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Cindy Earley, infant

2 Mar 1977
Cindy Lee Earley, 8-month-old daughter of Herschel and Judy Earley of Kalispell, died in Kalispell on Wednesday morning. She was born June 3, 1976, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Earley and two brothers, Randy and Freddie, all at the family home at 128 9th Avenue West; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ruff of Kalispell and a number of other relatives.

Graveside services for Cindy Lee will be conducted in the Glacier Memorial Gardens at 11 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Ralph Werner, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating.

Friends will meet at the cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

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Milo W. Eastman

27 Aug 1977
BIGFORK — Milo W. Eastman, 62, died in his home at Bigfork early Saturday morning. Mr. Eastman established and operated the Eastman Mill at Bigfork.

He was born Aug. 22, 1915, in Sunfield, Mich., the son of Wilford and Rosie Eastman.

He received his education in Michigan, and on June 6, 1936, he married Bernice Walkinshaw at Bellevue, Mich. The couple lived in Michigan until 1950 when they moved to Arizona.

In 1958 they moved to the Flathead Valley living in Whitefish for a short time before moving to Bigfork.

His son, Ivan, died in 1961 and a grandson, Robert Eastman, died in 1976.

He is survived by his wife at the family home; three sons, Glen, Kalispell; Leland, Bigfork, and Paul, Kila; three daughters, Arlene Peterson, Kalispell; Ilene Buss, Auburn, Wash., and Gloria Redmond, Kalispell; 12 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; four brothers, Nelson and Lennis, both of Sunfield, Mich., Forrest, Okemos, Mich., and Herman, Lake Odes-

sa, Mich., and a sister, Bertha King, Cement City, Mich.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Halden Curtiss officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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James Eayrs, 51

25 Nov 1977
James C. Eayrs, 51, 1340 Willow Glen Drive, Kalispell, died in Douglas, Wyo. Sunday.

He was born March 7, 1925 in Rexford, a son of Charles B. and Ethel Mills Eayrs. He moved to Kalispell as a child where he attended local schools, graduating from the Flathead County High School in 1942. He then entered construction work and had been employed as an operating engineer at various places since that time.

Eayrs was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Jean Johnson. He is now survived by his wife, Judith; one daughter, Hallie; two stepdaughters, Julie and Tina, all at the family home; two sons, Mike and Don, both of Fairbanks, Alaska; one brother, Robert of Kalispell; one half-brother, Bill Aldrich of Everett, Wash.

Services for Mr. Eayrs will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Johnson Chapel with Mr. David Wier of the Jehovah's Witnesses officiating.

Burial will be in the Spring Creek Cemetery.

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Abraham Edwards, 82

16 Jan 1977
Abraham (Abe) Edwards, 82, died at his home at 215 2nd Ave. W. in Kalispell Sunday morning.

He was born Oct. 4, 1894 in Mount Vernon, S.D. He spent his early life in South Dakota and in 1910 moved to Montana where he homesteaded in Collins.

In 1920 he married Helga Johnson at Collins, and was preceded in death by her in 1958. In 1951 he moved to Columbia Falls where he lived until about 12 years ago, when he moved to Kalispell. He has lived in Kalispell since.

He now is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Ardis Edwards of Kalispell; two

daughters, Mrs. Victor (Ruby) Sterling of Seattle and Mrs. Ernest (Helen) Christianson of Great Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Sam Highland and Mrs. Rudy Highland, both of Pontiac, Ill.; seven grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Edwards will be in the Johnson Chapel at 2 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Ralph Werner of the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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Clarence A. Eayrs, 85

15 May 1977
Clarence A. Eayrs, 85, of 452-2nd Ave. W.N., died Sunday in Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls.

Mr. Eayrs was born in Kalispell Feb. 16, 1892 and attended schools here.

In his early life he drove a horse-drawn milk wagon in Kalispell. He was a butter marker for the Glacier Dairy here for 21 years.

He married Daphne McClary in Niarada, Dec. 25, 1926. They lived in Hot Springs eight years and then moved to Kalispell. She died in Kalispell in February of 1973.

Mr. Eayrs worked as a tree cutter for the Walter Tree Co. eight years, retiring in 1971. He was a

member of the Assembly of God Church.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. William (Deveda) Houser of Wallace, Idaho, Mrs. Robert (Maralyn) VanAlstine of Seattle, Mrs. Richard (Kathleen) Price of Kalispell and Mrs. John C. (Judith) Egberg of Great Falls; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Kenneth McClary, of Hot Springs; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Ellwood Grissom, of the Assembly of God Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

9 Nov 1977

Sara Edwards, 62

Sara Jane Byrne Edwards, 62, former Flathead Valley resident, died in North Bend, Ore. Wednesday evening. She was born Oct. 7, 1914, in the Creston area. In 1920, she moved with her parents to Kalispell where she attended St. Matthew's School and was graduated from the Flathead County High School.

In 1937, she moved to

Helena, where she was a dental hygienist at Fort Harrison for seven years. On April 15, 1944, she was married to Robert J. Edwards at Butte. The couple lived in Helena until 1949, when they returned to the Flathead Valley until 1951.

They then lived at various places in Washington and Oregon and for the past several years have lived at North Bend, Ore.

She now is survived by her widower, Robert J. Edwards of North Bend; one brother, John P. Byrne of Seattle; two sisters, Miss Vercnica Byrne of Kalispell and Mrs. Edna Keogh of Las Vegas; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Rosary for Mrs. Edwards will be recited in the Johnson Chapel at 7:30

p.m. Sunday. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated in St. Matthew's Catholic Church 10:30 a.m. Monday with con-celebrants Father Bruce Plummer, Father John F. Cronin and Father Gary Reller officiating.

Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggest memorials be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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Helen Ekholt, 56

30 June 1977

Mrs. Helen Carol Ekholt, 56, died at her home northwest of Eureka on Thursday morning.

She was born March 11, 1921, in Great Falls. In 1924, she moved with her family to Whitefish where she received her schooling.

In 1942, she was married to Clifford Melvin Ekholt in Eureka and the couple had made their home there since that time.

She is survived by her widower, Clifford, at home in Eureka; two sons, Gene and Buddy Ekholt, both of Eureka; two brothers, Boris Lidinoff of Havre and

Alex Lodinoff of Whitefish; two sisters, Mrs. Russell (Flora) Anderson of Kalispell and Mrs. Clifford (Hazel) Irwin of Eureka; five grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Friends are asked to meet at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka at 2 p.m. on Saturday where graveside services will be conducted by the Rev. Karl Pershall, of the Eureka Baptist Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home.

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Bruce, Sybil, Stephanie Enger

26 June 1977

Services for Bruce M. Enger, 28, and his two daughters, Sybil, 6 and Stephanie, 4, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. John C. Rieth of Faith Free Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial with military honors by local veterans, will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. They died together in a home fire in Juneau early Saturday morning.

Mr. Enger was born in Stanley, N.D. April 26, 1948, the son of Walter and Irene Enger. He attended

school in White Earth, N.D. and was in the 1966 class at Tioga High School, Tioga, N.D. He entered the Navy at Williston, N.D. in 1966 and served with the SeaBee's in Vietnam.

Following his military service he moved to Kent, Wash. and started construction work with the Valley Construction Co. of Auburn, Wash. He later worked for the J.J. Welcome Construction Co. there and for the past two years he lived and worked in Juneau as construction foreman for the Red Samm Construction Co.

He and his brother,

Glenn, started the Enger Construction Co. recently in Juneau, in addition to his regular job. He married Vickie Taylor Nov. 29, 1969 in Tioga and now is survived by her. They maintained a home in Kent, Wash. as well as in Juneau. He was a member of the Norman Lutheran Church in Tioga.

Sybil was born May 5, 1970 in Burien, Wash. and was in the first grade in the Juneau school. Stephanie was born July 24, 1972 in Renton, Wash.

Besides his widow, Bruce is survived by his parents in Kalispell, Mr.

and Mrs. Walter Enger; three brothers, Glenn, Juneau, Paul, Auburn, Wash., and Randy of Brewster, Wash.; his maternal grandfather, Rudolph Rice, of Whitefish. The children are survived by their mother as well as their maternal grandmother, Rita Kindt, Thornton, Colo., and their maternal grandfather, Tommy Taylor, Laramie, Wyo.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family suggests memorials to the Pew Fund of the Faith Free Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

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Lester O. Epperly, 70

14 Oct 1977

Lester O. Epperly, 70, of Helena, died Friday in a Helena hospital following a long illness. He was a retired telephone company employee.

Epperly was born Nov. 2, 1906, in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of William S. and Jennie Epperly. As a child he moved with his parents to Billings and attended grade school there and graduated from Billings High School. Afterward he attended Des Moines University.

Epperly went to work for Mountain Bell Telephone Co. in Billings in 1927 and later was transferred by them to Helena in 1955. He retired in 1971 following 43 years of service with the company.

On Nov. 10, 1931, Epperly married Evelyn Young in Billings and is now survived by her at the family home. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, B.P.O.E. No. 193 in Helena, a life member of Skyline Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America, an ardent bowler and sports enthusiast, and a member of Montana Tech Booster Club in Butte.

Surviving, besides his widow, are a son, William R. of Butte; a sister, Mrs. Fred (Wilma) Tew, Silver Springs, Md.; a brother, James P. of San Diego, Cal.; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Hagler Mortuary in Helena. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell. The Rev. Dr. Odin A. Baugh, pastor of the First

Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

Friends and family members will meet at the Weatherford Funeral Home Tuesday morning before going to the cemetery. Visitation will be until 9 p.m. Monday in Weatherford Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the Lewis & Clark Cancer Fund in care of Mrs. Eleanor Thode, 1625 Highland, Helena, 59601.

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Kenneth Erickson, 63

21 Jan 1977

Kenneth C. Erickson, 63, of Kalispell, and five grandchildren.

The body is being forwarded by the Austin Funeral Home to the Burns Funeral Home in Shelby where services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will follow in the Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby.

He received his education in Cut Bank and was employed by the City of Kevin for a number of years.

In June of 1974, he moved to Kalispell and was employed as a fireman for C and C Plywood until retiring in 1976 due to ill health.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge of Kalispell.

On Sept. 4, 1950, he married Eunice Olson in Kevin. He now is survived by her at the family home; two sons, Delmer of Spokane and Irving of Kalispell; three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Fay) Klepper of Arvada, Colo.; Mrs. Richard (Carleen) Funk and Leona Erickson, both

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Rudolph Erickson, 68

9 Feb. 1977

Rudolph Olaf Erickson, 68, died at his home in Yellow Bay Wednesday morning.

He was born Dec. 4, 1909, in Elkhorn, Mont. He was graduated from Butte High School.

Thirty-five years ago he was employed with the Anaconda Copper Company at Butte and was later transferred to New York where he was general traffic manager for the company.

He now is survived by his widow, Marguerite, at home in Yellow Bay; one son, Richard in New Jersey; two daughters, Mrs. Shirley Frayer of Cincinnati, Ohio and Mrs. Lucy Lee Wier of Summit, N.J.; one brother, Elmer of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; one

sister, Martha Simonich of Butte and seven grandchildren.

Rosary for Mr. Erickson will be recited in the Mosley Chapel at Polson at 7:30 tonight. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated in the St. Catherine's Catholic Church of Bigfork at 11 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. James DeGroat as celebrant. Burial will be in the Lonepine Cemetery at Bigfork.

3 Aug 1977
Sadie Erickson

Sadie Erickson, 78, of Butte, died Wednesday in a Missoula hospital.

She was born July 21, 1899, in Silver Bow. She attended Butte schools and received her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Montana and a master's degree in English history from Columbia University.

She taught for 46 years, the last 38 at Butte High School. She also taught in Bradford, England, as an exchange teacher.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Butte, the American Association of University Women, the Montana Education Association and National Education Association, and the Retired Teachers Organization.

She was active in the Red Cross and was chairman of the exchange teacher program. She belonged to the Butte chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Survivors include four brothers, Roy, of Missoula; Carl, of Shelton, Wash., and Walter and Ralph, both of Butte; four sisters, Mabel Erickson and Alice Jenkin, both of Butte; Elsie Bennett, of Missoula, and Helen Hulse, of Sheridan.

Services will be at Wayren-Richards Funeral Home in Butte. Burial will be in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church of Butte or the American Cancer Society.

Kristian Evensen

Services for Kristian Evensen, 92, Choteau, father of Mrs. John (Sylvia Marie) Ebing, Columbia Falls, were held Wednesday in Choteau.

He was born in Norway and came to the United States in 1913 and worked in Minneapolis, South Dakota, Canada and Great Falls before homesteading near Choteau in 1914.

On June 14, 1927, he and Oline Pedersen were married in Great Falls. They moved to the east shore of Flathead Lake in 1931 and grew cherries until 1967. They then lived in Columbia Falls returning to Choteau in 1969. He died July 18 at Choteau nursing home.

18 July 1977

4 Oct 1977 **Vaughan Evans**

BIGFORK — Vaughan Evans, 74, Bigfork, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital Tuesday evening. Mr. Evans was a retired electrical contractor.

He was born Jan. 17, 1903, in Lake George, Colo. He attended schools in Colorado Springs, Colo., and was graduated from the University of Nebraska and Johns Hopkins Medical School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War I and was a chief engineer in the Merchant Marines during World War II.

Mr. Evans had been an electrical contractor in Los Angeles for many years until he retired and moved to Bigfork about six years ago.

He was a member of the electrical union and the MEBA of the merchant seaman.

He married Johannah Miller in San Gabriel, Calif., on Jan. 8, 1965.

Survivors include his wife at the family home and a stepson, Henry Miller of La Crescenta, Calif.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of Swan Chapel, officiating. Burial will be at Lonpene Cemetery near Bigfork.

Memorials may be sent to the Yellowstone Boys Ranch or to the Shodair Crippled Children's Hospital in Helena.

Dr. W.D. Evans, 84

3 Sept 1977
Dr. W.D. Evans, 84, of Coronado, Calif.; 114 Crestline Ave., grandsons, Thomas Kalispell, died Saturday in Ashworth, San Diego, Kalispell Regional Hospital, Calif. and Stephen Ashworth, San Bernadino, Calif.

He was born Sept. 25, 1892, in Cannavon, North Wales. Dr. Evans was a retired chiropractor, practicing in Helena and Billings and in Sunnyvale, Calif. He was a Navy veteran of World War I.

Surviving are his widow, Edith, living in Kalispell, a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Ashworth (Marjorie) of

Friends met at the Weatherford Funeral Home Chapel before going to the Conrad Memorial Cemetery for graveside services this afternoon. Rev. Torrance Harvey of the Lakeside Chapel officiated. Those wishing may make memorials to the Lakeside Chapel.

A. Leland Everett, 42

10 Oct 1977
A. Leland Everett, 42, who had resided at 121-6th Avenue West, died in Kalispell on Monday morning.

He was born Jan. 5, 1935, in Kila, a son of Andrew C. and Ella Everett. He had attended school in Kila and Kalispell. He had engaged in ranch work most of his life. He was a single man and had made his home

with his aunt, Agnes Everett, who raised him.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1965 and by two brothers. He is now survived by his father, Andrew Everett, of Kalispell; one brother, Frank Everett of St. Ignatius; three sisters, Mrs. Eunice Beehler and Mrs. Mary Kinshella, both of Kalispell, and Mrs. Virginia Schmidt of

Stanton, Calif., and his aunt, Agnes Everett of Kalispell.

Services for Everett will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 2 p.m. Thursday. The Rev. Joe Haugstuen, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church will officiate.

Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.