

9 Nov 1983
Ellen M. McLean, 63

Ellen M. McLean, 63, died Wednesday in Astoria, Ore.

She was born March 7, 1920, in Kalispell, the daughter of Carl and Etta Dyer Turns. She attended school in Kalispell. She moved to Astoria in 1950.

She married Dr. Robert McLean in Carson City, Nev., July 5, 1967.

Mrs. McLean worked several years at the Fiesta Restaurant and was a member of the Clatsop County Historical Society and the Eagles Auxiliary.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Garry Matson, Astoria, Ore., and Richard Gilbertson, San Jose, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Roberta Palo, Astoria, Ore.; her mother and stepfather, Etta and William Sholman, both of Astoria, Ore.; a brother, William Turns, Astoria, Ore.; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral was Saturday in the chapel of Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, Astoria, Ore. Burial was at Ocean View Cemetery.

Contributions are suggested to the Clatsop County Historical Society or the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

5 July 1983
Howard Melton, 74

Howard W. Melton, 74, of Seattle, died July 5 at his home following a long illness.

He was born in Hillsville, Va. May 28, 1909 to Mary and John Melton of Kalispell. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Willard.

He was married to Erma Emmert in December 1933 in Kalispell and is survived by her at the family home in Seattle.

He worked 48 years for Great Northern and Burlington Railroad and retired in 1973 as bridge and building superintendent.

He is also survived by his daughter Marie Melton and son Bob Melton of Wenatchee, Wash.; two grandchildren and one great granddaughter; two sisters, Kathleen Ripley and Virginia Shoemaker, both of Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to the cancer fund.

9 Oct. 1983
Harry A. McLouth, 70

Harry Archie McLouth, 70, Somers, died early Sunday morning in Kalispell Regional Hospital of natural causes.

He was born July 16, 1913, in Bigfork to Ernest and Anna Pelky McLouth. He attended schools in Bigfork, Somers and later Flathead High School.

He married Flora Clark in Polson in 1935 and they have lived in Somers since that time.

He was a member of the Eagles, the Somers Volunteer Fire Department and enjoyed camping. He was retired from the wood industries.

He is survived by his wife at the family home in Somers; a son, Harold, Washington; a daughter, Mrs. Joe (Carol) Smith, Montgomery, Ala.; a brother, Hermy, Orofino, Idaho; two sisters, Alvina Hazel Hurst and Velma Bass, both of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Community Chapel officiating. Cremation has taken place at the request of the deceased.

27 May 1983
James A. Meldrum, 67

HELENA — James A. Meldrum, 67, died May 27 in Helena.

He was born Oct. 23, 1915, in Joplin to Mr. and Mrs. James Meldrum. He attended schools in Somers and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1934.

He moved to Helena in 1939, where he was employed by the Montana Unemployment Compensation Division.

He married Helen M. Kracher in Helena Jan. 17, 1942.

Later that year, Mr. Meldrum entered the U.S. Army and served in the European Theater in World War II. He returned to Helena after the war and remained active in the National Guard and Army Reserve.

Mr. Meldrum was employed by the Veterans Administration and two

Helena businesses before buying Sherman Music Company, which he operated from 1952 until he sold the business in 1971.

He was a member of the Reserve Officers and Retired Officers Association; Elks; Eagles; the Green Meadow Country Club; the American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and the American Association of Retired Persons.

He also belonged to the Senior Citizens Association and was on the advisory board for the Cooney Convalescent Home.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; and two sisters, Mrs. Elmer (Eileen) Holand of Somers and Amy Jean Ahern of Bigfork.

Mass of the resurrection was Tuesday. He was buried with military honors in Resurrection Cemetery.

Elsie E. 20 Nov 1983
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Meisenbach

Elsie E. Meisenbach, 77, 915 7th Ave. S., died unexpectedly of natural causes at her home early Sunday morning and was found there Sunday evening.

Services are pending at Chapel of Chimes; burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

She was born in Helena and lived there until 1917 when she moved to a farm south of Great Falls on the Truly Bench. She was graduated from Great Falls High School and attended Western Montana College,

Dillon, and the College of Great Falls.

She married Edwin A. Meisenbach in 1927 at the ranch. He died in 1931. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and taught school in rural Cascade, Pondera and Chouteau counties.

Survivors include two brothers, Otto Edward Diekman of Lewistown and Herman Diekman of Lodi, Calif., and seven nieces and nephews.

Arnold Meinhardt



10 July
1983

Arnold
Meinhardt

Arnold H. Meinhardt, 58, 2800 3rd Ave. N., who had retired after working 38 years for Mountain Bell, died Sunday in a local hospital.

He was born at Belfry and attended Bridger schools. He married Meta Schueneman at Bridger in 1946.

He served with the U.S. Army Signal Corps in Europe during World War II. He had worked for Mountain Bell in Billings, Sidney and Miles City before coming to Great Falls seven years ago. He retired as network service supervisor.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He was an avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Jerry, Great Falls; two daughters, Mrs. Joey (Vonnie) Erickson, Great Falls, and Mrs. Jim (Donna) Cheff, Ronan; two brothers, Carl M., Custer, and William R., Billings; two sisters, Mrs. John (Becky) Slavish, Billings, and Beth Musgrave, Billings, and three grandsons.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Alvin Glinsman officiating. Cremation has taken place.

22 July 1983
Lillian Meisenbach

Lillian L. Meisenbach, 77, 2023 5th Ave. SW, died Friday in a local rest home.

Born at Geyser, she grew up on the Cottonwood Ranch, 20 miles from Geyser near the Highwood Mountains. Her family later moved to another ranch 12 miles from Fort Benton and she attended schools in Fort Benton.

About 1923 she was married to John Billingham. He died in 1927 and she spent six months in England with his mother after Billingham's death. Later she was married to Walter Meisenbach, who also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Meisenbach was known for her cooking and enjoyed sewing and handwork.

Surviving are a son, Ted Billingham, Great Falls; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren; a brother, Eddie Boyd, California; and three sisters, Maxine Brown, Fort Benton; Jane Bell, Great Falls, and Vivian Dillon, Black Eagle. Two sisters preceded her in death.

Cremation has taken place with Croxford and Sons Mortuary handling arrangements. A memorial service will be scheduled later.

16 Aug 1983 GF
Arline Meisel

Arline Meisel, 81, 2324 6th Ave. S., died Tuesday at a local nursing home of natural causes. Graveside services will be Saturday at Highland Cemetery. The funeral cortege will depart from the O'Connor Funeral Home at 10 a.m. Saturday. The Rev. Russell Peck will officiate.

She was born Aug. 29, 1901 in Mount St. Clemons, Mich., to John and Flora Kirby. She was raised and received her education in Havre. She came to Great Falls in 1920 and worked at the YMCA. On Oct. 30, 1921, she married Gordon Meisel in Great Falls. She later moved to Seattle in 1956, returning to Great Falls in June 1982.

Survivors include four daughters, Carolyn A. Johnson, Seattle, Henrietta Becker, Coral Springs, Fla., Isabella Jones, Great Falls, and Kirby Rimple, Seattle; one son, David Meisel, Ridgecrest, Calif.; 20 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

22 Aug 1983
CHINOOK - MELLETT, Leslie B., 79, died Monday at a Chinook nursing home. Funeral will be 11 a.m. Friday at Edwards Funeral Chapel with burial in Kuper Memorial Cemetery. Born in Great Falls, he attended Chinook schools and worked for the highway department and for a Chevrolet dealership. In 1946, he took over the drayline business after his father's death. Later, he worked as a postal clerk before retiring 11 years ago. He married Ruth Modic in 1943 at Harlem. He had served as chief of the volunteer fire department in Chinook for 14 years. Survivors include his wife of Chinook; a son, Mick, and a daughter, Mrs. Gary (Luanna) Falcon, both of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and four grandchildren.

26 Aug 1983
BOZEMAN — MELVIN, Olive M., 72, died Friday at a Bozeman hospital. Funeral services were held Monday in Bozeman. Born Jan. 21, 1911, at Halstad, Minn., she moved to Montana with her parents and received her education at Medicine Lake and in North Dakota. While working at the Fort Peck Dam project, she married Mason Melvin on June 20, 1935. During their marriage, the couple lived at Park Grove, Wheeler, Glasgow, Great Falls, Butte and Bozeman, as well as at Wichita, Kan., and Bellevue, Wash. She had lived at Bozeman since 1955. During World War II, she worked as a secretary at the Lake Washington shipyards. She also donated time as a volunteer worker. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. She is survived by her husband of Bozeman; son, Dr. Paul Melvin of Great Falls; daughter, Lynne Kitto of Amsterdam, Mt.; six grandchildren; brother, Lloyd Flesjer of Glasgow; and sisters, Grace Larson of North Bend, Wash.; Mrs. Ed Sonstegaard and Mrs. Albin Schwope, both of Apache Junction, Ariz.; Mrs. Jennings Grodt of Bellevue, Wash., and Mrs. E.R. Murphree of Van Nuys, Calif.

21 Oct 1983
BIG SANDY — MERTZ, Albert E., 73, died Wednesday in a Big Sandy hospital. Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Big Sandy Methodist Church, followed by burial with military graveside rites in the Big Sandy Cemetery. Riverside Mortuary, Fort Benton, is handling arrangements. Born in McHenry, N.D., he came with his family to Montana in 1911 when they homesteaded west of Big Sandy. He farmed with his family, then worked in the Butte mines and mined in the Bear Paw Mountains. He entered the Army in 1942, returning from military service in 1945, and started farming north of Loma. He married Esther Olson in October 1947 in Fort Benton. In 1972 they retired from farming and moved to Big Sandy. Surviving are his wife; three sons, Melvin of Pahlequah, Okla.; Elmer of Loma, and Dennis of Sunburst; and a brother, Paul. Polson.

Ruth Messelt



Services for Ruth L. Messelt, 88, 1501 9th St. S., will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Chapel of Chimes. Burial will be in the Highland Cemetery.

Mrs. Messelt died Thursday at a local hospital.

She was born in Meredosia, Ill., received her early education in Illinois, and graduated from high school in Coffeyville, Kan. After attending junior college in Kansas City, Kan., she moved to Sandpoint, Idaho, where she was a secretary, and where she married M.T. Messelt, in 1914.

The couple lived in Libby before coming to Great Falls, where Messelt was the office manager for the Anaconda Copper Mining coal mines in the Sand Coulee area.

In 1917 the couple moved into Great Falls and in 1926 founded the Mailing Shop, now run by their son, Tom. Mrs. Messelt worked there until retiring in 1973.

She was a member of the Community Concert Association, which she helped organize in 1931 and served 13 years as secretary; Helen C. Roberts Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile. She was a charter member and second vice president of the Great Falls Rotana Club and twice was national president of Rotana.

In addition to her son, survivors include four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

5 Nov 1983
LAUREL — METZGER, Robert H., 75, of Laurel died Saturday morning at a Billings hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Smith-Cashmore memorial Chapel in Laurel. Burial will be in the Laurel cemetery. He was born in Glen Ullin, N.D. He came to Laurel as a young man and farmed in the Laurel area. He married Rosie Lahr in 1936. She died in 1960. He married Emilia Knaub, in 1965 in Thermopolis, Wyo. He continued his work in farming. Survivors include his wife; son Kenneth, Fromberg; daughters Mrs. William (Joyce) Mooney, Oregon, Mrs. David (Rose Mary) Blair and Mrs. Viril (Elsie) Pfeifle, both of Great Falls; four step-children, nine grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren; brothers August, Jake and Art, all of Laurel; sister Mrs. Merlin (Emma) Hawk, Judith Gap.

5 Nov 1983 Messman infant

Kevin Ray Messman, two months, 704 54th St. S., son of Roger and Lynne Messman, died Saturday at a local hospital. Services are pending at the O'Conner Funeral Home.

He was born Aug., 24, 1983, in Great Falls. He is survived by his parents; one sister, Christie Messman, Great Falls; one grandfather, Donald R. Messman, Great Falls; several uncles, aunts and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Roy Atchison, and grandmothers Helen Atchison and Grace Messman.

28 Apr. 1983

Elizabeth Meuli, 88

POLSON — Elizabeth "Besse" Meuli, 88, Dayton, died in St. Joseph Nursing Center in Polson Thursday morning.

She was born Jan. 24, 1895, in East Dubuque, Ill., to DeWitt and Mary Ann Hawkins. She received her early education in Illinois, then moved with her fami-

ly to Columbia Falls in 1907. In 1910 she moved to Dayton, and lived there until her death.

She was the last surviving charter member of the Dayton Presbyterian Church. She was active in church and community affairs her entire life.

On April 7, 1917, she married Nicholas "Nick"

Meuli in Kalispell. He died on Oct. 6, 1971. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Agnes Davidson, and four brothers: John, DeWitt, Donald and Bill Hawkins.

She is survived by two sisters, Laura Fair of Portland, Ore., and Charlotte Wilhelm of Elmo, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. John Dutzar officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary from 1-6 p.m. Sunday for visitation. The family suggests memorials be made to the Dayton Presbyterian Church.

Louis A. Meyers, 83

21 Feb. 1983

Louis A. Meyers, 83, 310 Fourth Ave. E., Kalispell, died early Monday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born on April 11, 1899, in Pattonsburg, Miss., the son of Edward and Vashti Meyers. As a young boy, he moved with his family to the Flathead Valley, where they settled at Smith Valley. He attended Batavia School.

On July 23, 1927, he married Esther Johnson in Missoula. The couple made their home in Smith Valley, where they farmed until retiring in 1959. Mr. Meyers drove the Marion school bus from 1935 to 1944. He also worked on the construction of the Hungry Horse Dam, and at the Kalispell Pole Yard. After his retirement, they moved to Kalispell in 1960.

Mr. Meyers was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell.

Surviving are one son, the Rev. Ronald L. Meyers of John Day, Ore.; three stepsons, Carter, Ernest and Edwin Helseth, all of Kalispell; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Chet (Maxine) Johnson of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and numerous stepgrandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may call at the Weatherford Funeral Home until 8 tonight. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Roy Jones, pastor of the Kalispell Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

16 Jan. 1983 Betty Lou Miles, 56

Betty Lou Miles, 56, formerly of Kalispell, died Sunday in Miles City. She was born May 11, 1926, in Kalispell, the daughter of Lloyd and Marie Graham.

She received her education in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School.

She married Bob Miles in 1945 and made her home in South Dakota. She was an L.P.N. working in South Dakota and Miles City.

She is survived by her son, John Miles, Gillette, Wyo.; a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Jean) Sealsted, Winifred; three brothers, Lloyd Graham, Huntingtonburg, Ind., Keith Graham, Kalispell, Allen Graham, Columbia Falls; four granddaughters.

Services will be Friday in Miles City.

Helen Miller, 87 2 Apr. 1983

Helen Miller, 87, 274 Buffalo Hill Drive, Kalispell, died Saturday at home after a brief illness.

She was born Aug. 26, 1895, in Minneapolis, Minn., the daughter of Edwin and Kate Mills Hand. She was raised in Minneapolis. She graduated from high school there before going to nursing school, where she specialized in anesthesiology.

She worked at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in St.

Paul, Minn. After moving to San Francisco, she did private nursing, as well as public health work for many years. A job in Yellowstone National Park brought her to Montana. While in Kalispell, she worked as an anesthetist for the medical team of Drs. Houston, Conway and Cockerell, as well as many other doctors at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She married G.A. "Pink" Miller in 1926 at Kalispell. He owned and operated the Kalispell Lumber Co.

She was an active member of the Republican Women's Club and Chapter AB of P.E.O. She belonged to Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell.

Surviving are one son, Terry Miller Smith of Kalispell; one sister, Phyllis Hand of Minneapolis, and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be Tuesday until 8 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home after which the casket will remain closed. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Christ Church Episcopal, with Father Paul Taylor officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

20 Feb. 1983 **Opal Mills, 69**

LIBBY — Opal Mills, 69, died Sunday at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula after an extended illness.

She was born March 18, 1913, at Billings. She was raised in Spokane and had attended schools there. She married William L. Mills Aug. 8, 1929, at Spokane.

She and her husband moved to Libby in the 1930s and had resided there since. The couple owned and operated Mills Janitorial Service in Libby for several years until their retirement in 1971.

She was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Survivors include three daughters, Shirley Conn, Beverly LaBelle, and Martha Boothman, all of Libby; five sons, Gordon Mills, Libby, Walter Mills, Tulare, Calif., Robert and Gerald Mills, both of Hardin, and Clayton Mills, Deer Lodge; 33 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Vial Funeral Home Chapel with Lawrence O'Bleness officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

Phyllis Harris Milne, 56

16 Apr. 1983
HELENA — Phyllis Harris Milne died Saturday in Helena.

She grew up in Bigfork and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1944.

Mrs. Milne is survived by her parents, Bob and Edythe Harris of Helena, and two sons, Pat and Don.

Services will be at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork at 2 p.m. Thursday, with interment in Lonepine Cemetery.

J. Arthur (Art) Minette

16 June 1983
J. Arthur (Art) Minette, a former resident of Kalispell, died of cancer June 16 in Ventura, Calif.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy in Ventura; five daughters, Carolyn Minette, Patricia Hodge, and Sharon Minette all of Eugene, Ore., Lynn Foges, Springfield, Ore., Eileen Clark, Miles City; two sons, John in Germany, James, San Jose, Calif.; three sisters, Marian Leveroos, Fargo, N.D., Helen Fristad, Mandan, N.D., Rose Minette, Sebastopol, Calif.; four brothers, Ray, Great Falls, Paul, Kalispell, Carl, Duluth, Minn., Jim, Maracay, Venezuela.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 21 in Billings.

Joy Minick, 62

PORTLAND, Ore. — husband, Jack, at their Portland home: three sisters, Mrs. Lloyd (Rose) Harbottle of Kalispell.

She was born March 1, 1920, in Cut Bank. She was raised in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School.

She is survived by her

16 June 1983
Mrs. Jerry (Mabel) Muck of Hillsboro, Ore., and Mrs. Harvey (Verna) Wishon of Camas, Wash.; three brothers, Bill Schmeder of Irrigon, Ore., Jack Schmeder of Yakima, Wash., and Herb Schmeder of El Paso, Texas; and her mother, Alma Schmeder, in Hillsboro, Ore.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Heart Fund.

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GLENN MONTGOMERY

Glenn Edwin Montgomery, 76, died unexpectedly at his home in Kalispell on Tuesday, Dec. 13. He was born March 6, 1907, in Sprague, Wa., a son of Oscar E. and Mary E. Montgomery. When he was five years of age he moved with his family to the Flathead Valley and has resided here since that time. He had attended local schools. He was employed as a cook in logging camps and for the Forest Service at park headquarters from 1917 to 1934. He then worked with his father at the Montgomery Blacksmith Shop, continuing to operate the business until his retirement in 1975. On August 15, 1928, he was married to Ethel Blachley in Polson, and was preceded in death by her on May 2, 1964. On December 9, 1967, he was

married to Clara M. Elwood in Kalispell, and is now survived by a daughter, Ora Jean Williams of Libby; a sister, Cleo Jystad, of Columbia Falls; a brother, Kenneth Montgomery of Twin Falls, Idaho; three stepchildren, Mrs. Ted (Lynda) Tveidt of Whitefish, Mrs. Frank (Marjean) Thomas of Kalispell, and Jerry Elwood of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; three grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Funeral services were Friday, Dec. 16, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Chauncey Biffle, Associate pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Donald W. Milliren, 90

17 Apr. 1983

POLSON — Donald W. Milliren, 90, died at his home Sunday.

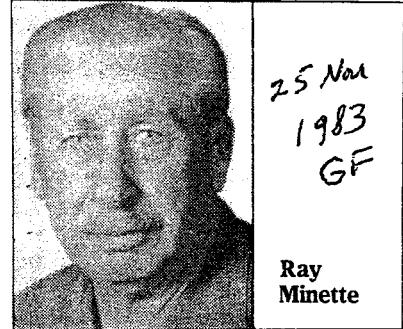
He was born in Pepin, Wis., July 20. He graduated in engineering from Stout Institute. He married Laura Houck, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 1, 1950. He taught school in Oklahoma and was a building contractor in Gary, Ind. During World War II, he moved to San Diego, Calif. where he was a department head for Convair. In 1958 he moved to the Flathead Valley, and in January 1960 he married Lillian Symonds.

Survivors include a sister, Gladys Brown, Sacramento, Calif.; a niece, Margaret Hudson, Columbia Falls; a nephew, Kenneth Warner, Newark, Ohio; a stepson, Jim Symonds, Bigfork; a stepdaughter, Virginia Rae Olson, Seattle; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Polson. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Loren Foote, and he will be assisted by Dr. William Copeland. Mosley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests memorials to the Bigfork QRU, United Methodist Church in Bigfork or the Yellowstone Boys' Ranch in Billings.

Ray Minette



25 Nov
1983
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Ray
Minette

Ray F. Minette, 72, 3409 1st Ave. N., died Friday in a local hospital of natural causes. Memorial services will be held Monday at 11:15 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church with his brother, the Rev. James Minette, officiating. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the O'Connor Funeral Home and cremation has taken place.

Minette was born in Stanley, N.D. and graduated from high school in Cut Bank. He worked many years for the Montana Highway Department before enlisting in the U.S. Army in April 1941 to serve in Europe during World War II.

He was discharged in November 1945, and he returned to Montana and resumed work at the Highway Department. He later worked for a local engineering firm for many years before becoming an associate city engineer. He retired in 1976.

Minette married Mary Klein on April 8, 1953 in St. Cloud, Minn. and was a member of the VFW, Holy Family Catholic Church, the Eagles and the Elks.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, Great Falls; three brothers, Paul, Kalispell; Carl, Duluth, Minn., and James, of Venezuela; three sisters, Mrs. Reider (Marion) Leveroos, Fargo, N.D.; Mrs. Helen Fristad, Mandan, N.D., and Sister Rose Minette, Sebastopol, Calif.; and two aunts and several nieces and nephews.

30 Nov 1983

GERALDINE — MITTAL, Robert V., 60, lifetime Geraldine-area farmer and rancher, died unexpectedly at his ranch Wednesday. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Community Methodist Church in Geraldine. Burial will be in the Geraldine Cemetery with Riverside Mortuary of Fort Benton in charge of arrangements. Born at Stockett, he was the son of Geraldine homesteaders. After graduating from high school, he entered the Navy in 1942, and was discharged in 1946, returning to farm east of Geraldine. Mittal married Louise Wishman in Great Falls. The couple made their home on his ranch. Survivors include his wife, and sons Robert and Stuart, all of Geraldine; three sisters, Mrs. Albert (Ethel) Nelson, Great Falls; Mrs. Murriel Oakes, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Irene Nelson, Cut Bank; and a brother, William, Geraldine.

24 Aug. 1983

HARLEM — MODIC, Ralph L., 70, died Saturday at a Chinook residence of apparent natural causes. Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Monday at the Edwards Funeral Chapel with Mass to be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the St. Thomas Catholic Church in Harlem. Burial will be in the Harlem Cemetery. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and had attended schools there and later in Blaine County when he moved there with his family. He worked in the construction business and operated a bar in Lohman. He also farmed in the Hogeland area. He was in the U.S. Marines during World War II, and married Eleanor Smith in 1946 in Spokane. They returned to Montana, where he continued farming. He later purchased a bar in Harlem that he operated until five years ago. He is survived by his wife in Harlem; brother Louis, Hogeland; four sisters, Ruth Mellett, Chinook, Rose Lynch, Helena, Rubena Sheppard, Oregon, and Dorothy McGowen, Seattle.

4 Oct. 1983
BROWNING — MICHELL, Donald Keith, 35, died Tuesday in Spokane after a scuffle. The case is being investigated by Spokane authorities. Rosary will be 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Tail Feathers Ranch. Funeral will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Holy Family Mission. Born in Browning, he later lived in Great Falls, Spokane and Yakima, Wash. He graduated from Browning High School. He worked as an auto mechanic, a heavy equipment operator and a welder. Survivors include two children, Terri and Shayne, both of Spokane; his father, Donald of Yakima; his mother, Irene Tail Feathers Fisher, also of Yakima; seven brothers, Harold, Browning; Bob, Helena; Michael, Deer Lodge; Steve, Spokane; Ernie, Walla Walla, Wash., and Earl and Audie, both of Yakima; three sisters, Linda Whitford and Aurelia Whitford, both of Yakima, and Carol Yellow Owl, Browning.

24 Oct. 1983
HELENA — MILES, Lillian J., 102, died Monday at the Cooney Convalescent Home. Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Thursday at the Retz Funeral Chapel in Helena. Mass of the Resurrection will be 10 a.m. Friday at St. Helena Cathedral. She was born in Nova Scotia, Canada, on March 17, 1881. She came to Montana as a young girl to live with relatives and married Charles S. Miles in Butte on Aug. 12, 1914. He died in 1928 and she was also preceded in death by two daughters. She worked in Helena hotels and also at Carroll College and was a housemother at the University of Montana. In her later years she served various Helena families as a babysitter. Survivors include a son, Charles of Great Falls; two daughters, Kathryn Wolfe and Helen Andre, both of Helena; two stepdaughters, Julia Hayden of Stevensville and Cora Waddington of Corvallis, and 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

30 Oct. 1983
LEWISTOWN — MILLER, George "Eddie" E., 54, died Friday afternoon in a Billings hospital following a short illness. Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday from the Cloyd Chapel. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. He was born in Bear Oil, Wyo. He grew up in the Jordan area and lived there until 1951 when he moved to Lewistown. On April 5, 1953, he married Betty Hines in Lewistown. He was employed as a mechanic at various car dealerships and service stations and for a time owned and operated his own service station. He is survived by his wife; sons, Jim of Billings and Randy of Green River, Wyo.; daughter, Debbie Hahn of Everett, Wash.; brothers, Roy Miller Jr. of Missoula and Harold Miller of Fort Worth, Tex.; sisters, Edith Kurns of Lewistown and Mary Louise Mury of Jordan, and three grandchildren.

4 Sept. 1983
LEWISTOWN — MILLER, Kolmyn R., infant son of Rick and Kim Miller of Lewistown, died Sunday in a Salt Lake City hospital. Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday from St. Leo's Catholic Church with interment in the Calvary Cemetery in Lewistown. Creel-Morrison-Retz Funeral Home is in charge. The child was born Aug. 13 in Lewistown and had been ill since birth. Survivors include his parents; paternal grandparents, Bud and Helen Miller, Lewistown; maternal grandparents, Laverne and Sandra Fadness, Hamilton; paternal great-grandfather, Richard A. van der Hagen, Lewistown; and maternal great-grandmother, Ruby Ballweber, Hamilton.

20 Nov. 1983
BIG SANDY — MINER, Adell, 75, died Monday in a Great Falls hospital. Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Christ Lutheran Church in Big Sandy; burial will follow in Big Sandy Cemetery. Born in Amenia, N.D., she attended grade school in North Dakota, and taught school in North Dakota, before moving to Big Sandy in 1929. She married George Miner in 1930; he died in 1960. She is survived by three sons, Burl, Havre; Claude, Big Sandy, and Gary, Lyman, Wyo.; four grandchildren and two sisters, Ida Drew, Havre, and Elise Burley, Fargo, N.D. She was preceded in death by one sister and her husband.

4 July 1983
DAGMAR — MILLER, Peter, 96, one of Dagmar's first settlers in 1909, died Monday afternoon in a nursing home at Plentywood. Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Nathanael Lutheran Church in Dagmar, followed by burial in Nathanael Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home, Plentywood, is handling arrangements. Born and raised in Denmark, he came to the United States with his sister in 1906. Miller worked in the Dakotas, then moved to Culbertson in 1908 where he worked on a telephone line crew. When the Dagmar area was opened to homesteading in 1909 he was among the first to file on a claim in that community. He and Anna Miller were married at Dagmar in 1920. They farmed at Dagmar and he was active in the operation of the Dagmar Mutual Fire Insurance Co., serving on the board. His wife died in 1973. About six years ago he moved to a retirement home in Plentywood, where he lived until about a month ago. Surviving are one son, Niels, of Plentywood; and a daughter, Mrs. Chad (Marie) Addison, Belvedere, S.D. A son, Hans, died in 1972.

1 Nov. 1983
SIDNEY — MILLER, William John, 73, Sidney, died Tuesday at the Sidney hospital. Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Burial is tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday at the Highland Cemetery in Great Falls with Chapel of Chimes in charge. He was born in St. Paul, Minn. The family moved to Great Falls in 1915, where he attended schools and began working for the Great Northern Railway, where he worked for one year. From 1937 until 1944 he worked at the Great Falls smelter and in 1947 moved to Fairview, where he worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad building bridges. He retired in 1975. He married Ann Miller in Great Falls in 1951. She survives along with a son, William of Redding, Calif.; two stepsons, Curtis Basiak and Harold Basiak, both of Sidney; two daughters, Betty Dunn, Anaheim, Calif., and Dorothy Naskowicz, Redding; three brothers, Joseph, Topock, Ariz., and Ray and Ed, both of Great Falls; two sisters, Loretta Ralph, Shelby, and Mrs. Raymond (Ann) Aamold, Great Falls; and eight grandchildren.

14 Aug 1983
HARLOWTON — MOE, Audun C., 76, a Two Dot rancher who raised registered Angus cattle, died Sunday in a Harlowton hospital. A service was held Wednesday at the Perkins Funeral Home in Harlowton and burial was in the Harlowton cemetery. He was born in Folderied, Norway, and came to Two Dot in 1928. He attended Selkirk and Harlowton schools, and worked for his uncle, Fred Anderson. In 1941, he married Carol Davis of Puyallup, Wash. Survivors include his wife; two sons, James of Martinsdale, and Richard of Two Dot; a daughter, Sonja Frampton, Charlotte, N.C.; a brother, Harmod Moe; and a sister, Ose Bjorgan, both in Norway.

Catherine Mae

Monahan 17 Nov 1983

Catherine Mae Monahan, 69, 1130 17th Ave. S., died Thursday morning in a local hospital after an extended illness.

Born in New Jersey, she was raised in New York City and had attended schools there. She worked as a seamstress for dry cleaners in New York City before coming to Great Falls in 1957.

Mrs. Monahan had worked for Columbus Hospital here. She had been in failing health the past several years and lived at a local nursing home.

Survivors include a son, Richard, of Seattle, and three grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday in the O'Connor Memorial Chapel. Graveside service will be Saturday at 9 a.m. in Mount Olivet Cemetery with the Rev. John Linehan officiating.

7 Aug 1983

William Morris

Dr. William M. Morris, 68, of Pomona, Calif., a native of Great Falls, died there on Sept. 7.

Morris was born in Great Falls and graduated from high school here. He had attended his 50th high school class reunion in Great Falls this past July.

Morris served 17 years with the U.S. Navy Medical Corps, then for 25 years was associated with Lanterman State Hospital. Among his survivors are his wife, Lillian; one daughter; a brother, Robert J. Morris of Great Falls and one sister.

Services were held in Pomona.

29 Sep 1983
MALTA — MORENO, Manuel M., 26, Malta, died Thursday in Billings Deaconess Hospital after a short illness. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Monday at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre with burial in the Highland Cemetery, Havre. Adams Funeral Home, Malta, is in charge of arrangements. Wake services will be Saturday and Sunday at the Rocky Boy Catholic Church. He was born in Havre and attended schools in Zurich and Miles City. He married Tina Marie Hopkins Feb. 3, 1979 in Havre. He was a Vietnam veteran. Before coming to Malta in June he worked for the Montana Landscaping Co. in Havre. He was contracting laundry service for the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center in Malta at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Tina, one son, Carlos, and two daughters, Crystal and Carmen, all of Malta; his mother, Kathryn Moreno, Havre; five brothers, including Larry Denny, Robert Moreno, and Richard Moreno, all of Havre; and two sisters out of state.

25 Nov 1983

HELENA — MOREY, Ross H., 64, died early Friday at the Fort Harrison veterans hospital. Services will be 11 a.m. Monday from the Little Church. Military graveside services will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens. He was born in 1919 in Pali-sades, Neb. He attended Nebraska schools, the University of Montana and the UM law school. During World War II he served with the Army Medical Corps in Europe. He married Harriet Hagler in San Francisco in 1943. He was employed by Montana Power Co. in 1950 and was credit manager in the Helena division at the time of his death. He was active in various Helena civic activities, including the United Way and Little League baseball. Survivors include his wife, Harriet, Helena; a son, Bill Morey, Eugene, Ore.; a brother, Earl Morey, Mira Loma, Calif.; a sister, Isabelle Brennfoerder, Blair, Neb.; and two grandchildren.

15 July 1983
BROWNING — MORGAN, Gilbert J. "Buddy," 50, died Friday in Sisseton, S.D., of an apparent heart attack. Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Morgan home in Browning. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday in the Church of the Little Flower in Browning. Burial will follow in the Holy Family Mission Cemetery near Browning. He was born in Browning, where he lived much of his life. Recently, he had been working at an Indian reservation in South Dakota. He had attended schools at Two Medicine and Browning. Later, he served in the Air Force in Korea. He married Anna Ross in Browning in 1957. He was a lease compliance specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the time of his death. Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Marcella, and a son, Michael, both of Sisseton; his mother, Mary Morgan, Browning; three sisters, Paultta Easterling, Mendenhall, Miss., and Eva Fitzgerald and Rhea Day Chief, both of Browning; and two brothers, Donald, Aberdeen, S.D., and Robert, Browning.

21 Oct 1983

HARLEM — MORD, Dorothy L., 61, died Friday in a Havre hospital. Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Edwards Funeral Chapel, Chinook, with burial in the Harlem Cemetery. She was born in Illinois and attended schools there. She came to Harlem in October 1945, and married Walter Mord Oct. 29, 1945 in Harlem. They had resided in the Harlem area since. She is survived by her husband, in Harlem; one daughter, Brenda Johnson, Oregon; one sister, Aline Hart, Illinois; and two grandchildren.

13 Nov 1983

FORT BELKNAP — MOUNTAIN, Ramona "Sissy," 33, died Sunday in Spokane following a lengthy illness. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Friday at St. Paul's Mission Church at Hays. Burial will follow in the mission cemetery. Born at Fort Belknap, she had lived in Spokane for the past several years. She is survived by her mother, Francis Brockie, Harlem; two brothers, Roland Brockie and Edward Brown Jr., both of Harlem. Adams Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

27 Sep. 1983
Winona J. Moore, 58

TROY — Winona J. Moore, 58, Troy, died Tuesday of cancer at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She was born June 16, 1925, at Frazer. She attended school at Sidney.

She married Herbert Moore on Sept. 20, 1941, at Scobey. They lived at Crane and Miles City until moving to Troy in 1957.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Carolyn Dehn, Spokane, and Dolores Erickson, Troy; two sons, Chester, Spokane, and Gerald, Montesano, Wash.; her mother, Viola Gaffield, Sidney; three sisters, Barbara Lynch, Billings, Lola Jensen, Sidney, and Bea Fischer, Anaconda; four brothers, Don Gaffield, Seattle, Elmer and Ray Gaffield, Sidney, and Milton Gaffield, Fort Collins, Colo.; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Troy Methodist Church with the Rev. Ed Folkwein officiating. Burial will be at the Milner Lake Cemetery, Troy. Arrangements are under the direction of Vial Funeral Home, Libby.

3 Sept 1983
Arleen Mae Morgan, 56

Arleen Mae Morgan, 56, Ronan, died Sept. 3 at St. Patricks Hospital in Missoula.

She was born Aug. 4, 1927 in Saskatchewan, Canada, the daughter of Carl and Mebel Mossing.

On Jan. 15, 1953, she married Leonard Morgan in Reno, Nev. He survives her in the family home in Ronan.

Also surviving are six sons, Wesley, St. Cloud, Minn., Clifford, Portland, Ore., Ronald, Ronan, Lee, in England, Dale, Dayton, and Leslie, Polson; one daughter, Cheryl Mahoney, Seattle; one brother, Marcus Mossing, Calgary; one sister, Ethel Mossing, Regina, Saskatchewan; and 11 grandchildren.

Private memorial services will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Betty L. Morgan, 61

18 June 1983

EUREKA — Betty L. Morgan, 61, Eureka, died Saturday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Jan. 22, 1922, at Eaton, Ohio, to Otis and Etta Green. She was raised and educated in Eaton and later worked for the National Cash Register Co. in Dayton, Ohio.

She married John Morgan on June 2, 1944, at Greenville, S.C. After World War II, they moved to Eureka. For the past 10 years, she has been a teller at First National Bank of Eureka.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Barbara Ann Foster, Whitefish, Theresa Shea, Eureka; two sons, John and Michael both of Eureka; one sister, Peggy Christensen, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and two brothers, Paul Green, Indiana, and Otis Green in California.

Rosary will be recited Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Eureka. Mass of the Resurrection will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the church with the Rev. Thomas Fenlon as celebrant. Burial will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home, Eureka.

Elaine L. Morgan, 68

23 June 1983

Elaine L. Morgan, 68, of Troy, died Thursday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She was born Nov. 11, 1914, in Oaksdale, Wash. to Oliver and Margaret Haire. She was raised in Oaksdale and attended school there. She later moved to Spokane.

She married Frank

Morgan Oct. 10, 1952, in St. Maries, Idaho. She and her husband moved to Troy in 1955 and later lived in Thompson Falls for a short time before returning to Troy eight years ago.

She is survived by her husband Frank of Troy; one son, Frank Shockley, of Trego; one brother, Stuart Haine, of Stockton, Calif.; four sisters, Jessie Warner, of Oaksdale, Dora Leuty and Maggie Isabel, of Desmet, Idaho and Pearl Robertson, of Pullman, Wash.; and four grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Cremation will follow the services.

Raymond Morkeberg, 66

27 Mar. 1983
TROY — Raymond Morkeberg, 66, died Sunday afternoon at his home in Troy of an apparent heart attack.

He was born Jan. 4, 1917, at Moravia, Idaho, to Hans and Anna Morkeberg. He was raised and attended school at Moravia.

He married Sarah Cook on Aug. 26, 1940, at Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

He was employed as a carpenter and was involved in the building of the Forest Service station at Bonners Ferry. He and his family moved in 1949 to Troy, where he was employed by the Cripe Cedar Mill. He also worked for the Burns Lumber Co. in Troy and later for the J. Neils Lumber Co. He worked for the J. Neils Lumber Co. and St. Regis Lumber Co. until his retirement in 1979.

He was a member of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union and the Moose Lodge in Bonners Ferry.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah, Troy; a son, Lawrence Morkeberg, Troy; a daughter, Jennie Perkins, Poison; three brothers, Richard Eaton, Sedro Wolley, Wash., James Morkeberg, Bonners Ferry, and Glen Morkeberg, address unknown; a sister, Lorine Bishop, Glens Ferry, Idaho, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Troy Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Nathan Locke officiating. Burial will be in Milnor Lake Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the Troy Volunteer Ambulance.

28 Apr. 1983

Wesseno H. Morris, 80, died in Flathead County Nursing Home Thursday evening.

She was born Nov. 23, 1902, in Collingwood, Ont., to William and Graham Buie Huddleston. She was educated in Canada, and married oil driller Scott Morris in Pincher Creek, Alta., in 1922.

The couple lived near oil fields at Turner Valley, Ont., Pincher Creek,

Wesseno Morris, 80

Alta., Kimberly, B.C., and Burnaby, B.C. They then moved to Seattle before settling in Kalispell in 1942. They later moved to Columbia Falls, where they worked at the Montana Veterans Home until his death in 1960.

About 10 years ago she moved to Big Sky Manor in Kalispell, then to the Flathead County Nursing Home.

She was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary and the Cootiettes.

She is survived by a sister, Islay Bonertz, in Canada; a sister-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Buchanan of the First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls officiating. Burial will be Woodlawn Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Paul C. Morton, 81

24 Dec. 1983
Paul Clarence Morton, 81, Bigfork, died Saturday evening in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born June 20, 1902, at Holt, a son of Charles D. and Mary Newham Morton. He attended Holt School and Bigfork schools.

When he was 18 years old, he started work for Somers Lumber Co. He also worked for several other sawmills in the Flathead Valley. He worked on Flathead Lake on the Wannigan and rode the last log drive for Somers Lumber Co. from Polebridge to Flathead Lake.

During construction of Hungry Horse Reservoir, he drove fuel truck for Union Oil Company. Later, he was employed by the Flathead County Road Department for nine years prior to his retirement due to ill health.

On Aug. 8, 1923, he married Mattie S. Fox in Kalispell. They celebrated 60 years of marriage this past August.

Mr. Morton was a lifelong member of the Modern Woodmen of America, a past member of the Eagles Lodge and a member of the Swan Chapel.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, one sister, a grandson and a granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife, Mattie, at home in Bigfork; six children, Mrs. Bill (Betty) Graber of Renton, Wash., Melva Brandewie and Don Morton, both of Bigfork, Mrs. Charles (Pat) Phillips and Dee Morton, both of Kalispell, and Billie Morton of Alamogordo, N.M.; one brother, Thomas Morton of Kalispell; 23 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Morton will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce of the Swan Chapel officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggest memorials to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit, Swan Chapel or the charity of the donor's choice.

Friends and relatives may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. Wednesday. The casket will not be opened for services.

Maver B. Moss Sr., 68

9 Apr. 1983
Maver B. Moss Sr., 68, Kalispell, died Saturday in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salt Lake City.

He was born July 12, 1914, in Great Falls, a son of Gurnie and Hallie Moss.

He moved to Whitefish with his parents in 1919 when they purchased the Whitefish Pilot. He was educated in Whitefish and graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in journalism. He was associated with the Whitefish Pilot for a number of years.

During World War II, he served with the 163rd Infantry Medical Detachment.

After the sale of the Whitefish Pilot in 1959, he worked for the Montana Highway Department, and later as a school bus driver for Jim Walters.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman and pilot.

He is survived by two sons, Maver "Stoney" Moss, Kalispell, and Robert Moss, Yuma, Ariz.; one daughter, Nora Moss, Kalispell; one brother, Hal Moss, Sunnydale, Calif.

Memorial services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Austin Funeral Home with the Rev. John Robertson of St. Charles Catholic Church officiating. Cremation has taken place.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Foundation.

Orville C. Mustard, 66

3 June 1983
FORTINE — Orville C. Mustard, 66, died at his home Friday morning following an extended illness.

Mustard was born June 13, 1916, in Everson, Mont. He received his schooling in the Everson-Denton area. He married Isabella Horwath, June 25, 1942, in Kalispell.

They moved to Fortine-Trego area the same year. He was employed as a packer for the Forest Service until 1945, then became a heavy equipment operator for the Osler Bros., Jimmy Hurst Sr. and Fred King Construction. He retired after helping to relocate the railroad near Trego from 1966 until 1971.

He is survived by his wife Isabella at the family home; one daughter, Laura Mallery of Danville, Va.; two brothers, Ivan of Denton and Irvin of Lewistown; and one sister, Doris Cope of Eureka.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Fortine Community Church with Pastor Gary Logue and the Rev. Carl Pershall officiating. Interment will follow in Fortine Cemetery under direction of the Vial Funeral Home.

6 Nov 1983 J. Ralph Mower, 81

J. Ralph Mower, 81, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Sunday morning after a brief illness.

He was born Feb. 28, 1902, in Oak Creek, Utah, to Kimball and Rhoda Mower. He received his education in Farview, Utah.

On Jan. 9, 1923, he married Martha Lucille Roberts in Price, Utah.

He ranched from 1936 to 1947 at Arco, Idaho. In 1947 he moved his family to the Flathead where he engaged in ranching in Lower Valley until 1955.

In 1957 he moved to Hamilton where he worked for the Rocky Mountain Laboratory until his retirement in 1971. In 1972 he returned to the Flathead Valley. He and his wife made their home in the Evergreen area.

He was a life-long member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is survived by his wife at the family home; four sons, Ralph Dwyane of Fortine, J. Elmo of Denver, Colo., Arvin Tech and Kimball Jerome, both of Kalispell; two daughters, LaRane Sedgwick of Missoula, and Opal Marie Parr of Kalispell; 28 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren; one brother, Roy Mower of Berekley, Calif., and two sisters, Mable Ford of Palestine, Texas, and Bertha Madison of Pleasant Grove, Utah.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Arta Blasdel.

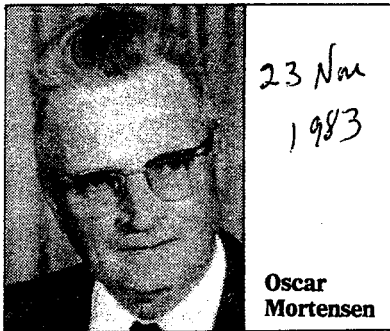
Funeral services for Mr. Mower will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Bishop Jack Herron officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends and relatives may call at the Johnson Mortuary until 8 p.m. Tuesday.

21 May 1983
MURPHY, Chelsea, 3 weeks, Mosier, Ore., died Saturday. Funeral services 2 p.m. Wednesday in The Dalles, Ore.

DeSMIT, Glenn, 27, Devon, Alberta, died Friday. Funeral arrangements pending.

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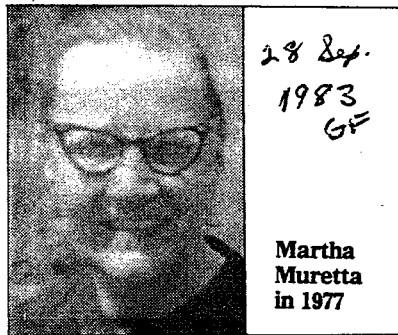


CONRAD — MORTENSEN, Oscar J., 89, a prominent area businessman, died Thanksgiving Eve at a Conrad nursing home. Masonic services will be 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Wyse Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church with interment to follow in Hillside Cemetery. He was born in 1893 in Superior, Wis. He attended the University of Wisconsin and graduated from Northland College in 1921 with honors in civil engineering. After graduation, he worked for the Wisconsin highway department. He married Lucille Ellison in 1927 in Minneapolis and started a contracting business in 1938 in Superior. In 1944 the family and business moved to Montana. He operated Mortensen Construction Co., a gravel operation south of Cascade. He was one of the founders and was past president of the Great Falls Redi-Mix, Inc. He retired in 1972. He served two terms on the Conrad City Council. Survivors include his wife, Lucille; daughter, Mrs. Leroy (Lois) Manley; sons Donald L., Conrad, and Glen A., Great Falls; sisters Mrs. Vincent (Edna) Paulson, Bear Lake, Mich., and Minnie Mortenson, Eau Claire, Wis.; and eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

4 Sep. 1983

DENTON — MURPHY, James F., 67, of Branson, Mo., former Rygate rancher, died Sunday Springfield, Mo. Born in 1916 in Kansas City, Mo., he owned a ranch at Rygate for many years and later was a restaurant owner and developer at Branson. He was in the Navy during World War II and in 1945 married Doris Thompson in Reno, Nev. His wife died in 1979. Survivors include a son, Michael, Billings, and a sister, Margaret Lynch, Kansas City, Mo. Services were in Springfield Tuesday. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Denton. Dahl Funeral Home, Billings, is in charge.

Martha Muretta



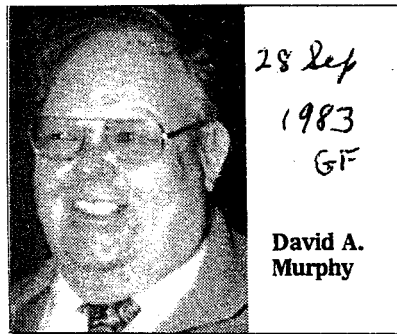
Martha L. Muretta, 67, 1016 5th Ave. S., died at a local hospital Wednesday morning after an illness of several years. She had been hospitalized for 12 days. Services will be 9 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, with burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday at the O'Connor Memorial Chapel.

Born in 1915 at Tyler, she attended schools there before moving to Lewistown. She came to Great Falls in the late 1940s, and worked at

the commissary at East Base, now known as Malmstrom Air Force Base. She later worked for the Grem-lin Cafe, later called Schell's Cafe, and was a waitress at the American Legion club, retiring in the late 1950s. She married Frank J. Muretta in 1952 in Great Falls.

Survivors include her husband, Great Falls; a daughter, Mrs. O.D. (Joanne) Loy, Corvallis, Ore.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

David Murphy



David A. Murphy, 59, 1608 8th Ave. NW., died Wednesday at a local hospital of injuries received in a Sept. 4 accident on King's Hill. Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at the Trinity Lutheran Church.

He was born Jan. 1, 1924, in Circle and received his education there. In 1948 he was married to Alice Adena Meidinger. He worked construction until 1957, then attended commercial college for two years and in 1959 went to work as a bookkeeper for Mundale Body Works. He worked there until his death.

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the National Rifle Association and was a commit-tee member for the Boy Scouts of America.

He is survived by his wife; five sons, Dennis, Missoula, Leonard and Tim, both of Great Falls, Thomas, Vaughn, and Darrel, Shelby; two daughters, Marcia Murphy, Missoula, and Mrs. Ed (Rosalee) Mestas, Great Falls; a brother, Bill Murphy, Conrad; sisters, Norma Mortenson, Alaska, and Sophie Murphy, Washington; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

24 Aug 1983

Florence Mundil

Graveside services for Florence Mundil, 80, of Salt Lake City, Utah, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in Highland Cemetery with the Rev. Bruce Jenkins officiating. Croxford and Sons Mortuary is handling local arrangements.

Mrs. Mundil died Wednesday in Salt Lake City. Born at Worcester, Mass., she received her education in that state. She married the late Joseph Mundil in July 1930 at Clarkson, Neb. In 1960 she came to Montana from Nebraska and settled in Great Falls after her retirement.

About five years ago she moved to Salt Lake City to be near her son, Frederick Mundil. Two grandchildren also survive.

Poplar man stabbed to death

30 Dec 1983

Earlwin L. "Davey" Muskrat, 25, Poplar, died Friday afternoon in a Wolf Point hospital of stab wounds suffered about 5 a.m. Friday.

No arrests have been made, and the matter is still under investigation.

by the FBI and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, according to a spokesman at the Idaho-Montana FBI headquarters in Butte.

The FBI spokesman said a press release would be issued sometime Tuesday.

A family service will be held Tuesday evening at Clayton Memorial Chapel, Poplar. Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Mormon Church, Poplar, with burial in Poplar City Cemetery.

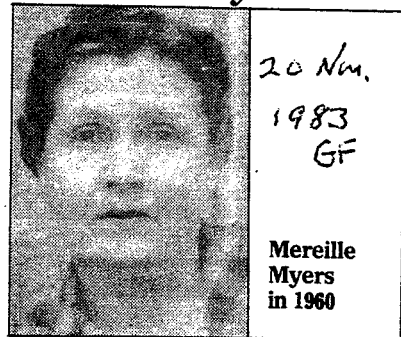
Born in Poplar, the son of Halley and Vida Muskrat, Muskrat attended school at Poplar and Outlook, Wash.

Survivors include his mother, Poplar; three brothers, Desmond, John and Richard, all of Poplar; three sisters, Catherine Russell, and JoAnn Reddog, both of Poplar, and Mrs. Bonnie Menz, Fort Kipp; and one grandson adopted according to Indian customs.

8 July 1983
LEWISTOWN - MURPHY, William T. (Bill), 63, died Friday evening in a Billings hospital after a six-month illness. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Cloyd Funeral Chapel. He was born and educated in Circle. He moved to Fort Peck in 1938 and later to Ronan. He returned to Circle where he worked for the Ford garage. In 1941 he married Florence E. Groh in Circle. They moved to Lewistown. He worked at the airport and for the Montana Highway Department before joining the Navy in 1943. After his discharge in 1946 he continued working for the Highway Department until retiring six months ago. He and his wife taught round and square dancing. Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Billie) Lewis, Lewistown; a brother, Dick, Circle, and two grandchildren.

27 Nov 1983
DENTON - MUSTARD, Ervin L. "Tom," 74, Denton, died Sunday at a Lewistown nursing home. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Denton Community Hall. Cremation has taken place with Cloyd Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Born in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, he was raised at Everson and then attended mechanics school in Seattle. He returned to the Denton area, working as a mechanic in Denton and Coffee Creek until 1953 when he went to work for the Denton school district as a bus driver and mechanic. He retired in 1975. He married Grace Hunter in 1940 at Great Falls. Survivors include his wife, Denton; a son, Gene Mossey, Hilger; two daughters, Mae Gill, Great Falls, and Sharon Mee, Stockton, Calif.; a brother, Tum, Denton; a sister, Doris Cope, Eureka; and seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mereille Myers



Mereille L. Myers, 76, 500 9th Ave. S., died at a local nursing home Monday following an illness of several months.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the O'Connor Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place.

Mrs. Myers was born May 16, 1907, at Carona, Kan. The family moved to Klein, Mont., near Roundup, that year and she graduated from high school there. She attended the state normal college at Dillon, graduating in 1927, and then taught in several rural schools in the Billings area. She married James Myers on March 29, 1930, at Billings.

They made their home at Klein until coming to Great Falls in 1944. Here she worked as a clerk for a short time and then was employed for many years as a waitress in several Great Falls restaurants, including Reeds and Little's Lanes.

Mrs. Myers retired in 1956. Her husband died in April of this year.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Don (Lorraine) Luwe and Mrs. Thomas (Carmen) Johnson, both of Great Falls; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a brother, Lucien Fievret, Roundup.

James Otis Munday

James Otis Munday, age 87, died Thursday, Feb. 24, in Whitefish at his home on Highway 93 West.

He was born March 5, 1895 in Severy, Kan., to John Cameron Munday and Mary Elizabeth Richardson Munday.

He was raised in Fall River, Kan., and moved with his parents to Sipeo, Utah, in 1914. On May 9, 1918 he married Carrie Larsen in Provo. In 1928 they moved to Santaquin, Utah, and in 1941 to Ogden where he worked at Hill Air Force Base until his disability in 1950. His wife preceded him in death Sept. 17, 1965 in Ogden and since that time he had made his home in Whitefish with his daughter Anna J. Hubble.

He was a member of the Mormon Church.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1934, his mother in 1940 and a son, John Larsen Munday in 1928 and by five brothers and five sisters.

Munday is now survived by two daughters, Mrs. Rhuel O. (Darlene) Openshaw, Ogden, Utah, and Mrs. Bert R. (Joy) Hubble, Whitefish; nine grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were Feb. 28 at the Holladay Hills Funeral Home in Santaquin, Utah. Burial was in the Payson, Utah Cemetery beside his wife and small child.

29 June 1983

Lee A. Myers, 35

Lee A. Myers, 35, died Wednesday in Ritzville, Wash.

He was born Dec. 6, 1947 in Kalispell to Charles and Vera Myers. He was raised in the Deer Park area and was educated in Deer Park and Columbia Falls schools.

He served in the Army and worked as a truck driver and construction worker for various companies. He lived in various parts of the country, including Arizona and Washington.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles, who died in 1966.

He is survived by his mother, Vera Good, Columbia Falls; two sons, Scott and Randy, Molalla, Ore.; two brothers, Larry Myers, Columbia Falls, and Mike Myers, Sidney; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Juan Diphe of St. Richards Catholic Church of Columbia Falls will officiate. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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Alva Myers, 80

Alva W. Myers, 80, Ambrose, N.D., died of a heart attack Thursday while attending a family reunion at Bitterroot Lake.

He was born Oct. 25, 1902, at Winterset, Iowa, to Charlie and Mayo Myers. He moved with his family to Leeds, N.D., when 2, then 10 years later moved to Ambrose, where his family has been farming ever since.

He attended the rural schools in Ambrose and farmed there until retiring at 67.

He married Ella Johnson in Ambrose Nov. 10, 1927.

He was a member of the Ambrose Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, two brothers, two infant sons and one great-grandson.

Surviving him are a son, James, Ambrose; a daughter, Violet Abell, Kalispell; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Zora Nygard and Nettie Torgerson, Crosby, N.D., Mabel Torgerson, Waterloo, Iowa, and Lillie Sorlie, Larson, N.D.

Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell has forwarded the body to Stakston-Martin Funeral Home in Crosby, N.D. for funeral services Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Ambrose Lutheran Church. The Rev. Gary Knabe will officiate. Burial will be at the Ambrose Cemetery.