28th, 1957 in Harlem. They lived on the farm and raised a family of eight children. After 50+ years of farming, Bob retired in 2007. He suffered from asthma during most of his life and recently developed respiratory complications. He & Donna moved to the Park View Apartments in Havre to be near medical facilities. On the early morning of Sunday (December 8th, 2013), Bob passed away peacefully at home with his wife by his side. He was 82 years old.

Bob appreciated his life as a Montana farmer and self-taught mechanic. He loved his "shop time", where he designed & milled machinery parts and rebuilt motors of all kinds. He also enjoyed gardening on the farm. During his quiet time at home, he was an avid reader (he was especially fond of the local newspapers and historical publications).

The Greytak's always looked forward to their annual car trips each fall – first with their children in those earlier years and then just the two of them in their

later years. These trips never had an itinerary – they were simply new adventures to experience, new "sights & scenery", and new places & museums – and it was always by automobile. Bob did take his one-&-only airplane flight in 2006, when they travelled to Germany to visit a daughter. Needless-to-say, it was a very memorable trip.

Bob's religion was a very important part of his life. He was raised in the Catholic faith – baptized in Havre, received first communion in Townsend, confirmed in Hingham, and loved the prayers of the Rosary. He was a dedicated & loyal member of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham and a devout Christian his entire life.

Bob was preceded in death by his mother in 1997 and his father in 2004.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Donna Greytak of Gildford; 3 sons, Joseph (Tami) Greytak of Havre (and children, Matthew & Donna Jeanne), Gary (Diana) Greytak of Great Falls (and children, Alex & Nadir),

and Timothy Greytak of Gildford; 5 daughters, Jean (Gary) Dale of Missoula (and children, Kirsten, Andrew, & Erik), Barbara (Bill) Carroll of Helena (and daughter, Kelsey), Nancy (Kennedy) Wells of Frederick, Maryland (and children, Jacob, Emily, & Noah), Anita (Jim) Dunnigan of Libby, and Laurie (Mike) Fox of Wolf Point (and children, Jack, Callan, & Ella); 4 brothers, Jim (Sandy) Greytak of Simpson, Don Greytak of Havre, Tom (Diana) Greytak of Simpson, and Bill (Patty) Greytak of Simpson; 7 sisters, Kathy (Wade) Bickford of Havre, Carol (Robert) Boyce

of Big Sandy, Pat (Nick) Faber of Chinook, Karen (Larry) Norworthy of California, Judy (Jerry) Somdahl of California, Susie Stai of Billings, and Debbie (Mike) Lee of Helena; and numerous nephews & nieces. .

Rosary Prayers were recited at 7:00 p.m. Friday (Dec. 13th) at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham by Father Joseph Diekhans. Mary Hybner provided piano music and the congregation sang "We Remember".

Bob's Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Dec. 14th) at the church by Father Joe. Altar server was Terry Hybner; greeters were Doug Greytak & Keith Vande Sandt; Eucharistic ministers were Leroy Keller, Mary Lois Hybner, & Maryle Lynn Pester; pallbearers were Andrew & Erik Dale, Alex & Nadir Greytak, John Stahl, & Bud Vande Sandt; and the gifts were presented by Bob's children. The obituary was read by Diane

Folk; a poetic reading ("The Tiller") was done by Gary Dale, and scriptures were read by Mike Fox & Kelly Domire. Mass music by pianist Mary Hybner and vocalist Marcus Jochim included "Ave Maria", "Be Not Afraid", "Psalm 23", "Prayer of St. Francis", "Oh Lord I Am Not Worthy", "There is a Longing", and "On Eagle's Wings". A reception followed in the church basement.

Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Burial will be at the St. Wenceslaus Cemetery near the family farm at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Bob's family requested memorials to Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, Bear Paw Hospice in Havre, or a charity of donor's choice...

KYLE DEAN GRIFFIN

Born: July 7, 1965 – Died: October 26, 2013

Liberty County Times

November 6, 2013



Kyle Griffin

Kyle Dean Griffin was born July 7, 1965 in Chester, Montana. He was the first child of two born to Donna Mae Fritz and Robert Michael Griffin. Kyle grew up on the family farm northwest of Chester. He received his elementary and secondary education in Chester, where he graduated from C.H.S. in 1983. Kyle continued his schooling in diesel mechanics at the Helena Vo-Tech. He finished his formal education at M.S.U. in Bozeman and N.M.C. in Havre, where he studied ag business, then returned to the Chester community to pursue farming.

Kyle leased the Ted and Leora Gibson farm at age 19. He eventually purchased the Gibson place and later expanded his farming operations to the Ethridge community. After the death of his father, Robert, in 2009,

Kyle also helped his mother with the farming chores on the home place. He enjoyed his farm and took pride in all of his buildings and equipment.

On October 11th Kyle suffered a seizure followed by cardiac arrest. He remained in the I.C.U. at Benefis Hospital in Great Falls for two weeks before being transferred to Peace Hospice for comfort care. He died at the hospice facility on Saturday afternoon (October 26, 2013) at the age of 48.

Kyle was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith. During his formative years he was very active in the Liberty County 4-H program. During his early adult years he enjoyed classic cars (specifically, Ford Mustangs) and nice trucks. He also enjoyed his gun collection and target shooting. In recent years Kyle loved to travel. During his quiet time at home he was an avid reader - especially fond of historicals.

Kyle never got over the untimely death of his beloved sister, Karla, in 1997. The positive outcome of her death was his unconditional love for her two children, Robert and Lillian. In addition Kyle was very close to his lifelong champion, Gramma Stubbe.

He was preceded in death not only by his sister and father, but also by his maternal grandfather (Raymond Fritz) and his paternal grand-parents (Gerry and Gladys Griffin).

Survivors include his mother, Donna Griffin of Galata; his nephew, Robert Raymond Griffin-Duncan of San Diego, CA; his niece, Lillian Lena Griffin-Duncan of Lafayette, IN; his maternal grandmother, Lillian "Stubbe" Fritz of Chester; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Public viewing was Thursday and Friday at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Family and friends gathered at the mortuary chapel at 7:00 p.m. Friday (Nov. 1st) for an informal Tribute Service, led by Kyle's aunt and god-mother, Bonnie Johnson. A cousin, Greg Kinder, played the guitar and sang "Why Me Lord", "Wish You Were Here", & "Knockin' on Heaven's Door". A pictorial video set to the music of "Precious Child" (by Karen Taylor Good) was shown. A coffee hour followed.

Kyle's Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Nov. 2nd) at St.

Mary's Catholic Church in Chester by Father Joseph Diekhans. Pianist, Marie Woods, accompanied St. Mary's choir & friends, who sang "Gather Us In", "On Eagle's Wings", "When We Eat This Bread", "Lamb of God", and "Song of Farewell". Vocalist, Marcus Joachim, performed "Just As I Am". Greeters were Wade Johnson & Rob Laas. Altar server was Jake Fritz. The Gifts were presented by

Kyle's niece & nephew, and Eucharistic Ministers were Bonnie Johnson, Norma Fritz, Mary Ann Fossen, & Mike Walstad. Scripture readers were Whitney Jagelski and Jennifer Fritz-Millard. The "Precious Child" video was shown before the reading of the obituary by Bob Fritz and the eulogy by Joe Boyle. The service ended with "Go Rest High On That Mountain" (by recording artist, Vince Gill). Pallbearers were Jack Wagner, Jennings Johnson, Scott Fritz, Jaxson O'Brien,

Todd Wilson, and Dennis Henke. Following burial at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church basement. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

DANIEL G. 'CRASH' HARJU
Born: April 9, 1960 – Died: February 6, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
February 13, 2013

Daniel G. 'Crash' Harju

FORT SHAW — Daniel G. "Crash" Harju, 52, of Fort Shaw, a truck driver, died of pancreatic cancer Wednesday, Feb. 6, at a Peace Hospice facility.

A memorial service is 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairfield. Inurnment will follow in Sun River Cemetery. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



Harju

Daniel G. "Crash" Harju was born April 9, 1960, in Chester to Norman

W. and Sue Harju. He was raised in the Chester, Browning, Ennis, Big Sky and Big Timber areas. Daniel graduated from Big Timber High School. He then entered the Missoula Vo-Tech to become a diesel mechanic, and, through his love of big rigs, started driving truck. He drove through almost every state. He married Celeste Schraner, and they later separated.

Daniel "Crash" enjoyed singing, listening to music, watching hockey and basketball and spending time with his family and friends. He had a special gift with children and animals.

Daniel is survived by his wife, Celeste Harju of Shelby, N.C.; father Norman W. Harju of Helena; and sisters Charlene "Charlie" Harju of Fairfield and Cheryl Harju of Helena.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sue Harju.

Condolences may be posted online at www.schnider-funeralhome.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

SCOTT DAVID HAUSER

Born: October 26, 1955 – Died: February 3, 2013

Liberty County Times

February 13, 2013



Scott Hauser

Scott David Hauser was born October 26, 1955 in Kalispell, Montana. He was the eldest of seven children born to Theodore and Carolyn (Hanses) Hauser. He received his early education in Kalispell. In 1964 the family moved to California, where Scott graduated from Birmingham High School.

He continued his education at the Don Bosco Technical Institute where he majored in Metallurgy. He established a career in servicing and selling metallurgical test equipment (mainly, DCP spectrometers) throughout the United States. In 1999 Scott returned to Montana. He purchased the business from the former owner in 2003 and operated it from his home office in Hingham until 2010. He was currently setting up a shop in Joplin, MT.

Scott suffered a cardiac arrest at his home in Hingham this past Sunday (February 3, 2013). He died at age 57.

He is survived by his father, Ted Hauser of Hingham; his mother, Carolyn Hauser of Joplin; 7 children, including 5 daughters, Hong, Erin, Mary, Katy, & Theresa and 3 sons, Chris, Michael, & Andrew, all of California; 5 brothers, Brian, Chris (Jenia), & Chuck of California, Matt (Naomi) of Illinois, and Ted (Laura) of Gildford; 1 sister, Allyn (Bob) Galland of California; numerous nephews & nieces; and his special friend & companion since 2005, Sheila Duncan of Joplin.

Scott had many interests and hobbies throughout his life. He was very artistic at a young age and excelled in pencil and charcoal sketching. He also loved photography and was able to develop his own black and white photos and print them in his home dark room. Scott enjoyed motorcycles and automobile drag racing. He understood the math and theory of engine building and built and advised the building of more than a few race engines.

Scott was a voracious reader and had a very keen memory. When he became interested in a subject he could quickly become expert in the theoretical aspect of a given field and the practical application was soon to follow. Some of the areas that Scott excelled in were gourmet cooking, computer programming and repair, gunsmithing, and building and playing electric guitar. He enjoyed studying history and politics and was always good for a lively discussion on either

topic. He enjoyed being around people and was always ready to help someone in any way he could. Those of us who had our computers fixed by him for free understood this well!

He enjoyed gopher shooting

and did his best to help lower the gopher population every year. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was fun to be with on either a gopher shoot or a deer hunting trip. His sense of humor and ability to laugh even in difficult situations was one of the things those who knew him appreciated. There were very few topics that he didn't have at least a passing knowledge of, which made him fun to talk with. His easy going friendly personality made him many friends and most of them for life. Scott will be missed greatly by his friends and family.

A traditional Requiem Latin Mass was celebrated by Father Benedict Hughes at 1:00 p.m. Friday (Feb. 8th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Seminary student, Robert Letourneau, assisted. Special prelude music was "God of Loveliness". Pallbearers were his 3 sons, Chris, Michael, & Andrew Hauser, and 3 friends, Micah Green, Michael Swank, & Scott Sasse. Graveside rites concluded the services at 2:30 p.m. at Hingham Cemetery. A reception followed at the Liberty Community Center in Chester. Memorials may be given in Scott's memory to the St. Joseph Seminary (15384 North Church Road, Rathdrum, ID 83858) or to donor's choice...

CHARLES RAYMOND HEMMER
Born: March 10, 1923 – Died: August 28, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
September 1, 2013

Charles Hemmer



SHELBY —Charles Raymond “Charlie” Hemmer, 90, of Shelby, died August 28, 2013 at the Marias Medical Center due to natural causes.

Funeral services will be 11 am Friday, September 6, at St William Catholic Church with a viewing at Whitted Funeral Home 2 to 6 pm on Thursday September 5. A rosary service will be held at 7 pm at St Williams Catholic Church on Thursday following the viewing. Interment with military honors will be in the Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby. Whitted Funeral Chapel of Shelby is in charge of arrangements.

Charlie was born March 10, 1923 in Lothair, Montana to Matt and Anna (Schroer) Hemmer. He graduated from Browning High School in 1941. During WWII he served in the Army stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. In 1947 he met his future bride Helen Deterding and they were wed in 1948 in Shelby, MT. He worked construction, first as a cement finisher and then learned the trade of plumbing. He formed Lee and Hemmer Plumbing with Ed Lee. Eventually he bought out Ed and worked as Hemmer Plumbing and Heating until his retirement. His son Joe currently runs the business.

Many hours of Charlie’s time was devoted to the community. He served on the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department for 22 years, most of that time as the Secretary/Treasurer. He was also a volunteer on the Toole County Ambulance.

Family was always his first priority. As his children grew, he was always a quiet solid presence for them. In later years his grandchildren were his focus and later still his great grandchildren. He was happiest around his family, often sitting quietly with a little smile on his face.

Church was important to Charlie and he was an active member of St. Williams Catholic Church. For recreation, he loved to hunt and fish.

Survivors include his children, Dennis (Mary Kay) Hemmer of Cheyenne, WY, Susan (Doug) Lutke of Lewistown, Joe (Marie) Hemmer of Shelby, and Mary Jane (Bud) Borlaug of Havre; his brother, Gerald Hemmer of Billings; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Helen Marie (Deterding) Hemmer; brothers, Frank, John, Lawrence, Joe, James and George; his sister Annaleen Zeeck; and grandsons Patrick Hemmer and Matthew Hemmer.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department or the Toole County Ambulance.

Condolences may be sent to www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

PETE HENDERSON

Born: May 18, 1926 – Died: September 18, 2013

Liberty County Times

September 25, 2013



Pete Henderson

Pete Henderson, a retired farmer/rancher who was fortunate to live a happy & healthy life for 87 years, died of heart failure on Wednesday morning (September 18th, 2013) at the Liberty Medical Center in Chester.

Pete was born May 18th, 1926 at Calvin, North Dakota. He was the 4th of five children born to Adam Henderson and Elsie (Schafer) Henderson Mathews. In 1929 his mother and step-father, Harvey Mathews, moved to Chester (MT), where Pete received his elementary education. At age 12 Pete's family moved to Cut Bank, so he finished his formal education there.

Pete was inducted into the U. S. Army in 1945. He served as a Private First Class in "Com-

pany D, 17th Infantry, 7th Division" as a member of the occupation forces in Korea for two years. Following his honorable discharge in 1947, he returned to Montana. He lived and worked in the Cut Bank community until 1950, then moved to Coeur d'Alene (ID) to help his parents in their new business. From 1952-1963 Pete and his brother, Jack, operated a propane business in Chester. In addition Pete began farming his father's place in the Loring community north of Malta in 1957.

Pete met a Chester girl, Gwen Christenot, at a local dance. They were married in Chester on December 20th, 1958 and they raised a family of four. In 1969 Pete bought his cousin's farm near Loring. In 1970 he moved his family to Loring, where he farmed & ranched for the next 30+ years. The Hendersons sold their farm in 2006 and retired. Since then they enjoyed their summers at their home near Essex and they spent their winter months in Chester.

Pete was baptized & confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Chester and remained a lifelong member. Other memberships included the Shelby Elks Lodge, the Chester V.F.W. Post, and the Malta Men's Club.

Pete had many hobbies over

the years. In his younger days he enjoyed hunting, fishing, & playing the saxophone. In the early 1950's he drove stock-cars at the Couer d'Alene race track and continued to be a lifelong fan of NASCAR racing. He loved mechanics, cars & "tinkering" in his shop, and was the proud owner of two vintage automobiles: a 1952 Plymouth and a 1969 Pontiac. Pete also enjoyed dancing, bowling, snowskiing, pinochle, and word-puzzle games. In his quiet time at home he loved his favorite TV shows (especially, "old western" movies, Huckabee & the RFD channel, holiday parades, and the Lawrence Welk show). In recent years he loved to spend time at their place near Essex, where he enjoyed cooking a big breakfast for his family or simply appreciated the natural beauty & serenity of the area. Pete loved his grandchildren and always looked forward to attending their special activities & sporting events.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers (Bill, Dan, & Jack Henderson), his only sister (Nina Shepherd), a grandson (Zachary Vinson), and his loyal pet dog ("Toby").

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Gwen Henderson of Chester; 3 sons, Mike Hender-

son (wife, Criss) of Malta, Mark Henderson (wife, Christi) of Choteau, and Phillip Henderson (wife, Deb) of Malta; 1 daughter, Barb Vinson (husband, Jim) of Chester; 11 grandchildren (Jessica; Audrey, Abby, Haley, Peter, & Jessie; Adam & Lance; and Courtney, Caitlin, & Kylee); 3 step-grandchildren (Kurt, Randy, & Katie); and numerous nephews & nieces.

Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday (Sept. 23rd) at the United Methodist Church in Chester. Pastor Grover Briggs officiated. A selected scripture was read by Mark Henderson and the obituary was shared by Dan Shepherd. Gail Cicon served as pianist and the congregation sang "Standing in the Promises". A vocal trio of friends (Ron, Myrna, & Becky Sullens) performed "For Those Tears I Died" & "It Is Well With My Soul". A musical instrumental entitled "Ashokan Farewell" was played by Mike Henderson (guitar) and Jessica Henderson (fiddle). A taped tribute, "The Old Rugged Cross", was sung by Barb Vinson. Ushers were Ted Zorn & Pete Woods. The service concluded with Military Rites, followed by a luncheon at the church.

Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Pete was cremated and his ashes will be scattered privately per his wishes. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association or to the Hi-Line Health Foundation.



Wedding Day:

December 20, 1958



Pete with sons (Phillip, Mark, & Mike)
and daughter (Barb)

happy & healthy life for 87 years, died of heart failure on Wednesday morning (September 18th, 2013) at the Liberty Medical Center in Chester. Pete was born May 18th, 1926 at Calvin, North Dakota. He was the 4th of five children born to Adam Henderson and Elsie (Schafer) Henderson Mathews. In 1929 his mother and step-father, Harvey Mathews, moved to Chester (MT), where Pete received his elementary education. At age 12 Pete's family moved to Cut Bank, so he finished his formal education there. Pete was inducted into the U. S. Army in 1945. He served as a Private First Class in "Company D, 17th Infantry, 7th Division" as a member of the occupation forces in Korea for two years. Following his honorable discharge in 1947, he returned to Montana. He lived and worked in the Cut Bank community until 1950, then moved to Coeur d'Alene (ID) to help his parents in their new business. From 1952-1963 Pete and his brother, Jack, operated a propane business in Chester. In addition Pete began farming his father's place in the Loring community north of Malta in 1957.

Pete met a Chester girl, Gwen Christenot, at a local dance. They were married in Chester on December 20th, 1958 and they raised a family of four. In 1969 Pete bought his cousin's farm near Loring. In 1970 he moved his family to Loring, where he farmed & ranched for the next 30+ years. The Hendersons sold their farm in 2006 and retired. Since then they enjoyed their summers at their home near Essex and they spent their winter months in Chester. Pete was baptized & confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Chester and remained a lifelong member. Other memberships included the Shelby Elks Lodge, the Chester V.F.W. Post, and the Malta Men's Club. Pete had many hobbies over the years. In his younger days he enjoyed hunting, fishing, & playing the saxophone. In the early 1950's he drove stock-cars at the Couer d'Alene race track and continued to be a lifelong fan of NASCAR racing. He loved mechanics, cars & "tinkering" in his shop, and was the proud owner of two vintage automobiles: a 1952 Plymouth and a 1969 Pontiac. Pete also enjoyed dancing, bowling, snowskiing, pinochle, and word-puzzle games. In his quiet time at home he loved his favorite TV shows (especially, "old western" movies, Huckabee & the RFD channel, holiday parades, and the Lawrence Welk show). In recent years he loved to spend time at their place near Essex, where he enjoyed cooking a big breakfast for his family or simply appreciated the natural beauty & serenity of the area. Pete loved his grandchildren and always looked forward to attending their special activities & sporting events. Pete was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers (Bill, Dan, & Jack Henderson), his only sister (Nina Shepherd), a grandson (Zachary Vinson), and his loyal pet dog ("Toby").

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Gwen Henderson of Chester; 3 sons, Mike Henderson (wife, Criss) of Malta, Mark Henderson (wife, Christi) of Choteau, and Phillip Henderson (wife, Deb) of Malta; 1 daughter, Barb Vinson (husband, Jim) of Chester; 11 grandchildren (Jesica; Audrey, Abby, Haley, Peter, & Jessie; Adam & Lance; and Courtney, Caitlin, & Kylee); 3 step-grandchildren (Kurt, Randy, & Katie); and numerous nephews & nieces.



PETE HENDERSON

1926 – 2013



FLOYD LOWELL HERMAN

Born: May 18, 1951 – Died: December 23, 2013

Liberty County Times

January 8, 2014



Floyd Herman

Floyd Lowell Herman was born May 18th, 1951 in Havre, Montana. He was the youngest of four children born to Frances Tippie & Chris Herman. He spent his younger years on the family farm 15 miles north of Rudyard. Floyd was devastated at age five when his father was killed in an auto-train accident. His mother would later marry a man named Tom Evenson. In the years that followed Floyd travelled with his mother & step-father to Alaska, Oregon, & Minnesota, and received his formal education along the way.

In his early 20's Floyd began working at the oil rigs in Texas and Oklahoma. In 1978 he returned to Montana and took over the family farm. On July 29th, 1978 he married Sherri Smith at the Methodist Church in Inverness. They had four children before their marriage ended in divorce in 1997.

Floyd married his second wife, Joann Owens, on September 21st, 2002. The product of this union was a son prior to their divorce.

Floyd had a small farm & ranch operation; he worked other jobs over the years to supplement his income. In the early 1980's he travelled to Wyoming & Utah to rough-neck on area oil rigs. He also worked as a fabricator & welder for Dean Hodges until he suffered a serious injury. He was employed on the Hill County road crew for a couple of years. In addition he worked part time for many years in the cement business for his good friend, Dave

Warhank. Floyd was always a strong & able-bodied man who was not afraid of hard work and would help anyone if he could. Unfortunately, he became seriously ill this past November and tried to care for himself at home. When his family finally forced him to seek professional medical care, the news was bad – he was diagnosed with untreatable cancer on December 9th. Floyd moved into Rudyard with his son, Joshua, who provided him with comfort and care. Floyd died Monday morning (December 23rd, 2013). He was 62 years old.

Floyd enjoyed the "great outdoors". He liked to go fishing; back-packing in the country with his mule, "Jennie"; and travelling to his little hunting cabin at Niehart. He also enjoyed working with draft horses. Floyd was a skilled carpenter & woodworker, and always had a "project in the works". He did his own butchering and could "fix most anything". He enjoyed auctions & rodeos. In his quiet time at home he liked

to read. When he was working, he always had the radio on, as he loved country western & gospel music.

Floyd could be best described as a non-conformist, who was his own man. He led a relatively quiet, private life and was a simple, "old-fashioned" guy who often times did things the hard way. He was very frugal and did things only if they were "cost effective". The public generally perceived him as a "gentle giant" and a good friend.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1956, his step-father in 1993, his mother in 1997, his brother (Fred Herman), and his sister (Laurel Camper).

He is survived by 5 children, Joshua Herman of Rudyard, Trace Herman of Sidney, Carly (Samuel) Lilley of Sahuarita, AZ., Joelle Herman of Helena, and Jadon Owens of Rudyard; 2 grandchildren, Kavya and Xander Lilley; 1 sister, Maryle Lynn (James) Pester of Rudyard; 1 sister-in-law, Lavonne Herman of Havre; and numerous nephews & nieces.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday (Dec. 30th) at the Calvary Evangelical Church in Rudyard by Pastor Clay Maszar. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" & "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by Sharon Spicher on the piano. A ladies ensemble from the Cool Spring Colony sang "The Master's Bouquet". The obituary & personal remembrances were shared by daughter, Joelle. Old friend,

Joe Lincoln, read a Paul Harvey rendition entitled "God Made A Farmer". Ushers were Samuel Lilley and John Owens. A special taped musical selection, "Touch of the Master's Hand", concluded the service. A reception provided by church ladies and Cool Spring Colony followed.

Graveside services & burial were finalized at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Grace Church Cemetery (north of Floyd's farmstead). This service was personalized with several special tributes. Friend, Kyle Owens (on horseback), led Floyd's "riderless" mule, Jennie, and the entire funeral procession to the gravesite. Floyd's handmade casket was lowered into the grave "the old-fashioned way" – by ropes – by his pallbearers (Stu Smith, Dan Hybner, Dave Warhank, Carter Coffee, Ron Hofer, Abe Hofer, & other friends). Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

CLARENCE 'BILL' HOCHBERGER

Born: December 10, 1922 – Died: November 23, 2013

Liberty County Times

December 4, 2013



Clarence "Bill" Hochberger

Bill was born on December 10th, 1922 at Sutton, North Dakota. He was the youngest of 10 children born to Fredrick and Hulda Hehmke Hochberger. Bill attended the local school through his 8th grade year. The unexpected death of his father impelled him to quit school. He spent the next nine years doing any work in any weather to support his family.

In March of 1943, with World War II in full force, Bill decided to join the Army and help protect the American way of life. His job title in the Army was Heavy Machine Gunner- Infantry. He attained the rank of Private First Class and was assigned to the 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Bill received a Purple Heart Medal in March of 1945 in addition to an ETO ribbon with 3 battle stars, a Combat Infantryman's badge and a Good Conduct medal. Bill was honorably discharged in December, 1945.

Bill returned to North Dakota and worked for Standard Oil for several years. Life then led him to Chester, Montana, where he became a parts man for Emmers and Elsie Berg. In

1949, Bill met a lovely young woman named Frances Petlak. They were married June 30, 1950.

Over the next 5 years, Bill and Frances were joined by a son, Gary, and 2 daughters, Sandra and Cheryl. During this time, Bill operated a Standard service station and worked in the aluminum plant at Columbia Falls. In 1958, he opened "Bill's Shoe Shop", a shoe sales and repair business in Chester that he would operate until retiring in 1998.

Bill enjoyed spending time fishing- either from his boat or ice fishing. Pheasant hunting in the fall provided a break from watching a wide variety of sports on the television. Bill enjoyed reading the paper every day, especially the sports section. Dominoes, Pan and Marbles rounded out his leisure activities. Sandy and Cheryl have fond memories of the last Marble games they played with him on a visit home this October.

Bill and Frances enjoyed traveling and made numerous trips to California, Las Vegas and Branson. In 2009, they undertook a very memorable 9 day trip along the east coast with their daughter Cheryl and her husband Dave. In New York, Bill was able to walk the bases at Citi-Field (the NY Mets stadium). They saw the Statue of Liberty and were able to find names of family members who had immigrated through Ellis Island. They also visited the National World War II memorial, which was a deeply touching occasion. The Tomb of the

Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. rounded out the trip with another moving experience. The following year, the entire family took an Alaskan cruise. The cruise provided some wonderful family memories. A fruitless 4 hour deep-sea fishing tour led Bill to say, "there's not a darn fish in this ocean." His frustration with the lack of fish was lessened after he dazzled the audience and won the hairiest chest competition, although he was one of the least qualified contestants.

In June of 2011, Bill suffered a stroke that required some long term care at Benefis West. Due to hard work on his part, he was able to transfer to Shelby in July for therapy and rehab. The purchase of a motorized scooter dubbed "my buggy" by Bill allowed him to return home and continue his daily routine. He played Pan with the gang last Friday.

Following lunch on Saturday, November 23rd, Bill felt weak and was taken to the Emergency Room of the Liberty Medical Center. Bill's pulse rate was very low and unable to be stabilized. 4 hours later, Bill passed away peacefully with his loving wife of 63 years by his side. Bill was a wonderful husband, father and friend, who will be missed dearly by those of us fortunate enough to have known him.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; 5 brothers, Walter, Aaron, Richard, Hugo & Charles; and 4 sisters, Hilda, Elsie, Laura & Mabel. He is survived by his wife

Frances Hochberger of Chester; a son, Gary Hochberger of Great Falls; 2 daughters, Sandra Hochberger of Aurora, Co. & Cheryl/ Dave Neitz of Golden, Co.; 5 grandchildren, Thomas/Jennifer Hochberger of Des Moines, Iowa, Krista/Timothy Huerta of Lexington, Nebraska, Brenton Zeiler of Aurora, Co., Chelsea Neitz of Parker, Co., and Michaela/Jason Trinka of Parker, Co.; 7 great-grandchildren, Will, Sarah & Grace Hochberger, Hope, Tori, Jalyann & Karly Huerta; and many nieces & nephews.

Pastor John Fauerbach presided over funeral services at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 29, 2013, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Mary Ann Zorn sang "Beyond The Sunset" and "On Eagle's Wings" with Holly Frederickson playing the piano. The obituary was read by Bill's grandson, Thomas Hochberger. Son, Gary read a remembrance written by Rick Richter that detailed the military achievements of Bill's service, which included Bill crawling $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile through enemy lines to singlehandedly blow up a German tank and of a battle at the Elbe River during which Bill's unit was the only one to successfully hold the ground until meeting up with a Russian Battalion, a feat that cost them 90% of their unit. Part of Rick and Bill's relationship centered around the endless Ford/ Chevy debate. Bill got in the final poke, when grandchildren Chelsea, Michaela and Thomas affixed a Ford

logo to the front of the casket. Son-in-law, Dave Neitz gave a warm tribute to Bill's human characteristics and spoke of the depth of their personal relationship. The service ended with the congregation singing "The Old Rugged Cross". Holly played "How Great Thou Art" as a recessional song.

Graveside services were at the Chester Cemetery with "Taps" played by SGT Wyatt Uphaus of Malta. A flag ceremony and presentation of colors to wife, Frances was conducted by SGT Uphaus and SPC Rocky Gardipee of Shelby. Pastor John Fauerbach gave the Committal

Rites.

A delicious, hot luncheon followed in the fellowship hall. More than a few good memories were shared. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

Clarence "Bill" Hochberger

Born: December 10, 1922 at Sutton, ND

Died: November 23, 2013 at Chester, Mt

Age: 90 years...11 months...13 days



I Am With You Still
I give you this one thought to keep
I am with you still- do not weep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am a gentle autumn's rain.
When you wake in morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush-
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am soft stars that shine at night.
Do not think of me as gone-
I am with you still- in each new dawn

BILL'S LOVING FAMILY: wife of 63 years— Frances; A son, Gary/Debbie; 2 daughters, Sandra & Cheryl/Dave ; 5 grandchildren, Thomas/Jennifer, Krista/Timothy, Brenton, Chelsea & Michaela; 7 great-grandchildren, Will, Sarah, Grace, Hope, Tori, Jalynn & Karly; and numerous nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

FUNERAL SERVICES: 11 a.m. Friday, November 29th, 2013
at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Mt

OFFICIANT: Pastor John Fauerbach

PIANIST: Holly Frederickson

VOCALISTS: Mary Ann Zorn & Steffani Wanken

VOCAL TRIBUTES: "Beyond The Sunset"&"On Eagles Wing's"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "The Old Rugged Cross"

RECESSIONAL PIANO MUSIC: "How Great Thou Art"

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE: Gary Hochberger

EULOGIST: Dave Neitz

OBITUARY READER: Pastor John

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Pastor John— *Ecc. 3:1-8, Psalm 121,*
Romans 8: 35-39 and John 3: 13-17

PALLBEARERS: Sandy Anderson, Kenny Osterman, Mike Mattson, Jerry Knetzger, Don Raunig & Duane Aitken

USHER: Richard Burrows

BURIAL: In Chester Cemetery with Military Rites

LUNCHEON: following burial in the Fellowship
Hall.

MEMORIALS: Donor's Choice



RICHARD JAMES (DICK) HUNNEWELL
Born: September 24, 1946 – Died: August 6, 2013
Liberty County Times
August 14, 2013



Richard Hunnewell

Richard James "Dick" Hunnewell was born September 24, 1946 in Great Falls, Montana. He was the eldest of two sons born to Idella Mary Walden and Richard Eugene "Bud" Hunnewell. Dick grew up and received his formal education in Chester. Following his graduation from C.H.S. in 1965, Dick enrolled in a tech school at Wahpeton, North Dakota, where he studied diesel mechanics. After completing these technical skills, Dick returned to Montana. He took a job at "Service Supply" in Cut Bank, where he worked for Ford Hughes for several years.

In the early 1970's Dick moved back to Chester to work for Thielman Implement as a mechanic and truck driver. In addition he operated part of the family farm south of Chester.

Dick's parents retired in the mid-1970's and moved to Tacoma, WA to be near Idella's sister's family, the Spingola's.

Dick decided to join them in 1978 when the Spingola's offered him a job as a mechanic at their John Deere Dealership (a Tacoma business that sold and serviced lawn & garden equipment and tractors). Dick worked for Spingola's for 15+ years before retiring due to failing eyesight in 1994.

Dick's father had died in 1985. Dick continued to care for his mother until her death in 1999. Later that same year Dick moved back to Montana to be closer to family and friends. He purchased his mother's house in Chester from her estate and made that his permanent home. Dick did spend about a year in the Chester, Shelby, and Havre nursing facilities for extended care & rehab for a hip fracture and other health problems. Even though he was considered "legally blind", Dick continued to live alone with the help of local caregivers and friends.

About three weeks ago Dick suffered a cardiac event, which resulted in acute care and hospitalization. He was admitted to the I.C.U. at Benefis East Medical Center in Great Falls. He developed multiple organ failure, so was transferred to Peace Hospice for comfort care. Dick died at the hospice center on Tuesday evening (August 6, 2013). He was a month shy of age 67.

Dick was baptized and raised in the Methodist faith, but was an agnostic throughout most of his life. In his early

adult years Dick was an avid bowler in the local leagues and maintained an sub-200 average on the hardwoods. He enjoyed his collection of classic model cars and spending time in his vegetable garden. After his eyesight failed, he loved to listen to western movies on television. For many years he appreciated the companionship of his old yellow cat, "Morris".

In addition to his parents, Dick was preceded in death by his brother (David in 2009) and 2 aunts (Pat Spingola and LaVerne Lyders).

He is survived by 1 niece, Rachel Holly of Great Falls; 3 nephews, Aaron, Branden, & Camon Hunnewell, all of Chester; several great-nephews/nieces; sister-in-law, Yvonne Hunnewell of Chester; 1 uncle, Ken Spingola of Tacoma, WA; 3 cousins, Michael Spingola, Mark Spingola, & Mary Ann Hummel, all of Tacoma; and his longtime friend & loyal caregiver, Larry Lappe of Chester.

Funeral services were 1:00 p.m. Saturday (Aug. 10th, 2013) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Pastor Grover Briggs officiated. The obituary was read by Aaron Hunnewell. Selected taped music included "There Will Come A Day" (by Faith Hill) and "Carry You" (by Amy Grant). Pallbearers were Aaron & Camon Hunnewell, Larry Lappe, Dennis Snyder, Joel Fenger, and Duane Gjesdal. Following burial in

the family plot at the Chester Cemetery, a coffee hour was held at the mortuary lounge. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

GORDON HURLEY

Born: May 6, 1920 – Died: December 18, 2013

Liberty County Times

January 8, 2014



Gordon Hurley

Gordon Hurley, 93, long-time Liberty County rancher, passed away of cancer at his home on the ranch on De-

cember 18, 2013. After a brief illness in October and a two week stay in the hospital, he learned of his diagnosis. His final request was to come home to the ranch to live the remainder of his life before leaving this world to join his beloved wife, Jean, in heaven. He passed away peacefully that morning with his son, Bob, by his side.

Gordon was born May 6, 1920, to Thomas and Marie Hurley in Brady, MT. He grew up on the ranch that his father homesteaded in the Knees community east of Brady. His love for horses and cattle started with him learning to ride at age 5 and continued throughout his lifetime. At the age of 93, he continued to be an active part of the day-to-day operation on the ranch alongside his son, Bob, who lives on the ranch and continues Gordon's legacy.

If you couldn't find Gordon on the ranch, he could be found at a rodeo, Western Livestock's cattle sale or Browning's "Indian Days". Gordon loved rodeos and tried not to miss any during the summer months (after his own cattle were attended to). He said



he never went to a rodeo he didn't like, and he lived long enough to see the National Finals Rodeo on TV.

Gordon served in the U.S. Army during WWII from 11-4-1941 to 12-22-1945. He was stationed at Fort Robinson, Nebraska. His duties included breaking horses and mules, and he used the same saddle working on the ranch that he used breaking horses during the war. Fort Robinson was a remount station for the Army, and there were more than 20,000 head of horses and mules located there. Gordon said train loads of 700 head were sent out at a time to the Calvary units and pack strings overseas.

During leave from the Army, Gordon married the "love of his life" Jean Allen on 9-14-1945. To this union four children were born: Jack, Glenna, Bob and Jim.

Gordon purchased the family ranch, 30 miles east of Conrad, in 1946. When he moved onto the place, all he owned was an old car, a horse and his saddle. He borrowed an old tractor from his father and \$700 from the bank and went to work. He started with 75 head of cattle. Over the years, Gordon and Bob have ex-

panded the cattle herd and grown the farming operation.

Gordon also was given the Heritage award for the Cowboy of the Year in 2006 from the Montana Cowboys Association.

Gordon is survived by his children: Jack (Cheri) Hurley, Polson, MT, Glenna (Lynn) Schweigert, Mesa, AZ, Bob (Debbie) Hurley, Ledger, MT, Jim (Judy) Hurley, Gilbert, AZ, and his grandchildren: Lisa Snowden, Terry Hurley, Tami Weisgram, Jennifer Buchanan, Jessene Hurley and Cassie Hurley. He is also survived by great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Gordon was preceded in death in 1975 by the "love of his life" for almost 30 years, Jean Hurley. He told Bob in the last days of his life that "I never remarried because I married the best, and I wasn't going to settle for less". He also was preceded in death by his parents: Thomas and Marie and brothers: Gerald and Billy.

His granddaughter, Jennifer, said it best when she wrote, "The dear Lord received a special angel this morning. Though it breaks my heart and pains me to know he is no longer with us, I know deep down inside he is now in heaven with his one and only true love. I wanted so badly for my boys to meet him and know what a hard-working, well-respected man he was. As my eyes fill with tears, I can hear him in the background telling me to "suck it up and know that he was never ever cheated out of life". Love him more than he will ever know".

Services was held Saturday, December 28, 2013, at Pondera Valley Lutheran church with interment to follow at Hillside Cemetery.

Memorials be made to Benefis Peace Hospice at 1101 26th St. So., Great Falls, MT 59405.

IONE CHRISTINA (ANDERSON) HANSON HUSTON
Born: September 13, 1929 – Died: August 21, 2013

Liberty County Times
August 28, 2013



Ione Hanson Huston

Ione Christina (Anderson) Hanson Huston was called to Heaven on Wednesday morning (August 21, 2013) at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena with her loving family close by. She left us at age 83 years, 11 months, 8 days...

Ione was born at 11:00 p.m. on September 13, 1929 on the family farm north of Westby, Montana. She was one of four children born to Benhard and Ruby (Todahl) Anderson. Ione was baptized and confirmed at the Pleasant Valley Church north of the homestead.

She and her brothers attended a nearby country school, which commenced only from spring to fall because the harsh northeastern Montana winters did not allow for safe travel. Together they rode bareback on Ione's horse, "Pinto", to school each day. After completing the 8th grade, Ione moved into Westby. She lived with the school superintendent's family and finished her secondary education in Westby, where she graduated from high school in 1947.

Her next adventure in life began in Glasgow, where she took a job as a telephone operator. Later that same fall she moved to Great Falls to attend beauty school. It was there that she met the love of her life, Alfred Hanson.

Ione and Alfred were married on December 19, 1948 at Alfred's parents' home, located at the Liberty County Shop Yard in Chester. The couple made their home in Chester and raised a family of four: Larry, Calvin, Darlene, and Rodney. In addition to being a wife, mother, and homemaker, Ione worked diligently with her husband at the Grand Restaurant, Hanson's Texaco, and Al's Antiques. She also enjoyed several other jobs in Chester, including bookkeeping at the Liberty County Hospital and at Duffin's Accounting office. After the Sweetgrass Lodge Retirement Home was built in Chester in 1978, the Hanson's were hired as the first managers of the facility.

Alfred and Ione loved the RV circuit, were active members of a local RV Club ("The Milk River Campers"), and enjoyed many adventures throughout the United States. In the late 1980's they made a memorable RV trip to Alaska with some good friends. The Hanson's were happily married 43 years when Alfred passed away in August of 1991.

Ione later met and married a widower, O. Tony Huston, in December of 1992 in Spokane, WA. The Huston's wintered in Arizona and summered in Montana. They loved to travel

and spend quality time with family and friends. They took a memorable trip to Australia and New Zealand, and enjoyed a great companionship for 15 years until Tony's death in January of 2007. Since that time Ione has lived mainly in the Helena community, where she could be close to her children. Her health had failed these past few years and she was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Ione was an avid supporter of her children's activities and served as a Cub Scout leader during their formative years. Her talents were endless - crocheting, sewing, and ceramics, to name a few. She also enjoyed bowling, playing cards, and watching television. Her door was always 'open' and the coffee was always 'hot' for her many friends who liked to stop by for cards or a visit. Ione enjoyed her membership at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester and was active in the Ruth Circle and Bible studies group.

She was preceded in death not only by her husbands and parents, but also by a son (Rodney), daughter-in-law (Juliann), step-daughter (Debbie), brother (Herbert), and sister (Rose Ann).

Ione is survived by 3 children, Larry Hanson or Helena, Calvin (Linda) Hanson of Helena, and Darlene (Mike) Abeln of Douglasville, Georgia; 7 grandchildren (Ryan, Bridget, Jerry, Jamie, Aaron, Jarred, & Adrian); 19 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Bazil Anderson of Westby; 2 step-children, Dale & Pam; and many special nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (August 24th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester by Pastor John Fauerebach. Scripture readings were by niece, Lori (Brough) Casey, and great-granddaughter, Georgia Johnston. The obituary was read by neighbor, Sue Nordstrom. Pianist, Gail Cicon, accompanied the congregation, who sang "The Old Rugged Cross". Vocalist, Mary Ann Zorn, performed "Borning Cry". A pre-recorded musical tribute, "Peace in the Valley", was sung by Ione's daughter, Darlene. Ushers were Ken Watson & Ted Zorn. Pallbearers were Roger & Mike Brough, Ben Anderson, Dennis Hanson, Ken Gilbert, & Chuck Jodrey. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a reception was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

IONE CHRISTINA (ANDERSON)

HANSON HUSTON

Born: September 13, 1929 at Westby, Mt.

Died: August 21, 2013 at Helena, Montana

Age: 83 years ... 11 months ... 8 days



Ione's Loving Family: 3 children, Larry, Calvin/Linda, & Darlene/Mike; 7 grandchildren, Ryan, Bridget, Jerry, Jamie, Aaron, Jarred, & Adrian; 19 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Bazil; 2 step-children, Dale & Pam; and many special nieces & nephews

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel. Chester

FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Aug. 24th)
at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Montana

OFFICIANT: Pastor John Fauerbach

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Lori (Brough) Casey
and Georgia Johnston

OBITUARY READING: Sue Nordstrom

ORGANIST: Gail Cicon

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "The Old Rugged Cross"

VOCALIST: Mary Ann Zorn

SELECTED VOCAL: "I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry"

TAPED MUSICAL TRIBUTE: "Peace in the Valley" ...
Sung by daughter, Darlene

USHERS: Ted Zorn and Ken Watson

PALLBEARERS: Roger Brough, Mike Brough, Ben
Anderson, Dennis Hanson, Ken Gilbert, Cliff Hanson,
and Chuck Jodrey

INTERMENT: Chester Cemetery

LUNCHEON to follow in the church fellowship hall.



SHIRLEY LEE (SHERMAN) JACKSON
Born: - December 14, 1936 - Died: December 7, 2013

Liberty County Time
December 11, 2013

Shirley Lee (Sherman) Jackson was born December 14, 1936 in Burwell, Nebraska. She was the youngest of nine children born to Edgar & Nina (Butcher) Sherman. Shirley received her early education in Nebraska. In 1953 she came to Montana to help her older sister, Crystle, at a dry goods store in Rudyard. While attending church in Rudyard at the formative age of 16, Shirley met a young man named Richard Jackson. They fell in love and became engaged when she was just 17. Shirley continued to live with her sister in Rudyard, where she finished her formal education and graduated as the Class Salutatorian from Rudyard High School in 1955. At age 18 she married "the love of her life", Richard, on September 18th, 1955. They moved to the Jackson family farm north of Rudyard, where they enjoyed 58 years of wedded bliss together.

Shirley loved her life as a farm wife, homemaker, and mother of five. Throughout the years she was active in the farming operations and worked hard in the promotion of their Polled Hereford cattle. She enjoyed gardening & cooking (her family loved her delicious cinnamon rolls, cookies, fudge candies, & pot-roast dinners).

In their early years on the farm, the Jackson's attended the nearby Grace Church, where Shirley taught Sunday School and enjoyed sing-

ing. Shirley loved to sing in a trio with Lorraine Lincoln & Winnie Packer; this melodic group performed at various weddings, funerals, and other events for many years. The Jackson's eventually transferred their church membership into Rudyard to the Calvary Evangelical Church, where they have remained faithful parishioners.

Shirley's health had failed recently with recurring strokes. She suffered a "fainting spell" at home the day before Thanksgiving, which resulted in hospitalization & surgery. After a week in the Great Falls Benefis Hospital, she transferred to Peace Hospice for comfort care. Shirley died peacefully at the hospice facility with family at her bedside on the early morning of Saturday (December 7, 2013). She was 76 years old.

In addition to singing, Shirley enjoyed playing the piano. She was also an avid reader and loved to spend quality time with her grandchildren. When her children were in school, she was an active member of the Rudyard P.T.A. Two fun tidbits about Shirley include her love of riding her 3-wheeler around the farm and the fact that she was selected as "Miss Rudyard" at a local festival back in 1955.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents (Edgar & Nina Sherman), 2 brothers (Ray & Dale Sherman), 4 sisters (Edna Klug, Thelma

Brodine, Beth Beitel, & Dotty Converse), and a granddaughter (Sharyl Wodrich).

Survivors include her husband, Richard Jackson of Rudyard; 5 children, Shari Wodrich of Woodriver, NE., Shelly (Don) Graff of Belgrade, Melody (Jack) Foster of Helena, Marilyn (Eric) Blunck of Quincy, WA., and Ken (Shannon) Jackson of Rudyard; 16 grandchildren (Brian, Danny, Richard, Sharon, Rob, Steve, Jennifer, Tiana, Keldon, Jaxi, Alyssa, Cade, Kevin, Brodie, Camden, & Branch); 19 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Crystle Widdis of Rudyard and Twila Scofield of Pendleton, OR.; and numerous nieces & nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (Dec. 10th) at the Calvary Evangelical Church in Rudyard by Pastor Clay Massar. Holly Frederickson served as pianist and the congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" & "In the Garden". Scriptures were read by Kevin Foster, the obituary was read by Cade Foster, and personal remembrances were shared by Ken Jackson. Ushers were Roger Lincoln & Dale Wolery. Grandsons who served as pallbearers included Keldon Graff, Cade Foster, Kevin Foster, Steve Wodrich, Rob Wodrich, and Brodie Jackson. A reception followed in the church hall. Burial was at the Grace Church Cemetery north of Rudyard, where the congregants sang "Amazing Grace". Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials may be offered to the Memorial Fund at the Calvary Evangelical

CAROL MAY (BROWN) JEPPESEN
Born: October 16, 1930 – Died: July 25, 2013
Liberty County Times
August 7, 2013



Carol Jeppesen

Carol May (Brown) Jeppesen was born October 16th, 1930 at Choteau, Montana. She was the only daughter of three children born to Frances Mary Curtis and Fred Brown, who farmed south of Tiber, Mt. Carol grew up in the Chester community where she received her education, graduating from C.H.S. in 1948.

She continued her schooling at M.S.U. in Bozeman for a year. Carol married K. Grant Jeppesen on November 13th, 1949 in Great Falls. They made their home on the Jeppesen Ranch 25 miles north of Chester, where Carol enjoyed her life as farmwife, homemaker, and mother of three. After they moved into Chester in 1974, Carol took a job at the Liberty County Clerk-&-Recorder's Office. Two years later she moved to Hamilton, where she was hired by the Ravalli County Clerk-&-Recorder. Carol enjoyed her work at the Hamilton courthouse and made many good friends during her 10+ years of employment there. Carol & Grant divorced in 1981, but remained good friends in the years that followed.

Carol loved crocheting, which prompted her to open a little craft shop in Hamilton in the late 1980's. Her store was called "The Crochet Hook", where she gave crocheting lessons and sold yarn, supplies, & many of her handmade products.

In her retirement years Carol developed a special friendship with a Hamilton man named Bud Long. They enjoyed numerous road trips together, including many hunting & fishing adventures, and were loyal companions until Bud's death in 1998. From that time on Carol continued to live independently in her Hamilton home. She was a proud survivor of breast cancer and a "pink activist" in the fight against this disease! In 2011 she had open-heart surgery and additional medical issues followed. Carol was recently admitted to the Marcus Daly Hospice Center in Hamilton, where she died peacefully on the afternoon of Thursday (July 25th, 2013). She was 82 years old.

Carol loved her large collection of dolls and souvenir spoons. She also collected "sand" from the beaches of those places she had visited. She enjoyed working in her flower garden, especially her rose beds. During her private time at home Carol liked to do jigsaw puzzles or watch sporting events on television. She was an avid Montana Grizzly fan and enjoyed "Griz" memorabilia. She was also a good cook, and her family will long remember her delicious meat loaf, beef stroganoff, potato salad, & homemade breads.

Carol was always a loving, caring, & giving lady. During her time in Hamilton she crocheted over 900 baby beanies for local newborns and donated many crocheted blankets to needy families. Her love and compassion is a great legacy to her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents (Fred in 1976 and Frances in 2000), her daughter (Mary Seidlitz in 1983), her husband (Grant in 2006), and her brother (Max in 2011).

Carol is survived by 2 sons, Butch Jeppesen (and wife, Mel) of Hamilton and Bruce Jeppesen of Chester; 6 grandchildren, Mindy, Britney, Brandon, Blythe, Jeremy, & Jeff; 13 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Steve Brown of Chester; and many nephews, nieces, cousins, & friends.

Funeral Services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday (Aug. 2nd) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church by Pastor John Fauerbach. Pianist, Gail Cicon, accompanied the congregation, who sang "What A Friend We Have in Jesus". Vocalists, Dede Brown & John Seidlitz (guitar), sang "There's A Time, There's A Moment" & "Edelweiss", assisted by Rudy Cicon (guitar) & Gail Cicon (piano). Selected scriptures were read by Jeff & John Seidlitz, the obituary/eulogy was read by Karen Sloan, and some personal remembrances were shared by Kenny Jeppesen. Ushers were Rob & Jim Brown and greeter was Wallace Meissner. Pallbearers were Bruce Jeppesen,

Jeremy & Jeff Seidlitz, Abe Claver, Ken Jeppesen, and Tom Brown. Honorary bearers were Cliff Hanson, Craig Fraser, Jerri Lynn Adams, and all of Carol's old friends in the Hamilton "Courthouse Lunch Crew". Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a reception was held at the church fellowship hall. Arrangements were entrusted to Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials will be given to the WABC in Chester or to Paralyzed Veterans.

MAXINE L. JODREY
Born: January 16, 1927 – Died: January 3, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
January 8, 2013

Maxine L. Jodrey

SHELBY—Maxine Jodrey, 85, died of natural causes Thursday, Jan. 3, in the Chester nursing home.



Jodrey

Per her wishes, cremation has taken place. A graveside service in Mountainview Cemetery in Shelby is being planned for a later date. Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester handled arrangements.

She was born Jan. 16, 1927, to Charles and Louise Cooper. Maxine grew up and was educated in Great Falls.

Maxine married William "Bill" Jodrey on July 3, 1947, in Shelby. They had five children. She worked as an operator for Mountain Bell Telephone Co. in Shelby. She was later promoted to supervisor and finished her career with AT&T. They moved to Billings in 1985. She retired after 25 years of service.

Maxine enjoyed bowling, golfing and playing cards.

She was preceded in death by her parents; seven siblings; her husband of 47 years; three sons, Mike, Pat and infant Peder Jodrey; daughter Karen Evenson; and a grandson, Mike Evenson.

Survivors include son Charles (Cayme) Jodrey of Chester; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Rosalinda Northington, Cyrilla Hixon and Phyllis Lee Garrett; and three brothers, Gerald, Barney and Dale Cooper.

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

CLETUS FLORENCE (WRIGHT) BRANDVOLD JOHNSON

Born: August 7, 1920 – Died: September 19, 2013

Liberty County Times

October 2, 2013



Cletus Johnson

Cletus Florence (Wright) Brandvold Johnson was born August 7, 1920 at Hanks, North Dakota. She was one of five children born to Thomas and Frances (Cook) Wright. In 1929 the Wright family came to Montana, where her father worked in the grocery business in Havre. Within a few years they moved to Chester and opened "Wright's Market". Cletus received her formal education in Chester and graduated from C.H.S. in 1938, then began working at the local telephone office. She also served as treasurer for the Town of Chester for several years.

Cletus married Donald Brandvold in 1942. They moved to Salt Lake City, where Don worked as a civilian at the Wendover Air Base. Cletus took a job as a taxicab driver in the city. They lived in Utah for a few years before returning to Montana, where they both went to work on the Emil Nelson farm north of Joplin. It wasn't long before they began working at Wright's store – Don as a butcher and Cletus as a clerk – and they eventually purchased the business. In 1960 Cletus was offered a position as bank teller

at the old Liberty Bank, a job she enjoyed for 11 years. The Brandvold's were married 20 years when Don died from an extended illness on February 10, 1961.

Several years later Cletus began dating a local farmer, Maynard Johnson. They celebrated their wedding on October 5, 1966. They lived in Chester and built a new home here in 1977. Maynard's family loved Cletus and gave her an endearing nickname, "Hank", which stuck with her all these years. The Johnson's were married 19 years when Maynard died from complications of cancer on December 13, 1985. Cletus continued to live independently in their home throughout her life and she was proud to be a resident of the Chester community for a total of 84 years. She was fortunate to maintain relatively good health into her "golden years". Cletus recently had a cardiac episode, which required hospitalization. After three days of care in the Liberty Medical Center, she died peacefully on Thursday evening (September 19, 2013). She was 93 years old.

Cletus was baptized and confirmed as a Catholic and remained loyal to her faith throughout her life. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Altar Society in Chester. She was also a past member of the old R.N.A. Club (Royal Neighbor's of America). In recent years she had been active at the local Senior Center and was humbled to be selected as "Liberty County Senior Citizen of the Year" in 2000.

Cletus had many hobbies. In her younger years she enjoyed water-skiing and bowling.

During her years with Maynard she loved raising a big vegetable garden, ice-fishing, and summer fishing. Cletus was an excellent baker, especially of cookies, and her all-time favorite flavor was lemon. Her favorite color was blue. She enjoyed her collection of owls and lady-bugs. At family functions or with friends at the Senior Center, Cletus loved to play dominoes, Bingo, or Rummy. In her private time at home she enjoyed reading (mainly, Harlequin romances), word-search puzzles, and television. Her favorite TV programs included "Judge Judy", "Dancing With The Stars", the game show network, and professional baseball. Let it be known that Cletus was an avid fan of the Atlanta Braves and never, ever missed a televised game; she knew all of the players and their stats and was always "heart-broken" whenever they lost a ball game.

Last, but certainly not least, Cletus was a loyal friend to her family. As a tribute to Cletus, she took personal care of her ailing parents during their final years. She always looked forward to visits from her nieces and nephews and enjoyed keeping up on their lives. She appreciated these past several years when her niece and namesake, Cletus Arlene, came to Chester to work at the local museum and live with her during the summer months, when they enjoyed many quality weekends on short excursions around the state. She also appreciated the love and support from her extended family, the Johnson's. She was a kind and gentle soul who will surely be missed by many...

Cletus was preceded in death not only by her parents and two husbands, but also by her only sister (Phyllis Zorn) and her 3 brothers (Bob, Lynn, & Jack Wright).

She is survived by 1 nephew, Speed (Melanie) Wright of Great Falls; 5 nieces, Beverly (Monty) Nealy of Billings, Vi (Jack) Topper of Yakima, WA., Cletus Jacobson of Thompson Falls, Sherrie (Dave) Gulick of Fairfield, and Terri Duffin of Great Falls; and other extended family and friends.

Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Sept. 28th) at St. Mary's Catholic Church by Father Joseph Diekhans. Scriptures were read by Speed Wright & Terri Duffin. The obituary was shared by Art Johnson. Mass Music was provided by St. Mary's choir, accompanied by Marie Woods on the piano. The communion gifts were presented by family members and Eucharistic ministers were Jane Allen, Lin Duffin, & Marje Dahinden. Altar server was Cory Kelly and greeters were Ted Zorn & Rhonda Rocks. Pallbearers included Jerry Albright, Larry Lambott, Butch Aitken, Don Forbes, & Steve Ghekiere. Honorary bearers were Cletus' friends & the staff at the Senior Center. The service ended with a musical rendition of "Take Me Out To The Ballgame". Burial was at the Chester Catholic Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to the Liberty Medical Center for blanket warmers.

CLETUS FLORENCE (WRIGHT) BRANDVOLD JOHNSON

Born: Aug. 7, 1920 at Hanks, ND

Died: Sept. 19, 2013 at Chester, MT

Age: 93 Years...1 Month...12 Days



LIFE IS A HIGHWAY...

Life is a highway on which the years go by ... Sometimes the road is level, sometimes the hills are high. But as we travel onward to a future that's unknown ... We can make each mile we travel a "heavenly steppingstone"!

...Helen Steiner Rice



Cletus' Loving Family: 1 nephew, Speed/Melanie Wright; 5 nieces, Beverly/Monty Nealy, Vi/Jack Topper, Cletus Jacobson, Sherrie/Dave Gulick, & Terri Duffin; and many of other extended family & friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester, MT.

MEMORIALS: Liberty Medical Center for Blanket Warmers.

FUNERAL MASS: 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Sept 28th, 2013) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester, MT.

CELEBRANT: Father Joseph Diekhans — *John 14:1-6*...

ALTAR SERVER: Cory Kelly

GREETERS: Ted Zorn and Rhonda Rocks

SCRIPTURE READERS: Terri Duffin — *Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9*...
Speed Wright — *Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39*...

MUSICIANS: Pianist: Marie Woods

Mass Music: St. Mary's Choir & Community friends

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: Cletus' Family Members

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Marje Dahinden, Lin Duffin, and Jane Allen

OBITUARY READER: Art Johnson

PALLBEARERS: Jerry Albright, Larry Lambott, Butch Aitkin, Don Forbes, and Steve Ghekiere

HONORARY PALLBEARERS: Senior Center Staff and all of Cletus' Bingo & card playing friends

INTERMENT: Burial in the Wright family plot in the Old Catholic Section of the Chester Cemetery.

A Luncheon will follow at St. Mary's Church Basement.

PAUL GLEN JOHNSON
Born: Age- 83 – Died: January 27, 2013
Liberty County Times
January 30, 2013

Funeral Notice
for Paul Johnson

Paul Glen Johnson, age 83, who farmed in the north Lothair and Cut Bank communities before retiring to Spokane, WA. in 1984, died from complications of a stroke on Sunday evening (Jan. 27th) at ManorCare Health Services in Spokane.

Paul is survived by 2 daughters, Yvonne Hunnewell of Chester and Paula Smith of Spokane; 2 sons, Craig Johnson of Spokane and Leif Johnson of California; and numerous grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jacquie, in 2001.

Paul is being cremated per his wishes. A local memorial service with burial of ashes in the Trinity Cemetery north of Lothair is being planned. Cremation & arrangements are being handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Additional obituary information will follow...

PAUL STANLEY (P.J.) JOHNSON
Born: July 9, 1925 – Died: June 25, 2013
Liberty County Times
July 10, 2013



Paul "P.J." Johnson

Paul Stanley ("P.J.") Johnson was born in the family home north of Joplin, Montana on July 9th, 1925. He was the 8th of ten children born to Arthur Karl Johnson and Marie Ethel Enerson. P.J. received his formal education at the Meldrum School near the farm. In his youth he herded & milked cows and performed other chores on the family farm, as well as helped neighbors and his uncle, Charlie Johns. From

age 17-20 P.J. worked first as a beveller/chipper at the shipyards at Swan Island near Portland, Oregon, and part-time at the order-fulfillment department of Montgomery Wards. He later returned to Montana to work as a fireman for the Great Northern Railroad (on the run from Whitefish to Bonners Ferry) and also as a lumberjack in Western Montana (with friends, Eugene Bjornstad & Norbert Van Dessel).

P.J. came back to the Joplin area at age 22 to work for Ed McClellan. He met Evelyn

Jean Kingston, an elementary school teacher in Joplin, and they were married June 13th, 1948. In the fall of 1948 he began operating a TD18 cat – pulling a Nobel blade to break sod – a job that he expanded to an earth-moving business that he continued to operate for over 40 years. The following year Paul & Evelyn moved to Couer d' Alene, Idaho, where he worked in a Ford garage. During their second year in Idaho, P.J. bought a chainsaw and cut lumber until the death of his older brother, Arthur. It was then that he returned to Joplin to farm.

In addition to farming and doing earth-moving work, P.J. served as chairman & member of the Cenex Cooperative board. He also served on the Joplin school board, FHA board, and Soil Conservation Services board. In 1990 P.J. retired from farming full-time and turned the family farm over to his son, Art. Wife, Evelyn, moved to Shelby to be near church activities and P.J. continued to help in the farming operations as needed. He also served as a Liberty County Commissioner from 1993-1999. In 2000 he moved to Shelby full-time, where he spent his days visiting neighbors, walking the neighborhood, and working in his woodshop (where he created toys, whirly gigs, windmills, and picture frames).

As P.J.'s health began to fail, he expressed his wishes

to live at home as long as possible. In February of 2013 the Johnson's moved to Fairfield to be closer to their oldest son

& family. P.J. died peacefully at his Fairfield residence on the morning of Tuesday (June 25th, 2013). He was 87 years old.

P.J.'s hobbies included woodworking, walking, biking, reading, word-search puzzles, music, and singing (especially, Christian music and old-time Tennessee Ernie songs).

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers (Arthur & Maynard), 5 sisters (Jennie Hatleberg, Ellen Scully, Lillian Rohrig, Julia Moss, & Jean Marsich), and 1 grandchild (Tony Johnson).

P.J. is survived by his wife of 65 years, Evelyn of Fairfield; 2 siblings, Victor of Joplin and Doris (Henry) Humphries of Gainesville, Georgia; 5 children, Mike (Karen) of Fairfield, Karen McWilliams of Berrien Springs, Michigan, Art (Patty) of Joplin, Ron (Connie) of Helena, and Rob (Terry) of Coralville, Iowa; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and many nephews & nieces.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday (July 12th, 2013) at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Pastor

Phillip Neuharth will officiate. Kari Fallang will serve as pianist and Loredana Neuharth will sing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Daughter, Karen, will read the obituary, and other family members will share reflections. The closing hymn will be "God Be With You Until We Meet Again". Old friend, John Osler, will play prelude & postlude music. P.J.'s four sons will serve as pallbearers. Ushers will be John & Rudy Cicon. A reception will follow in Kjos Hall.

Graveside services will be 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Chester Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. In lieu of giving flowers, people are asked to consider a memorial gift to their favorite charity.

JEANNE R. (CRITES) JOHNSTON
Born: February 28, 1942 - Died: June 9, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
June 16, 2013

Jeanne R. Johnston



Jeanne R. Johnston

KNAPPA, OREGON — Jeanne R. Johnston, 71, of Knappa, Oregon, died Sunday, June 9, 2013, at Community Hospital, Longview, Washington.

She was born Feb. 28, 1942, in Havre, the daughter of Achsa Ida Huestis and Fred Vern Crites.

Jeanne attended public schools in Gildford, never finishing high school until more than 40 years later when she studied and earned her GED certificate. Jeanne attended beauty school and was a board certified cosmetologist in Montana. She owned and operated Jeanne's Beauty Salon in Gildford in the early 1960s.

Jeanne married Joe Johnston Sept. 29, 1962, in Gildford. He survives at the family home in Knappa.

Jeanne was a born-again Christian, trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. She enjoyed cooking and her family. She will be remembered by her family as a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her hus-

band, Joe Johnston of Knappa, Ore; son, Dale Johnston of LaCenter, Wash.; son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Kristina Johnston of Westport, Oregon; granddaughters, Shayna Johnston of Westport, Oregon, Ashley Johnston of Kalispell; Kailah Birchler of Westport, Oregon; a grandson, Nicholas Kriska of Salem, Oregon, and a sister, LaRena Stewart of Chinook.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one still-born child; a grandson, Kane Funke, killed in Iraq, August 2004; and six sisters and six brothers.

Visitation will be held Thursday, June 20, 2013, from 1-4 p.m. at Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Avenue, in Astoria, Oregon.

Graveside services will be held Friday, June 21, 2013, at 2 p.m. at Knappa Prairie Cemetery.

A reception will follow the graveside service and will have plenty to eat and will include a Memorial for Jeanne at the family home in Knappa, 92821 Cherry Road, Astoria, OR 97103.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.caldwellsmortuarv.com.

SHIRLEY MAY (HENDERSON) JONES
Born: October 26, 1937- Died: December 18, 2013
Liberty County Times
January 8, 2014



Shirley Jones

Shirley May (Henderson) Jones was born October 26th, 1937 in Havre, Montana. She was the third of six children born to Hazel Emma Dedman and Arthur L. Henderson. Shirley grew up on the family home- stead near Havre and received her formal education in Havre.

In 1954 she married Earl Evert. The product of this union was

four children: Edna, Raymond, Hazel, & Valerie. In addition to motherhood, Shirley assisted with auctions at the fairgrounds and worked as a waitress at the old "2-87 Diner". The Evert's divorced in the late 1950's.

Shirley married Dell Lourel Jones in 1960 at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They initially lived in Drummond, MT. until 1962, then moved to Tacoma, WA., where Dell worked in the lumber & trucking industry. The product of this second marriage was two sons: Dell & Jimmy Dean. Anticipating their retirement, the Jones' returned to Havre in 1999. The following year they purchased a little home in Gildford. They were married 49 years when Dell passed away on August 28th, 2009. After Dell's death, Shirley continued to live in their Gildford home.

Shirley suffered from C.O.P.D. for many years. In May of 2013 she was diagnosed with lung cancer and took the recommended treatments. She went to bed early Wednesday evening (December 18th, 2013) and died peacefully in her sleep at home. She was 76 years old.

When the children were young, the Jones' loved to go camping in tents. When Shirley was able, she enjoyed yardwork and always kept her yard looking good. She was an excellent cook - her homemade pies & chilies were family favorites. During her quiet time at home Shirley loved to watch "game shows" on television. Just for the fun of it, she enjoyed collecting cookie jars and black-&-white cow figurines. For charitable purposes, she enjoyed collecting/donating pop tabs for the Kidney Dialysis organization.

Shirley was basically a simple, unassuming woman who appreciated a quiet & private spirituality in her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, a brother (Earl Henderson), and a son (Jimmy Dean Jones).

She is survived by 3 daughters, Edna (Ed) Rickman of Graham, WA., Hazel Engles of Erwin, South Carolina, and Valerie (John) Fischer of Valdez, AK.; 2 sons, Raymond Evert of Shelby and Dell Jones of Bonners Ferry, ID.; 21 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 4 sisters, Katherine (Robert) Harvey of Spokane, WA., Jeanette Homoaka of Havre, Darlene (Robert) Oliver of Arlee, and Arlene (Jim) Ragen of Sun City, AZ.; and many nieces & nephews.

It was Shirley's wish to be cremated. These arrangements were handled by the Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

EDWIN KAUSHAGEN
Born: July 6, 1934 – Died: May 12, 2013
Liberty County Times
June 5, 2013

Edwin Kaushagen

Brookfield, WI – Edwin Kaushagen, 78, was born in Chester on July 6, 1934. He died in a Brookfield, WI hospital May 12, 2013. He attended both Northern and Western Montana Colleges. He began teaching at rural Glen Lake following his marriage to Leona Sanford on July 23, 1954. Their daughter Jan (Mike) Steele was born in 1955. After returning to Western for his education degree, he taught at St. Regis and Paxson in Missoula. Their second child Mark (Dee Ann) was born in 1959. In 1971, after working for the Forest Service summers, he went full time. He worked in Missoula, Kettle Falls, WA, Phoenix and Milwaukee, WI. He is also survived by his sister, Ingrid Joy; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A third great-grandchild will be born in June.

Edwin and Leona were divorced in 1983. He married Barbara Meissner in 1984, and

she survives him at the family home in Butler, WI.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned at the present time.

Condolences may be left online at www.greatfallstribune.com/obituaries.

RUTH ROSEMOND KIMMET
Born: April 5, 1914 - Died: July 18, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
July 23, 2013

Ruth R Kimmet



SUNBURST —Ruth Rosemond Kimmet, 99, a long time resident of the Sweetgrass Hills, passed away July 18, 2013 at the Teton Medical Center in Choteau due to natural causes.

Ruth was born April 5, 1914 in Oconto, WI to Anton and Bernice (Barry) Tomsheck. Along with her sisters, Bernice and Alice, Ruth resided on the Tomsheck homestead until 1919, when the Spanish Flu took her mother, sister (Alice) and uncle all in the same week. Following the death of her mother, Ruth and Bernice lived with their maternal grandparents, Octave and Leonie Barry in Oconto, and would spend their summers with their father and Etta in Montana. Ruth attended grade school in Oconto, high school in Green Bay, and returned to Montana and received her teaching certificate from Northern Montana College in Havre. Her first teaching position was in a one-room schoolhouse in Gold Butte.

On November 4, 1935 Ruth married William (Bill) G. Kimmet in Hingham. For 32 years they farmed east of Sunburst and raised seven children. Upon retirement, Bill and Ruth moved to Sunburst, where they enjoyed spending time with their family and friends and were ac-

tive members of the Catholic Church. In 1984 Bill passed away after 49 years of marriage. Ruth had many hobbies, one of which was making beautiful baby blankets that she enjoyed gifting to her family and friends. Ruth spent her remaining years at the Choteau medical center where she was fortunate to have her sons Stan and Jerry and family by her side.

Ruth is survived by her daughters, Bernice (Dick) Beighle of Flathead Lake, Carol (Bob) Woody of Post Falls, ID, and Mary Rominger and Jim Wicks of Lewistown; sons, Jerry (Peggy) Kimmet of Choteau, and Roger (Sally) Kimmet of Spokane, WA; daughters-in-law, Emile Kimmet of Lake Blaine and Barbara Kimmet of Shelby; many grand, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren. Ruth is also survived by her sister, Jeanette Brown of Shelby and brothers, Robert (Ethel) Tomsheck of Shelby, Arthur (Agnes) Tomsheck of Cut Bank and Raymond (Georgia) Tomsheck of Ethridge. She is preceded in death by her husband; sons, Stan and Billy; and sister, Bernice.

Funeral services will be held at Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Sunburst on Saturday, August 3, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations may be sent to the Teton Medical Center in Choteau for the wonderful care they provided to Ruth over the years.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

LYNN LEROY KINDER

Born: March 19, 1956 – Died: January 22, 2013

Autumn Funeral Home

March 13, 2013



Lynn Kinder

Lynn Kinder passed away on January 22, 2013 at the age of 56. Lynn was the oldest son of Ron and Julianne Kinder's 5 children and was born at Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre, Montana on March 13, 1956. When he was born the doctor said he had the biggest set of shoulders he had ever seen on a baby.

Lynn was primarily raised in a small community in northern Montana in a town by the name of Rudyard. When Lynn reached about the sixth grade, Lynn's dad began farming on a piece of land 11 miles south of town. Lynn and his brothers worked on the farm from that point until they eventually graduated and left the home. The farm gave Lynn an appreciation for things mechanical and taught him what hard work was from an early age. At 11 years old he was running the tractor, plowing the fields, picking rock, harvesting, riding motorcycles and tearing around in a '57 Chevy. Lynn's interests included science fiction, technology, cars, motorcycles, and girls.

When Lynn was 16 he decided to run off to Canada with two girlfriends. When he reached the border, the border patrol couldn't believe their eyes when this young man rode up on a 305 Scrambler in a full leg cast and two girls riding on the back. Needless to say, the border patrol turned them back and sent them home.

After Lynn graduated from high school, he attended DeVry Institute of Technology in Phoenix, Arizona and graduated in 1977. Lynn married and from there Lynn and his wife moved to the San Jose, California area where he would spend most of his adult life. Lynn's first job was with a start-up company, Kasper Systems, where he became a Semiconductor Equipment Engineer. There, Lynn maintained equipment used in the production of memory and microprocessor chips. Lynn was entering the electronics field just at the time Silicon Valley was about to take off due to the invention and mass production of the personal computer. Lynn loved being a

part of this revolutionary time in the history of our world. No one had ever seen anything like it and Lynn felt lucky and exhilarated to be in the middle of it. Over the course of Lynn's career, he worked for several equipment manufacturers that designed and manufactured multi-million dollar machines used by companies such as Intel and AMD. His work took him to several countries including; Japan, France and Holland to train and work on equip-

ment in overseas plants. The breadth of knowledge required to work on this equipment, was vast. Lynn's job required a knowledge of pneumatics, robotics, computer control, laser technology and optics.

In 1983, Lynn was blessed with his first child, a son, Adam Leroy. Two years later, his "Princess", Sarah Marie came into the world. Lynn's children were his pride and joy. Adam grew up to become Lynn's very closest friend, and nothing could make him light up like the mere mention of Sarah's name. Lynn always had a way with children, as he loved them unconditionally. They were as drawn to him, as he was to them.

His first heart attack and surgery occurred in Vermont in 1993, Lynn was 36. This had an affect on Lynn, as one can imagine. In the next ten years, it became increasingly difficult to perform the demanding duties required as an engineer. He remained in San Jose and spent a lot of time with his brother Gerry and Gerry's wife Bobbi Jo. He was present for most events involving his nieces and nephews, who grew very close to Lynn, as he did with them. They called him their "second Dad".

In his final years, Lynn spent a few years in Montana near his brother Greg and his dad. He eventually moved to Carson City near his mother, step father, sister Ronda, his Aunt Cheryl and Uncle Wayne, Aunt Pat and nieces and nephew. Lynn suffered terribly from rheumatoid arthritis and many

days, he was in excruciating pain. He bought a house in Carson City and proceeded to make it home. He painted his mailbox the colors of a John Deere tractor, and set up his NASA models all around the living room. When his sister, Ronda, asked him to watch her son, Rhys, for her once a week, he jumped at the opportunity. Soon, his home was filled with toys and contraptions Uncle Lynn designed for his favorite little guy.

Sometime on the night of January 22nd, 2013, Lynn sat down in his favorite chair, laid his head back and went to sleep. When he awoke, he was surrounded by angels, waiting to take him home.

Lynn's final days were peaceful and happy, as he had come to a place of forgiveness and gratitude, and was

surrounded with love. Those that knew Lynn, loved him immensely. He loved to laugh and loved his family. Lynn's smile, unassuming demeanor and loving manner will be missed by everyone blessed to have had his presence in their lives. Services were held in Carson City, NV at Autumn Funeral Home on Monday, January 28th, 2013, with Sister Marie McGoin officiating. Kenny Kinder played guitar and sang "Fire and Rain", by James Taylor; Kendra Kinder, accompanied by Kenny Kinder on guitar, sang "Amazing Grace"; Greg Kinder played guitar and sang "Brother, I'm Gonna Miss You", a song he wrote for Lynn after his death; Kenny Kinder, Gerry Kinder, Greg Kinder and Ronda Kinder, accompanied by Geoffrey Kinder and Chae Kinder on

REBECCA (WIPF) KLEINSASSER
Born: December 16, 1926 – Died: April 10, 2013
Liberty County Times
April 17, 2013

Rebecca Kleinsasser

Rebecca (Wipf) Kleinsasser was born December 16th, 1926 at Alexandria, South Dakota. She was one of six children born to Rebecca Hofer and Paul Wipf, who died at age 29 from pneumonia. Rebecca was raised by her mother at

the Rockport Colony in South Dakota and received her education there. In 1934 the Wipf family moved to the OK Colony at Raymond, Alberta where Rebecca married Jacob J. Kleinsasser on November 12th, 1947. In the years that followed, she worked diligently as a homemaker & mother to 14 children.

In 1949 the Kleinsassers moved to the Miller Colony near Choteau. In 1961 they moved to Sage Creek Colony north of Chester, where Rebecca worked as a kindergarten teacher. In 1980 they made their final move to the Riverview Colony south of Chester, where Rebecca assisted with colony tasks. Her health remained good until this past year. She was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and was being cared for by her loving family at home. Rebecca died at the Riverview Colony on Wednesday (April 10th, 2013). She was 86 years old.

She loved flowers and gardening; Rebecca had a "green thumb" – her favorite flowers were geraniums. Like the breeze waving over her flowers, her presence was lovely, and her sweet & gentle nature lingered over all who loved her. She was good at writing and kept a daily diary of events & happenings at the colony. Rebecca also enjoyed singing and was a very likeable & sociable lady. Always kind & loving, and gifted

& wise, she shared her knowledge & compassion with everyone who needed it. Her virtues were many and her complaints were few. Rebecca was close to the Lord, who sustained her through many hard times. She remained steadfast in times of perseverance, and with her grace & humility, she overcame these times with a positive attitude, singing & speaking of God's love. She will truly be missed by all those who loved her.

Rebecca was preceded in death by her parents, 2 daughters (Susie & Mary), 2 sons (Jacob "Clyde" & Paul), 1 son-in-law (Joseph Wipf), and 2 sisters (Mary Wipf & Susie Entz).

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Jacob Kleinsasser of Riverview; 4 sons, Jonathan (Susie) Kleinsasser of Sage Creek, Joe Kleinsasser of Riverview, Dan (Mary) Kleinsasser of Riverview, and

John (Susanna) Kleinsasser of Riverview; 6 daughters, Esther (Peter) Hofer of Sage Creek, Sarah (John) Hofer of Sage Creek, Elizabeth (Tex) Hofer of Riverview, Lydia (Peter) Hofer of Riverview, Rebecca Wipf of Moose Jaw, Sask., and Judy (Jerry) Hofer of Raymond, Alberta; 2 daughters-in-law, Susie Kleinsasser of Riverview and Mary Kleinsasser of Sage Creek; 34 grandchildren & 17 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, Paul & John Wipf of Riverview and Jacob Wipf of Miller Colony; and many nephews & nieces.

The poem, "To Those I Love", was a favorite of Rebecca's. It reads as follows: When I am gone, just release me – let me go, so I can move into my Afterglow. You mustn't tie me down with your tears; let's be happy that we had so many years. I gave you my love – you can only guess – how much you gave me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, but now it's time I traveled on alone. So grieve for me awhile, if grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted with trust. It's only for a while that we must part, so bless the memories within your heart. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home"!

Her funeral was held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday (April 13th) at the Riverview Colony Church. Burial followed at the Riverview Colony Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Rebecca's family would like to thank Dr. Earl & the LMC staff, Dr. Bordeau & Dr. Kelig,

and the nurses on Benefis 4th floor for their excellent medical care. Also, thanks to Rlynn & Scot at Rockman Funeral Chapel for a job well done.

FRANK C. KRAFT
BORN: July 12, 1918 - DIED: May 14, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
May 23, 2013

Frank C. Kraft



BIGFORK, MONTANA
—Frank C. Kraft, age 94, of Bigfork, Montana passed away peacefully on May 14, 2013 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Frank was born on July 12, 1918 in Hill County to Francis and Elizabeth Kraft. He graduated from high school in Hingham, MT, and farmed at Inverness, MT. He married Ione Meyer in July 1938. Ione passed away in August 1979. Frank married Patricia Sletten in November 1984. Frank built and managed a bowling alley in Rudyard, MT. He worked for NFO for many years. Frank enjoyed his retirement and spent many hours in his wood shop. He and Pat moved to Bigfork, MT in 2002 where he enjoyed fishing, golfing and wine making

with his friends and spending very special times with his family.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ione and a son Alvin. Frank is survived by his wife Patricia; daughter Naurita Groth (Daniel), sons Edward Kraft (Arlys), Eugene Kraft (Patricia), stepson Joseph Sletten (Todda) and step daughter Debra Ramstead (Richard); nine grandchildren, Monty, Darren, Chace, Tarra, Bret, Karmen, Marty, Victoria, Jennifer and five step grandchildren, Andrea, Joshua, Michael, Alex and Bailli; sixteen great grandchildren and ten great-great grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and the family will hold a private memorial at a later date. Cards and condolences can be sent to: 15248 Woods Bay Point Rd, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Frank's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and view Frank's tribute wall.

REUBEN C. 'DON' KUNTZ

Born: October 10, 1923 - Died: April 6, 2013

Liberty County Times

April 17, 2013



Don Kuntz

Reuben C. "Don" Kuntz was born October 10th, 1923 at Chapman, Montana. He was the 8th of fourteen children born to Gottfred Kuntz and Lydia Schmidt. When Don was a young boy, the family moved to Wagner. He received his early education at Harlem and finished his secondary education at Malta, where he graduated from high school in 1941.

Don went to Portland, Oregon to work in the shipyards to support the World War II effort. While there he received word that his brother, Edward, was killed in military action on the Japanese front. Because of this Don felt compelled to enlist. He entered the U. S. Army and served in the 20th Armored Infantry Battalion. He earned the rank of Corporal before being honorably discharged in 1945.

Don returned to Montana and took a job as "parts man" for an International Harvester dealership, Eaves Equipment Company in Havre. Before long he was promoted to man-

ager of this busy company, a job he held for 25+ years. While there he met his wife-to-be, Betty Jo Phillips, a Rudyard native who was working at Valley Motors. They were married on September 11th, 1947 in Kalispell. The couple made their home in Havre and raised a family of five.

In 1973 Don had an opportunity to become part owner & manager of Marias Equipment Company in Chester. The Kuntz's lived & worked in the Chester community until 1990, when they retired and moved to the Flathead Valley. They purchased a home at Lakeside, where they enjoyed the picturesque views of Flathead Lake and the surrounding mountain ranges. Don & Betty were married 58 years when she died of cancer on May 14th, 2005. Don continued to live independently at their Lakeside residence until November of 2012, when he moved to the assisted-living housing at the Montana Vets Home in Columbia Falls. When his health deteriorated in February of 2013, he transferred to the nursing section for extended care. Don died at the Montana Vets Home on Saturday morning (April 6th, 2013) at the age of 89 years.

Don was baptized & raised in the German Lutheran faith. He was a 60+ year member and past Exalted Ruler of the Havre Elks Lodge. He enjoyed many activities throughout his life. When the kids were young, the Kuntz's enjoyed weekend camping/

fishing adventures to the Bears Paw Mountains south of Havre. Don loved country western music and loved to go dancing with Betty. He bowled in many leagues over the years and maintained a 200+ average in his prime. He also enjoyed playing horseshoes, pool, & poker. In addition he was a good gardener and an amateur accordion player. A just for the fun of it, he enjoyed two personal collections: toy tractors & trucks by International Harvester and special collector plates. In his later years Don became an avid fan of professional golf. He and Betty were fond of pets - most recently, a dog named "Pumpkin" and a cat named "Cookie".

Don was preceded in death not only by his wife & parents, but also by 10 siblings (Christine, Jacob, Ludwig, Martha, Edward, Rebecca, Elsie, Arthur, Melvin, & Lillian).

He is survived by 4 sons, Ronald (Darlene) Kuntz of Forney, TX, Robert (Sherry) Kuntz of Kingman, AZ, Dennis (Darla) Kuntz of Havre, and Dale (Robin) Kuntz of Keller, TX; 1 daughter, Janet (Adrian) Hawks of Chester; 11 grandchildren (inc. Donald, Kristy, Chris, Jennifer, Darcy, Dacen, Kelly, Kayce, Kimberly, Kari, & Cory); 15 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Leonard Kuntz of Cheyenne, WY; 2 sisters, Caroline Tobias of Kalispell and Esther Mirch of Greeley, CO; and many nephews & nieces.

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Friday (April 12th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor Roberta Smythe of Galata officiated. Holly Fredrickson served as pianist and the congregation sang "Lord of All Hopefulness" & "He Leadeth Me". A granddaughter, Darcy Bronec, sang "The Old Rugged Cross". Scripture readings were shared by Janet Hawks (daughter) and Donald Kuntz (grandson). The obituary was read by Robin Kuntz (daughter-in-law) and the eulogy was given by Dennis Kuntz (son). Bill Gunderson served as usher. Pallbearers were Cory Hawks, Chris Kuntz, Don Kuntz, & Rod Griffin. Honorary bearers were "all of Don's old friends". The service ended with a traditional family hymn, "Rock of Ages", played by Holly.

Burial followed in the Chester Cemetery, where military "taps" were played and the veteran's flag was presented to the family by Bill Gunderson. A reception was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials will be given to the Montana Veterans Memorial Flag Fund (507 - 7th Ave. So., Shelby, MT. 59474) or donor's choice...

RICHARD JOSEPH LANGEL
Born: Age 78 - Died: January 2, 2013
Liberty County Times
January 9, 2013



Richard Langel

On January 2, 2013 Richard Joseph Langel was called home by His Lord and Savior to be with his heavenly family.

Richard was born November 16, 1934, the seventh of ten children to Arnold and Helen (McCann) Langel at the family homestead north of Goldstone, MT. His early education was at Goldstone's one-room school. To attend school in Rudyard he had to "batch" in town during the week and then come home on weekends. Rich graduated from R.H.S. in 1953.

He entered the U. S. Army in 1957, serving in the 121st Signal Battalion, Company B, "Big Red 1" Division as a top-grade mechanic. He also served as a driver's ed teacher

and in his spare time enjoyed being the football manager for the engineer's team at Fort Riley, Kansas. While there, mutual friends introduced Rich to Alberta Dierkens, after which he said "he found his lifetime love and mate". They were married in Kansas City, Missouri on November 15, 1958. After Richard finished his active duty with the military, they moved to the family farm at Goldstone. Rich continued to serve in the Army Reserves until his honorable discharge in 1963.

During some draught years Richard moved his family, which now included a son and a daughter, to Kansas City, MO. where he worked at the Cargill Inc. grain terminal. They later transferred to Denver, Co. to serve as millwright Superintendent for Cargill's newest elevator. Added to his growing family were two more daughters. Being always resourceful, Rich invented a boxcar door opener, which made unloading grain much easier. Some of these are still in use today. Rich was always fixing things and diligent in creating anything needed, and his inventions always worked.

After the untimely death of his older brother (Bud), Rich was called back to the farm. His family now included five children. They purchased the neighboring Patrick farm and started another chapter in their lives. Richard loved farming and ranching, and his favorite times were during harvest and calving. One year he was so proud to have triplet Red Herefords born, and with his tender patience and gentle

hands, the 3 calves thrived. Unfortunately, a heart attack and declining health required his retirement in 1997, when they moved to Billings. During the past 15 years they enjoyed their newfound friends at the Casa Village.

On this past November 1st Richard suffered a stroke and was diagnosed with brain cancer. He was being cared for at home by his family and hospice nurses. He made it through the Christmas holidays and died peacefully on the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 2nd. He was 78 years old.

Richard was baptized and confirmed at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. He served eight years as a trustee of the Rudyard School District and was an active member of the Rudyard Jaycees. In addition he drove school buses and taught junior bowling. After moving to Billings, he became a member of the "Golden K" Kiwanis Club and served on the board of the Casa Village Resident's Association. He was a devoted member of TOPS MT. (#503 Billings Chapter) and just recently reached his goal.

Rich was a gentle giant, kind to everyone he met, doing yard work and handyman jobs for all who had a need, serving his community faithfully and honestly. He was selflessly devoted to his wife of 54 years, his 5 children, and beloved "papa" to his 8 grandsons (Will, Richard, Wes, Dylan, Patrick, Matt, Zach, and Mark) and his granddaughter (Makenzie Mae). He was very proud to recently

become a great-grandfather for the first time with the addition of Zethierin Gabriel.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers (Duaine, Arnold, and Gerald), 2 sisters (Lillian Frank and Dorothy Langel), and his beloved youngest son (Timothy Joseph).

He is survived by his wife, Alberta Langel of Billings; 1 son, Albert Langel of Ronan; 3 daughters, Jodene (Tim) Leeds of Havre, Shellie (Dan) Miller of Linn Valley Lakes, KS, and Ellen (Jay) Riesinger of Billings; 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; 1 brother, Stan (Willa Rae) Langel of Rudyard; 3 sisters, Lucy Miller of Salem, OR, Audrey (Lloyd) Kaercher of Havre, and Katherine Brandt of Rudyard; 2 sisters-in-law, Ruby Langel of Missoula and Joann Langel of Havre; his son's widow, Tammy of Billings; and several dear nephews, nieces, and cousins. Also surviving are Dierkens family members including brothers-in-law, Marvin (Vicky) Dierkens and Al (Sue) Dierkens; sister-in-law, Laurie (Steve) Ward, all of Kansas City, MO; and a very special sister-in-law and best friend, Carol Sue Farley of Ocean Springs, MS.

Richard was dearly loved by all who knew him and will be forever missed...

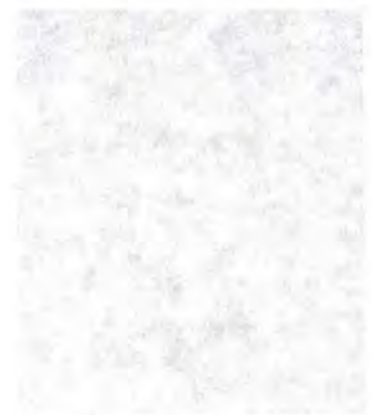
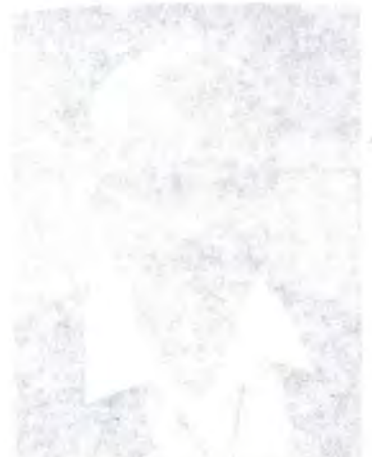
A "Service of Remembrance" was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday (Jan. 6th) at the Casa Village Community Center in Billings. Hospice Chaplain Dianna Grantham shared readings and prayers. The eulogy was given by Bernard

Lea and a power-point presentation was done by Chris Morales. A coffee hour followed.

A "Memorial Mass" will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Jan. 19th) at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham. Father Joseph Diekhans will officiate. Mass participants will include Patrick Leeds (Altar server); Terry Hybner and Chris Dierkens (Scripture readers); Mary Lois Hybner and Richard Leeds (Eucharistic Ministers); Mary Hybner (Organist); Tim Greytak and Tom Jurenka (Greeters); Tim Leeds (Eulogist); and Jodene Leeds ("Memories"). Mass music will include "You Are Mine", "Prayer of St. Francis", "One Bread, One Body", and "Lead Me Lord". Solos will be "On Eagle's Wings" (Marcus Jochim) and "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" (Richard Leeds).

Burial of ashes will follow at the Rudyard Cemetery, where military rites will be provided. A luncheon will be held at the Rudyard Catholic Youth Center. Cremation and arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Timothy J. Langel Memorial Scholarship Fund (% Waddell & Reed, 1465 Hwy.2 NW, Havre, Mt. 59501) or to the Riverstone Hospice of Billings, Mt.



CAROL JEANNE (BOUCHER) LEWIS
Born: February 21, 1944 – Died: April 10, 2013
Liberty County Times
July 10, 2013



Carol Lewis

CAROL JEANNE LEWIS (nee Boucher): February 21, 1944 – April 10, 2013

My extraordinary mother, Carol, passed gracefully and peacefully on the morning of April 10, 2013 with her family, friends and hospice by her side after a short struggle with cancer.

Carol was born in Conrad and raised in Montana. She graduated from Great Falls Central High School in 1962 and earned her degree from Montana State University in 1967. She met my dad, Larry Lewis in Idaho and was married in Seattle in 1968. She spent many years in Santa Barbara, California raising a family and launched her own Interior Design business before returning to restore her cabin in Glacier Park, Montana with her second love, Richard. Together they enjoyed many miles across the country in their airstream trailer visiting family and friends. "It's OK to have too much fun" was her motto.

My mother was adventurous, strong and determined and kept moving through life right up to the end. She was also inventive, positive and compassionate. Her proximity to her grandchildren and her devotion to spending time with them will always be treasured. Carol was an excellent conversationalist who thrived on lively debate. Her adventurous spirit and curious mind led her to many interests, experiences and people who have become a part of her story. She said she had an amazing life filled with so many people and events she never could have imagined.

Carol is survived by her daughter, Merideth Lewis-Cooney; her grandson, Conor

along with her granddaughters Madeline and Taylor Cooney of San Francisco, California; her sister and brother-in-law Sharon and Dick Harmon of Chester, Montana along with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews as well as many wonderful friends near and far.

She was preceded in death by her husband Larry Lewis of Bozeman, Montana (1986); her mother Rose Marie Boucher (née Gagnon); her father Tom Boucher; sister, Sr. Shirley Boucher, OSF and her second husband, Richard Acosta of Santa Barbara, California (2013).

A Memorial Mass will be held 1:00 p.m. Sunday (July 14th, 2013) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester, MT. A reception will follow at the Harmon Ranch. Carol was cremated in San Francisco and her ashes will be buried in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery. Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester is assisting with local arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to: Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond Street, San Francisco, CA 94114. Condolences may be sent to: sfmerideth@mac.com

DEAN W. LYLE

Born: February 27, 1931 – Died: December 30, 2013

Liberty County Times
January 8, 2014



Dean Lyle

Dean W. Lyle was born February 27th, 1931 at Havre, Mt. He was one of five children born to John & Loreen (Bowman) Lyle. Dean grew up on the family farm north of Joplin and attended a one-room school nearby. He finished his education in Joplin, where he graduated from J.H.S. in 1949. During his high school years he was active in football & basketball.

Dean married Darlene Freeman on June 27th, 1954 at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. They lived on the north Joplin farm and raised a family of four. In addition to farming Dean became a real estate broker.

In 1978 the Lyle's moved to Whitefish and spent seven years living by Whitefish Lake. They returned to Joplin in 1985. Dean continued to sell real estate and crop insurance until his retirement in 2011. In their later years, Dean & Darlene enjoyed trav-

elling and visiting their children.

Dean developed some health problems these past few months and was hospitalized in Great Falls. He became ill at home on the early morning of Monday (December 30th, 2013) and was taken by ambulance to the Liberty Medical Center in Chester. He died in the emergency room soon after arrival. He was 82 years old.

Dean was a lifelong member of Bethel Lutheran Church. He taught Sunday school, served as the church superintendent, sang in the church choir, and filled-in as lay-minister along the Hi-Line. Years ago he participated in a community play, where he starred as "Pistol Pete".

Dean enjoyed many hobbies, including fishing, trap-shooting, gopher hunting, gardening, & growing tomatoes. He was an avid fan of Montana Grizzly football. He was also an excellent cook and enjoyed preparing Thanksgiving dinners. His fried chicken was delicious and his homemade ice cream was scrumptious. He also enjoyed making root beer floats for his grandkids. Dean was a very social guy who loved to laugh and spend time with friends. Over the years he was affectionately called "Deano" by those who knew him.

Dean was a loving husband, father, and "grandpa", who loved writing poems & limericks that made his family laugh. They will miss him dearly.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, an infant sister (Jean), and 2 brothers (Gordon & Roger).

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Darlene Lyle of Joplin; 1 son, Clayton Lyle of Missoula; 3 daughters, Denita Carman of Billings, Kathy Friberg of Vancouver, WA., and Jeani Kosht of Anchorage, AK.; 6 grand-children, Mark, Jonathan, Kirsten, Whitney, Brandon, & Dean; 1 sister, Margaret Floerchinger of Anchorage, AK.; and numerous nephews & nieces.

It was Dean's wishes to be cremated and have no public funeral. In respect of these wishes, the family had a private memorial service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Friday morning (Jan. 3rd), conducted by Pastor John Fauerbach. Dean's ashes will be buried privately in the family plot at the Joplin Cemetery. Local arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials may be offered to the Joplin Community Park, the Liberty Medical Center, or donor's choice.

WILLIAM LEROY MATHERS
Born: September 29, 1923 - Died: June 15, 2013
Liberty County Times
June 19, 2013



William Mathers

William Leroy Mathers, age 89, died Saturday, June 15, in Fargo, ND, surrounded by his daughters. Bill was born September 29, 1923, in Mobeetie, TX, to Violet Rees Mathers and George Benjamin Mathers. He was raised in Canadian, Texas, where he graduated from Canadian High School in 1940. He graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute in 1942 and attended the University Of Texas School Of Law. In January of 1943, he entered the U.S. Army. He served as a ball turret gunner on a B24 crew with the 737th Bomb Squadron in the 454th Bomber Group of the 15th Army Air Corps. He was honorably discharged in October of 1945.

He married Mary Charlotte Word on June 16, 1946. Following their marriage, they ranched in Canadian, TX. In 1951, Bill and his family moved to Miles City, MT, where he and his brother Frank operated the Mathers Brothers

Ranch, which later became the Mathers Land Company. Frank and his wife, Betty, died in a plane crash in 1979. Bill continued the ranching operation until 2005, when he sold the ranch and retired. In January 2012, he moved to the Touchmark retirement community in Fargo, ND.

Public service was a prominent part of Bill's life. In 1958, he was elected to the Custer County Elementary School District Board of Trustees. He served until 1967, including one term as chairman. In 1960, he was elected to the Montana House of Representatives. He served in the House until 1964, when he was elected to the Senate. He served in the Senate until 1980, including being unanimously elected as President of the Senate in 1979. From 1981 to 1987, Bill served as a director of the Federal Reserve 9th District Board of Governors, Minneapolis, MN. He served under both Paul Volker and Alan Greenspan. He was the first chairman of the lay advisory board of the Federal Reserve Board and chaired the audit committee for two years. From 1988 to 1993, he served as a member of the Montana Board of Regents. He was Chairman of the Board of Regents from 1990 to 1993. In 1994, Bill was the recipient of the Montana State University Blue and Gold Award for his widespread impact on agriculture. Bill was an ordained el-

der in the Presbyterian Church and a member of the Presbyterian Church of Miles City for more than 50 years. He was a founding member of the Miles City Town & Country Club and a member and president of the Miles City Club. If Bill were asked to name hobbies, he would say over the course of his life he enjoyed golfing, bridge, travel and piloting his private aircraft. His true joy came from time spent with his wife of 55 years and his family.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife Charlotte of Miles City, MT, who died in 2001, his parents of Canadian, TX, and his brother, Frank, of Miles City. He is survived by his five daughters: Margaret Novak (Mike) of Chester, MT, Sharon Secor (Gary) of Fargo, ND, Barbara Mathers-Schmidt (Bob) of Bellingham, WA, Libby Gardner (Marshall) of Boise, ID and Mimi Meredith (Greg) of Hutchinson, KS; 13 grandchildren: William (Abby) Novak, Andrea Novak Klein (Charlie), Jennifer Secor Nelson (Dan), Molly Secor-Turner (Ryan), Laura Secor Sundberg (Dan), Emily Secor May (Colin), Jonathan Schmidt, Michael Schmidt, Erin Gardner, Kelly Gardner, William Meredith, Patrick Meredith and Mary Charlotte Meredith; seven great grandchildren: Rees Turner, Maddy Turner, Emmett Turner, Jonas Nelson, Charlotte Nelson, Wynne

Novak and Maggie Sundberg; his brother Ben (Sandra) of Canadian, TX, and his nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Friends are welcome to celebrate Bill's life at services in both Fargo and Miles City. The Fargo celebration will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18 at Touchmark, 1200 Harwood Dr. In Miles City, the family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 20th, at Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home, and a celebration of Bill's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 21 at First Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Custer County Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Bill and Charlotte Mathers Family Foundation, or the organization of the donor's choice.

Online guestbook at: www.boulgerfuneralhome.com.

MARY ELIZABEH (PLANK) MATTSON
Born: April 8, 1926 – Died: August 2, 2013
Liberty County Times
August 14, 2013



Mary Elizabeth Mattson

Mary Elizabeth (Plank) Mattson, 87, of Chester and Helena passed away on August 2, 2013, at Renaissance Assisted Living, in Helena, Montana.

Mary was born in Havre on April 8, 1926 to Leonard and Stella Plank and grew up on the Plank farm, south of Chester, Montana. After high school graduation, she attended business school in Nebraska. She married George Mattson on September 24, 1949, and began the life of a farm wife north of Chester. Her idea of a perfect life would have been to live on the farm tending to the needs of her family and garden.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents Leonard and Stella, a stillborn brother, a sister Josephine Gunderson, and former husband George

Mattson.

She is survived by a sister, Ruth Barrett of Great Falls, children Carl (Janice) Mattson of Chester, Jodi Mattson (John Perros) of Helena; grandchildren Vince (Kerry) Mattson, Megan (Chad) Hedges, Mary (Tyler) Hollow, Lindsay Tuckerman, Erin Hill; step-grandchildren Marika Perros, Nick Perros, Jamie (Saul) Rivard, and John Perros; great-grandchildren Brie Mattson, Connor Mattson, Elsie Hollow, Cooper Hollow.

Cremation has taken place; a memorial service will be held at a later date, in Helena. Memorials in Mary's name can be made to Hi-Line Women Against Breast Cancer, P.O. Box 154, Chester, MT 59522. Big Sky Cremations is assisting the family with arrangements, to offer condolences to the family please visit www.helenafunerals.com.

S.R. PETE McEWEN
Born: 1935 – Died: November 12, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
November 16, 2013

S.R. Pete McEwen



KELSO, WASHINGTON
—S.R. Pete McEwen died November 12, 2013 in Longview, Washington, due to complications from dementia.

Pete was born in Longview in 1935 to Ruby L. Welch who passed in Great Falls, Montana in 1992. He was her only son. Pete is survived by four boys: Steve, David L. McEwen of Galata, Montana, Gilbert (Gib) G. McEwen of Eugene, Oregon and William G. McEwen of Meridian, Idaho. Pete's wife, Marilyn of nearly 50 years was divorced in 2003. She lives in Alber-ton, Montana. Pete had nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In 1964 Pete moved to Great Falls Montana to open his own chain of successful plumbing and electrical outlets, Hawk Electric & Plumbing. His work there was successful until the 80's when a downturn in business forced Pete out of business after he had spent all that he had accumulated to keep the doors open. Pete then moved from Montana to the West Coast where he worked in retail and then back into the pipe fitting trade, retiring in 2005. Pete spent the last years of his life around his newly found family in the Castle Rock area and enjoyed socializing and being around people.

A memorial service is at Green Hills Memorial Garden in Kelso, Wash. at 1 p.m. Sat., Nov. 16, 2013. He will be buried at Gold Butte Cemetery, Gold Butte, Montana.

Dr. WILLIAM DANIEL McFARLAND, JR.
Born: June 28, 1935 – Died: March 8, 2013
Liberty County Times
March 27, 2013



Bill McFarland

Dr. William Daniel McFarland, Jr., age 77, of Fort Benton, Montana, passed away Friday, March 8, 2013 due to an extended illness.

Bill was born on June 28, 1935 to William Daniel Mc-

Farland and Irene Adele (Johnson) McFarland in Great Falls, Montana. Bill graduated from Fort Benton High School in 1953, was an undergraduate at Northern

Montana College, in Havre, in 1958, and received his doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Washington State University in 1962. Following school, Bill spent a year as a resident clinician at the University of Minnesota. He moved back to Montana in 1963; he married Denise Verbrugghen McFarland on June 9, 1963 and spent a year practicing veterinary medicine, in Livingston, before opening the Benton Veterinary Clinic in 1964. Bill spent 40 years providing veterinary care here before retiring in 2004. He was the Montana Delegate to the American Veterinary Association for eight years and received the Montana Veterinarian Medical Association president's award in 2005. He was very involved and passionate about the veterinary

field.

In his free time, Bill enjoyed being with his family and grandchildren and being involved in their activities. He would also visit local farmers and ranchers and helped them with their animals. He cared deeply for people's families and their histories. He also loved hunting and fishing. He was a prolific reader and academic about all veterinary things. He also loved his Bible study.

Bill was an active member of AVMA, MVMA, Toastmasters, Kiwanis, Community Bible Church, and was the treasurer of the Great Falls Chapter Gideons.

Bill is survived by his wife, Denise Verbrugghen McFarland; children, Dr. Warner (Amy) McFarland, Dr. Garret (Tammie) McFarland,

and Kyla L. Morton; brother, Ron McFarland; sister, Elinor Carver; and grandchildren, Adam McFarland, Catie McFarland, William McFarland, Ben McFarland, Anne-Marie McFarland, Bailey Morton, Kellyn Morton, and Olivia Morton. □

Bill was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Nicole McFarland.

Visitation will be from 10:00 to 10:40 a.m. Saturday, March 30, 2013 at Community Bible Church; 1600 Main St., Fort Benton, MT. A Funeral Service will begin at 10:55 at the church. A reception will follow the funeral service at the Community Bible Youth Center. Because of Bill's involvement with the Youth Center, Bill's family would appreciate memorials be made to the Community Bible Youth Cen-

ter; 1600 Main St., Fort Benton, MT 59442. Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer the family condolences or to share a memory of Bill.

TIMOTHY JOHN MINNEHAN

Born: July 4, 1963 – Died: September 29, 2013

Liberty County Times

October 16, 2013



Tim Minnehan

Timothy John Minnehan, age 50, died at his home in Tampa, Florida on Sunday (September 29th, 2013) from Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

Tim was born on July 4th, 1963 in Great Falls, MT. He was the oldest of four children and the only son born to Joseph and Patricia (Naughton) Minnehan. Tim was raised on the family farm where he attended schools in Hingham, Joplin, and Chester, MT. He graduated from Chester High School in 1981, then continued his educational pursuits at Montana State University in Bozeman where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Soon after his graduation from M.S.U., Tim relocated to Denver, Colorado where he took an engineering position with US West.

In 1987 Tim joined the United States Navy and subsequently received his commission via the Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida. Upon completion of flight training he was designated a Naval Flight Officer and was selected to fly the E-2C Hawkeye. Tim's first operational duty

assignment was with VAW-115 in Atsugi, Japan where he deployed aboard the USS MIDWAY and USS INDEPENDENCE in which he was a decorated combat veteran of Operations DESERT STORM and ENDURING FREEDOM.

During his tour in Japan, Tim met Cynthia Castro, whom he married in 1992. Tim and Cindy lived in the Tucson, Arizona area in 1992 where he served as a Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) instructor for the University of Arizona. Tim earned an MBA in Entrepreneurship from the University of Arizona, Eller College of Management. He concluded his active duty naval service in 1995 although continued to actively participate in the United States Navy Reserve. Putting his master's degree to work from 1995 to 2010, Tim participated in a career that spanned from franchise sales

to real estate broker.

In 2010 Tim returned to active duty serving for U.S. Central Command in Tampa, FL. While at Central Command he earned Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. War College in 2011. He attained the rank of Commander and actively serving in the Navy at the time of his death.

Tim was a husband, father, friend, son & scholar – a brother and a patriot who was born on the 4th of July. He will be forever missed.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Cindy, and 2 children, John & Gillian of Tam-

pa, FL; parents, Joe & Patsy Minnehan of Joplin, MT; 3 sisters Kelly (John) Galt (and family, McBride, Annie, & Riley) of Helena, MT; Molly (Kyle) Ketchum (and family, Chase & Claire) of Fairfax, VA; and Haley (Jack) Secrest (and family, Ben & Winnie) of Cottonwood, ID; mother-in-law, Wilma Johnson of Green Valley, AZ; sister-in-law, Constance Castro (and family, Corissa & Jason Alley) of Tucson, AZ; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Memorial Mass was held at Christ the King Catholic Church in Tampa on Oct. 3rd. Father Len Plazewski officiated and scriptures were read by Kelly Galt & Jeff Darray. Music was provided by Marty Purtell. Servers were Nick Rodriguez, Amanda Pambar, & Alexis Hayes. The eulogist was CDR Wes Price. A reception followed in McLaughlin Hall.

Tim's Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday (October 9th, 2013) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester by Father Joseph Diekhans. Christy Fossen served as pianist and St. Mary's Choir/Community friends sang "Amazing Grace", "I Have Loved You With An Everlasting Love", "Be Not Afraid", "I Am The Bread of Life", and "Sing to the Mountains". Vocalist, Marcus Jochim, performed "Ave Maria". A vocal quartette of Kevin, Jeff, & Chris Mattson and Steve Adams sang "The Lord's Prayer". Scriptures were read by

Gillian Minnehan & Kyle Ketchum, the "Prayers of the Faithful" were read by John Galt, and the eulogists were Tom Chvilicek & Scott Laird. Ushers were Joe & Greg Dahinden and Doug Kimball. Pallbearers were Scott Laird, Tom Chvilicek, Kurt Kammerzell, Marty Klinker, Bill Stevens, and John Krueger. The Communion Gifts were presented by Tim's two children. Eucharistic ministers were Marj, Greg, & Joe Dahinden and Jane Allen.

Burial followed at the Chester Cemetery where military rites were offered by a squadron of Navy & Air Force veterans from Helena. Four flags were presented to the family (wife Cindy, son John, daughter Gillian, and parents Joe/Patsy). A three-plane flyover was provided by local pilots (Jim Briden, James Schwartz, & Larry Nelson). The Mattson quartette concluded the services by performing "How Great Thou Art" in four-part harmony. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Minnehan Family Scholarship Fund (in memory of Tim Minnehan), %Wells Fargo Bank, 11 East Adams Avenue, Chester, MT 59522. This scholarship will be awarded annually to a CJI student attending Montana State University and majoring in engineering or agriculture.

EDWARD CHARLES 'ED' MLINAR
Born: May 21, 1925 - Died: April 17, 2013
Liberty County Times
April 24, 2013



Ed Mlinar

Edward Charles "Ed" Mlinar was born May 21, 1925 at Bison, MT, a farming community north of Joplin. He was one of five children born to Mary Matey and Joseph Mlinar. Ed grew up on the family farm 15 miles north of Joplin and received his early education at a nearby country school. He finished his formal schooling in Joplin, then began working for Ed McClellan farms and implement. In addition he delivered the mail to-&-from the train stop in Joplin.

Ed eventually began farming with his brother, Les. In the late 1950's he met Kay Crook, a young woman who was working for a Havre accountant. They were married on September 24, 1960. They made their home on the Mlinar farm and raised a family of two. In the 1980's they began wintering in Arizona. After Ed retired from farming in 1990, they purchased a home at Surprise, AZ., but continued to spend their summer months on the farm. The Mlinars were married 37 years when Kay died from complications of rheumatoid

arthritis and cancer on September 9, 1997. Ed was not one to sit idle and be lonely, so he travelled daily to Fraser's Conoco in Inverness, where he would fill cars, check oil,

wash windshields, and visit with the many customers.

Ed began dating a Rudyard widow, Marj Petersen. They were married on November 16, 1999, then later divorced.

Ed moved to the Sweetgrass Retirement Lodge in 2004. He enjoyed the many social activities at the lodge and throughout the community. When his health began to decline in 2010, he moved to the Wheat Country Estates assisted-living facility. With continuing health issues in 2011, Ed transferred to the Liberty Medical Center for extended care. He died at the Chester nursing home on the early morning of Wednesday (April 17, 2013). He was 87 years old.

Throughout the years Ed was an active member of Bethel Church in Joplin. He was a longtime member of the Havre Elks Club and had served on the Liberty County Hospital board. In earlier years he volunteered as a coach for the "Little Sage" Little League baseball team and the Joplin Girls Softball team in the Women's Summer League. Ed maintained a private pilot's license, loved to fly, and was the proud owner of a Cessna 182 airplane. On a related vein, he was a participating member of the local Remote Control Airplane Club. Ed was also active in the Hi-Line Antique Car Club, where he loved to take road trips in

his 1957 Thunderbird coupe.

He enjoyed many hobbies. He especially loved golf and was fortunate to make two "holes-in-one" during his life (one at the Whitefish Country Club at age 45 and one at Happy Trails in Arizona at age 65). He also enjoyed bowling and maintained an exceptional average during his prime years in the sport. In his later years he enjoyed trap-shooting.

Ed loved dancing and music - he was an amateur accordion player and looked forward to playing with friends in the "local circuit" at senior centers, nursing homes, etc., which he did until age 85. He also took lessons on the "steel guitar", but never could quite perfect this unique instrument.

Ed's family claims that he was a good cook. His pancakes and angel food cakes were awesome, and he was an "artist" when it came to carving the Thanksgiving turkey. When dining at Ed's house, no matter how big the meal, there was always room for desert - a big bowl of ice cream!

In his quiet time at home Ed loved to watch CNN, the weather channel, or golfing/bowling programs on television. Otherwise, he liked to stay active and keep himself in good shape. He jogged daily into his late 70's. He exercised at the local fitness center until age 85, when he could still do a few "chin-up's". Ed also enjoyed travelling; in 2009 he took his entire family on a memorable Disney Cruise to the Caribbean - a trip they will never forget!

Ed will be remembered as a good-natured, kind-hearted, trustworthy, clean, and friendly gentleman. He respected his fellow man and was always loyal & loving to his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by not only by his wife & parents, but also by his brother (Les) and 3 sisters (Lorraine, Doris, & Dorothy).

Ed is survived by 1 daughter, Lori (Ray) Ramberg of Joplin; 1 son, David (Jan) Mlinar of Boise, ID; 1 step-son, Ron Sagen of Chester; 5 grandchildren, Zach (Courtney), Kord,

& Cody, and Jessica (Miles) & Amanda; 4 great-grandchildren, Ryan & Jace and Ryden & Breckin; and several nieces & nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Sunday (April 21st) at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin by Pastor John Fauerbach. Pianist, Gail Cicon, accompanied vocalist, Marcus Jochim, who performed "Sweet Hour of Prayer" & "Whispering Hope". Marcus joined Carol Bangs in a vocal duet, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" (which was a favorite dance tune to Ed & Kay). Ushers were Brian & Greg May. Candlelighters were Sandy Anderson & Kyle Rudolph. Friends serving as pallbearers were Logan Fisher, Larry Nelson, Rick Richter, Art Johnson, Tom Graff, & Bruce Richter. Grandson, Zach Ramberg, provided a scripture reading. Lynda (Ramberg) Fretheim shared family remembrances. The service ended with Ed's favorite accordion tune, "Home on the Range"; a rendition performed by Gail Cicon (accordion) and Rudy Cicon (guitar). Following burial at the Joplin Cemetery, a reception was held at Kjos Hall. Arrangements were by Rockman, Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials will be given to the Joplin Park or donor's choice.

LAURA ETTA (WARD) MLINAR

Born: July 16, 1922 – Died: January 12, 2013

Liberty County Times

January 23, 2013



Etta Mlinar

Laura Etta Mlinar was born July 16, 1922 at Baylor, Montana. She was the youngest of two daughters born to Frank and Ethel (Reives) Ward. Etta grew up in eastern Montana and worked as a shepherd in her formative years. She received her education at Opheim, where she graduated from high school.

In the mid-1940's Etta came to Havre to work at the Woolworth store. She eventually took a job as bookkeeper for Ed McClellan at the International Dealership in Joplin. While there, she met the "love of her life", Leslie Joe Mlinar, and they were married on March 14th, 1950 in Glasgow. They spent 49 years of married life together on the Mlinar farm north of Joplin. When they retired from farming in 1985, they continued to live in their home on the farm. Etta's loving husband, Les, passed away on June 16, 1999.

In 2001 Etta moved into her new home in Chester. She lived alone until 2007, then transferred to the

sisted-living facility). When her health continued to decline, Etta moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home

in 2008. She died peacefully at the Chester nursing facility on Saturday evening (January 12, 2013). She was 90 years old.

The Mlinars loved to travel in their motorhome; they had visited most every state and province in the continental United States and Canada. They were active members of several RV clubs, including the FMCA, "Good Sam Club", and the Foretravel Association. They also enjoyed motorcycling, snowmobiling, bowling, and dancing.

Etta was an avid collector of spoons, knickknacks, and rocks. She enjoyed making wooden yard ornaments with her jigsaw and doing handy-craft projects in her quiet time. She was an excellent bowler, who maintained an average of 178 during her prime years of bowling. She was active in the Hi-Line bowling leagues and participated in many state and national tournaments. In addition she served as a scorekeeper for many of the men's leagues. Etta was also a fan of the local summer softball leagues, where Les served as a loyal umpire.

Etta was an immaculate homemaker, good cook, and dedicated wife. She took great pride in her personal health, her looks, and her general well-being. She had a quick wit and good personality, which made her a special friend to many.

Etta and Les had no children, but they were never without a pet poodle in their lives. Two of their favorites were "Princess" and "LeAnn".

Etta was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by her sister (Alyce Beck in 2007).

Her survivors include 4 nieces, Lori & Ray Ramberg

of Joplin, Marilyn Ronken of Sioux Falls, S.D., Dely & Mel Anderson of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Yvonne Johnson of Glasgow; 5 nephews, David & Jan Mlinar of Boise, ID, Ron Sagen of Chester, Herb & Jane Tyler of Sheboygan, Wisc., Dean Tyler of Sioux Falls, SD, and David & Dianna Tyler of Hartford, SD; 1 brother-in-law, Ed Mlinar of Chester; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Wednesday (Jan. 16th) at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Pastor John Fauerbach officiating. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross", accompanied by organist, Jeanne Fauerbach. A vocal tribute, "Amazing Grace", was performed by Marcus Jochim. The obituary was read by Lori Ramberg. Pallbearers were Ray Ramberg, David Mlinar, Kord Ram-

berg, Cody Ramberg, Tom Graff, and Art Johnson. Following burial in the family plot at the Joplin Cemetery, a reception was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

DIANNA LYNN (HUESTIS) MONTALBETTI

Born: Age- 65 – Died: February 3, 2013

Great Falls Tribune

February 7, 2013

Dianna Lynn Huestis

HAVRE — Dianna Lynn Huestis, 65, of Havre, who served in the Peace Corps, retired from the food service program at Montana State University Northern and enjoyed taking care of cats, died of cancer Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Northern Montana Care Center.



Huestis

A memorial service is 2 p.m. Tuesday at New Beginnings Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Scattering of ashes will take place at a later date. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

She is survived by her daughter, Avis Montalbetti of Eugene, Ore.; son Robert Montalbetti of Havre; sisters Bonnie Huestis, Peggy Huestis and Debbie Anderson, all of Ulm, Mary Hutchinson of Hingham and Cindy Keaster of Belt; and one granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Montalbetti.

MARY LOU MURRAY
Born: April 23, 1944 – Died: January 20, 2013
Liberty County Times
January 30, 2013



Mary Lou Murray

While surrounded by her family, Sunday, January 20, 2013, Mary Lou Danell Murray was called home by the

Lord to join Him and her heavenly family: her husband Tim Murray, her son Jim Murray, her grandson Jaden Griggs, her parents Tom and Eleanor Danell, her nephew Tim Russell, and other family. Her vigil service will be 8 p.m. Friday, January 25, 2013 at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Chapel. Her Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Saturday, January 26, 2013 at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father Daniel Wathen officiating. Her burial will follow at the Highland Cemetery. A luncheon will be held immediately after the graveside at Fifth Avenue Christian Church. Memorial contributions in Mary Lou's

honor may be made to a charity of one's choice. Services and arrangements are entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Mary Lou was born in Havre, MT, at Sacred Heart Hospital to Tom and Eleanor Danell on April 23, 1944. Mary Lou attended St. Jude's school and graduated from Havre High School in 1962. She graduated from NMC with a degree as a Medical Secretary. She worked for the Havre Clinic for several years. Later, she worked as a Steno Clerk for the Burlington Northern, retiring in 1998.

Mary Lou was blessed with

her darling daughter Mariah in 1963. In 1972, she married Tim Murray. In 1973, two more joys of her life, Jack and Jim, were born.

Mary Lou enjoyed farming on Facebook.

Mary Lou leaves behind her daughter Mariah (Bill) Rathbun of Hingham; her son Jack (Tammy) Murray of Havre; her grandson Reid Danell; and her granddaughter Mallo-ry Murray. Her brother Richard (Joanne) Danell of Coon Rapids, Minnesota; her sister Tomi Jo (Robert) Orcutt of Augusta, Montana; as well as cousins, nieces, nephews, and a very faithful friend Jackie Mayer.

PATRICIA (KINDER) THORNTON NEWCOMB
Born: July 17, 1941 - Died: April 27, 2013
Liberty County Times
July 3, 2013



Patricia Newcomb

Patricia (Kinder) Thornton Newcomb, age 71, "entered into eternal life" on April 27th, 2013 in Carson City, NV. She is now with her parents and sister, at peace and no longer in pain.

Patricia was born on July 17th, 1941 in Townsend, Montana, one of four children to Murvel and Ellen (Een) Kinder, and was raised on the "Hi-Line" in north central

Montana. She attended Havre Public Schools through the 4th grade, then moving to Rudyard in 1951. She graduated from Rudyard High School with the "Class of 59", thirty years to the day after her mother graduated from the same school.

Pati suffered from Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis from the age of 18 mos. In her adult life she had all of her major joints replaced and was comically known as the "Bionic Woman". But it was the Pulmonary Fibrosis caused by the JRA that ended her life. Throughout her battle there wasn't much that she wasn't willing to try to do and every chance she got she loved to travel with her faithful dog, "Schotzie".

She married Robert Thornton on July 24th, 1959. From this union came her pride and joys, "My Three Sons". This marriage ended in divorce in September of 1966. Several years later, after moving to Kalispell, Pati met and married her best friend, James Newcomb. This marriage brought three "special" children into her life: Kari, Doug and Paul Newcomb of Phoenix, AZ. With six children to help support, she went to work for Plum Creek Timber. After short stints in Arizona and southern Nevada, Pati moved to Carson City to be close to her brother and to enjoy a more moderate climate. She worked several years for Sterling Air in Carson City. But no matter where she was living, Montana was always her home.

She is survived by her sons, Murvel Thornton of Carson City, NV, Danny (Joni Morelli) Thornton of Kalispell, MT, and Rodney (Nancy) Thornton of Chesapeake, VA; her former husband, James Newcomb of Spokane, WA; brothers, Ronald Kinder of Great Falls, MT and Wayne (Cheryl) Kinder of Carson City, NV; sister-in-law, Julie (Jim) Watt of Carson City, NV; 9 grandchildren; numerous nieces & nephews; and many special friends, including Jeanne Williams and "The Board of Directors" (Chris Berg of Salem, OR. and Renee Berner & Sharon Pitsch, both of Kalispell, MT). Last, but not least, she is survived by her beloved Dachshund, "Schotzie".

Pati was preceded in death by her beloved parents and her sister (Jennett "Jackie" Brubaker).

Graveside services with burial of ashes will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday (July 6th, 2013) at the family plot at the Rudyard Cemetery. Pastor Will Anderson will officiate. A coffee hour will follow at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Local arrangements are being handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

Prior memorial services were held at St. Paul's Lutheran Family in Carson City, Nevada on May 15th, 2013.

Memorials in Pat's name may be sent to St Paul's Lutheran Family (1201 N Saliman Rd, Carson City, NV 89701); the Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis; or to the ASPCA or Animal Shelter of your choice.

GORDON T. OBIE
Born: May 10, 1917 – Died: March 11, 2013
Liberty County Times
March 27, 2013



Gordon Obie

EPITAPH...BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAMS

On March 11, 2013 at about 11pm, Gordon T. Obie went over the great divide. He was born in Hill (now Liberty) County, Montana on May 10, 1917. Place of birth was a Homesteader's shack, in north central Montana, 28 miles north of Joplin and 3 miles south of the Canadian border. His dad Edwin Olaf Obie was Norwegian and mom Ann Rose Yoctorowic, Polish; they were both born to immigrants from the "home country". Northern Montana was cold hardscrabble prairie, settled by those accustomed to hard, hard work and looking for adventure with a better life. Gordon's early education was a one-room schoolhouse that covered grades 1 thru 8, all taught at the same time. Transport to school was horses, a buggy or two legs. Entertainment was teasing the teacher, who was only slightly older than the students.

Long cold winters brought the National Geographic and other magazines, from which his desire to be an artist and travel the world was kindled.

Gordon's first business was a trap line that produced weasels, muskrats and the occasional beaver. Prior to becoming a teenager, the only town he had seen was mostly

a grain elevator. Saturday night dances were held at schoolhouses and granges; it was at one of these that he met Mildred Lillian Huestis. He worked his way through high school in Joplin, 20 miles from the homestead and went on to Northern Montana State College in Havre, Montana. Mildred was working close by as a housemaid and romance soon blossomed. As a way to express his art, he began to paint signs for campus activities and small businesses around

Havre. One day a circus came through town, in need of signs to be painted, they were told of Gordon's ability and low prices, so they immediately hired him for the work. While it was only a few days work, the circus saw his value and zest for life, and suggested he join them. He quickly saw the merit in the idea and told Mildred he would write her along the way. Her response was "If you're going-I'm going" and away they went with the circus. He became the snake-charmer from Borneo, she a seller of tickets, a few days later, August 6, 1937 they were married by a \$2.00 Justice of Peace, in East Helena Montana. He was 20 years old, she won't say.

As a married couple, they decided to settle in Bozeman Montana, and their first child Gary, currently of Springfield Oregon, was born a year later. Gordon adopted sign painting as a trade and opened his shop, in the back end of a hardware store, in downtown Bozeman. A second son, former Eugene Mayor Brian Obie, was born in the fall of 1941.

With the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the sign shop was quickly closed and the family moved to Salt Lake City Utah,

as Gordon went to work in the wartime effort at the Naval Supply Depot there. While there, a third child Florene was born to complete the family.

Gordon continued to work in war industries as a pattern maker in the shipyards in Long Beach, California and then Van Port when wartime shipbuilding came to the Northwest in Vancouver, Washington. Each fall the family would return to their roots in northern Montana to help with harvest, as that was also a wartime priority. Gordon was in the line with other draftees, receiving his medical check up, the day Japan surrendered, they were all told to go home.

Following the war, the family returned to Bozeman and Gordon reopened his business "The Obie Sign Company". Gordon was a very driven and creative entrepreneur and for the next decade, that business grew, to the point of owning, selling and maintaining signs throughout Montana. The business was sold in 1960, the same year Gordon acquired with his brother-in-law Marion Streeter two outdoor advertising companies..one in Salem, Oregon the other in Eugene. Two years later Gordon and Marion expanded the business and asked family members to join them.

With Gordon's leadership and a dedicated family effort, the company rapidly grew into a multi state operation. In the late sixties, he became the Chairman of the Board and decided to at last pursue his interest in Travel and Art. Throughout the next 30 years, he circled the globe six times and studied many cultures. From his residence in Sun

City, Arizona, he became immersed in Mexican history and culture, living and painting in villages throughout that country.

Gordon was an accomplished artist, businessman and explorer. An advocate of the power of positive thinking, he held leadership positions in many industry activities, charitable organizations and pursued with zest his many hobbies

He is survived by his wife Mildred of 76 years, sons Gary and Brian, brother, Laurence Obie, Eugene, OR and sister, Gillette Ritter, Bozeman, MT. He has 9 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, 6 great, great grandchildren. His daughter Florene an accomplished artist in her own right preceded him in death.

Many thanks to our wonderful caregivers for their care and love they gave him.

A Private Family Service was held and burial at Lane Memorial Gardens in Eugene.

In Lieu of flowers please send memorial contributions

to Parkinson's Disease Association.

Arrangements by Musgrove Family Mortuary.

MAYNARD WILMAR ODEGARD
Born: August 24, 1922 – Died: May 8, 2013
Liberty County Times
August 7, 2013

Maynard Odegard

Maynard Wilmar Odegard, 90, passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at his residence in Mesa, Arizona. He was born in Hoople, ND on August 24, 1922 to Thomas and Anna Odegard. Upon graduation from Hoople High School, he worked on the family farm and in 1944 married Ann Ingulsrud. To this union, two sons, Gary Thomas and Ronald Lee and one daughter Renae Lu were born. In 1952 the family moved to Chester, Montana where Maynard was a carpenter and owned a paint and glass business.

In 1967 he moved his carpenter business to Rapid City, SD, where upon retirement he was caretaker for the independent living facility near the civic center. In 1991 he and Ann moved to Mesa, Arizona, enjoying retired life.

Maynard was preceded in death by his parents, his wife

Ann (2005) and 5 brothers and 4 sisters. He is survived by his 3 children, Gary, Fontana CA; Ronald (Lana), Rapid City SD; Renae Haarsma, Sioux Falls SD; and 3 grandsons, Travis and Tyler Haarsma, Sioux Falls; Ross Odegard (Amber), Box Elder; and one great-granddaughter Emma.

Maynard will be inurned with his wife at Mt. View Cemetery in Rapid City at a later date. Cards may be sent to:

Gary Odegard, 18061 Fairfax ST, Fontana, CA 92336

Renae Haarsma, 604 Hillview Rd, Sioux Falls, SD 57110

Ronald Odegard, 6514 Wellington Drive, Rapid City, SD 57702.

ALIDA MARIE OLSON
Born: October 25, 1944 – Died: May 3, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
May 5, 2013

Alida Marie Olson

Alida Marie Olson, 68, died peacefully of natural causes May 3 at St. Peter's Hospital from a strong fight with cancer.



Olson

Visitation is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 3750 N. Montana Ave. Vigil service is 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at Saint Mary Catholic Community in Helena. Mass of Christian burial is celebrated at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, at Saint Mary Catholic Community. A reception will be after the Mass from 1 to 5 p.m. at Sleeping Giant Lanes on Highway 12 East. She will be cremated, and burial services will be at a later date.

Alida Little was born Oct. 25, 1944, in Havre to Marion and Evelyn Little. She graduated from Geraldine High School in 1962, and attended business school in Boise, Idaho. She married James Sliper of Darby in 1965, then married Fred Olson of Cut Bank in 1977.

She is preceded in death by her son, Bart Sliper; her stepdaughter, Theresa Storey; her father, Marion Little

Jr.; her mother, Evelyn Little; and her brothers, Roger Little and Thomas Little.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Olson; her daughter, Coleen and husband Jack Rosenberg; sons, Boyd and wife Marlys Sliper and Joe and wife Katie Sliper; stepsons, Jon and wife Karen Olson, Ryan and wife Twyla Olson and Russell Olson; sisters, Barbara and husband Ben Arps, Theresa Little and Bette and husband Jon Moe; brothers, Lawrence and wife Sue Little, Martin and wife Linda Little, Mark and wife Nadine Little, John Little, Joseph Little, Richard and wife Connie Little, James Little and Timothy Little.

Grandchildren, Shelby, Kayla and Jacquee Rosenberg, Christian, Elizabeth and Colter Sliper, Heidi, Cody, Chris, Anne and Wyatt Olson, Hannah Olson and Niki Stroh; and five great grandchildren.

As she loved God and her church with all her heart and soul, any donations one wishes to give are suggested to the St. Mary's Building Fund, 1700 Missoula Ave., Helena, MT 59601. Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer the family a condolence or share a memory of Alida.

LINDA RAE (LYNCH) OLSON
Born: January 5, 1944 – Died: July 31, 2013
Liberty County Times
August 7, 2013



Linda Olson

Linda Rae (Lynch) Olson was born on January 5, 1944 in Great Falls, MT to Ed and Jean Lynch. She passed away on July 31, 2013 at home in Spokane, WA where she lived the past 17 years. Her family moved to Rudyard, MT when she was 12 years old. Linda graduated from Rudyard High School in 1962. She attended one year of Cosmetology School at Morse Beauty School in Spokane, WA. In 1963 she married Leonard Grant Olson of Joplin, MT and just this year they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They settled in Joplin where they farmed and it was here where they raised three boys.

Linda cherished the time spent with her sons during their school years and particularly took pride in attending the numerous sporting events they participated in. She loved to work in her yard and

garden and enjoyed reading. Ceramics and crafts were also activities she liked to do. One of her favorite passions was taking care of her grandchildren from their infancy to watching them grow-up. Linda was very compassionate, nurturing and loving which is why her grandchildren were so important to her. She had fond memories of the many family vacations spent in Glacier National and Waterton Parks.

Preceded in death by her parents Ed and Jean Lynch; two brothers Bobby and Tom; and grandson Josh. Survived by husband Leonard; her sons Greg of Spokane, WA, Grant (Michelle) of Wenatchee, WA, and Chad (Debbie) of Spokane, WA. Two sisters; Bev (Ed) Cramer of Chester, MT and Lois (Bill) Gorder of Kalispell, MT. Grandchildren; Riley, Lindsey, Cayla, Steele, Madison and Sydney. Two great grandsons; Mason and Karson and numerous nieces and nephews. The family wishes to thank Hospice of Spokane for their wonderful care they took of Linda as she battled these last weeks with cancer.

Linda wished to be cremated and we will honor her with a "Celebration of Life" memorial on August 7th in Spokane, WA at Community Cremation & Funeral. A great wife, wonderful Mom, and a story book Grandmother... you will be truly missed and always in our hearts.

LOUISA GRACE (POURROY) OLSON
Born: November 19, 1921 – Died: January 23, 2013
Liberty County Times
January 30, 2013



Louisa Olson

Louisa Grace (Pourroy) Olson was born November 19th, 1921 at Conrad, Montana. She was one of five children born to Peter and Gladys (Marcum) Pourroy. Louisa received her formal education at a country school near Conrad. In the years that followed, she worked as a nanny for a Conrad farming family, then took a job at the dry cleaners in Shelby.

Louisa met & married Adolph Oliver Olson on December 10th, 1946 in Shelby. They lived & farmed north of Lothair, where Louisa worked diligently as a homemaker and mother to their two daughters. The Olsons began wintering in Chester in 1963 during

the girls' school years. In 1970 they retired, sold the farm, and moved into town permanently. They eventually made their home at the Sweetgrass Retirement Lodge. After Adolph's death on April 24th, 1990, Louisa continued to live at the Lodge. When her health began to decline in 2009, she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home for extended care. Louisa died at the Chester nursing facility on Wednesday afternoon (January 23rd, 2013). She was 91 years old.

Louisa was baptized & confirmed Lutheran. During their farming years she was a loyal member of the Trinity Lutheran Church north of Lothair. After retiring to Chester, they became active at Our Savior's Lutheran. In addition she was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Galata.

Louisa had many hobbies. She loved to bake and will be remembered for her delicious chocolate-chip cookies & banana breads. She also enjoyed crocheting doilies & afghans and sewing quilts for her family. Other interests included gardening, playing cards (mainly, pinochle & whist), and work-

ing jigsaw & crossword puzzles. In recent years Louisa enjoyed her collection of dog figurines.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by 2 sisters (Rose Aakre and Kay Noble) and 1 brother (David Pourroy).

Louisa is survived by her 2 daughters, Judy Snyder (Dennis) and Diane Brese (Mike Scott), all of Chester; 4 grandchildren, Dennis, Lisa (Andy), Jason (Toni), and Krista; 7 great-grandchildren (inc. Jenifer & Samantha, Grace & Owen, Mya, and Emma & Oliver); 1 great-great-grandson, Carter Lee (born on Jan. 26th, 2013); 1 sister, Edythe Orcutt of Conrad; 1 brother-in-law, Jim Noble of Great Falls; and many nieces & nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday (January 28th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester by Pastor John Fauerbach. Prelude & postlude music was provided by Jeanne Fauerbach and the congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross". The obituary was read by Ray Standiford. A vocal duet of Mary Ann Zorn & Steffani Wanken performed "Count Your Blessings" and "One Day

At A Time", accompanied by pianist, Karen Graham. Ushers were Ron Ward & Steve Cameron. Pallbearers were Tim Fenger, Bruce Kinyon, Albert Larson, Pete Glee, Kyle Rudolph, & John Standiford. Honorary bearers included the CNA's, nurses, doctors, & dedicated staff at L.M.C. Burial followed at the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials may be given to Hi-Line Health Foundation, Sweetgrass Lodge, Alzheimer's Research, or donor's choice...

NANCY KAY (THORSON) OLSON
Birth: January 17, 1943 – Died: March 3, 2013
Liberty County Times
March 13, 2013

was the eldest of three children born to Lucille Poppler and Clifford Thorson. Nancy grew up on the family farm 30 miles north of Joplin and received her early education at the Burke country school. She completed her secondary education in Joplin, where she graduated from J.H.S. in 1961. Nancy continued her schooling at the University of Montana in Missoula and enjoyed her membership in the Alpha Phi Sorority. The next year she transferred to the Kinman Business School in Spokane, WA.

Nancy married Laurence D. "Larry" Olson in Joplin on December 27th, 1962. The Olsons made their home in the Joplin community, where she worked diligently as a homemaker and mother of three. Nancy took pride in her home and always kept it immaculate. She loved cooking & baking – her delicious homemade pies & breads were family favorites. Nancy also enjoyed sewing & crafting – she displayed and sold her craftwork throughout the years at local fairs & special events.

Although Nancy suffered from rheumatoid arthritis with associated pain & complications, she continued to maintain an active life. She loved those summer trips to Glacier National Park, espe-

cially to Lake McDonald and Apgar. She enjoyed winter travels with friends to Las Vegas & Hawaii. She often reminisced about that special trip with her kids to the Oregon coast. She loved her grandchildren and always looked forward to spending quality time with them and attending their school/sporting events. Unfortunately, this past year took a medical toll on Nancy; her immune system failed and she spent a lot of time in- & out of hospitals. After a week's stay at Benefis East Medical Center, Nancy died at this Great Falls facility on the early morning of Sunday (March 3rd, 2013). She was 70 years young.

Nancy & Larry were fortunate to be best friends & loyal companions for 50 years. They celebrated this "married milestone" on this past December 28th at a party provided by their children. In their early married years they loved social activities, like dancing & bowling with Hi-Line friends. Nancy enjoyed swimming, gardening, reading, and playing board games. And just for the fun of it, she collected spoons and thimbles.

Nancy was a lifelong member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. It was here that she was baptized & confirmed, developed her faith, and received her wedding vows. As

an adult she taught Sunday school, served on the church council, and was president of Bethel WELCA for many years. And now she is here for her final celebration.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents and her sister (Candace Nelson). She is survived by her husband, Larry Olson of Joplin; daughter, Heidi Richter (and husband, Bruce) of Joplin; sons, Scott Olson of Los Angeles, CA. and Todd Olson (and wife, Kristi) of Chester; 4 grandchildren, Brandon, Cory, Spencer, & Lucas; brother, Jerry Thorson (and wife, Gloria) of Joplin; brother-in-law, Kenny Nelson of Helena; 2 aunts, Blanche Anderson of Rudyard and Lorraine Brickman of Longboat Key, FL.; and numerous nieces, nephews, & cousins.

A memorial service was conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday (March 8th) at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin by former Pastor Michael Dahle. Scripture readings were shared by David Wehr. Pianist, Sharon Spicher,

accompanied the congregation, who sang "Blessed Assurance" & "How Great Thou Art". A vocal ensemble of Terry Stevenson, Marcus Jochim, Mary Ann Zorn, Carol Bangs, & Leota Hansen performed "In the Garden", "Because He Lives", & "On Eagle's Wings".



Nancy Olson

Nancy Kay (Thorson) Olson was born January 17th, 1943 in Great Falls, Montana. She

LILLY MARGARET (ANDERSON) ORAW
Born: February 9, 1922 – Died: October 1, 2013
Liberty County Times
October 9, 2013



Lilly Oraw

Lilly Margaret (Anderson) Oraw was born February 9, 1922 on her parents' homestead 17 miles north of Lothair, Montana. She was one of four children born to Hulda Norling and Gustaf Algot Anderson. Lilly grew up on the family farm and attended grade school at the nearby Eagle Creek Country School. She finished her formal education in Chester, where she graduated from C.H.S. in 1939. Shortly after graduation she began working as a clerk at the Liberty County A.S.C.S. office. She was soon promoted to office manager - a job she held for 5½ years.

Lilly married Benhard "Ben" Oraw on November 7,

1945 at Our Saviours Lutheran Church in Great Falls. They made their home on the Oraw farm northwest of Chester, where Lilly worked diligently as a homemaker and mother of three boys: Cal, Steve, and Rod. The Oraw's were happily married for 55+ years when Ben died on January 26, 2001. Lilly continued to live independently on the farm until recently, when she transferred to nursing home care. She died peacefully at the Liberty Medical Center on the early morning of Tuesday (October 1,

2013) at the age of 91 years.

The Oraw's loved to travel. Lilly & Ben took several Caribbean cruises, travelled to Hawaii on three occasions, toured six European countries, and enjoyed a sightseeing trip to Alaska. In addition they took tours to Florida, Nevada, California, and the New England states, and spent several winters in Mesa (AZ) and Hemet (CA). They attended the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas and the Calgary Stampede numerous times. They were charter members of the Big Sky Fromenaders for 22 years and also belonged to a round-dance club, so they travelled to many dance events and

festivals. They also enjoyed camping and boating - spending their summers at Tiber Dam, Flathead Lake, and Glacier Park. After their children grew up, they spent their summers travelling in their camper to Glacier, Yellowstone, and Canadian Parks.

Lilly was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, which was located just across the road from her childhood home. She always said that she was so thankful for Trinity, where she received her Christian training in those early years of her life. Lilly later transferred to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, where she taught Sunday school, worked with the teenagers in L.Y.O., and was an active member of the W.E.L.C.A. and Bible study groups.

In addition she was a charter member of the Utopia Homemakers Club and served as an officer throughout the years. Lilly was a proud leader of 4-H, an organization dear to

her heart. During her 4-H leadership she received several special awards. In 1972 she was selected to chaperone a trip to Washington D.C. (to the 4-H Citizenship Short Course at the National 4-H Center). In

1973 she was awarded a trip to the Western 4-H Leaders Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Both of these trips were memorable, especially to Washington where they experienced "history come alive", and she cherished those many fond memories.

Lilly served as a local election judge and clerk for many years. She also helped in the planning of the first "All Class Reunion of Chester High School" and organized many personal reunions for her Class of 1939.

One of her greatest joys was attending "Women's Week" on the campus at M.S.U. in Bozeman with her special friend, Bev Violet. Lilly enjoyed this experience for 21 years. Never having the opportunity to attend college, Lilly always said she got her education through the M.S.U. Extension Service.

Lilly was an avid high school basketball fan and always looked forward to the local games and tournaments. She loved and appreciated her grandchildren and felt fortunate to have some of them grow up on farm near her. All of the grandchildren were very special to her and they enjoyed many good times together over

the years. Lilly was happy to have attended the college graduations of all of her sons and four of her grandchildren. These and other events were special moments in her life!

Lilly was preceded in death not only by her husband & parents, but also by her sister (Vic Staudacher) and her 2 brothers (Herb & Vern Anderson).

Survivors include her 3 sons, Cal (Virginia) Oraw of Dickinson, ND, Steve Oraw of Chester, and Rod (Jean) Oraw of Chester; 6 grand-children, Holly & Joel, Melissa & Brad, and Lyndsey & Jordan; 4 great-grandchildren, Alison, Logan, Trent, & Alexis; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Oct. 5th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Lilly's son, Reverend Cal Oraw, officiated. Scripture readings were done by Steve & Virginia Oraw and personal memories were shared by Jean Flynn. The congregation sang "Blessed Assurance" & "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less", with accompaniment by Karen Graham. The vocal duet of Mary Ann Zorn & Steffani Wanken performed "Precious Lord Take My Hand". Ushers were Jim Steven & Kenneth Romain. Pallbearers were Brad, Joel, & Jordan Oraw and Scott, Terry, & Collin Anderson. Honorary bearers included all of Lilly's friends & neighbors. Following burial in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials may be given to the Montana 4-H Foundation, Hi-Line Health Foundation, or donor's choice...

ROSALIE MARIE (SYLTE) PESTER
Born: September 29, 1933 – Died: June 22, 2013
Liberty County Times
June 26, 2013



Rosalie Pester

Dateline – Hingham

Rosalie Marie Pester, 79, passed away Saturday, June 22, 2013 at the Highgate Senior Living in Great Falls, Montana of natural causes. Her funeral service will be 11 a.m. at Our Lady Of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham, Montana with Father Joseph Diekhans officiating. A fellowship luncheon will follow the service. Her burial will be held in Havre at 2:00 p.m. Memorial contributions in Rosalie's honor may be made to the Highgate Senior Living 3000 11th Street South Great Falls, Montana 59405; Peace Hospice or to a charity of one's choice. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home. You may post your condolences on line at

www.hollandbonine.com

Rosalie was born September 29, 1933 in Havre, Montana to Martin and Mary (Hanses) Sylte. She graduated from Havre High School and attended Washington State University and obtained her Bachelor's in Music theory. She then attended the University of Montana and graduated with her Masters Degree in 1954. She returned to Hingham and married Robert "Bob" Pester in Hingham in 1957. They made their home in Hingham on the family farm and raised their two children. She worked in Havre as a music teacher where she taught one hundred students a week. She was a classical pianist and enjoys classical music and attending community concerts.

Rosalie was very active in her community. She had a passion for music and loved the farm, animals and gardening. She was known for all of her beautiful flowers that she would grow in her yard. She grew beautiful sunflowers, marigolds, tomatoes and always had a meticulous yard. Rosalie was very patriotic, and a giving and compassionate person. If people used an adjective describe her two words would come to mind,

sweet and kind. She enjoyed people and was a mother to many. She provided her children a great example of how to "live life."

She was honored at the Seattle Symphony in 1983 for her symphony that she wrote "Pour Les Enfants". She also arranged many songs for the Oakridge Boys including their song "Elvira".

She and Bob were members of the State Democratic Committee and when Bob was a Hill County Commissioner they enjoyed traveling all over the state. In her later years Rosalie joined the Red Hat Society of the Hi-Line.

She was preceded in death by her parents Martin and Mary Sylte and her husband Robert "Bob" Pester in 2004.

Rosalie is survived by her son Bruce (Melinda) Pester of Lewistown, Montana; and daughter Robyn Pester of Eugene, Oregon. Two granddaughters: Renae and Marianne Pester both of Lewistown, Montana.

DONALD LYLE PIMLEY

Born: November 23, 1935 - Died: June 27, 2013

Liberty County Times

July 3, 2013



Donald Pimley

Donald Lyle Pimley was born November 23rd, 1935 in Havre, Montana. He was one of eleven children born to Percy & Estella (Skonord) Pimley. When he was a child, his mother affectionately called him "Donnie Ducky"; this term of endearment was frequently used by his family to tease him in later years. Don also acquired the nickname "Gumbo", a special name used by his good buddies throughout his life.

Don grew up on the family farm 27 miles north of Joplin. He received his early education at the Burke country school. After finishing his formal education in Joplin, Don began working at the Farmer's Union Oil Company.

He was inducted into the U. S. Army in 1958. He attained the rank of Specialist 4th Class before his honorable discharge in 1960. Don continued to serve in the Army Reserves until 1964.

Following his active military duty, Don returned to his job at Farmer's Union in Joplin. He met and married Priscilla Amundson on September 2nd, 1961 at Joplin. They lived on the family farm four miles northwest of town, where they raised their 4 children. Don retired from farming in 2006 and they moved to Chester in 2008.

He loved those regular "early morning coffee sessions" with local friends & relatives. He also enjoyed working parttime for his great-nephew, Jesse Anderson, at the Chester "Quick Stop", where he established many friendships with the clientele. As Don's health began to decline, so did his social routines. He spent much of the past year in-&-out of clinics & hospitals, but appreciated the fact that he could still be at home, receiving special care from his best friend & companion, Priscilla. Don was recently admitted to the Benefis Medical Center in Great Falls, where he died Thursday evening (June 27th, 2013). He was 77 years old.

Don loved his family and was very protective of them. When the kids were young, he enjoyed "camping & fishing expeditions in their little camper called "Pimley's Paradise". At family gatherings he enjoyed playing cards, especially pinochle & rummy, but he was never a good loser. Don appreciated those quiet times with his kids; he loved the hugs, giggles, tickles, & happiness from each & every one.

Don enjoyed a few hobbies, namely, his collections of toy cars, knives, flashlights, watches, and coins. In his younger years he loved to dance and he was a lifetime fan of the "old time western music" (his favorite musical artists were Hank Williams Sr. and Wilf Carter). On a sensitive side, he was a pushover for little yellow kittens.

Although Don's family is saddened by his passing, they find comfort in the fact that "He asked Jesus into his Heart" on December 18th, 2012. They will miss him until they meet him again...

Don was preceded in death by his parents; 10 siblings (Anson, Jesse, Orville, Percy Jr., Francis, Viola, Joyce, Vern, & 2 infants); infant daughter (Julie Ann Pimley); daughter (Lisa Ostlie and her husband, Troy, and son, Tanner); and 1 great-grandson.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Priscilla Pimley of Chester; 2 daughters, Diana Pimley Carlstad of Great Falls and Renee Grove of Leduc, Alberta; 1 son, Jeffrey (Kathy) Pimley of Colstrip; 8 grand-children, Kandi, Kevin, & Kendra; Spencer & Lucas; Brenton, Hannah, & Landon; 7 great-grandchildren; 1 sister-in-law, Loreene Pimley of Joplin; and numerous nephews & nieces.

Memorial Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday (July 1st) at the Chester Assembly of God Church. Pastor Al Huff officiated. A special poem entitled "Dad" was written & read by daughter, Renee. The obituary and a poem called "My Day" were read by granddaughter, Kandi. Two taped musical interludes included "On the Wings of a Snow White Dove" (by Ferlin Husky) and "Daddy's Hands" (by Holly Dunn). Honorary pallbearers were Don's loving grandchildren. A coffee hour followed in the church fellowship hall. Graveside services with military rites & burial of ashes were held at 4:00 p.m. Monday at the Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials in Don's memory may be given to donor's choice...

NOEL ALLEN PREESHL

Born: December 25, 1941 – Died: March 20, 2013

Liberty County Times

March 27, 2013



Noel Preeshl

Born on Christmas Day 1941, Noel Allen Preeshl was the gift that kept on giving until it was his time to be called home on March 20th, 2013. Surrounded by family and their love at his Billings Hospital bedside, knowing that he had fought hard to be with us, but could no longer stay with us, he peacefully said goodbye.

Noel was born in Havre, Montana to William and Hortense (Stephenson) Preeshl. He spent all of his 71 years on the Hi-line. As the youngest of four children, he learned at an early age the value of hard work. He started farming with his Dad and remained the consultant/supervisor/ varmint control specialist in his "semi-retired" years accompanied by his deputy, Pork Chop. Along with farming, he loved to hunt, fish, pull off pranks, watch a good Western, win a game of Pinochle, poker, cribbage or even Pictionary. He was always good with his hands and could somehow find a way to make something out of nothing.

Husband, Dad, Gramps and Great Gramps were titles he wore proudly. His greatest joy came from watching his family grow. Their greatest joy was knowing that his adventurous, generous, sometimes stubborn, loving, hard working, dedicated, determined way was what shaped their lives and will continue through their generations.

Married April 4th, 1959 to Joyce Scheuerman, his loving and loyal wife of nearly 54 years survives him. The four spirited children they brought into this world together also survive: Noela Donovan (Jim Young) of Helena, MT, Steve (Kathy) of Gildford, MT, Bryan (Jennifer) of San Jose, CA, and Bret (Jalena) of Gildford, MT. In addition there are 11 grandchildren, Nick and Brianna Donovan; Jazlyn and Karlee Young; Kristin (Terry) Hersel; Nolan Preeshl; Russelle, Lauryn and Brayden Preeshl; and Tande & Thatcher Smith; 2 great-grandchildren, Brycen and Tenley Hersel; and loyal deputy terrier, "Pork Chop". Noel's 3 siblings, Robert (Mary) of Chinook, MT, Joanne (Ole) Warren of Hingham, MT and Paul (Blackie) of Havre, MT also survive him, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. Preceding him in death were his parents, William (1966) and Hortense (2002).

Graveside services will be held 1:00 p.m. Wednesday (March 27th) at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Pastor

Eddie Fallo will officiate. Two special musical tributes will be "Wonderful World" (by Louie Armstrong) and "The Farmer's Song" (by Murray McLaughlin). Vocalist, Terry Stevenson, will sing "The Lord's Prayer". Pallbearers will be Steve, Bryan, & Bret Presshl, Nick Donovan, Nolan Preeshl, Thatcher Smith, Terry Hersel, Jim Young, Brayden Preeshl, and Brycen Hersel. Following committal prayers with a special "wheat blessing", there will be fellowship with the family at the Great Northern Inn Conference Room in Havre. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

Memorials may be offered to the Rudyard Ambulance Service in Rudyard, to the Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester, or to donor's choice.

BETHANN CANDICE (SMITH) RADCLIFFE

Born: 1970 – Died: January 9, 2013

Liberty County Times

January 16, 2013



Bethann Radcliffe

Bethann Candice Radcliffe (maiden name Beth Ann Smith) died January 9, 2013 as a result of injuries she sustained in a traffic accident on January 2nd in Sebastian, Florida. She was 42.

Bethann was born in 1970 in Long Beach, California. As a young child, her parents (the late Robb R. Smith of Great Falls, Montana and the late Joanne M. Anderson Smith of Joplin, Montana) relocated their family back home to Montana. In Great Falls, Bethann attended Skyline and Riverside Elementary Schools, North Junior High School, and in 1988 she graduated Charles M. Russell

High School.

A devoted and loving daughter, Bethann cared extensively for her mother during her mom's long battle with cancer. Bethann then supported her father after her mother passed away.

Eventually, Bethann went on to earn an Associate's Degree as a Dental Assistant, and became an accomplished maxio-facial oral surgeon's assistant, working for years as such in California, Texas and Florida.

In August 1995, Bethann married her soulmate, Air Force Reserve Major and now UPS pilot John Radcliffe. John and Bethann loved life together, and in 2010 in Louisville, Kentucky they were blessed with the birth of their one and only child – a daughter named Giavanna. Bethann - also a very accomplished chef - was a terrific mother and loved her daughter more than anything else. In late 2012, Bethann and her family relocated from Kentucky to Palm Bay on the Space Coast of Florida to be closer to family.

Bethann is survived by her husband, John F. Radcliffe (44) of Palm Bay, Florida, their daughter Giavanna Novella Radcliffe (2), and her brother, Timothy C. Smith (44) of Weinstadt, Germany. She also leaves behind a large circle of extended family and good friends.

A wake for Bethann will be

held the evening of January 15th in Melbourne, Florida. Services will be held on January 16th, also in Melbourne. Memorial and donation details will be available Monday afternoon online at www.beachfuneralhome.com.

MARIETTA LOUISE (JURENKA) RAMBERG
Born: December 8, 1930 - Died: April 5, 2013
Liberty County Times
April 17, 2013



Marietta Ramberg

Marietta Louise (Jurenka) Ramberg was born December 8th, 1930 – the youngest of three children to Frank and Frances (Pecinovsky) Jurenka. When her mother went into labor, they rushed to the Havre hospital; Marietta was actually delivered en route to Havre on the Gildford bridge! She grew up on the family farm north of Hingham and received her early education at the Mariner country school. In her formative years she assisted with shepherding chores on the farm. Marietta finished her secondary education in Ruddyard, where she graduated from R.H.S. in 1949.

Marietta had aspirations to be a school teacher, so she started college in Havre. Soon after, she fell in love with a Hillside area farmer, Clarence E. Ramberg, and they were married on February 12th, 1950 in Havre. They made their home on the Ramberg farm north of Inverness, where Marietta worked diligently as a homemaker and mother of three.

After twenty years of married life and managing “Bar

YT Ranch Inc”, the Rambergs began investing funds/time/energy into several local business ventures. From 1971-1976 they owned & operated the “Tip Top Bar” in Chester. In 1978 they purchased the “Frontier Inn” at Dunkirk and ran this well-known bar/restaurant until 1989. They had already turned the farming operations over to their son, so they purchased a home in Joplin in 1989 and began enjoying their retirement. In the years that followed they were proud owners of several nice motorhomes, became active in the RV circuit, and were members of the Good Sam Club. They travelled to Texas & Washington to visit family, but spent most of their time in Montana. They especially loved the Flathead Valley, where they spent many summer months.

The Rambergs were fortunate to have good health until 2008, when they moved to the Wheat Country Estates (assisted-living facility) in Chester. They celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with family & friends there in February of 2010. In March of that year, they both transferred to the Liberty Medical Center for extended care. Her husband, Clarence, died at the Chester nursing facility on September 2nd, 2010. Marietta remained at the rest home from that time on. She died peacefully in her sleep on the early morning of Friday (April 5th, 2013). She was 82 years old.

Marietta was raised in the Catholic faith and maintained a quiet spirituality throughout her life. In her later years she was a member of the Bethel WELCA in Joplin. She had also been a longtime member of the Minnesota Friendly Club. During her high school years Marietta played on the girls basketball team and was very proud to be selected to attend the very first Montana Girl’s State program. In her younger years she loved to play the piano and she also sang at several local weddings.

Marietta enjoyed many hobbies. She liked playing cards, mainly whist & pinochle. She enjoyed television soap operas, especially “The Edge of Night”, and she was also fond of the TV series called “Animal Planet”. Marietta loved all animals, enjoyed feeding the birds in her yard, and nurtured many pet dogs throughout her life. Of interest was the fact that she was quite talented at making paper airplanes. She also enjoyed cooking and will be remembered for her delicious homemade donuts, creamed lutefisk, & enchiladas. She loved crocheting and working on crafty projects with her grandchildren. And just for the fun of it, she collected thimbles. Marietta never parted with any of her trinkets and she treasured every gift she ever received; the value of the gift wasn’t important – but rather it was the love bestowed with the gift that meant so much to her!

Marietta had an unconditional love for her children & grandchildren, who loved her in return and felt that she was truly a “saint” in the way she lived her life. Always a sweet, gentle, kind, & patient lady – her legacy will live on with those who loved her.

She was preceded in death not only by her husband & parents, but also by her sister (Helen Morrison) and a grandson (Travis Wickum).

Survivors include 2 daughters, Helen Wickum (and husband, Cliff) of Chester and Lynda Fretheim (and husband, Mel) of Shelby; 1 son Ray Ramberg (and wife, Lori) of Joplin; 7 grandchildren, Ryan (Melissa) Wickum, Roy (Breann) Wickum, Scott Fretheim, Mariann Fretheim Zach (Courtney) Ramberg, Kord Ramberg, and Cody Ramberg; 10 great-grandchildren, Paige, Brooke, Leighla Madison, Marrisra, Raina Jayden, Travis, Ryan, & Jace; 1 brother, Virgil Jurenka (and wife, Martha) of Ruddyard; sister-in-law, Ethel Jurenka of Boise, ID; and numerous nieces & nephews.

Funeral services were 3:30 p.m. Sunday (April 14th) at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Pastor Grove Briggs of Chester officiated. Christy Fossen accompanied the congregation, who sang “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”. Vocalist, Kiera Moog performed “Amazing Grace

to "Just A Closer Walk With Thee". Also played was "The Lord's Prayer" (as sung by artist, Anne Murray). Scripture readings were shared by Mariann Fretheim & Zach Ramberg. The obituary was read by Scott Fretheim and "family memories" were shared by Lynda Fretheim. Ushers were Carol Tempel & Tom Jurenka. Pallbearers were Marietta's grandsons. Following burial in the Joplin Cemetery, a reception was held at Kjos Hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials may be given to the Shriner's Hospital or donor's choice...

Marietta's husband, Clarence, was cremated in 2010. His ashes were placed in Marietta's casket, so they are now interred together.

MARIETTA LOUISE JURENKA RAMBERG
 Born December 8, 1930 - Died April 2, 2013
 Life & Family Times
 April 17, 2013

Marietta was born to the late Clarence and Mary Lou Jurenka on December 8, 1930, in Joplin, Missouri. She was the youngest of five children. She attended Joplin High School and graduated in 1949. She worked for the Joplin Telephone Company for many years. She was a member of the Joplin Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was also a member of the Joplin Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King. She was a devoted mother and grandmother. She is survived by her son, Tom Jurenka, and his wife, Carol; her daughter, Lynda Fretheim, and her husband, Scott; her grandsons, Zach Ramberg and Mariann Fretheim; and her grandchildren, Scott Fretheim, Zachary Fretheim, and Mariann Fretheim. She is also survived by her sister, Mary Lou Jurenka, and her husband, Tom. She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Clarence. Burial will be in the Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements will be by Rockman Funeral Chapel, 1234 N. Main St., Joplin, Mo. 64501. Memorials may be given to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 1234 N. Main St., Joplin, Mo. 64501.

She was a devoted mother and grandmother. She is survived by her son, Tom Jurenka, and his wife, Carol; her daughter, Lynda Fretheim, and her husband, Scott; her grandsons, Zach Ramberg and Mariann Fretheim; and her grandchildren, Scott Fretheim, Zachary Fretheim, and Mariann Fretheim. She is also survived by her sister, Mary Lou Jurenka, and her husband, Tom. She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Clarence. Burial will be in the Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements will be by Rockman Funeral Chapel, 1234 N. Main St., Joplin, Mo. 64501. Memorials may be given to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 1234 N. Main St., Joplin, Mo. 64501.



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E. VIRGINIA (VIRGIE) RAMSFIELD
Born: May 17, 1925 – Died: August 1, 2013
Liberty County Times
August 7, 2013



E. Virginia (Virgie) Ramsfield passed away at Brendan House on August 1st, 2013 after a short battle with cancer.

Virginia was born on May 17th, 1925 in Great Falls, Montana to Phillip and Vivian Wicklund. She was raised in Eastern Montana north of Joplin. While attending Joplin High School, she lived in a dormitory.

Virginia married Wesley Hodges in 1946. After they divorced, the family moved around living in Chester, Great Falls and Havre. While living in Havre, Virginia worked at the Farmer's Union. The family eventually moved to Bigfork where she managed Our Point of View cabins for her parents for a several years.

Virginia married Orville Ramsfield in 1956 and moved to Ferndale where they lived until Orville's death in 1986. Over the years, Virginia worked for the Flathead County Assessor's Office, the Lake Cafe, and the Evergreen Water Department. She also worked as a typesetter for the original Bigfork newspaper and as a driver for Kari Dodge, Enterprise Cars and Eisinger Motors.

Virginia was a long-standing member of the Bigfork TOPS Club where she served as leader for a number of years. She was a Cub/Boy Scout leader and very active in the Bigfork Lutheran Church. She had many hobbies-gardening, baking, sewing, and crafts of all kinds.

Virginia loved people. She enjoyed singing; and on Saturday nights, she frequently went to the Eagle's so she could participate in one of her favorite activities--dancing. She also went to Sykes to eat and chat with anyone who wanted to "shoot the breeze." She greatly enjoyed old time fiddler music.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Orville Ramsfield, her parents Phillip & Vivian Wicklund, son Terry Hodges, daughter Bonnie Sebastian, grandson Kevin Sebastian, and brother Marvin Wicklund.

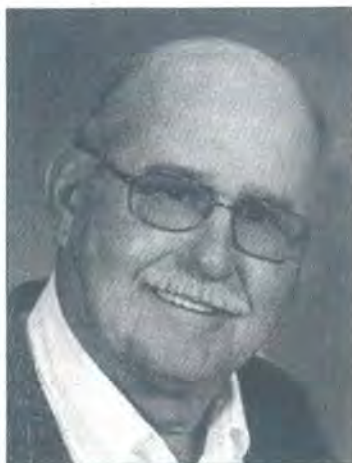
Virginia is survived by her son Dale and Faith Hodges, daughter Noella and Bruce Brooks, brother Glen Wicklund, daughter-in-law Emma Hodges, many grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 2 PM at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell, MT with Pastor Ron Pierce, officiating. Visitation will begin at 1 PM prior to the service. Interment will follow at Lone Pine Cemetery, Bigfork, MT.

JOSEPH JOHN RAUNIG
Born: July 29, 1938— Died: March 26, 2013
Liberty County Times
April 10, 2013

Joe Raunig

Joseph John Raunig (74) passed away at home with family members present on the morning of March, 26th after a courageous battle with cancer.



He was born July 29th, 1938 in Great Falls, MT and was raised in Chester, MT by his mother Ann, and step-father Joe Burrows. He attended school there graduating in 1957 and in 1960 married Marilyn Schroer. They later divorced but remained friends.

He worked for the Ford dealership in Chester for many years and during that time was a member of the Montana Air National Guard. In 1973 he started working for Hi-Line Fertilizer in Hingham, MT as manager until 1999 and was also the mayor for seventeen years. In 1999 he and his wife Kathie, moved to Clancy, MT and opened J&K Irrigation, installing sprinkler systems.

He belonged to the Cathedral of St. Helena and was a greeter and active member.

He loved to hunt, fish, and golf with friends and family. He loved his vacations on warm sandy beaches and always looked forward to them.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Ann Burrows. He is survived by his wife Kathie of 41 years. Daughter, Christi Raunig of Corvallis, OR.; sons, Rod (Cathy) of Washougal, WA, Brett (Wendy) of Vancouver, WA, and Chris (Mary Lynne) Sauby of Waynesville, OH. Six grandchildren, Elle, Grace, Mya, Evan, Jesse and Ryan. Sister, Kathleen (Don).

Wojtala, Virginia Woods, and Diana (Kerry) Patrick. Brothers, Donald (Betty) Raunig, Harold (Bev) Raunig, and Richard (Cyrilla) Burrows, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 12-7 p.m., Monday, April 1 at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home with a Vigil service to follow at 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass is scheduled at 12 p.m., Tuesday, April 2 at the Cathedral of St. Helena with a reception to follow the service at the Brondel Center in the lower level of the Cathedral. Interment will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Resurrection Cemetery following the reception. Memorials in Joe's name are suggested to the Cathedral of St. Helena Building fund 530 N. Ewing St., Helena, MT 59601 or the Good Samaritan Thrift Store 3067 N. Montana Ave, Helena, MT 59601. Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer the family condolences or to share a memory of Joe.

Joe loved and was loved very much by his family and friends. They saw him through his ordeal and he was blessed in many ways.

"...I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

LOUISE SHIPMAN RICHTER

Born: January 5, 1930 – Died: November 24, 2013

Liberty County Times

January 15, 2014

Louise Richter



Louise Shipman Richter passed away November 24, 2013 in Omak, Washington from a massive stroke. Fortunately, she was with her loving church family. Louise was 83 years old. Louise was born in the Goldstone area on January 5, 1930 to Ernest and Anna Shipman. She graduated from Rudyard High School in 1948. After graduation she worked for Sanvik Brother.

She met Joe Richter of Inverness and they were married on June 19, 1950. They had 5 boys and 2 daughters. When the youngest was just a

baby, in 1962, they moved to Omak, Washington where they bought an apple orchard. Louise worked at a grocery store in Omak for many years. She enjoyed sewing and made many clothes for herself and her family. She worked at one time for a fabric store. She was an excellent cook willing to take a dish to any church function. For years Louise was the money counter at the church until her time of death. In her spare time she enjoyed playing cards and bunko with her many lady friends. Above all, she was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

Survivors include: Myron (Kathy) Richter, Omak, WA; Cheryl (Larry) Hill, South Bent WA; Clyde Richter; Walter Richter, Omak, WA; Wayne (Michele) Richter, Oceanside, CA; Janey Richter, Shnohomish, WA; and Jeff (Lynn) Richter. Sister Marion (Ron) Gilson, Guernsey, WY; Donna (Boyd) Nealy, Chester, MT; in-laws Frank and Grace Richter, Joplin, MT; Cris Richter, Havre, MT and many nieces and nephews.

FRANCES EDITH (HODGES) ROBO
Born: August 31, 1918 - Died: August 20, 2013
Liberty County Times
August 28, 2013



Frances Robo
Frances Edith (Hodges)

Robo was born August 31st, 1918 on a family farm north of Joplin, Montana. She was the only child born to English immigrants, Thomas Hodges and Frances Edith Golding, who had home-steaded 20 miles north of Joplin. When Frances was 2 years old, the Hodges' returned to England. They came back to Montana in 1925 and purchased a relinquished homestead north of Joplin. Frances was baptized and confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran Church and received her formal education through grade eight at the nearby Laird Country School.

On November 1, 1935 she married an area farmer, Gustav Robo, in Havre. Frances enjoyed her life as a farm wife and always helped Gus with the hard work on the farm. In addition she loved her role as homemaker and mother of three. Due to Gus' poor health, the Robo's semi-retired in 1972. They remained on the farm until 1981, then moved to their new home in Chester.

They were married almost 50 years when Gus died on January 13, 1985. Frances continued to live independently until age 86, when she transferred to the Liberty County Nursing Home in 2004. She passed away peacefully at the Chester nursing facility on Tuesday evening (August 20, 2013). She was just a few days shy of being 95 years old.

Before entering the nursing home, Frances had been very active at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. She had a strong Christian faith and read her Bible each and every day! She also enjoyed many years of volunteer work on the local Hospital Guild.

The Robo family enjoyed annual trips to Hot Springs, MT, where they loved to soak in the mineral baths. They also spent countless hours fishing together.

Frances' hobbies were many. She loved playing cards (mainly, pinochle and "Hand-&-Foot"), working in her flower & vegetable gardens, doing crossword & jigsaw puzzles, and watching television (especially, her favorite soap operas and professional wrestling). She was an excellent cook and baker; her fantastic homemade breads, egg noodle pastries, and cabbage

rolls were to die for. Just for the fun of it, Frances enjoyed making latch-hook rag rugs and decorative clothes hangers. Last, but not least, she was very "health conscious" when it came to

nutrition & exercise, so she took long daily walks (even in inclement weather). Frances loved her family unconditionally and will be sorely missed by all of them.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her only daughter (Violet in 1960).

Survivors include her 2 sons, Jerry (Eunice) Robo of Fort Benton and David (Jean) Robo of Joplin; 6 grandsons, James (Stacey), Jeff, Thomas (Linda), Brian (Deanne), David, and Justin (Tanya); 15 great-grand-children; 1 great-great-grandson; and 1 cousin, Gwyneth Haynes of England.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (Aug. 27th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Pastor John Fauerbach officiated and used Matthew 11:28-30 as the gospel lesson. Service music included "In the Garden" & "The Old Rugged Cross". A reception was held at Our Savior's Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Frances was buried in the Joplin Cemetery. Arr's were by Rockman Funeral Chapel.

FRANCES EDITH (HODGES) ROBO

BORN: August 31, 1918 north of Joplin, Mt.

DIED: August 20, 2013 in Chester, Montana

AGE: 94 years ... 11 months ... 20 days



PSALM 121...

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made Heaven & Earth. He will not let your foot be moved. He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper. The Lord is the shade on your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and for evermore.

FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (August 27th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester, Montana

OFFICIANT: Pastor John Fauerbach

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 11:28-30

MUSICAL INTERLUDES: "Amazing Grace" (Tommy Cash) and "In the Garden" (Gospel Gold Singers)

COMMITTAL PRAYERS: At R.F.C. by Pastor John

INTERMENT: Private burial at the Joplin Cemetery...

Following the service at R.F.C., there will be a reception at Our Savior's Lutheran Fellowship Hall.

MEMORIALS: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Chester

FRANCES' FAMILY: 2 sons, Jerry/Eunice and David/Jean; 6 grandsons, James/Stacey, Jeff, Thomas/Linda, Brian/Deanne, David, and Justin/Tanya; 15 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson; and 1 cousin, Gwyneth. Frances was preceded in death by her parents (Thomas & Frances), her husband (Gus), and her daughter (Violet).

HARLEY WILLIAM RUDOLPH

Born: February 10, 1926 – Died: October 10, 2013

Liberty County Times

October 16, 2013



Harley Rudolph

Harley William Rudolph was born February 10th, 1926 in Chester, MT. He was one of five children born to Ray Sylvester Rudolph and Hazel V. Ray. Harley grew up on the family farm north of Joplin and attended the Juanita Country School near the farm. He finished his secondary education in Joplin, where he graduated from J.H.S. in 1943. Harley continued his formal education at Northern Montana College in Havre before being inducted into the U. S. Army in 1944. He was detached to Headquarters Battery/14th Field Artillery/Observation Battalion and he served in the Central European Campaign during World War II. Harley attained the rank of Staff Sergeant before demobilization and was honorably discharged in 1946.

Harley returned to Montana where he worked for his friend, P.J. Johnson, braking sod commercially for area farmers. He also worked as a farm laborer for several years before starting his own farming operation.

He met & married a Chester girl, Mary E. Stipp, on June 14th, 1953. They moved into a new home on their farm 10 miles north of Joplin in 1956, where they raised a family of three. In the mid-1960's Harley and his friend, Glen LaValley, opened "Big Sky Husky", a Joplin service station they operated together for several years.

Harley & Mary bought a home in Chester in 1989 and retired from farming. In 1996 they purchased a 5th wheel camper and began traveling to Arizona in the winter months. When Harley's health began to fail in 2010, he transferred to local nursing home care. He died peacefully at the Liberty Medical Center in Chester on the early morning of Thursday (October 10th, 2013). He was 87 years old.

Harley had been a member of the Chester V.F.W. Post and an RV club called the "Milk River Campers". He had also served on the Joplin School board and the Conrad P.C.A. board. Harley was baptized as a Lutheran and practiced his faith at Bethel Lutheran in Joplin and Our Savior's in Chester.

Over the years Harley enjoyed many hobbies, including bowling, dancing, horse-shoes, & camping. He liked to play cards, especially pinochle, "Dummy Rummy", & "Hand-&Foot". During his quiet time at home he loved to read westerns by Louis L'amour.

Harley & Mary enjoyed travelling and made several memorable trips. During the

war Harley served in Germany; the Rudolph's returned to Germany many years later to visit their daughter, who was living there. They also travelled to Guam to visit their son, Kent, stationed there in the Navy. Twenty years later they returned to Guam to visit their daughter, Connie, stationed there in the Air Force. They also enjoyed other trips throughout the continental United States.

Harley loved his life as a Montana farmer. He

appreciated the new technology and new farming practices. He was proud of his livelihood and believed in an "honest day's work" – a legacy left to his children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter (Cynthia Ann), a brother (Carroll Rudolph), and two sisters (Marilyn Rudolph and Thelma LaValley).

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Mary Rudolph of Chester; 2 sons, Kent Rudolph (Patty) of Big Timber and Kyle Rudolph (Donna) of Joplin; 1 daughter, Connie Rocco (Robert) of MacDill Airforce Base in Tampa, FL.; 6 grandchildren, Jeremy & David, Tammy & Becky, and Lauren & Logan; 4 great-grandchildren, Kasey, McKyla, Miley, & Jayce; 1 brother, Don-

ald Rudolph (Shirley) of Chester; and numerous nephews & nieces.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday (Oct. 14th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester by Pastor John Fauerbach. The pianist was Tammy Duncan, who accompanied the congregation on "How Great Thou Art". Vocalist, Marcus Jochim, performed "The Lord's Prayer" & "Peace in the Valley". Scriptures were read by Donna Rudolph & Dana Lalum, and the obituary was shared by Lyle Eveland. Ushers were Paula Childers and Lee-sha Wolery. Pallbearers included David Rudolph, Jeremy Porter, Steven Cameron, Wayne Eveland, Dale Lalum, & Randy LaValley. Honorary bearers were Harley's old friends – past & present. The service ended with a rendition of one of Harley's favorite songs, "Somewhere My Love". A reception followed in the fellowship hall. Graveside services were 1:15 p.m. that afternoon at the Joplin Cemetery. Military "taps" were played and Harley's son-in-law, Colonel Robert Rocco,

presented the veteran's flag to his wife, Mary. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Memorials may be offered to Our Savior's Church, the Hi-Line Health Foundation, or donor's choice...

HARLEY WILLIAM RUDOLPH

Born: February 10, 1926 at Chester, Mt.

Died: October 10, 2013 at Chester, Mt.

Age: 87 years ... 8 months ... 0 days



PSALM 121

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
From whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord,
Which made Heaven and Earth.*

GRAVESIDE SERVICES: Approx. 1:15 p.m. Monday at the Joplin Cemetery in Joplin, Montana

Committal Prayers: Pastor John Fauerbach...

Military Rites: "Taps" followed by presentation of the veteran's flag to wife, Mary, by son-in-law, Colonel Robert Rocco (U. S. Air Force)...



ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester

FUNERAL SERVICES: 11:00 a.m. Monday (Oct. 14th, 2013) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Mt.

OFFICIANT: Pastor John Fauerbach

PIANIST: Tammy Duncan

Congregational Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

Recessional: "Somewhere My Love"

VOCALIST: Marcus Jochim

Vocal Tributes: "The Lord's Prayer" and "Peace in the Valley"

SCRIPTURE READERS: Donna Rudolph and Dana Lalum

OBITUARY/EULOGY: Lyle Eveland

USHERS: Paula Childers and Leesha Wolery

PALLBEARERS: Jeremy Porter, David Rudolph, Dale Lalum, Steven Cameron, Wayne Eveland, and Randy LaValley

HONORARY BEARERS: All of Harley's old friends – past & present...

RECEPTION: Fellowship Hall immediately following funeral.

HARLEY'S FAMILY: Wife, Mary; 2 sons, Kent/Patty & Kyle/Donna; 1 daughter, Connie/Robert; 6 grandkids, Jeremy & David, Tammy & Becky, and Lauren & Logan; 4 great-grandkids, Kasey, McKyla, Miley, & Jayce; 1 brother, Donald/Shirley; and nephews/nieces...

THERESA (ORAW) RUGTVEDT
Born: March 27 – Died: July 6, 2013
Liberty County Times
July 24, 2013



Theresa Rugtvedt

Theresa Oraw Rugtvedt passed away on July 6, 2013 in Mesa, AZ. Theresa was born in Chester, MT on March 27 to Joseph and Wilhelmina Oraw. She graduated from Chester High School. She married Arthur Rugtvedt from Rudyard where they farmed for most of their lives. They moved to Sparks, NV in 1985. Theresa was preceded in death by her husband

Arthur who passed away in 1993, parents, daughter Judy, brothers Oscar and Ben Oraw. She is survived by her husband Roger Villafania, three daughters, Arlene (Dave) Larsen, Leda (John) Nugent and Brenda (Randy) Schweitzer, 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Private services will be held at a later date in Mesa, AZ where Theresa had lived since 2005.

BETTY ROSE (MANGOLD) SATTLEEN

Age: 77 – Died: March 30, 2013

Great Falls Tribune

April 4, 2013

Betty Rose Sattleen

CHINOOK — Betty Rose (Mangold) Sattleen, 77, of Chinook, former owner/operator of the Cleveland Bar who enjoyed bowling, playing cards and visiting with friends and family, died of natural causes Saturday, March 30, in Chinook.



Cremation has taken place. A vigil prayer service is 7 p.m. Friday, with a funeral 11 a.m. Saturday, both at Saint Gabriel's Catholic Church in Chinook. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook handled arrangements.

Survivors include children Leo "Kip" Schuhmacher of Chinook, Judy Drugge of Zurich, Pamela Schuhmacher of Harlem and Shannon Sattleen of Chinook; sisters Shirley Kline and Marjorie Stubbs; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, Leo Schuhmacher, Roy Sattleen and Jack Cooper.

DOROTHY IONE SEIFERT
Born: December 22, 1932 – Died: July 8, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
July 8, 2013

Dorothy Ione Seifert



SHELBY —Dorothy 'Dot' Ione Seifert, 80, of Shelby, passed away Monday, July 8, 2013 at the Marias Care Center due to cancer. Memorial services will be 2:00 pm Friday, July 19, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church with burial of ashes to follow in the Mountain View Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

She was born December 22, 1932 in Joplin to Ray & Ione (Wicks) Hunt. She graduated from Shelby High School in 1950. On September 4, 1952 she married Tom Seifert and together they farmed on the family farm west of town for many years. They had 48 years of wonderful married life before Tom passed away in 2000.



Dot traveled every year to

Mesquite, NV, where she enjoyed BINGO and her dear friends who all lovingly called her Dottie Jo.

She was a member of the Lutheran Church, blood bank and the Night Owl Pinochle Club. Dorothy enjoyed music, reading, camping, fishing, bingo and dancing. Dot, her husband Tom, and family performed western music around the area as the 'Western Mates'.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Cheri (Pete) Jansen, Darla (Bob) Winney, both of Shelby and Donna (Rich) Shuff of Mead, CO; sons, Butch (Sharon) Seifert of Laughlin, NV and Dan Seifert of Shelby; sister, Hazel 'Boots' Fransen of Shelby; brother, Jack (Marilynn) Hunt; step-mother, Marilyn Sheldon; step-sisters, Theresa Sheldon and Mary Clark; as well as 15 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Tom; infant stillborn son; brothers, Bob & Vern Hunt; and step-brother, Kenny Nielson.

Condolences may be posted at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com

EVELYN (WESTERMANN) SMITH
Born: Age: 84 – Died: February 13, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
February 20, 2013

Evelyn Smith

HAVRE — Evelyn (Westermann) Smith, 84, of Havre, who worked as a cook at the



Smith

Hingham school and as a clerk at Sandvig's in Rudyard and was the organist for several churches, died of natural causes Wednesday, Feb. 13, at

Northern Montana Care Center.

Visitation is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at Holland & Bonine Funeral Home. The funeral service is 1 p.m. Friday at Hingham Lutheran Church. Burial will follow in Hingham Cemetery. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

She is survived by daughters Linda Smith, Lynn Paasch and Wanda Mills, all of Bremerton, Wash., and Pamela Wilson of Havre; sons Larry Smith of Kalispell and James Smith of Bremerton; sister Wardeen Kuenzel of Helena; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Smith.

CORRECTION

In Eveyln Smith's obituary, published Wednesday, Feb. 20, should have said she worked at Sanvik's, Inc. in Rudyard.

Evelyn Smith, 84, of Havre, died of natural causes Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Northern Montana Care Center.

FRANCES BONITA CHARLOTTE FLAGE SMITH

Born: July 22, 1923 – Died: August 30, 2013

Liberty County Times

September 4, 2013



(Above) Current
(Below) 2003



Frances Smith

Frances Bonita Charlotte Flage Smith, 90, of Galata, passed away Thursday, August 30, 2013, at the Marias Care Center in Shelby. The visitation will be at Whitted Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, September 4th, from 1:00pm until 8:00pm. Funeral services

will be at 10:30 on Thursday, September 5th, at the Galata Lutheran Church with burial to follow at the Galata Cemetery. Lunch will be served following the burial. Memorials are suggested to the Galata Lutheran Church and Marias Care Center. Whitted Funeral Chapel of Shelby is in charge of arrangements.

Frances was born to Helge and Bertha Flage on July 22, 1923. She, and older brother Grant, grew up in the hotel her parents owned in Galata. She attended elementary and high school in Galata, graduating from high school there. During school days, she would wait tables in her mother's restaurant during her lunch hour, after school she would bring in the milk cows and then later, would help make pies and desserts for the next day. Frances was a very good cook and continued to use recipes she learned helping her mother, passing them on to her grandchildren when she taught them to bake and cook. After graduation, she began working for the Great Northern Railroad and was a station agent up and down the High Line and in the mountains past the Isaak Walton station. She worked for the railroad until 1948. She married Vernon M. Smith on June

16, 1946, and from this union three sons were born: Lawrence (Larry), Gerald (Jerry), and Bruce. She loved to cook and there were always pies, cookies, cake, or cinnamon rolls for company. She enjoyed playing cards, reading, painting, watching soap operas, family and friends and raising her poodles. Frances enjoyed animals, having a wide variety of pets throughout her lifetime, including her pet cockatiel, Pretty Bird, which she taught to talk. She loved the farm and grew a jungle of plants in her house and patio. She was always busy but Sunday afternoons were reserved for card parties with families and friends.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, Helge and Bertha; her brother, Grant and his wife, Alvina; husband, Vernon; son, Bruce, and great-granddaughter, Alicia. She is survived by her sons, Larry (Lucile) Smith of Shelby, Jerry (Sue) Smith of Galata; grandchildren, Hank Smith of Seattle, WA; Danna (James) Pelletier of Bozeman; Esther (Gary) Arnst of Valier; Bonnie (Tracy) Kinyon of Galata and Brenda (Brent)

Schleske of Fergus Falls, MN; great-grandchildren, Erin and Kevin Arnst, Casey and Zachary Kinyon, Noah and Logan Schleske.

Condolences may be posted at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

WILLIAM RICHARD SPICHER

Born: February 5, 1921 – Died: January 16, 2013

Havre Daily New

January 30, 2013

William Richard Spicher

KALISPELL — William Richard Spicher, 91, of Whitefish, died of natural causes Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

Services have taken place with burial in Whitefish Cemetery. Austin Funeral Home handled arrangements.

He died with his daughter by his side. He was born Feb. 5, 1921, in Great Falls.

Richard served in World War II from 1942 to 1945 as a private first class in the Army. He was with the 89th Depot Repair Squadron and was an expert working with airplane sheet metal.

It was there in London where he met his wife, Emily. They were married Sept. 22,

1945. Emily traveled by boat to Ellis Island and by train to Havre. They raised their family in Hingham, where Richard farmed.

In 1969, Richard built Highline Fertilizer. This was the first plant of its kind in Montana and the surrounding area. His dream was to revolutionize farming and dramatically increase crop yields.

In 1977, the family moved to Whitefish, where they enjoyed golfing, hosting parties, dancing and traveling.

Richard will be remembered for his strong opinions about anything, especially

politics, love of country and generosity.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Emily, in 2003; daughter Corinne in 1994; and daughter Georgia in 1996; his four brothers, Clement, Rodney, Robert and George; and his only sister, Fern Flannigan.

Richard is survived by his daughter, Kim Spicher; granddaughter Leslie Bailey; granddaughter and spouse Lisa and Dr. Mike May; great-grandchildren Georgia May, Lachlan May, Olivia May and Flynn Spicher Bailey; and son-in-law Claude Bailey.

The family suggests that memorials be made to WINGS.

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



Spicher



FRANCIS PAUL STACK
Born: Age-71 – Died: May 30, 2013
Liberty County Times
June 12, 2013



Francis Stack

Francis Paul Stack, 71, of Boise, ID, died at his home of heart failure on Thursday morning May 30, 2013. He was raised on a small wheat farm in Montana and began school in the near-by school, Mt. Vernon. For three years, he attended school in Kalispell, then returned to graduate from Big Sandy H.S. He got a BS in biology and chemistry from Pacific Lutheran Univ. before completing three more years in Pharmacy at Univ. of Montana. Francis worked in the profession for 42 years, in large chain stores, large and small independents, and his own store. He enjoyed mentoring several pharmacy students through the years. They returned to the family farm for seven years, before opening a small clinic pharmacy in Chester where they lived for 20 years. He sold the store in 2007 and retired later. The couple moved to Boise in 2010.



Francis enjoyed skiing and mountain climbing, scaling 7 major peaks in Wash. & Oregon. Also, he liked hunting and fishing and was an avid reader all of his life. He

became interested in woodworking and here for his many tools and projects. He was a life-long member of the Lutheran Church and served as president of the congregation at two churches. He was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader as his boys grew up, a member of the American Pharmaceutical Assn. and Consulting Pharmacists. Recently he joined Sons of Norway, Grondahl Lodge, along with his wife.

Married to Karen Rae (Lundell) for almost 50 years: they retired and moved to Boise in 2010. He enjoyed skiing and mountain climbing, hunting and fishing, woodworking, and was an avid reader. He was a life-long member of the Lutheran church, Cub and Boy Scout leader, member of the

American Pharmaceutical Assn. & Consulting Pharmacists, Sons of Norway, and Rotary. He was preceded in death by parents Bert and Lucille (Schlack) Stack of Big Sandy, MT, brothers Donald Lee and Gary Willis, and is survived by his wife Karen, daughters Michelle (Steve) Bahnmler of Big Sandy, Dara (Kevin) Coates of Great Falls, sons Sean (Tracy) and Jason (Trish) of Boise, and 8 grandchildren, Trevor, Kallan, Tyce, Kennedy, Gavin, Layton, Aidan, and Lauren.

Service were held at Boise's Morris Hill Cemetery at 3pm on Friday, June 7th. Reception to follow at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church.

Viewing was Thursday night 5 to 8pm and Friday morning 9am to 1pm at Cloverdale Funeral Home, 208-375-2212.

NEDRA STERRY

Born: October 13, 1918 – Died: January 25, 2013

Liberty County Times

February 6, 2013



Nedra Sterry

Nedra Sterry, author of the acclaimed memoir "When The Meadowlark Sings" died at a Great Falls care center on Friday, January 25th. She was 95.

Born October 13, 1918, in Fort Benton, Nedra lived a rich and full life. As the young daughter of an itinerant school teacher, she traveled widely in Montana and lived in many small communities where her mother taught in one-room school houses. Her graduation from high school in Hingham in 1935 marked the end of her formal education. It was there she met and married Alton Sterry, a local teacher. Alton and Nedra eventually took over the family farm and together they raised five children.

Nedra was a person of many gifts; despite the demands of

being a farm wife and mother, she became an accomplished artist, writer and musician. Although she experienced many hardships during her life she was unfailingly cheerful and positive, making the best of all challenges and misfortunes. For the first few years of her married life, she did without running water or electricity. Through many years of hard work she was unflaggingly energetic. In addition to rearing her rambunctious children, she raised and butchered chickens and turkeys, canned the produce from a large garden, baked bread and sewed her children's clothing.

In the days before television, Nedra read aloud to her children, instilling in them a great love of books. Her vivid imagination gifted her family and friends with many fond and hilarious memories.

During the 60's, when her family was grown, Nedra signed up for correspondence courses in creative writing. During this time she wrote feature articles for the Parade section of the Great Falls Tribune. She gained a wide reputation for her poetry and was much in demand for the commemoration of special events. "A Bit of Topaz from the Sun," a collection of her poems, was published by her family in 1998.

In 1973, Nedra and Alton

bought a home on Flathead Lake and lived for the next 24 years in that beautiful place, spending their winters in Arizona. During her years in Polson, Nedra made many loyal friends. She took up painting and sculpting in the 80's and sold and exhibited her art at a local gallery. It was during this fertile period that Nedra began attending writer's workshops. When Alton passed in 1997, Nedra sold their cherished lakefront home and moved to Polson.

In 1999, Nedra moved to Eugene, Oregon, to be closer to her son Rick and daughter Sandra. She joined a writer's group there and began work on her memoir.

"When The Meadowlark Sings" was published in 2003 by Riverbend Press in Helena when Nedra was 84, and soon after that her life became a whirlwind of interviews and readings. She came back to Montana in 2004 and embarked on a state-wide book tour, during which time the NPR affiliate in Billings broadcast an hour-long interview. Her widely popular book sold thousands of copies and, to date, has gone through six printings. In 2006 the memoir was recorded for the Montana State Library. In addition to being available as an ebook, "When The Meadowlark Sings" was chosen for

dozens of book clubs, and has been used in classes at the U. of Montana, Missoula. Nedra received hundreds of fan letters, some from as far away as Europe and Australia. She was always in awe of her good fortune and rightfully proud of her achievement.

In 2005, she used her book royalties as seed money to establish a creative writing contest at U. of Montana, Northern, in Havre. In 2011, the contest was expanded state-wide to include all 21 institutions of higher learning. The competition, with an annual prize of \$1,000, is funded through 2030.

In the fall of 2007, Nedra returned to Montana, spending her remaining years at the Rainbow Retirement Center, and the Park Place Health-Care facility in Great Falls.

She is survived by four children: Richard (Carole) Sterry, Sandra Sterry (John Dixon), Eugene, Oregon; Jill (Jerry) Kordonowy, Livingston; Craig, Hingham. There are six grandchildren and a single great grandchild. Nedra was preceded in death by her husband, Alton, in 1997, and her son, Alan, in 2007.

The last five years of Nedra's life were enriched beyond measure by the dedicated and loving friendship of Michael Buesseler, Great Falls.

Nedra was cremated per her

wishes. There will be a private burial of her ashes in the family plot at the Hingham Cemetery later this spring. Cremation & arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

NEDEA STERRY
Born October 13, 1918 - Died January 22, 2012
Liberty County, Texas
February 6, 2012

Ms. Sterry was born on October 13, 1918 in the town of Liberty, Texas. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sterry. She was educated in the public schools of her native town and attended the University of Texas at Austin where she received her Bachelor's degree in 1941. She was employed by the Texas State Department of Health for many years.

Ms. Sterry was married to Mr. J. H. Sterry on June 15, 1942. They were blessed with two children, a son and a daughter. She was a devoted mother and a loving wife. She was a member of the Methodist Church and an active participant in church activities. She was also a member of the Hingham Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Ms. Sterry was preceded in death by her husband, Mr. J. H. Sterry, who died on January 15, 2005. She is survived by her two children, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sterry, and her grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sterry, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sterry.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in the Rockman Funeral Chapel, 1000 S. Broadway, Hingham, Texas. Burial will take place in the family plot at the Hingham Cemetery. Condolences may be expressed to the family at the home of the bereaved, Mrs. J. H. Sterry, 1000 S. Broadway, Hingham, Texas.

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LARENA (CRITES) STEWART
Born: December 18, 1932 – Died: November 7, 2013
Great Falls Tribune
November 11, 2013

LaRena G. Stewart



CHINOOK —LaRena Stewart, 80, of Chinook, MT, November 7, 2013, peacefully at home.

She was born Dec. 18, 1923, in Hingham, MT the daughter of Achsah Ida Huestis and Fred Vern Crites.

LaRena attended public school in Gilford. She worked as a nurse's aide in Poplar, MT; at the US Post Office; and was one of the first women brakemen for the BN railroad. She enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles and spending time with friends.

LaRena married Gordon Stewart March 17, 1951 in Las Cruces, NM.

Proceeded in death by her husband, parents, and all of her brothers and sisters. She is survived by daughter Lorna Lockman (Rod), Bruce Stewart (Peggy) five grandchildren Kristen, Andria, Tyler, Camden, Elliot, and three great grandchildren.

Memorial services are planned for June 28, 2014 at Upsata Lake, MT per her requests. Arrangements have been made with Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

Please direct any memorials too Bear Paw Hospice, Havre, MT.

AMOS WALTER SVENNUNGENSEN
Born: January 18, 1921 – Died: April 15, 2013

Great Falls Tribune
April 19, 2013

**Amos Walter
Svennungsen**

KALISPELL—Amos Walter Svennungsen, 92, of Whitefish, died of natural causes Monday, April 15, in Kalispell.



Svennungsen



Visitation is 4-7 p.m. today at Buffalo Hills Funeral Home. Funeral services are 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church

in Kalispell.

Amos was born to the Rev. David and Kari Svennungsen on Jan. 18, 1921, in Dazey, N.D.

The eighth of nine children, Amos attended elementary schools in Northfield, Minn., and Big Sandy and graduated from Big Sandy High School in 1939. After high school, Amos attended Northern Montana College, where he excelled as an infielder for the Lights. He graduated with a teaching certificate.

Amos served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942-46, after teaching junior high for one year in Galata. After the war, he taught one year in Shelby and then attended the University of Montana in Missoula, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1949. In 1952, he received his doctor of optometry from Los Angeles College of Optometry.

In 1951, he married Mary Gestring of Creston, and in 1952, they moved to Shelby where, for the next thirty years, Amos faithfully served Shelby and Chester as an optometrist. In 1990, he received the Distinguished Ser-

vice Award from both the Montana Optometric Association and his alma mater, now the Southern California College of Optometry. A civic leader, Amos served on the school board, church council, Kiwanis, Elks Club and sang with barbershop ensembles and community chorales. He

was instrumental in the construction of the much-loved Marias Valley Golf and Country Club. From 1981-1989, he practiced optometry in Sonoma, Calif. During retirement, he and Mary spent their summers in Whitefish and winters in Palm Desert, Calif.

Amos was the last surviving child born to Rev. David and Kari Svennungsen. A lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, Amos was an active congregational member throughout his life—participating in Bible studies, church choir, stewardship and various leadership roles. Amos was also an accomplished bridge player, avid reader and enjoyed sports of all kinds—especially when his children or grandchildren were playing!

A beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, brother-in-law, grandfather, family member and friend, he lived life fully—relishing each chapter of his 92-year life story. His values of hard work and joyful play, love for family, community betterment, education, humor, integrity and faith in Christ have shaped his loved ones more than words can say.

Amos was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; his parents, David and Kari; and his siblings, Rolf, Steinar, Ruth, Dave, Esther, Phil, Arthur and Paul.

He is survived by his son, Rock and wife Joanie of Shelby; his daughter, Ann and husband Bill of Minneapolis, Minn.; his son, Bradford and wife Marnett of Sacramento, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, Kara, Peter, Sonja, Kirsten, Sarah, John Amos, Mary, Ellyn, Brooke and Bradley; four great-grandchildren, Kyrie, Finley, Noelle and John; and a host of beloved nephews, nieces and extended family members.

The family suggests that memorials be given to the church of their choice.

Condolences may be posted online at www.buffalo-hillfh.com and/or www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

EDWARD ERNEST TEMPEL

Born: September 5, 1917 – Died: February 6, 2013

Liberty County Times

February 13, 2013



Ed Tempel
(As written by Ed)

Ed was born on Sept. 5, 1917 on the homestead 26 miles north of Joplin, MT in the Alma community. He farmed with his Dad and had a ½ section of land that he bought. He went to Tingdahl School for 8 years and 1 year of high school at Joplin High. He then "explained" to the school principal: "Look at me, I'm no smarter than when I came a year ago!", thus ending his formal education.

Baseball was a popular sport before World War II. Ed played on the Hi-Line Baseball League for the Big Sage team. He also played in the All Star Squad which competed with larger towns, such as Shelby and Havre. A proud moment for Ed was when he executed a triple play!

Ed's father was handicapped by an injury he received working with farm machinery, so Ed learned early how to help with the farming and care for the livestock. He could handle the big two-ton Gram Bros truck with ease. There weren't any Hi-way Patrol in Montana at that time; therefore, no driver's license was needed.

He married Joyce McDaniel on November 4, 1946 in Havre, MT. They made their home on the original homestead where they raised grain and cattle. Three sons were born to them: Russ (Judy), Gary (Loretta), and Melvin (Trish), 10 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Ed was a member of both Tingdahl and Joplin School boards for many years. He was also a member of the Immanuel Church council. He later became a member of Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Kalispell, and finally back to Our Saviors Lutheran in Chester.

In the spring of 1980 the Tempels moved to Kalispell and settled a ways east on Hi-Way 35. They enjoyed many sports together: RV'ing - they took many trips and met lots of friends from Alaska to Mexico; Fishing - they both enjoyed hanging lines at Tiber, Duck, & Flathead Lakes, and even the Columbia River; Bowling - for fun or in leagues at Rudyard, Kalispell, and Columbia Falls; playing cards; and Snowmobiling was best of all - they made many journeys to West Yellowstone with friends and family. After almost 18 years in the Flathead Valley, they decided to move to Chester to be nearer their family, where they enjoyed watching their grandchildren's sporting, music, and school events.

Ad lib by family members:

Ed and Joyce spent many content years in their Chester home until Joyce passed away March 30, 2012. Soon after Ed moved into Wheat Country Estates (assisted-living) and enjoyed the company of the various residents there. He especially liked spending time with the other men: Elvyn, Wayne, both Charlies, and 'the Doc'. Staff and food were both to his liking! He didn't relish being alone, but everyone was very helpful and family appreciates that.

He spent this past Sunday having lunch and playing pinochle with family - what a nice afternoon together! Monday he got the dreaded flu and succumbed during his sleep early Wednesday morning (February 6, 2013). He was 95 years young!

Ed was especially proud of the fact that from the span of time that he bought his first Indian motorcycle until he sold his last motorcycle was 75 years. He spent many hours joy riding with friends, sons, and grandkids. He never traveled very far but he traveled often!

His grandkids especially "liked" to sit next to Grampa because they always got a helping of vegetables whether they wanted one or not! They also often pondered why Grandpa used a knife to cut corn off the cob rather than chew it off like they did... later asking why he didn't ever get new teeth...and still shared corn on the cob at every chance.

Ed was preceded in death not only by his beloved wife of 65 years ("Joey"), but also by his parents (Edward Tempel & Mary Kreitmeir), 3 brothers (John, Ted, & Bert Tempel), and 1 sister (Helen Hodges).

He is survived by his 3 sons & spouses, Russ & Judy of Chester, Gary & Loretta of Kiowa, OK, and Melvin & Patricia of Henderson, NV; 10 grandchildren, Hapi, Tanr, Mari, Maci, Vonnie, Jeremy, Justin, Josh, Zach, & Lisa; 17 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Bill of Colfax, WA and Ben of Kalispell; 1 sister, Mary Gormley of Choteau; and many nephews & nieces.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday (Feb. 9th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester with Pastor John Fauerbach officiating. A friend, Larry Hendrickson, read Ed's obituary and a special poem called "A Farmer's Creed". Tammy Duncan provided music and the congregation sang "In the Garden". A taped musical tribute by Murray McLaughlin, entitled "The Farmer's Song", was played. Ed's grandchildren served as pallbearers. A memorial luncheon followed the service.

Later that afternoon Ed was buried next to his beloved "Joey" at the Joplin Cemetery. A favorite motorcycle with Ed's "leathers" were displayed at the gravesite as a fitting tribute. A "wheat blessing" by the children & grandchildren was offered as a final goodbye. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

CONNIE KAY (LYBECK) TEMPEL

Born: October 5, 1948 – Died: May 26, 2013,

Liberty County Times

June 5, 2013



Lonna K. Tempel

Lonna Kay (Lybeck) Tempel was born on October 5, 1948 to Cliff and Shirley (Hader) Lybeck in Havre, MT. She was one of eight children raised on the family farm. Lonna received her early education at the Laird Country School and graduated from Chester High School in 1966.

While growing up she could often be found riding her horse "Missy" (a pony she won in a 4-H contest) or driving a farm tractor in the summer fallow fields. Lonna survived Rheumatic Fever that she contracted as a young girl. She also developed a love for crafts, sewing, and baking that she would carry into her adult life.

After graduation Lonna studied education at MSU in Bozeman for two years before accepting a teaching position at the Laird Country School. A year later she returned to college at NMC in Havre. On December 19, 1971 she married David "Butch" Tempel at the Immanuel Lutheran Church north of Joplin. They built their life together by tending the land and raising 4 children. Lonna rarely missed any of their kids' activities and often found herself as one of their 4-H leaders and teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School at Immanuel. She was also active for many

years in the Bears Den Home Demonstration Club and enjoyed her membership in the Chester Garden Club.

As her children grew older, she was able to find time to quilt with the Bethel quilters on Tuesdays and she played an active role in organizing and supporting the U-Shoppe in Chester. Lonna maintained a wonderful garden and pond that attracted many birds and butterflies to her home. She loved finding any new plant that would entice beautiful butterflies into her garden.

As grandchildren came along, she would enjoy spending time with them playing board games and marbles, having tea parties (from the tea-cups she collected), doing craft projects, baking tasty cookies or Lefse, canning pickles or salsa – she did it all. Just for the fun of it, she collected the U.S. State quarters for all of her grandkids and enjoyed her personal collection of bells. No request was too big or too small when it came to her kids and grandkids. Lonna was a great demonstrator for school kids and volunteered in the school reading program. Because she loved to entertain her grandkids and their many friends with special homemade treats, she became affectionately known to local kids as "Nunu" or simply "Gramma".

Lonna believed in exercising her mind to stay sharp and daily tackled the newspaper's crossword puzzles, word jumbles and sudokus. For her, a relaxing afternoon was spending time in the garden, weeding and watching the birds and butterflies. She also enjoyed a quiet evening around an open campfire.

Lonna appreciated her family genealogy, believed in the importance of traditions, and always offered positive encouragement whenever she

could. Many people new in town would open their door and find a smiling Lonna holding a plate of warm welcome cookies.

Lonna and Butch were enjoying the recent Memorial Day weekend at home working in their beautiful yard. While relaxing by her garden pond on Sunday afternoon (May 26, 2013), Lonna collapsed and was taken by ambulance to the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, where resuscitative measures were to no avail. Lonna died at the young age of 64. She will be dearly missed by those who knew her and loved her.

Survivors include her husband of 41 years, David "Butch" Tempel of Joplin; 3 daughters, Jennie & Curtis Payne of Townsend, Jada & Cory Fraser of Joplin, Jalena & Bret Preeshl of Gildford; 1 son, Jeb Tempel of Joplin; 7 grandchildren, Trusten, Rebecca, & Tylynn Payne, Kayona & Abby Fraser, and Tande & Thatcher Smith; 6 siblings, Lynda Colbry of Aloha, OR, Janis Hanson of Spokane, WA, Judy & Russ Tempel of Chester, Kip & Delia Lybeck of Joplin, Colin & Julie Lybeck of Chester and Chad & Jayna Lybeck of Cheyenne, WY; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family finds comfort in knowing that Lonna was greeted in Heaven with open arms by her grandson Dawson, her brother Calvin, her parents Cliff and Shirley, and her parents-in-law John and Leone.

The following poem (entitled "A Mother's Farewell") offers a message from Lonna to her beloved children:

When I must leave you for a little while; Please do not grieve and shed wild tears – And hug your sorrow to you through the years;

But start out bravely with a gallant smile; And for my sake and in my name – Live on and do all things the same.

Feed not your loneliness on empty days, But fill each waking hour in useful ways.

Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer – And, I in turn, will comfort you and hold you near;

And never, never be afraid to die – For I am waiting for you in the sky!

Funeral services were conducted at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin at 11:00 a.m. Thursday (May 30th) by Pastor Leonard Shatkus. Lonna's sisters, Janis and Judy, provided scripture readings; her brother, Kip, wrote and read a spiritual poem; and her eldest sister, Lynda, shared her obituary. Pianist, Tammy Duncan, played for the congregation, who sang "In the Garden" and "On Eagle's Wings". Ushers were Thatcher Smith and John Cicon. Pallbearers were Jeb Tempel, Curtis Payne, Cory Fraser, Bret Preeshl, Rod Tempel, and Tim Tempel. Honorary bearers included friends from the Bethel Quilters and all of Lonna's special community grandchildren. Following burial in the Joplin Cemetery, a reception was held in Kjos Hall. Memorials are suggested to the Joplin Memorial Park, the Hi-Line Health Foundation, or to donor's choice. Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester handled the funeral arrangements.

Lonna Kay (Lybeck) Tempel

Born: October 5th, 1948 in Havre, MT.

Died: May 26th, 2013 in Chester, MT.

Age: 64 years....7 months....21 days



My Mother Kept A Garden

*My Mother kept a garden, a garden of the heart;
She planted all the good things that gave my life it's start.
She turned me to the sunshine and encouraged me to dream;
Fostering and nurturing the seeds of self-esteem.*

*And when the winds and rain came, she protected me enough;
But not too much, she knew I'd need to stand up strong & tough.
Her constant good example, always taught me right from wrong;
Markers for my pathway to last my whole life long.*

*I am my mother's garden, I am her legacy;
I hope today she feels that love — reflected back from me!*

Lonna's Loving Family: Husband, Butch Tempel; 3 daughters, Jennie/Curtis Payne, Jada/Cory Fraser, Jalena/Bret Preeshl; 1 son, Jeb Tempel; 7 grandchildren, Trusten, Rebecca, Tylynn, Kayona, Abby, Tande and Thatcher; 6 siblings, Lynda Colby, Janis Hanson, Judy/Russ Tempel, Kip/Delia Lybeck, Colin/Julie Lybeck, Chad/Jayna Lybeck; & numerous nieces & nephews.

FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00 a.m. Thursday (May 30th) at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin, Mt.

OFFICIANT: Pastor Leonard Shatkus

PIANIST: Tammy Duncan

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS: "In The Garden" and "On Eagle's Wings"

USHERS: Thatcher Smith and John Cicon

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Janis Hanson & Judy Tempel

POETIC READING: Kip Lybeck

EULOGIST: Lynda Colbry

PALLBEARERS: Jeb Tempel, Curtis Payne, Cory Fraser, Bret Preeshl, and Rod & Tim Tempel

HONORARY BEARERS: Lonna's friends in the Bethel Quilters and all of her community "grandkids"...

BURIAL: Joplin Cemetery (S.E. of Joplin, Mt.)

RECEPTION: At Kjos Hall following the burial.

MEMORIALS: Joplin Memorial Park, Hi-Line Health Foundation or Donor's choice.

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester



Harold Twedt

Harold Arthur Twedt was born on July 26, 1927 in Havre, Montana to Swen and Minnie (Sylte) Twedt, early homesteaders in the Black Coulee community south of Rudyard. He joined two older brothers, Gordon and Don, and was followed soon by Allen, completing the family of four brothers. Harold and his brothers grew up doing the work and chores typical of an early Hi-line farm. The cows had to be fed and milked, the eggs gathered, and the hogs slopped. Harold grew up during the transition from horses to tractors and had many stories to tell about the early threshing crews, the solidarity among the neighboring homestead families, and the very beginnings of modern farming on the Northern Plains.

School was a half-mile walk or ride on the old plow horse to the Een School, which had been built by the local families on a small yard carved out of the home section of the Twedt farm. The schoolhouse was maintained throughout the years and was subsequently moved to the museum in Rudyard, one of the few in our area to have luckily been preserved for posterity.

Social events in those days mostly centered around Sunday church and the occasional dance or wedding at the local community hall. Trips to town were rare and trips to a big city were almost unheard of. Harold did spend a winter in Great Falls recuperating from a serious fever when he was in his early teens.

HAROLD ARTHUR TWEDT

Born: July 26, 1927 – Died: September 1, 2013
Liberty County Times
September 11, 2013

Growing up during the Depression, money was always tight. Any and all income was welcome and Harold set up a trap-line at a young age. With his first profits he bought a brand new table for the family from the mail-order catalogue. Thus began for Harold a life-long passion for hunting and fishing. Some of his fondest memories of childhood were fishing trips to the mountains, including one to the Glacier Park area with his uncle (Gus Sylte) and several of his cousins.

Harold went to high school in Rudyard where he graduated in 1943 at the age of fifteen, probably one of the youngest ever to do so. From there he went straight to work. Farm labor was in demand during those late war years and Harold hired out to various local farmers, despite some pretty bad allergies to all the dust and wheat chaff. Later, he worked for the REA and helped put in some of the power lines that brought the first electricity to many parts of the rural Hi-line. He also worked for his brother, Don, at his Case and Ford dealership in Rudyard, a stint which was certainly instrumental in forming his life-long adherence to those brands. His job description included long-haul truck trips back East to places like Racine, Duluth and even Chicago, where he was able to attend a few major league baseball games, baseball being another of his enduring passions.

The record doesn't show when Harold first met Joan Ditmar, a farm girl from north of town, but not too long after Joan's graduation from high school, they were wed on Sept 14, 1949. At first they lived in an apartment at the Rudyard Hotel as they tried to get on their financial feet and then in a rental house in town. They were eventually able to build their own home in Rudyard just in time move in with their first child, David, in 1955. He was to be joined by a sister, Jolene, a year and a half later.

As Grandpa Swen got closer to retirement age, Harold and younger brother, Allen, decided to form a partnership and take over the family farm. Their partnership was to last for over 40 years, through good years and bad, until Harold retired from farming in the early 1990's. Prior to taking over the farm Harold had also begun working as a rural route mail carrier, delivering both north and south of Rudyard. He subsequently bought a nearly new 1950 Ford pick-up to get himself and Joan over the dirt and mud roads to the far-flung farmsteads. That same pick-up became the fuel wagon for the farm for over 30 years and when they put a new battery in it during the Rudyard Centennial Celebration in 2010, it started up and ran like a charm. That was a good example of how Harold and Allen ran their farm. Nothing broke down that they couldn't fix themselves and over the years they over-hauled many engines, maintained all their

own equipment, and built most of the buildings on the farm. Harold was an accomplished self-taught welder and built a ground sprayer from scratch, a hay wagon, trailers, and many other smaller pieces of equipment mostly out of scrap.

Harold was also a carpenter and cabinet-maker. He finished his own house in town and subsequently worked on his brother Gordon's house at his farm, Swen & Minnie's house next door to him in town, and helped Allen with the renovation of the old family farmhouse. His services were often in demand from friends & neighbors, and Harold built or installed many a kitchen cabinet or bathroom vanity around town. His

skills extended to electricity, plumbing, auto mechanics, and wood-working.

Upon retirement, Harold and Joan shuttled between Rudyard and Great Falls to be closer to their daughter & three grandchildren. The move to Great Falls became permanent when Joan developed cancer, to which she succumbed in 1997. Highlights of their all-too-brief last years together included two trips to France to visit son, Dave, and several trips around the U.S. with Jolene, most notably to Las Vegas.

Although greatly saddened by the loss of his wife of 48 years, Harold nonetheless managed to live a full and active life until the end. He became an avid golfer and took great joy from his at least weekly outings with his nephew, Jim Twedt. He was slowed down for a while when

he broke his hip but came right back and was able to continue golfing until last year when his health began to fail. He also continued to go on yearly hunting trips with another nephew, Randy Twedt. Although he didn't care about getting anything himself during the last few years, he always loved to get out and drive around the South Country and to see all the changes that had come about during his lifetime.

During his last years in Great Falls he lived just three doors down from his daughter and was a nightly diner at her home. Harold also spent many happy hours with his good friend, Angie Clouner, either driving through the Little Belts or out sampling one of the new restaurants in town.

Harold died at home on the evening of Sunday (Sept. 1st, 2013). He was watched over by his son and daughter and numerous grandchildren. Harold was blessed to have Kay Goulet and Sherri Ivers as caregivers during the final days and hours of his life.

He was preceded in death not only by his wife & parents, but also by 2 brothers (Gordon & Donald).

Harold is survived by his son, David (Isabelle) Twedt of Coutiches, France; daughter, Jolene Sykes of Great Falls (and her companion, Dick Harte); former son-in-law, Leonard Sykes of Great Falls; 6 grandchildren: Eric, Luke, & Emma Twedt; Tayleigh (Ray Guest) Sykes; Shayla (Russell) Damm; and Braylen Sykes; 1 great-granddaughter, Lynken Damm; 1 brother, Allen Twedt of Helena; numerous nieces & nephews; and a grand-dog, "Charlie" (whom he loved to sneak treats to under the dinner table).

Graveside Services were 10:00 a.m. Monday (Sept. 9th) at the Ruyard Cemetery. The services were conducted by Pastor Will Anderson. Scriptures were read by Russell Damm & Ray Guest, and the obituary was shared by Tayleigh Sykes. Those attending the service sang "Amazing Grace". A favorite taped musical selection, "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head" (by B.J. Thomas), was also played. A reception followed at the Russ & Katie Twedt farm home (located 8.7 miles south of Ruyard).

Public viewing was Saturday & Sunday (Sept. 7th & 8th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials may be given to donor's choice.

LESLIE CAROL (TEMPEL) WEAR
Born: March 7, 1960 – Died: July 3, 2013
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Leslie (Tempel) Wear

Leslie Carol Tempel was born on March 7th, 1960 in Havre, Montana. She was the youngest of six daughters born to Kenneth & Lillian (Abrahamson) Tempel. Leslie grew up on the family farm north of Chester and received her formal education in Joplin, where she graduated from Joplin High School in 1978. In the few years that followed she worked various jobs in the Chester community.

Leslie married Joe Pimley in 1980. The young couple had a daughter, Dixie, before their marriage ended in divorce. In 1985 Leslie met Bobby Wear at a church function in Great Falls. They became good friends and eventually married in 1986. Leslie & Bob lived in Great Falls for several years, then moved to Kooskia, Idaho. The Wear's returned to Montana in 2006 and purchased a home in Brady. They had been married 23 years at the

time of Bob's unexpected death in 2008. Leslie continued to live in Brady and suffered from poor health in the ensuing years. She died at her home on Wednesday (July 3rd, 2013) at the age of 53.

Leslie enjoyed many hobbies. She loved gardening, fishing, camping, baking, & canning. She was an excellent seamstress; throughout the years she made many Halloween costumes for her nieces & nephews and she fabricated goose down vests for her siblings. Just recently she spent an enjoyable weekend quilting with her mother & sister (Sally). In her quiet time at home she enjoyed crocheting & jigsaw puzzles. Last, but not least, Leslie loved animals. She always had a few cats in her life. Most recently, she enjoyed the mutual companionship & love of her two pet dogs, "Dominoe" & "Duke".

Leslie was baptized in the Lutheran faith and maintained a quiet spirituality throughout her life. Before Bob's untimely death, the Wear's volunteered at Great Falls rescue missions & group homes as a gesture of love & concern for the underprivileged/handicapped. Leslie will always be remembered as a kindhearted, generous, and loving person...

She was preceded in death by her husband and her father. Leslie is survived by her mother, Lillian Tempel of

Chester; her daughter, Dixie Reilly (and husband, Shaun) of Orofino, ID; 4 grandchildren, Dallas, Cheyenne,

Austin, & Jasper; 5 sisters, Donna Calace of Colorado Springs, CO, Doris Koontz (Tom) of Malad City, ID, Sally VanHoudt of Dillon, Janet Sundgren (Elvin) of Chester, and Karen Johnson of Chester; and numerous nieces & nephews.

It was Leslie's wishes to be cremated with no formal services. Her family held a private ceremony at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday (July 9th) at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Pastor John Faurebach officiated. Scripture readings were offered by sister, Donna, and the obituary was shared by sister, Janet. Special musical selections were played. Following a coffee hour, the immediate family travelled to the family farm and scattered Leslie's ashes. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

MARILYN JOYCE (BURFIELD) WELSH

March 2, 1930 – December 13, 2013

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Marilyn Welsh

Marilyn Joyce (Burfield) Welsh was born March 2nd, 1930 in Havre, Montana. She was the second of five children born to Hazel "Peggy" Brown and Theodore "Ted" Burfield. Marilyn grew up on the family farm north of Gildford and received her formal education in town. She played on one of the first women's basketball teams in Gildford and graduated from G.H.S. in 1948 as the class valedictorian.

She married a local farmer, Chester John Welsh, on October 2nd, 1948 in Havre. They lived on the Welsh farm south of Hingham until 1955, then moved into Hingham. In the ensuing years Marilyn enjoyed her life as a farm wife, homemaker, & mother. The

Welsh's retired in 2001. They were married 59 years when Chet died on October 8th, 2007. Marilyn continued to live in Hingham until 2012, when she moved to the Wheat Country Estates (assisted-living) in Chester. This past October she suffered a stroke, which required hospitalization and transitional care in Great Falls. Marilyn recently transferred to the Liberty Medical Center for comfort

care. She died at the Chester nursing facility on the early morning of Friday (December 13th, 2013) at the age of 83 years.

Marilyn was a longtime member of the Hingham Lutheran Church and was active in the Ladies Aide & Circle groups. She served as the secretary of the Rudyard bowling leagues for many years. She & Chet loved bowling, golfing, & dancing. In addition they liked to attend rodeos – so much that Marilyn made a memorable trip with her entire family to the N.F.R. in Las Vegas. Marilyn & Chet enjoyed several other wonderful trips throughout the years. They loved their friends and living in the Hingham community. Marilyn appreciated

the fact that many of the local kids affectionately called her "Grandma".

Marilyn kept herself busy with many hobbies. She loved flowers and her yard was always immaculate. She loved to watch & identify birds. She was an amateur photographer and appreciated artwork (especially, things done by her mother and local artists). In her quiet time at home, Marilyn enjoyed crossword puzzles and was an avid reader. She also enjoyed quilting and made many keepsake quilts for family & friends. She loved all kinds of music, had a wonderful singing voice, and played the piano beautifully. She also liked to play board games and card games (mainly, Bridge, whist, pinochle, and Backgammon).

She really enjoyed Bingo and was called the "Bingo Queen" while she was in the care unit in Great Falls. She was also an avid fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team. Marilyn's skills as a cook were excellent; she will be remembered for her homemade buns, cookies, fruit salads, pizza burgers, & popcorn balls. Last, but not least, she enjoyed her person-

al collections of bells, rocks, sea shells, and bird figurines.

Those who knew Marilyn will attest that she was a "classic beauty" – from head to toe – physically, morally, emotionally, & spiritually. Always a kind & considerate lady, she treated everyone with love and respect. Her family will miss her dearly...

Marilyn was preceded in death not only by her husband & parents, but also by an infant daughter, 1 sister (Patsy Burfield), and 1 brother (Billy Burfield).

Survivors include her daughter, Linda (Aaron) Boehm of Rudyard; 3 grandchildren, Dani Jo Kline of Rudyard, Tiffany Rettig of Rudyard, and Brian Boehm of Belgrade; 5 great-grandchildren, Whitney, Connor, Tylynn, Caden, & Emma; 1 sister, Rita (Don) Dees of Havre; 1 brother, Ted (Di-ana) Burfield of Missoula; 3 sisters-in-law, Doris Welsh of Conrad, Luella Welsh of Great Falls, and Alyce Woolway of Bakersfield, CA.; 1 brother-in-law, Orville Welsh of Havre; and many nieces & nephews.

A Memorial Service was 11:00 a.m. Monday (Dec.

23rd) at the Hingham Lutheran Church. Pastor Will Anderson officiated. Sharon Spicher served as pianist and Terry Stevenson sang "In the Garden" & "Precious Lord, Take My Hand". Scriptures were read by Shawn Rettig & Bev Groseclose, and the eulogy was shared by Whitney Fisher. Ushers were Ron Groseclose and Bill Rathbun. Memorial bearers were listed as "all of Marilyn's special friends". The service ended with taped gospel hymn by Johnny Cash, "The Old Rugged Cross". A reception followed at the church. Marilyn's ashes will be buried with

her husband, Chet, later this spring. Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. Memorials may be given to Wheat Country Estates, the Hill County Volunteer Ambulance Service, or donor's choice...

IRIS CLARENE WHITE

Born: January 27, 1919 – Died: August 14, 2013

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August 21, 2013



Iris Clarene White was born January 27, 1919 in Wausaukee, Wisconsin. She and her twin sister, Irene, were two of four children born to Edward and Louise (Desureau) Sustman. Iris received her elementary education at a Catholic school and graduated from Wausaukee High School in 1936. During her school years she excelled in music and earned numerous musical awards.

In 1941 Iris married Carl J. Ness in Crandon, Wisconsin. They had 3 children together before their marriage ended.

In 1947 Iris met Herb A. White, a widower with eight children. They married in Wausaukee, then moved to Herb's farm near Inverness, Mt. Their union brought two more children to the family. In addition to being a mother and homemaker, Iris taught piano and organ lessons to hundreds of students throughout the Hi-Line. The Whites' retired from farming in 1962.

In 1967 Iris began working at the Inverness Post Office, where she was appointed Postmistress in 1971. She retired from the U. S. Post Office in 1992 after 25 years of faithful public service. Iris & Herb were married 46 years when he died on March 25, 1993. Iris remained active in the Hi-Line community and lived independently in Inverness until age 86. In 2005 she moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester. The following year Iris transferred to the Golden Eagles Plaza in Great Falls. When her health continued to decline, she moved to the Beehive Homes for extended care in 2011. On the early morning of Wednesday (August 14, 2013), Iris left us peacefully to be with her Lord. She was 94 years old.

Iris was baptized and confirmed as a Catholic and remained loyal to her faith throughout her life. She was a longtime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Ladies' Altar Society in Inverness, and served as church organist for over 50 years. She loved the Rosary, which was one of her favorite prayers. Iris also loved music and was always available to play at countless funerals, weddings, celebrations, and other special community events.

Iris' biggest love was for her big family. This love was constant and unconditional, without judgement or favoritism, and always offered with a warm heart and a peaceful soul. She will truly be missed...

Iris was preceded in death not only by her parents & husbands, but also by 4 children (Audrey Waite, Cecelia Jeppesen, David White, & Joseph White), her brother (Edward Sustman), and her 2 sisters (Irene Edlebeck & Olive Sustman).

Survivors include 5 sons, Herb (Lois) White of Hingham, Jim White of Havre, Jerry White of Great Falls, Carl White of Great Falls, and Ed (Jeanette) White of Billings; 4 daughters, Donna Minnick of Havre, Rose (Bill) Gehl of Great Falls, Mary (Bill) Vollmar of Las Cruz, New Mexico, and Leona (Gene) Peske of West Monroe, LA.; 50+ grandchildren; numerous extended grandchildren to the 6th generation (namely, great-great-grandchildren); and many nephews and nieces.

Rosary Prayers were 7:00 p.m. Sunday (Aug. 18th) at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Father Joe lead the prayers. Music provided by Lauri, Marcus, & Adam was "Shepherd Me, Oh God" and "Immaculate Mary".

The Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Joseph Diekhans at 10:00 a.m. Monday (Aug. 19th) at the church. Mass music was provided by Lauri Chvilicek (organist), Marcus Jochim (soloist), Adam Chvilicek & Marcus (vocal duets), and members of Sacred Heart choir. Selected songs included "Alleluia, Alleluia, Let the Holy Athem Rise", "On This Day, O Beautiful Mother", "Panis Angelicus", and O Loving God".

The obituary & eulogy was done by Rlynn Rockman. Scripture readers were Marty Johnson, Christy Johnson, and Richard Heffley. The communion gifts were presented by Cheryl Allen, Cori Morback, Carleen Heffley, and great-grandchildren. Eucharistic ministers were Bev Moog and Mark & Christy Lakey.

Pallbearers included Ernie Allen, Steve White, Alvin Waite, Randy Minnick, Derric Allen, Hunter Heffley, Logan Morbach, and Trevor

Johnson. Following burial at the Inverness Cemetery, a reception was held at the church basement. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester. Undesignated memorials will be given to Sacred Heart Church.



EVELYN IRENE (HOISETH) WILSON
Born: January 28, 1933 – Died: December 14, 2013
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December 18, 2013

Evelyn Wilson

Evelyn Irene (Hoiseth) Wilson was born January 28th, 1933 in Havre, Montana. She was the youngest of two daughters born to Oscar and Marie (Bjorgo) Hoiseth. Evelyn grew up on the family farm north of Gildford, where she received her formal education. Following her graduation from Gildford High School in 1950, she took a job as bank teller for the First National Bank in Havre.

Evelyn met and married Marvin "Red" Wilson on October 7th, 1951 in Havre. Her husband delivered milk for the Vita Rich Dairy in Havre before they purchased a ranch near the Missouri River Breaks south of Chinook. Evelyn worked diligently has a homemaker & mother of four. When the children grew to school age in the mid-1960's, they moved into Big Sandy. While there Evelyn worked at the "Mountaineer" news-paper, where it was her job to operate & maintain the old linotype machines. She was also employed at the Big Sandy Nursing Home for a short time.

In 1968 the Wilson's moved to the Hoiseth farm near Gildford, where they finished raising their family. They were married 49 years when Red died on September 9th, 2000. Soon after her husband's death, Evelyn moved into Gildford, where she lived independently. In 2003 she was diagnosed with leukemia, which became aggressive about 4 years ago. Her general health had deteriorated this past year. Evelyn was recently admitted to the

Benefis Medical Center in Great Falls, where she died on Saturday morning (December 14th, 2013). She was 80 years old.

Evelyn had been very active in the Gildford community. She ran the local Senior Center for about 15 years. She also served as a volunteer on the Hi-Line Foot Clinic. Evelyn was a long-time member of the Kremlin Lutheran Parish before transferring to the Gildford Baptist Church, and she was a loyal participant in the Tuesday morning Bible study group.

Her hobbies were many. She enjoyed gardening, canning, and cooking (her family loved her homemade cinnamon rolls, angel pies, lefse, & oyster stew). She also enjoyed camping & picnics. At family gatherings Evelyn liked to play cards (especially pinochle and "3-14"). In her quiet time at home she loved to read (mainly her Bible, newspapers, and current event publications). Her favorite television show was "Jeopardy"; she was the Queen of Trivia! Evelyn kept herself physically fit by taking daily morning walks over the past 30 years. She loved her family and enjoyed travelling to the West Coast and to Minneapolis to spend quality time with her grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

Probably her greatest gift in life was her "good eyes" for seeing special needs in other people, then organizing a plan to fulfill those needs. When she looked for assistance from family & friends to help in these special circumstances, she would

always start the conversation with "I have an opportunity!" - then the plan would begin. Evelyn will be remembered as a very loving & giving lady.

She is survived by 2 sons, Marvin (Sandy) Wilson of Florence and Brett (Brenda) Wilson of Conrad; 2 daughters, Paula (Dale) Miller of Gildford and Karen (Ron) Youso of Havre; 2 daughters-in-law, Gail Wilson of Gildford and Carol Stutzman of Minneapolis; 9 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death not only by her husband & parents, but also by her only sibling (Dorothy Doll).

Per Evelyn's request, private family burial rites were held Tuesday morning (Dec. 17th) at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Evelyn's grandsons served as pallbearers and Pastor Jim Erickson offered committal prayers.

A public memorial service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon at the Gildford Community Church by Pastor Jim Erickson. Nona Danreuther played the piano and her husband, Rusty, sang "I'll Fly Away" & "Going Home". The congregation sang "Amazing Grace". Family members shared special readings. A coffee hour followed in the church hall.

Memorials may be sent to the "Gift of Life" in Great Falls, the Hill County Ambulance Service, or donor's choice... Arrangements were handled by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

RODNEY DANIEL WOLFE
Born: July 20, 1956 – Died: August 14, 2013
Liberty County Times
August 21, 2013



Rod Wolfe

Rodney Daniel Wolfe was born July 20, 1956 in Havre, Montana. He was the second child and only son of four children born to Dean Rodney Wolfe and Fay Marie Heim-bigner. Rod grew up and received his formal education in Chester, where he graduated from C.H.S. in 1974. During his high school years he participated in music, basketball, football, and track.

Rod continued his schooling at M.S.U. in Bozeman, where he studied engineering. Following his college graduation in 1978, Rod moved to Minneapolis, MN and took a job with the Honeywell Corporation. While there he met and married Janice in the early 1980's. They had a son, Matthew, before their mar-

riage ended in divorce.

Rod transferred to Phoenix, AZ in 1985 and began working in the aeronautics electrical division at McDonal-d-Douglas. In 1997 Rod returned to rural Montana to be closer to family and friends. He initially worked for Liberty Electric in Chester. For several years he helped his family with farming operations during harvest season. In addition Rod worked as a C.N.A. at the local nursing home and was employed at B-&W Thriftway in meat-processing. In 2005 Rod suffered a heart attack on the afternoon of his father's funeral. He was hospitalized for a month following cardiac surgery. Since then Rod has been disabled and lived at home in Chester, where he provided companionship and support to his mother.

Recently, Rod developed additional ailments and received medical advice from his physician. He died peacefully in his sleep on the early morning of Wednesday (August 14, 2013). He was 57 years old.

In his early adult years Rod enjoyed playing softball in the Chester leagues, especially weekend tournaments on the old "O'Brien Agency" team.

In more recent years he loved to "tinker" around the house, do yard work, or spend time in the vegetable garden. Rod was an avid TV golf fan and also enjoyed "Jeopardy" (as he was an exceptional "trivial whiz"). In addition he loved to sing – be it with the Hi-Line choral group or at downtown karaoke – and Willie Nelson was his favorite country western artist. In his quiet time at home Rod enjoyed his computer.

Rod was very fond of his 3 sisters and their families. He always found special time for each of his nieces and nephews and loved to be known as "Uncle Bod". Considering Rod's untimely death, the Wolfe family is so glad that they made a wonderful trip together to Alaska in June to attend a niece's wedding, where good times and memories were made by all.

Rod's survivors include his son, Matt Wolfe of Arizona; his mother, Fay Wolfe of Chester; 3 sisters, Deanna (Don) Hull of Chester, Tracie (Rob) Romanchuk of Homer, AK., and Jan (Dave) Winegar of Helena; 5 nephews & nieces, Daved/Alisha, Dolan/Paula, Deena/Mike, Korey, & Christine/Matt; numerous great-

nephews/nieces; and several uncles, aunts, & cousins. He was preceded in death by his father (Dean in 2005) and a nephew (Bradley in 1983).

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Saturday (Aug. 17th) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor John Fauerbach officiated. Rod's obituary was read by Dennis Hull. Two special musical interludes were "Time in a Bottle" (by Jim Croce) and "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" (by Neil Diamond). Prelude and postlude music was favorite Willie Nelson songs. A coffee hour followed in the fellowship hall.

Graveside services were 4:00 p.m. Saturday at the family plot in the Erickson Cemetery south of Chester. The committal prayers were lead by Rod's classmate and family friend, Cheryl Muncy. Pallbearers were Don Hull, Daved Hull, Dolan Hull, Korey Romanchuk, Mike Nelson, & Dave Winegar. Arrangements were by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

Undesignated memorials will be given to the American Heart Assoc. and the American Cancer Society.

RODNEY DANIEL "ROD" WOLFE

BORN: July 20, 1956 in Havre, Mt.

DIED: August 14, 2013 in Chester, Mt.

AGE: 57 years ... 0 months ... 25 days



THE BROKEN CHAIN...

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same; but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

FUNERAL SERVICES: 2:00 p.m. Saturday (August 17) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester, Montana

PRELUDE & POSTLUDE MUSIC: Rod's favorite music sung by Willie Nelson

OFFICIANT: Pastor John Fauerbach

OBITUARY READING: Dennis Hull

SELECTED MUSICAL INTERLUDES: "Time in a Bottle" (by Jim Croce) and "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" (by Neil Diamond)

PALLBEARERS: Don Hull, Dave Winegar, Daved Hull, Dolan Hull, Korey Romanchuk, and Mike Nelson

COFFEE HOUR: In the Church Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

FAMILY GRAVESIDE SERVICE: 4:00 p.m. Saturday at the Erickson Cemetery (15 miles south of Chester, Mt.)

ARRANGEMENTS: Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester

ROD'S FAMILY: Son, Matt; mother, Fay; 3 sisters, Deanna/Don, Tracie/Rob, & Jan/Dave; 5 nephews & nieces, Daved, Dolan, Deena, Korey, & Christine; several great-nephews/nieces; and uncles, aunts, & cousins.