

Frank Radabah, 72

6 Dec 1977

Frank Radabah, 72, died at his home in Martin City Tuesday evening.

Radabah was born at Creston Feb. 25, 1906, the son of Martin and Inez Radabah.

Radabah lived in the Flathead Valley all of his life and was engaged in farming and logging, having worked at Rocky Mountain Lumber until his retirement six years ago.

Radabah was married to Esther Beeman on Sept. 9, 1930, at Kalispell.

Radabah is survived by his wife, Esther, at the family home in Martin

City; four sons: Martin, Bellview, Wash.; Donald, Columbia Falls; Carl, Martin City; and Roy, Kalispell. Three daughters, Mrs. George (Mary) Woldstad, Columbia Falls; Mrs. Larry (Dorothy) Tommerup, Twin Falls, Idaho; Mrs. Mike (Carol) Sutter, Martin City. One sister, Mrs. Jeanette Wagner, Columbia Falls, and 19 grandchildren.

Services for Radabah will be conducted at the Van Leuven Funeral Home, Columbia Falls, Friday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Todd Fox officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery.

James L. Radford, 48

21 Mar 1977

James L. Radford, 48, of 323 Harmony Road and formerly of Whitefish, died in a Missoula hospital Monday. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service.

Mr. Radford was born Jan. 11, 1929 in Glendale, Calif. He attended schools in Van Nuys, Calif. and was graduated from Van Nuys High School. He moved with his family to the San Joaquin Valley and worked with his father until he got his California contractors license.

He married Betty J. Crawford August 16, 1947 in Exeter, Calif.

In 1971 they moved to Whitefish and he went to work

for the U.S. Forest Service in the Flathead National Forest. They moved to Kalispell in September of 1976.

Mr. Radford was a member of the Bible Presbyterian Church, Kalispell.

Surviving are his widow, Betty, at the family home; three daughters, Mrs. Darold (Betty Jo) Brake of Helena, Mrs. Roger (Phyllis) McGlenn of Kalispell, and Lorna Hope Radford of Helena; one son, Chip Radford of Kalispell; his stepmother, Mrs. Nell Radford of Whitefish; and three granddaughters.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday in the Weatherford Funeral Home. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Carol Rales, 38

31 Aug 1977

Mrs. Carol Rales, 38, who had resided at 1517 Fifth Avenue West, died in Missoula Wednesday morning.

She was born March 26, 1939, in Idaho, a daughter of James and Ella Mae Carrico. She spent her early life in Idaho and later moved to Thompson Falls, where she lived for a number of years.

On Dec. 23, 1961, she was married to Virgil Rales in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The couple then moved to Kalispell, where they have since resided. Mrs. Rales had been employed as a cook at the Hind Quarter in

Kalispell. She was preceded in death by her mother on Feb. 14, 1972, and is now survived by her husband, Virgil; two sons, Jim and Nick; and one daughter, Danna; all at the family home; her father, James Carrico of Orofino, Idaho; and several other relatives.

Graveside services for Mrs. Rales will be conducted in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 2 p.m. Friday. The Rev. Father Gary Reller of St. Matthew's Catholic Church will officiate.

Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

Nick Rales, 81

24 Dec 1977

Nick R. Rales, age 81, who had resided at 1517 - 5th Ave. W., Kalispell, died in Spokane, Wash., Saturday evening.

Rales was born in 1896, in Athens, Greece. When he was 11 years of age, he came to the United States. He had worked in the Davenport Hotel in

Spokane for a time, later moving to Idaho, where he engaged in woods work. In the early 1900's, he moved to the Flathead Valley where he had since resided. He had been engaged in logging work and had owned his own logging and saw mill operation for over 60 years.

In 1924, he was married to Clara Cringan in Kalispell and was preceded in death by her in October 1969.

He is now survived by two sons, Virgil and Robert, both of Kalispell; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services for Rales will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. H. Peder Waldum, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

12 Mar 1977
Charles Elwin Reed, 68

Charles Elwin Reed, 68, of Coram, died in Kalispell Saturday.

He was born Aug. 25, 1908, in North Creek, N.Y., a son of Orson and Hattie Reed. In 1910, he moved with his parents to Columbia Falls until 1917, when they moved to Coram and homesteaded east of the community.

In 1925, they returned to Columbia Falls and Mr. Reed was married to Arvilla Knudson on Dec. 27, 1931. In 1936, he moved to Coram where he engaged in logging and woodwork.

He is survived by his widow, Arvilla, at the home in Coram; one

daughter, Mrs. John (Nerma) Barbo of Columbia Falls; three grandchildren, Aries of Sacramento, Calif., John of Billings and Deana of Columbia Falls; one great-grandson, Troy Van Auken of Sacramento; one sister, Hazel French of Portland, Ore.; three brothers, Hollis of Priest River, Idaho, Wilbur of Oregon City, Ore. and Hubert of Lone, Wash. and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two infant sisters and a brother, Kenneth, in 1935.

Services for Mr. Reed will be in the Van Leuven Chapel at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Todd Fox of the Coram Community Church officiating. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

7 Aug 1977
Boyd I. Reeder

KALISPELL — Boyd I. Reeder, 71, Kalispell, died Sunday in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born March 3, 1906, in Clinton, Mo. He attended schools in Canon City, Colo., and was graduated from high school in Arco, Idaho. On Feb. 4, 1933, he married Marian McMurdo in Whitefish.

Mr. Reeder was a grocer for Safeway stores in Montana and for several years managed a Safeway store in Whitefish. He also owned and operated a small grocery store in Whitefish from 1949-52. In 1959 he moved to Hamilton and was a meat cutter there for Fairway Market. He retired in 1969 and moved to Kalispell in 1971.

He was a member of the ELKS and the Masons and while in Whitefish was active in sports and an ardent fisherman.

His wife died July, 1969, in Hamilton.

Survivors include a son, Norman, Kalispell; one daughter, Bobette Brookshire, Missoula; a sister, Doris McMurdo, Pasco, Wash. and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. R. Newman, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Corvallis Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Cancer Society or to the charity of the donor's choice.

9 Apr 1977
Anna C. Rehmer, 93

Anna C. Rehmer, 93, of 474-7th Ave. E.N. died Saturday morning in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Rehmer was born Jan. 12, 1884 in Red Bud, Ill. She was educated there and later married Adolph Rehmer on Nov. 30, 1916 in Red Bud.

They moved to Sheridan County in 1917 and farmed until they moved to the Flathead in 1937, making their home northwest of Kalispell. They moved to Kalispell in 1961 where her husband was a landscape gardener.

Mrs. Rehmer was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church here.

Surviving, besides her widower at home, are her son, Carl Rehmer of Cut Bank; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Harold V. Huber officiating. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Cemetery, under the direction of the Weatherford

Funeral Home. Viewing hours on Monday will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the funeral home. The casket will not be opened in the church.

24 Nov 1977
Arthur Reimer, 62

Arthur Reimer, 62, died in the Veterans Hospital in Helena Thursday. Born Nov. 13, 1915, he had lived most of his life in Montana — 12 years in Coram and his last year in Cut Bank. He is survived by his wife Holly of Cut Bank.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the Weatherford Chapel with Rev. Todd Fox of Coram officiating. Burial will follow with military rites at Soldiers Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls under direction of Weatherford Funeral Home.

Wallace Reis, 49

28 Aug 1977
Services for Wallace Reis, 49, of Whitefish were held Thursday, Sept. 1, in the Austin Chapel. The Rev. Bill Creech of the Bigfork Christian Church officiated.

Reis died at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, from injuries received in a motorcycle accident, which occurred Aug. 7.

He was born Jan. 5, 1928, in Denison, Iowa, a son of Dewey and Vivian Reis. He had received his education in Denison, and, in 1955, he moved to Whitefish, where he engaged in ranching operations. He had also been employed with the Burlington Northern Railroad as a carman.

Reis was a member of

the Bigfork Christian Church.

He is survived by his widow, Rita; one son, Bill of Whitefish; three daughters, Mrs. Bill (Linda) Hoyt and Mrs. Jerry (Becky) Reed, both of Columbia Falls and Mrs. Dennis (Barbara) Raze of Kalispell; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Doug Hall of Alaska and Mrs. Cheryl Hall of Kalispell; two stepsons, Mike Eayrs of Kalispell and Steve Eayrs of California; two brothers, Richie and Dewey "Dude" Jr., both of Denison, Iowa; three sisters, Mrs. John (Enid) Berndt, Mrs. Leonard (Emily) Klink and Bonnie Reis, all of Denison, Iowa; and his parents.

Interment was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials be made to the Cancer Fund.

9 May 1977

Myrtle B. Ripley, 83

Myrtle B. Ripley, 83, died Monday morning in the Immanuel Lutheran Home where she has resided for the past two years. Mrs. Ripley was born April 9, 1894, in Elba, Neb.

She was married to Charles C. Ripley on June 1, 1912, in Miles City. Following their marriage their life was spent in homesteading and ranching in South Dakota and Montana. Most of their years together were spent Northwest of Kalispell until their retirement in 1955.

Mrs. Ripley was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kalispell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, on Feb. 9, 1969.

She now is survived by

two sons, Cecil of Kalispell and Walter of Summit; one daughter, Mrs. Roy (Barbara) Fosbery of Kalispell; three sisters, Lily Lewis of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Mabel Thomas of Belle Fourche, S.D. and Marion Pew of

Portland, Ore.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Ripley will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel 2 p.m.

Wednesday with the Rev. William Reid, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Ruth Roberts, 75

24 June 1977

Mrs. Ruth Lillian Roberts, 75, of Seattle, Wash., died Friday morning in Kila while visiting her brother.

She was born Sept. 18, 1901, in Bemidji, Minn., a daughter of Robert and Lena Stai. She had received her education there and had been employed as a cook in various places throughout the West.

She later moved to Alaska where in 1941, she was married to Dolliver Roberts. They later moved to Seattle where Mrs. Roberts continued to live until coming to Kila in May.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dolliver, in 1975; her parents; one son and three brothers and now is survived by one son, Dennis Roberts of Seattle; one daughter, Helen Jean Skarr of Bemidji; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers,

Lloyd Stai of Kila and Orlyn Stai of Wilton, Minn.; two sisters, Mrs. Art (Haily) Smoger of Two Harbors, Minn. and Ottena Puff of Bemidji.

Services for Mrs. Roberts will be in the Austin Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Monday with burial to follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

29 June 1977

ROCKWELL, Edward B., 72, died at the Montana Veterans Home on Wednesday. Services have been planned for 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Montana Veterans Home chapel with burial in the Montana Veterans Home cemetery.

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Harry L. Roedel, 66

1 May 1977

Harry L. Roedel, 66, of 179 Managhan Lane, was dead on arrival at the Kalispell Regional Hospital early Sunday morning following a heart attack at his daughter's home in Eureka.

He was a retired maintenance foreman for the State Highway Department.

Mr. Roedel was born July 9, 1910 at Deisem, N.D., the son of Gottfried and Sarah Roedel. He moved to Eastern Montana with his parents when he was a child and attended schools there. He married Lillian Thompson in Great Falls on July 27, 1934.

They farmed and ranched in the Great Falls area many years before moving to Kalispell in 1940. She died here July 9, 1965.

He married Dora Mae

Johnson here June 4, 1966 and is now survived by her at the family home.

Mr. Roedel went to work for the Montana State Highway Department in 1944 and over the years worked in the Stryker, Marion and Kalispell areas. Due to an injury on the job he retired four years ago.

Mr. Roedel was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and was active in the Men's Club of the church.

Surviving, besides his widow, are a son, Lawrence F., Bigfork; his daughter, Mrs. John (Charlotte) Osler, Eureka; his step-daughter, Mrs. Gladys Mae Toy, Temple City, Calif.; step-sons, Donald LeRoy Mitchell,

Salt Lake City, Utah, and Daniel Raymond Mitchell, Kalispell; three brothers, Bernard, Kalispell; Herman, Great Falls, and William, Hamer, Idaho; four sisters, Mrs. Martha Bryers, Great Falls, Mrs. Larry (Clara) Hill, Virginia, Minn., Mrs. Robert (Ella) Case, Oregon City, Ore., and Mrs. Max (Emma) Dany, Pamona, Calif.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Harold V. Huber officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens under the direction of the Weatherford Funeral Home.

Viewing hours Tuesday will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the funeral home. The casket will not be opened in the church. Suggested memorials, Trinity Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association.

22 Oct 1977

Budd F. Root, 60

Budd F. Root, 60, died at his home at 1145 Fourth Avenue West Saturday morning.

Root was born April 28, 1917, in Arriba, Colo., a son of Budd and Celia Root. When he was 2 years of age, he moved to the Flathead Valley with his family and attended local schools. He was a graduate of the Flathead County High School in the class of 1940.

He was a veteran of World War II.

On June 12, 1948, he was married to Helen Gjerde in Lewistown.

Root was a carpenter and had worked for various contractors until his retirement due to ill health. He was a member of the Carpenters Union.

He is survived by his widow, Helen of

Kalispell; one son, Gary of Kalispell; one daughter, Mrs. Ken (Rita) Madsen of Missoula; one brother, Albert of Hemett, Calif. and two sisters, Alice Pound of Oak Harbor, Wash. and Della Evans of Estacada, Ore.

Services for Root will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 11 a.m. Tuesday. The Rev. Father Emmett Kelly of St. Matthew's Catholic Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted by the local veterans organizations.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Cancer Fund or to the charity of donor's choice.

Bertha A. Rose

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Mrs. Bertha A. Rose, 93, resident of Kalispell, died Sunday afternoon in the Bigfork Convalescent Center.

Mrs. Rose was born March 1, 1883, in Kragers, Norway, a daughter of Erik and Karen Anderson Johnson. She came to America with her parents in 1888 and made her home in Holland, Mich.

On March 19, 1902 she was married to Edward Adrian Rose in Holland. Soon after their marriage they moved to Kalispell where she was preceded in death by her husband, Ed, on May 13, 1932.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by three sons; Howard of Yakima, Wash.; Robert and Ed Rose, both of Kalispell; one daughter, Mrs. C.H. (Hazel) Laughlin of Walla Walla, Wash.; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services for Mrs. Rose will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Johnson Chapel with Dr. Odin Baugh, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Clarence Rossing, 77

16 Aug 1977

Clarence Rossing, 77, who had resided at 665 Fifth Avenue West North, died in Whitefish on Tuesday evening.

He was born Aug. 8, 1900, in Greenbush, Minn., a son of Olie and Bertha Rossing. In 1913, he moved to eastern Montana where he later engaged in farming at Scobey until his retirement in 1961. He then moved to the Flathead Valley and had lived in the Deer Park area until 1971, when he moved into Kalispell.

He had been a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church and the Eastside Grange.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Myrtle Knudson, in 1972 and one grandson in 1976. On Oct. 26, 1924, he was married to Viola Buck in Scobey and is now survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by one son, Orman of Libby; three daughters, Joyce McCann of Plentywood, Donna Knapp of Antioch, Calif. and Ilo Wendt of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Rudy of Spokane, Wash., and Alex of Willis, Texas; three sisters, Florence Faanes and Lillian Dobson, both of Mesa, Ariz., and Bertha Raymond of Missoula; his stepmother, Nellie Jergenson of Spokane, Wash.; three half brothers, Cloyd, Lloyd and Conrad Carlson; four half sisters, Rose Patty, Lillian Weigan, Laura Carter and Olga Fifer; 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Rossing will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 2 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Lowell Stordahl, pastor of the Calvary Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Lee Rothweiler, 63

16 March 1977

GREAT FALLS — Lee Rothweiler, 63, Kalispell, died Wednesday at a Great Falls hospital.

He was born in Great Falls where he attended schools before serving in the Navy during World War II.

He married Mary E. Bruce in 1939. Mr. Rothweiler moved to Kalispell in 1950 and established Lee' Glass Shop which he operated until 1976.

He was active in Masonic orders and was past master of Trinity Lodge, Kalispell.

He also was a member of Scottish Rite, Algier Shrine Temple, Elks Lodge, Eagles Lodge and

the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell.

Survivors are his widow, Kalispell; one daughter, Mrs. Bettie Holzberger, Great Falls; two brothers, Fred and Robert Rothweiler, both of Great Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Helen Leslie, Benicia, Calif. and Mrs. Alice Burus, Lewiston, Idaho and three grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials should be sent to either the Shrine Cripple Children's Hospital at Spokane, Wash. or the American Cancer Society.

Violet Ritzman, 78

2-24-77

LIBBY— Violet M. Ritzman, 78, died Wednesday at St. Johns Lutheran Hospital. She was born Oct. 17, 1898 in Blanchard, N.D.

She was raised in North Dakota and moved to Canada. She later moved to Kalispell where she resided until 1942 when she and her husband moved to Libby.

She married Joe Ritzman on Oct. 22, 1923 in Libby. Mr. Ritzman died Jan. 4 of this year.

Mrs. Ritzman is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Rose Parker and Mrs. Delores Smith, both of Libby; 11 grand children and 14 great grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Vial Funeral Home with Father Charles Strom officiating. Burial will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Clarence Ruhnke, 78

2 June 1977

Clarence Ruhnke, 78, of Bigfork, died in Kalispell Thursday evening. He was born Dec. 17, 1898, in Duluth, Minn.

In 1900, the family moved to North Dakota where they homesteaded near Williston. In 1929, Mr. Ruhnke moved to Montana and lived at Wolf Point and Glasgow. He had been a mechanic in the Ford Garage in Glasgow for 35 years prior to his retirement in 1969.

He then moved to Bigfork where he had since resided. He was of the Lutheran faith. In 1936, he was married to Gertrude Steffes in Scobey and was

preceded in death by her on April 24, 1970.

He now is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ross (Patricia) Perkins of Bigfork; one brother, Raymond Ruhnke of Hastings, Minn.; one sister, Mrs. Ruth Trocha of Grand Forks, N.D.; a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services for Mr. Ruhnke will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 11 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Joe Haugestuen, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Jack F. Rogers, 46

4-17-77

Jack F. Rogers, 46, died Tuesday in Richmond, Calif. He was born June 27, 1930 in Kalispell.

Mr. Rogers was graduated from Flathead High School in 1948 and from Montana State University in 1952. He was

vice-president of Automatic Plastics Molding Co. in Berkeley, Calif. at the time of his death.

He was married to Lucille Linton in Whitefish.

He is survived by his widow Lucille, three sons,

Roger, Mark and Lance, two daughters, Diane and Alana, one brother, Ronald Rogers of Colville, Wash., an aunt, Hazel Spurzem of Kalispell, and several cousins.

Services and burial will be at Richmond Monday