

30 May 1983

Ronald Joseph Raade, 75, Auburn, Wash., died on Monday morning in the Kalispell Regional Hospital. He was visiting in the area at the time of his death.

He was born March 15, 1908, in Quincy, Ore., a son of Andrew and Sophia Raade. He was a retired plywood worker.

He is survived by his widow, Audrey of Auburn; three sons, James and Howard Raade, both of Seattle, and Donald A. Raade, Kalispell; a daughter, Catherine Rice, Cypress Island; several brothers and sisters; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The body has been forwarded by the Johnson Mortuary to the Price-Helton Funeral Chapel of Auburn where funeral services will be planned later in the week. Burial will be in the Mountain View Cemetery there. The family suggest memorials to the Heart Fund.

ALBERT RACINE

1983

Albert B. Racine, 76, Browning, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Kalispell Regional Hospital. He was a well-known woodcarver and artist. He was born April 19, 1907 in Browning, to Frank B. and Nattie Schildt Racine. He was raised in Browning, graduating from Browning High School and then studied art in Pennsylvania, Utah, and New York. On May 15, 1956, he married Inez Neet in Cardston, Alberta. The couple lived many places throughout the West, mostly in Montana, Arizona and Oregon, and returned to Browning in September, 1983. Surviving besides his wife Inez in Browning are three sons, Albert James Racine of Elko, Nev.;

Adrian Wayne Racine of Browning; and Frank Webster Racine; two step-daughters, Mrs. Arthur (Nancy) Anderson of Springfield, Ore.; and Diane Chambers of Creswell, Ore.; 20 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; three brothers, Andrew Racine of St. Mary; Lloyd Racine of Shelby, and Kenneth Racine of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Menrietta Wippert and Elva Wippert, both of Browning; numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial services were Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Browning Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jim Bentley officiating. Arrangements and cremation were by the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Claude A. Ramsey, 70

2 Feb. 1983

Claude Arthur Ramsey, 70, who resided at 154 Second Ave. W.N., died at his home Wednesday morning.

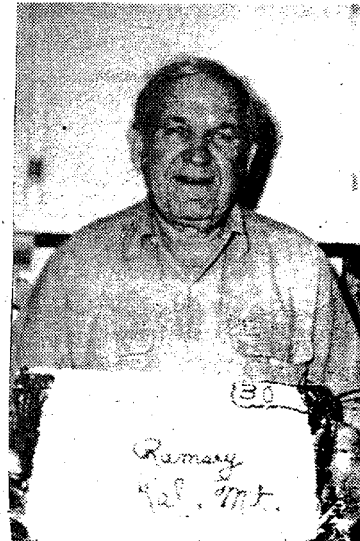
He was born Feb. 29, 1912, in New Castle, Ind., a son of William and Jessie Ramsey. He was educated in Indiana and in Kalispell. He moved to Kalispell in 1933. He entered the U.S. Navy at Salt Lake City Dec. 13, 1934, and served until receiving his honorable discharge on Dec. 18, 1938, at San Diego, Calif. Mr. Ramsey was a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service from 1950 until his retirement in 1980.

He married Lena Sinclair in Kalispell, Sept. 13, 1952.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Kalispell Masonic Lodge 42 AF&AM, and the Royal Arch Masons.

He is survived by six brothers, Howard and Charles Ramsey both of Kalispell, Maurice G. Ramsey of Shelby, Phil Ramsey, Beuna Park, Calif., William Ramsey Jr., Port Orchard, Wash. and Jim Ramsey of Bozeman; one sister, Mrs. Russell (Ruth) Roy of Kalispell, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Ramsey will be at 1 p.m. Monday in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop James Pallo officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.



25 Feb. 1983
Don Ranick, 80

Don Ranick, 80, 244 Fourth Ave. E., died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital Friday afternoon.

He was born Oct. 14, 1902, in Northport, Wash., a son of Guss and Millie Ranick. He was educated in Washington state.

In 1946, he married Esther Nelson at Riverside, Calif. The couple lived in Pasadena, Calif., and Mr. Ranick was an insurance representative for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for 43 years prior to his retirement. In 1973, they moved to Sun City, Ariz. After the death of his wife, Esther, in 1982, he moved to Kalispell to live with his daughter.

He was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church; the Masonic Lodge and Shrine Club.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Sandy (Mary Ann) Schindler, and grandson, Lars Schindler, of Kalispell; several nieces and nephews including Dr. Van Kirke Nelson of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Odin A. Baugh of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. After the services, the body will be forwarded to the Menke Funeral Home of Sun City, Ariz., for burial in the Sunland Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, N. 820 Summit Blvd., Spokane, Wash. 99201.

9 Apr. 1983
Charles W. Rankin, 98

Charles Wesley Rankin, 98, 85 North Main, died Saturday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Feb. 5, 1885, in Little Rock, Ark., the son of H.H. and Elizabeth Rankin. He came to the Flathead at the age of 15. His grandfather, Uriah C. Casey, helped build the town of Demersville. His father had a store in Kila and his mother was the postmistress.

As a young man, he logged and worked in various mills, as well as broke horses.

In 1913, he opened the Ford Agency in Eureka, selling it in 1916, at which time he went to work for the Glacier Park Garage in Kalispell. He also operated a local taxi service for a number of years.

After a few years working at Stoup's Garage, he went to work for Davis Pipe and Machinery. He worked there for 43 years before his retirement in 1980.

He married Frances McGregor Sept. 29, 1916, in Whitefish.

He is survived by one daughter, Jan Watkins of Rigby, Idaho, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Edmond Smith of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Mortuary. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

WILHELM RATZ

1983

Wilhelm Ratz, 79, Whitefish, died Wednesday, Dec. 21; in the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. He was born Oct. 20, 1904, in Poland, a son of Gottlieb and Amanda Ratz. He was raised and educated in Poland, later moving to Germany. In 1949 he moved to the United States and farmed northeast of Whitefish until retiring in 1980. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Whitefish. In 1928, he married Martha Kruger in Poland and she preceded him in death March 9, 1958, in Whitefish. In 1960 he married Anna Altenburg and is survived by her at the Immanuel Luther-

an Home in Kalispell. He is survived by two sons, Henry, Whitefish, and Otto, Missoula; a daughter, Frieda Emmer, Wildwood, N.J.; a stepdaughter, Elsie Rohrer, Bellevue, Wash.; a stepson, Art Kienas, Kalispell; eight grandchildren; six step-grandchildren and numerous other relatives. Funeral services were Wednesday, Dec. 28 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Elden H. Martens officiating. Burial was in Glacier Memorial Gardens under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Robert "Bob" Reaser, 44, of 2859 Foothills Road, was drowned on June 22 in a kayak accident in the South Fork area of Flathead River. He was born Dec. 3, 1938, in Jersey Shore, Pa., a son of John and Evelyn Reaser. He had received his education in Pennsylvania, having graduated from high school in 1956 in Pennsylvania. He then received apprenticeship training as a tool and die maker at N.A.S.A. in Virginia. In December of 1958, he was married to Harriet Helfrich in Elizabeth City, N.C. In 1976, he moved to the Flathead Valley where he did log house construction work for several years. About four years ago he established the Pioneer Precision

Machine Shop which he has owned and operated since that time. He is now survived by his widow, Harriet, at home; two sons, Paul and Kenneth Reaser, both at home; his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Way of Fort Myers, Fla.; a sister, Joan Bickel, in Pennsylvania, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were on Saturday, June 25 in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Jerome Jackson, pastor of the Community Alliance Church officiating. The body was forwarded to the Allen-McCullough Funeral Home in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, for burial in the cemetery there. *KWA*

22 June 1983

Henry B. Redekopp, 68

4 Jan. 1983
Henry B. Redekopp, 68, died Tuesday at his home in Whitefish.

He was born April 1, 1914, in Russia, to Benjamin and Susanna Redekopp. He moved to the United States with his parents when he was a young child and was raised and educated in the Luster area near Wolf Point.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy. He was discharged in 1945. He returned to the Wolf Point area and farmed until 1976, when he moved to Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife, Marge, in Whitefish; one son, Greg, Butte; two grandchildren; and one brother and two sisters in Wolf Point.

Private memorial services and cremation have taken place.

RALPH REED

Oct 83

Ralph H. Reed, 87, died at his home in Bigfork on Friday, Sept. 30, following a lengthy illness. He was born Jan. 28, 1896, in Reynoldsville, Pa., a son of Thomas and Anna Reed. As a young boy he moved to Roundup with his family where he completed his education. He then was employed as a boilerman in the mines for a time. Mr. Reed had been employed with the Yellowstone Park Service for 30 years. He had worked with the maintainance crew and later was a power house operator until his retirement. In 1959, he moved to Bigfork where he has resided since that time. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Isabelle Beever, and a son, William Reed. On Sept. 26,

1933, he was married to Christine Knittel in Hosmer, S.D., and is now survived by her at the family home in Bigfork. He is also survived by three daughters, Edith Schultz, of Two Dot, Margaret Billman of Poway, Calif., and Phyllis Stuckle of Davenport, Wash.; a son, Jack Reed, of Rohwer, Ark.; 16 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren. Funeral services were Monday, Oct. 3, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with President Steve Morgan of the Bigfork Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating. Burial was in the Lonepine Cemetery near Bigfork with military graveside rites by the local veterans organizations.

21 Aug 1983
Amy Mae Reetz, 64, 20 Sunset Drive in Kalispell, died early Sunday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born November 23, 1918, in Vermillion, S.D., the daughter of Jesse and Blance Ridenour Powell. She lived in Vermillion until age 20, when she moved to Rockford, Ill. She worked there for the National Lock Co.

On January 19, 1944, she married

Harold E. Reetz in McCook, Neb. They lived in Michigan and Iowa for a short time before returning to Rockford, where they resided until 1976, when they retired and moved to Kalispell.

She was an active Red Cross Volunteer and belonged to Birch Grove Willing Workers and the Kalispell Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include her husband at the family home; three daughters, Ruth Reetz, Kalispell, and Nancy Hillman and Catherine McComb, both of Rockford; three grandchildren; her mother, Blanche Powell of Kalispell; three sisters, Ruth Bushby and Wilma Jones, both of Kalispell, and Iona Anderson of Hawarden, Iowa; and three brothers, Roy Powell of Hermiston, Ore., Frank Powell of Armour, S.D., and Howard Powell of Cambridge, Minn.

She was preceded in death by her father and two brothers.

Visitation will be at Weatherford Funeral Home Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel, officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

27 June 1983
Fred E. "Ferde" Reese, 69, died at his home at 2110 Highway 2 East, on June 27. He was born February 23, 1914, in Minot, N.D., a son of Joe and Serena Reese. He spent his early life in North Dakota and Minnesota, and in 1933, he was married to Lola M. Boulds in Grandville, N.D. Mr. Reese had done construction work, having worked on the Fort Peck Dam in Eastern Montana in 1936. After serving in the army, he returned to Columbia Falls where he and his wife resided until 1950. They then moved to Noxon where Mr. Reese worked on the Noxon Rapid Dam. In 1957 they moved to Pasco Robles, Ca., where they lived until his retirement from his

own garage business in 1977. Since then they have spent their winters at Quartzsite, Az., and their summers in Kalispell. Mr. Reese is survived by his wife, Lola; three sons, Alfred Reese, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Leonard Reese of Kalispell and Rex Reese of Lakeside; his parents, Joe and Serena Reese of Kalispell; two sisters, Mildred Peterson of Kalispell, and Beulah Carlson of Columbia Falls; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Jon Pomeroy, pastor of the Church of God officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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29 Nov 1983
W.E. Remick, 79

Waldon "Walt" E. Remick, 79, Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital Tuesday morning.

He was born Sept. 13, 1904, in Plains, a son of Harley and Annie Remick. He received his education in Plains and Nine Mile.

On Nov. 15, 1956, he married Edmee Vaillancourt in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Mr. Remick was a mechanic and was employed at Equity Supply in Kalispell for many years until his retirement. He then moved to the Swan Valley until 1979, when he returned to Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Edmee, at the family home; a son, Charles Remick, Kalispell; a daughter, Billie Smith, Bigfork; two sisters, Margaret Sullivan, Stevensville, and Edna Witman, Burney, Calif.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Remick will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce of the Swan Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

26 Oct. 1983

CONRAD — REMMEN, Ethel M., 75, a Brady resident since 1946, died Wednesday at a Conrad hospital. No services are planned and cremation has taken place. Wyse Funeral Home of Conrad was in charge of arrangements. Born in Latah County, Idaho, she moved with her family to a farm north of Galata and later to Whitefish, where she attended schools. She later worked in an East Glacier restaurant. She married Ivan "Dusty" Remmen in Valier in 1938. They operated bars in East Glacier and Brady. Following his death in 1963, she continued to operate the bar in Brady until 1969. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Dean (Ann) Urton, Great Falls, and three grandsons. A sister, a brother and a son preceded her in death.

1 Apr. 1983
Hettie Renschler, 86

Hettie M. Renschler, 86, died Friday in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Sept. 14, 1896, in Berlin, Mo., a daughter of Joseph and Martha Carson. In 1944 she married Elmer Renschler in Minot, N.D.

The couple lived in Minot until her husband retired from the Great Northern Railroad. They then moved to Kalispell.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kalispell and King City chapter 136 of the Order of the Eastern Star in King City, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her husband in January 1982, three brothers and a sister. She is survived by a sister, Sadie Berry of Maysville, Mo.; a stepdaughter, Goldie Renschler of Eufaula, Alabama; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Joe Lutz, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church.

21 Apr 1983
Rowena Lane Reser, 85

BOISE, Idaho — Rowena Lane Reser, who lived in the Flathead in the 1920s and 1930s, died Thursday in Boise, Idaho.

She was born Sept. 12, 1897, in Indiana, where she attended schools.

Her husband, Harry Reser, was employed at the Flathead Mines. He preceded her in death in 1963.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Robert D. (Maxine) King of Lakeside, Mrs. Lyle (Marjorie) Bush of Boise and Mrs. Jim (Helen) Christian of Apache Junction, Ariz., and numerous grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at the Cloverdale Cemetery in Boise.

Goldie M. Reynolds, 82

24 May 1983
Goldie M. Reynolds, 82, died Tuesday morning at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born May 19, 1901, in Polk City, Iowa, the daughter of John and Margaret Sprauge. She was educated in Polk City.

In 1920 she married Millard Filmore Reynolds, and they made their home in Denver, Colo., for several years before returning to Iowa. She worked as a bookkeeper at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines until she retired and moved to Whitefish in 1963.

She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, and belonged to the Altar Society and RSVP.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Howard (Dorothy) Whitney of Whitefish; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one son.

Memorial services will be in Iowa at a later date. Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell. The family suggests memorials to the Mountain View Manor or the Colonial Manor.

LOLITA REYNOLDS

18 May 1983

Mrs. Lolita Marie Reynolds, 41, died May 13 in Oregon City, Oregon, in the Mountain View Convalescent Center as the result of multiple sclerosis. She was born Sept. 21, 1941, in Bowling Green, Ky., a daughter of Chester and Earline Meeks. In 1945, she came with her family to Kalispell where she attended Kalispell schools, then attended Warner Pacific College in Portland, Ore. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard, in 1975, and is now survived by two sons, Gerald of Portland, Ore., and Howard of Kearney, Neb.; a daughter, Crystal, of Anchorage, Ak., her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester

Meeks, of Oregon City, Ore.; a brother, Chester Meeks, of Anchorage, Ak.; four sisters, Mrs. Don (Virginia) Broomfield and Mrs. Clyde (Rebecca) Saylor both of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Kenneth (Iva) Pedersen and Mrs. Eugene (Louise) Smith both of Kalispell, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted in Oregon. Graveside services were May 16 in the Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Jon Pomeroy, pastor of the Northridge Heights Church of God, and Rev. Merrill Gray officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary. *KWN*

18 June
Bertha E. Rice, 86, a resident of Whitefish, died Saturday afternoon at the North Valley Hospital.

She was born July 15, 1896 in Osseo, Wis., to George Elmer and Lenora Rice.

She attended school in Osseo and later helped on her parents' farm. In 1915, she moved with her family to a farm northwest of Havre.

On July 14, 1917, she married George Edward Rice in Havre. After a year they homesteaded south of

Havre in the Squaw Butte area. They later moved to the Grain Belt area where they remained until they retired in 1948. In 1949, they moved to Whitefish. For the past year and a half she had resided at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, George on May 20, 1962, two infant daughters, two sisters and one grandson.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Andy (Alice) Anderson of Great

Falls, and Mrs. Ernie (Georgia) Gross of Plains; two sons, Kenneth of Aurora, Colo., and Donald of Perma-Hot Springs; one sister, Dora Landskov of Havre; 14 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

A funeral service was Tuesday at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. Pastor Harold Petersen officiated. Burial was in the Whitefish Cemetery. Austin Funeral home was in charge of local arrangements.

13 Nov 1983

Delma Richards, 52

Delma G. Richards, 52, Columbia Falls, died Sunday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital from cancer.

She was born Sept. 4, 1931, in Stanley, N.D., to Tom and Esther Alvstead. She was raised and educated in Donnybrook, N.D.

She resided most of her life in the Columbia Falls area.

She was a past chairman for the Heart Fund.

Survivors include one son, Tom Hamilton of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Yvonne Hamilton and Geraine Roesner both of Columbia Falls; one granddaughter; her parents, Tommy and Esther Alvstead of Kenmare, N.D.; one brother, Darold Alvstead of Eugene, Ore.; and two sisters, Sharon Miller of Eugene, Ore., and Lorraine Anderson of Dinwiddie, Va.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Ron Paulson will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Van Lueven Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Kevin Arnold Riebe, 23

18 June 1983

Kevin Arnold Riebe, 23, son of Arnold and Marian Riebe, died in a landslide June 18 in Central Colombia, South America.

He was doing survey work on the Guavio Hydroelectric Project at the time of the accident.

Riebe was a senior majoring in construction engineering technology at Farleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey.

He was born Aug. 14, 1959, in Seattle, but spent much of his life in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong.

He is survived by his parents; a sister, Michelle; a brother, Andrew; his grandmothers, Lida Riebe of Kalispell and Lyla Blair of Vancouver, B.C.; and his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Riebe and family of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be July 3 at 1:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Darel R. Ridenour, 63

27 Mar 1983

Darel R. Ridenour, 63, 279 School Addition Road, Somers, died Sunday at his home after a long illness.

He was born Feb. 16, 1920, in West Glacier, the son of Raymond and Sylvia Ridenour. He attended elementary school in the Deer Park area and then graduated from Flathead High School.

On Aug. 5, 1950, he married Rozella Becker in Kalispell. They farmed in the Lower Valley until 1966 when they moved to Somers and he was employed by the Equity Farm Supply in Kalispell. Ill health forced his retirement in 1979.

Surviving in addition to his wife at the family home in Somers are four sons, Dale, Bill and Glenn, all of Somers and Wayne with the Air Force in Altus, Okla.; one daughter, Mrs. Henry (Janet Marie) Baldauf, Somers; three grandchildren, two brothers; Elmer and Floyd, Kalispell; one sister, Mrs. Floyd (Ida) McElroy, Tempe, Ariz. and numerous nieces.

Friends and relatives will meet at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery Wednesday at 2 p.m. for graveside services with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel officiating. Visitation at the Weatherford Funeral Home will be Tuesday until 8 p.m.

The family suggest memorials to the Somers Fire Department.

Jay Edward Rinke, 22

14 Sep 1983

Jay Edward Rinke, 22, 1263 U.S. 2 East, Kalispell, died Wednesday morning from injuries received in an automobile accident.

He was born April 6, 1961 in Orange, Calif., the son of Robert J. and Mary Alene Rinke. He moved to Kalispell two years ago and was working with a seismograph crew for CGG Exploration.

Surviving are his wife, Cheryl Rinke, at the family home in Kalispell; his father, Bob Rinke, Kalispell; his mother, Alene Rinke, Orange, Calif.; one sister, Leanne Rinke, Newport Beach, Calif.; his grandfather, Ed Rinke, Kalispell; and his grandmother, Clare Summitt, Orange, Calif.

Funeral services were Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. R.D. Ross, pastor of the Assembly of God Christian Center, officiating. Burial will be Tuesday at Fairhaven Cemetery in Orange, Calif.

CLARENCE RITTER 1983

Clarence E. Ritter, 62, Columbia Falls, died Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Fort Harrison. Ritter was born Sept. 24, 1921, in Buford, N.D., to George and Evelyn Ritter. He was raised and educated in Buford. He served in the Army during World War II in the Philippines. On July 19, 1947, he married Ruby Barth in Williston, N.D. He moved to Columbia Falls in 1956 and worked for the Anaconda Aluminum Co. until he retired 12 years ago. He lived at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls prior to his death. He was preceded in death by a brother. Survivors include a son, Gregory, of Missoula; a daughter, Sheila Lynn of Columbia Falls; a sister, Esther Brainerd of Bainville; and two brothers, Woodrow Ritter of Washaugal, Wash., and Charles Ritter of Columbia Falls. Funeral services were Monday, Nov. 21 at the Montana Veterans Home Chapel in Columbia Falls. Burial followed in the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery. Van Leuven Funeral Home of Columbia Falls was in charge of arrangements.

William F. Ritter, 74

27 Feb. 1983

William F. Ritter, 74, Whitefish, died Sunday evening in the Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Nov. 1, 1908, in Buford, N.D., a son of George and Evelyn Ritter. He was raised in Buford and educated in the William County Schools there.

On May 20, 1944 he married Dolores D. Rinker in Wolf Point and they moved to Columbia Falls in July 1951. For many years he was employed with Stoltze Lumber Co. in Columbia Falls. In 1971 they moved to Whitefish.

He was a lifetime member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge 18 and a past member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 239, both of

Williston, N.D.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores, at the family home in Whitefish; three daughters, Mrs. Leonard (Billie Jean) Howke, Mrs. Terry (Geraldine) Johnson, and Mrs. Joe (Kathryn) Van Ham all of Whitefish; one sister, Esther Barnier, Bainville; three brothers, Woodrow Ritter, Washaugal, Wash., Charles Ritter and Clarence Ritter both of Columbia Falls; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Ritter will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. David V. Kauffman of the First Christian Church of Whitefish officiating. Burial will be made in the Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell.



C.W. ROATH

C.W. 'Wes' Roath, 78

FARGO, N.D. — C.W. "Wes" Roath, 78, who was the first superintendent of the Northwestern Agricultural Research Center in Creston, died Sunday morning in Fargo, N.D.

During his 22 years at the center, he was responsible for significant agricultural contributions in potato and alfalfa production.

He was instrumental in developing new potato fertilization techniques, and was one of the key men to encourage use of potassium for the control of hollow heart.

He also developed a technique for fertilizing alfalfa to obtain maximum production early in the life stand of the plant.

Besides his research, he made preparation for the future of the Creston facility, making building improvements and acquiring more land, providing a place for more facilities and research.

14 Aug 1983

Mr. Roath worked with his colleagues to co-author several publications in 4-H production.

He was born Sept. 10, 1904, in Wheatland, Wyo. In 1931 he graduated from the University of Wyoming with a master's degree in soil science.

He married Victoria Speer Jan. 9, 1932, in Denver, Colo.

He was superintendent of the Wyoming State Experiment Station at Torrington and Worland, and county agent at New Castle, Wyo., before coming to Montana in 1946 and becoming Lake County agent at Ronan.

He was superintendent of the Creston center from 1948 until his retirement in 1970. Since his retirement, he had spent his summers near Bigfork and his winters in California.

Mr. Roath is survived by his wife in Bigfork, two sons, Richard D. Roath, Loma Linda, Calif., and Dr. William W. Roath, Fargo; one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Ellena) Antill, San Jacinto, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are three brothers, Fred, Mulvane, Kan., Archie, San Antonio, N.M., and Ernest, Vaughn; and three sisters, Mrs. Neal (Reta) Korb, Portland, Ore., Marjorie Woods, Salem, Ore., and Evelyn Utter, Grand Junction, Colo.

Services for Mr. Roath will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell with the Rev. Steve Garnass-Holmes and the Rev. Joseph Loos officiating.

The family suggests memorials to the Heart Association or the United Methodist Church in Bigfork.

28 Nov, 1983

Edith Roberts, 97

Edith Z. Roberts, 97, Kalispell, died Monday evening at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Dec. 22, 1885, in Burlington, Iowa, the daughter of William and Mame Bartlett Zaiser. She attended schools in Burlington, and then attended Iowa Wesleyan College.

On Oct. 14, 1908, she married Dr. Milo C. Roberts in Des Moines, Iowa. They moved to Butte, Mont., in 1913, where Dr. Roberts practiced dentistry. In 1945, they moved to Kalispell.



EDITH ROBERTS

Mrs. Roberts was active in a number of organizations. She had held offices and received honors in P.E.O., Daughters of the American Revolution, Montana Society of Mayflower Descendants, Colonial Dames, Huguenots, and others. She was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell.

She is survived by one son, Milo C. "Bud" Roberts of Kalispell; two daughters, Mrs. Dwight (Mary Jane) Kindschy of Moscow, Idaho, and Mrs. John W. (Margaret) Hull of Sandpoint, Idaho; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother and her husband.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Marshall Moen, chaplain of Immanuel Lutheran Home, officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Edith Roberts P.E.O. Fund, c/o Laurie Johnson, 542 N. Parkway Drive, Kalispell 59901.

13 Nov, 1983 **Melvin L. Robertson, 82**

Melvin L. Robertson, 82, a resident of Spokane, died Nov. 13.

He was born Dec. 28, 1900, in Kalispell. He had been employed by the Department of the Interior for 36 years, retiring as superintendent

of the Yakima Indian Reservation in 1964.

Mr. Robertson moved to Spokane in June 1964 and was a member of the Spokane Camera Club and National Association of Retired Federal Employees and a former member of the Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Eva, at the home in Spokane; a son, Maurice D. Robertson of San Francisco; a daughter, Margaret Lou Dickinson of Plano, Texas; two brothers, Ivan Robertson of Maple Valley, Wash., and Raymond Robertson of Albia, Iowa; four sisters, Louise Riley of Spokane, Florence Denzer of Missoula, Agnes Dunham and Marguerite Managhan of Kalispell; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Rosary was recited last Wednesday at Hennessey-Smith Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday at St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church, Spokane, where he was a member. Burial was at Holy Cross.

21 Nov, 1983

Grant 'Babe' Johnson, 88

Grant Carlyle "Babe" Robinson, 88, Bigfork, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Friday.

He was born Dec. 19, 1894, in Navina, Okla., a son of Grant and Sarah Robinson. He received his education in Lockridge, Okla., and served in the Army during World War I.

On March 6, 1919, he married Mamie Gaw in Shaunovon, Sask., Canada. The couple lived in Oklahoma for several years before moving to Regina, Montana, where they farmed. In 1936, they moved to Bigfork where they have lived since then.

He is survived by his wife, Mamie, at the family home; four daughters, Gwen Anderson, Babette Johnson and Annette McAnally, all of Bigfork, and Colleen Cole of Nennekah, Okla.; three sons, Melvin of Kellogg, Idaho, Zane of Malta and Lee of Lamar, Okla.; two sisters, Pansy Blunt of Malta and Grace Rice of Kansas City, Mo.; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Lone Pine Cemetery with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel, officiating. Friends may call at the Johnson Chapel until 8 p.m. Monday for visitation.

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Marion Bartlett Robinson, 95, died Monday, Nov. 28, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell where she has resided since 1977. She was born July 27, 1888 in St. Paul, Minn., the daughter of Frank and Anna Bartlett. She spent her early years in Michigan. On Nov. 22, 1913, she married Philip S. Hanna in Detroit, Mich. In 1933, they moved to Chicago, Ill., where Mr. Hanna pursued a career in journalism as editor of the Chicago Journal of Commerce, and later as feature financial writer for the Chicago Daily News. He preceded her in death in January of 1957. On November 19, 1959, she married Calvin A. Robinson in Kalispell. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Frank (Elizabeth) Miller of West Falmouth, Mass., Mrs. Edwin (Barbara) Englebert of Grosse Ile, Mich., and Mrs. Cal (Nancy) Robinson of Kalispell. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin Robinson, a son Philip, and a grandson Philip. Memorial services were Monday, Dec. 5 at Christ Church Episcopal, with the Rev. Father Paul Taylor officiating. Private graveside services were conducted beforehand at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements and cremation were under direction of Weatherford Funeral Home.

Ross Robinson, 88

^{5 Dec 1983}
Ross O. Robinson, 88, Happy Valley, died Monday afternoon at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls where he had resided for the past several months.

He was born Feb. 11, 1895, in Beason, Ill., a son of Robert and Minnie Robinson. He was raised and educated in Illinois and during World War I served with the U.S. Army. After receiving his honorable discharge, he attended the University of Illinois and the University of Colorado and received bachelor's degrees from both institutions.

He started teaching vocational agriculture in 1923 and taught in several different high school in Illinois. He retired in 1959.

In 1968, he moved to Montana and has resided at Happy Valley since then.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish; a member of Vista Chapter 44, Order of the Eastern Star; and Whitefish Masonic Lodge 64, AF&AM.

He married Grace Revelle in Pittsfield, Ill., on Aug. 20, 1922. He is survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. Frank (Louise) Phillips, Whitefish; two sisters, Myra Robinson and Mrs. Raymond (Betty) Forsythe, both of Lincoln, Ill.; and three grandsons. He was preceded in death by a son, three sisters and a brother.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. Ken Peterson of the First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish officiating. Burial will be in the Whitefish Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church Building Fund, Whitefish.

Edwin Robson, 74

^{28 May 1983}
BIGFORK — Edwin H. Robson, 74, Bigfork, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Saturday morning.

He was born Aug. 28, 1908, in Deer Creek, Minn., a son of George and Minnie Robson. He received his early education there, then moved with his family to Roundup, where he completed his education.

He then ranched and farmed in Musselshell County until his retirement. He moved to Bigfork in 1978.

He was a Musselshell County commissioner and was active in various organizations there. He was a Roman Catholic and belonged to the Knights of Columbus. He also belonged to the Roundup Senior Citizens, serving as their director and representative to the state organization.

He is survived by his wife, Ada; six sons: Cecil, Park City; Jerry, Deer Lodge; Robert, Bigfork; Charles, Billings; Bernard, Moorcroft, Wyo.; and Gary, Roundup; a daughter: Patsy LaPoint, Vermillion, S.D.; a stepson: Jerry Olmsted, Bigfork; a stepdaughter: Margaret Jones, Charleston, S.C.; a brother: Cecil, Billings; three sisters: Vera Reiner, Roundup; Dorothy Radavich, Great Falls; and Bernice Carver, Seattle; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The body is being forwarded by the Johnson Mortuary to the Weir Funeral Home in Roundup, where funeral services will be planned later in the week. Burial will be in Roundup City Cemetery.

Aubrey 'Ruth' Catherine Rockwood, 83

14 Feb 1983

Aubrey "Ruth" Catherine Rockwood, 83, 1275 Two Mile Drive, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Monday.

She was born March 30, 1899, in Stanley, Wis., a daughter of Charles D. and Kathleen Hanson.

She moved with her family to the Flathead Valley where she graduated from the Flathead County High School in 1917. She later graduated from the Stout Institute of Menomonie, Wis.

During her earlier years, she was employed with the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs at Browning; Hahneman Hospital, San Francisco; Queens Hospital, Honolulu; Holy Cross Hospital, Salt Lake City, and Woodland Clinic of Woodland, Calif.

On July 10, 1934, she married Forrest C. Rockwood in Kalispell, and had lived here since then.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church; Lakeside Chapel; Sapphira Temple 79,

Helena; Sapphira Club 4, Kalispell; American Red Cross Field Representative; Republican Women's Club; Order of the Eastern Star, Adah Chapter 17, of which she was a past matron, and was Grand Adah, Grand Ruth and served on various Grand Chapter committees. She was Beta Sigma Phi Lady of the Year in 1968; past president of Business and Professional Women; past president of the American Legion Auxiliary; past president Adah Chapter's Past Matron's Club; past president of the Nile Club, and assistant organizer of the first Girl Scout Troop of Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Norman (Rexann) Nobach of Pinole, Calif.; a brother, Allan C. Hanson, Helena; a sister, Mrs. Philip (Margaret) Jordet, Kalispell, and three grandchildren, Stephen R. Nobach of Berkeley, Calif., David P. Nobach, Missoula, and Mark T. Nobach of Pinole, Calif.

Services will be Thursday at 11



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a.m. in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

16 Feb 1983

Danny Rogers, 21

Marine Corpsman Danny Wayne Rogers, 21, died Wednesday in Honolulu from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born July 7, 1961, in Stayton, Ore., a son of Robert L. and Brenda J. Rogers. He attended school

in Washington and was a graduate of Riverside High School, Chattaroy, Wash. in 1979. He was active in baseball and wrestling throughout his school years.

In November 1979 he entered the U.S. Marine Corps.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Brenda J. and Jerald J.

Wilson of Columbia Falls; his father and stepmother, Robert L. and Marilyn Rogers of Silverdale, Wash.; a sister, Roberta Tatz of Belleville, N.J.; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mitchell of Priest River, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur E. Butts of Aumsville, Ore., and Edith Titze of Mahama, Ore.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey of Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens, with military graveside rites conducted by a special detachment from Washington.

William Charles Rohde, 50, 3235 Montana Highway 206, died at home following a long struggle with cancer. He was born Nov. 24, 1932, to John and Pearl Rohde in Williston, N.D. He spent his early childhood in Baineville. His family moved to Eugene, Oregon in his early teens and later to Lewiston, Idaho where he graduated from high school. He married Nancy Studebaker in 1964. He worked briefly for the Camas Prairie Railroad as a clerk and then as a telegrapher. He then worked for Great Northern and Burlington Northern as a telegrapher, most recently in the Summit and Essex area. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; and two daughters, Patty and Sally at home with their mother; brothers Jack, Lewiston, Idaho; and Bob, Wilbur,



Wash. Family and friends are invited to gather Thursday, 1:00 p.m. November 8, at 208 Second Ave. East, Columbia Falls in remembrance of the life of Bill Rohde. A light lunch will be served following the memorial service. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Weatherford Funeral Home, Kalispell. At the request of the family any contributions may be made to the Flathead Hospice, Box 1532, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Theodore Rosenberger, 62

15 Jan 1983

Theodore "Ted" Rosenberger, 62, Ferndale Highway, Bigfork, died Saturday evening at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

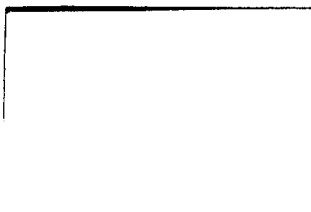
He was born Jan. 4, 1921, in Moon Run, Pa., to Theodore and Mithilda Ball Rosenberger. He went to public schools in Baltimore, Md., after which he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945.

He married Betty Stock in Mackey, Idaho, on May 5, 1953. They made their home in Livingston where he worked for Downer Lumber Co. In 1954, they moved to Kalispell and lived in the Evergreen area. He worked for a number of forest products companies as a saw filer until he retired in 1967 due to ill health. He then moved to Indio, Calif. In April 1982, they returned to the Flathead and lived in Ferndale.

While living in Kalispell he raced hydroplanes, and in California was a member of the American Legion.

Surviving besides his wife at the family home are two daughters, Mrs. Gary W. (Venus) Byrer of Bigfork and Sheila Strand of Portland, Ore.; two grandchildren: his mother, Mithilda Vieira of Norwalk, Calif.; four brothers, Carl, Joe, Tony and Frank, all of Baltimore; and one sister, Mithilda Mockepetris of Bellflower, Calif.

Private memorial services will be at the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell at a later date.



20 Oct 1983 Clifford Rolette, 60

Clifford Rolette, 60, died Thursday at the Kalispell Hotel where he has been residing.

He was born April 20, 1923, in Whitefish, a son of James and Eva Rolette. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and again in 1952.

He was a single man and had been employed with the Great Northern Railroad as a telegrapher until being disabled.

He is survived by his father, James J. Rolette, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home; a brother, James L. Rolette, of Whitefish, and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services for Mr. Rolette will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with George Darrow, veterans' chaplain, officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services. Arrangements are under by the Johnson Mortuary.

25 July 1983

Helen D. Rouse, 74

LIBBY — Helen D. Rouse, 74, died Monday at the Libby Care Center.

She was born July 18, 1909, in Wisconsin and attended schools at Libby. She worked for the Kootenai Mercantile from 1927 to 1943.

On Feb. 2, 1945, she married George Rouse at Kalispell. The couple moved to Bigfork in 1952.

Mrs. Rouse retired from the Forest Service in 1976. She and her husband returned to the Libby area in 1978.

Survivors include her husband, George, Libby; a son, Bill Rouse, Linch, Wyo.; two sisters, Vestina Withee, Anderson, Calif., and Dallas Bollinger, Silverton, Ore.; five brothers, Elwin Manicke, Chehalis, Wash., Milton and Winston Manicke, both of Whitefish, Kenneth Manicke, Bloomington, Minn., and Forrest Manicke, Libby; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Vial Funeral Home. The Rev. Michael Flannery will officiate. Burial will be at the City of Libby Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

4 Mar **Joseph E. Rozell, 77, 1983**

Joseph E. Rozell, 77, Bigfork Convalescent Center, died Friday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Jan. 21, 1906, in Hennepin, Okla., the son of Joseph and Susan Rozell. He worked as a logger, mostly around Livingston, until he became a carpenter in the early 1940s.

He lived in Livingston most of his life and moved to New Mexico when he retired. He had been in Bigfork about four years.

Survivors include one son, Joseph Jr. of Hillsboro, Texas; a daughter, Susan Naylor of Woodland Hills, Calif.; a brother in Oklahoma; six grandchildren, including Tressia Boe of Kalispell, and three great grandchildren.

There will be no public memorial services at this time. Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home.

James Rowe, 87

22 Mar 1983

BILLINGS — James Rowe, 87, Billings, died Tuesday in St. Vincent Hospital.

Along with his wife, Annie, he operated the Nu-Style Sandwich Shop in Kalispell from 1939-59.

He was born in Fort Benton, a son of Charles and Annie Rowe. His father was a Montana pioneer and former mayor of Fort Benton.

The family moved to Grat Falls in 1902, and after a stint with the Navy during World War II he learned his trade a cook at Great Falls' Rainbow Hotel. In 1923 he moved to

Butte, where he first was a chef for the Old Butte Grill, then operated the Main Grill with Annie Powers.

The business partners were married in Libby in 1939, then moved to Kalispell.

After retirement they lived in California and Arizona before returning to Montana and settling in Billings in 1969.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mary Anne Souza of Billings; and three grandsons.

A funeral mass was celebrated Friday, followed by burial in Mountview Cemetery. Dahl Funeral Chapel, Billings, was in charge.

13 Nov 1983

R. Rufenach, 67

LIBBY — Richard W. Rufenach, 67, died Sunday at Libby of a heart attack.

Mr. Rufenach was born Oct. 11, 1916, in Kalispell, a son of Walter and Amelia Rufenach. He was raised on a farm north of Kalispell and attended school in rural Kalispell. He lived in Alaska for three years until coming to Libby in 1950, where he was employed by J. Neils Lumber Co. and St. Regis Paper Co. for 28 years. He retired in 1978.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Libby; the Libby Senior Citizens Center; the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union and the Christ Lutheran Church.

Survivors include three sisters, Lydia Bartz, Billings, Elsie Bruyer, Kalispell, and Lillian Beat, Weaverville, Calif.; two brothers, Alfred, Kalispell, and Walter, Columbia Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Sheridan Erickson officiating. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to the Heart Fund.

Arrangements are under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

^{2 5g/1983}
Oscar Russell, 82

Oscar J.A. Russell, 82, 11 Meridian Road, died at the Bigfork Convalescent Home Friday after a long illness.

He was born April 26, 1901, in Oak Valley, Kan., to Alexander and Rudy Culbert Russell. He received his education in Oak Valley and Hydro, Okla.

On June 8, 1922, he married Byrdie Beaufort Prince in Chandler, Okla. She died April 26, 1972.

He worked for Mobil Oil Corp. for more than 40 years in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. He retired in 1961 and moved to Kalispell, where he did seasonal work for the Forest Service.

He was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church, of Bright Star Masonic Lodge No. 113, Stonewall, Okla., and of Kalispell Masonic Lodge No. 42.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters. He is survived by a son, George, Kalispell; a half-sister, Viola Akins, Gold Hills, Ore.; three grandchildren, two great grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. C. Fred Crowe of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Burial with Masonic graveside rites will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Epworth United Methodist Church, Flathead Hospice or to a charity of the donor's choice.

^{2 June 1983}
Robert Russell, 29

SALT LAKE CITY — Robert Gary Russell, 29, died Thursday at home of a heart attack.

He was born June 11, 1953, in Sheridan to Merrill and NaDean Spear Russell. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He attended Brigham Young University and graduated from the University of Utah Law School May 23.

Survivors include his mother and father, of Bigfork; three brothers: Bill of Kalispell, Scott of Provo, Utah, and Capt. Michael of Merced, Calif.; and a sister, Tamara Hunter, of Ogden, Utah. He was preceded in death by a sister, Diane, in 1950.

Funeral services will be Monday at 12 noon at the Larkin Mortuary, 260 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, where friends may call Sunday from 6-8 p.m. and Monday an hour before the services. Burial will be in the Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park in Salt Lake City.