

X 2 SEPT. 1987

Robert Lee Eaton

Graveside services for Robert Lee Eaton, stillborn infant son of Terry and Pam Eaton, were held in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Saturday.

The Rev. Howard Mars, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiated.

Robert was stillborn Wednesday evening. He is survived by his pa-

rents, a half-brother, Jesse Parry, and a sister, Teryn Eaton, all at the family home; his grandparents, Eloise Berg of Victor and Gordon and Wilma Eaton of Chadron, Neb.; his great-grandparents, Martin and Eileen Hebbert of Kalispell, Jennie Sternhagen and Dorothy Logan, both of Chadron, Neb.; and a number of aunts, uncles and relatives.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

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DI 1 MAY 1987

Archie Edwards, 79

Archie T. Edwards, 79, Kalispell, died Friday evening at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born May 4, 1907, in the west Spokane area, the son of Uriah and Wealthe Edwards. As a boy, he lived in various parts of Washington, Oregon, Montana and Canada, traveling by horse and wagon.

As a young man, he ranched near Anaconda and Philipsburg. He raised registered Angus cattle, and was well-known as a horseman and cowboy.

In November 1938, he married Leva Johnson in Dillon, and the couple made their home on the shore of Georgetown Lake for the next 35 years. He was employed by a tire shop, and also drove for Intermountain Transportation.

They moved to Elgin, Ore., in 1973, and then came to Kalispell in 1976, where they ranched near Echo

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He was a member of the Elks Club in Anaconda, and belonged to the Montana and national Angus raisers associations.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leva, in November 1985.

Survivors include a step-daughter, Bernice Callantine of Missoula, and many nieces and nephews including Linden Edwards of Troy.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Weatherford Chapel with the Rev. Dick Bishop, associate pastor of Christian Center Assembly of God, officiating.

DI 25 APR. 1987

Beth Edwards, 76

Beth Edwards, 76, of Libby and formerly of Kalispell, died early Saturday morning in Spokane.

She was born January 1, 1911, in Missoula, a daughter of F.G. and Pearl Ellis.

As a child she moved to Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School. She then attended the teachers college in Cheney

Wash. She later moved to Kalispell and was employed as a clerk for Montgomery Ward and Gambles.

She was married to Merle L. French and was preceded in death by him. On February 25, 1949, she was married to Roy A. Edwards in Kalispell and was preceded in death by him on November 18, 1980. She was also preceded in death by a son, Ellis French.

She had been a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell until moving to Libby several years ago and was presently a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Libby. She was also a member of the Adah Chapter No. 17 Order of the Easter Star, Daughters of the Nile and several other organizations.

She is now survived by three sons, Garry French of Potlatch, Idaho, Roger French of Libby, and Marlin French, address unknown; eleven grandchildren; and many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday in the First

Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Wilford Luce, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Libby officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

DI 11 JUNE 1987

Ardis Edwards, 49

Ardis Ann Edwards, 49, Kalispell, died Thursday evening at Kalispell Regional Hospital, where she had worked in the housekeeping department for the past eight years.

She was born March 13, 1938, in Bismarck, N.D., to Glen and Mae Buchholz. The family moved to Eureka when she was very young. She attended Eureka schools, then moved in 1958 to Kalispell, where she had lived ever since.



She was a member of the Victory Chapel.

She married Earl Cork, and was later divorced. In 1973, she married Kenneth Edwards, who survives her at the family home.

Also surviving are three sons, Ron and Steve Cork, both of Kalispell, and Roger Fagan in California; a daughter, Sandra Cork, Kalispell; her parents, brothers Ken and Gary Buchholz, and sister Nola Buchholz, all in Oregon; and five grandchildren. Another son, Rex Cork, died in 1978.

Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Jim Groshong and Rev. Steve Romine officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation is today, 1-5 p.m.

DI 3 DEC 1987

'Stan' Edwardson, 58

Stanton T. Edwardson, 58, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Thursday of cancer. He was a longtime businessman in Kalispell as owner-operator of Stan's Boy Shop and Wrecking Yard, retiring in 1983 due to ill health.

He was one of the organizers of the South Kalispell Volunteer Fire Department and served as fire chief for 11 years until his retirement in 1983. He also served as president of the Flathead County Firefighters Association for several years.

He was born Aug. 5, 1929, at Des Lacs, N.D., a son of Bernt and Hilda Edwardson. He was a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the U.S. Air Force from December 1947 until his honorable discharge as sergeant in 1951.

In 1954, he was married to Betty Mae Lee at Newtown, N.D. They moved to Kalispell in 1956, when Mr. Edwardson also started his business.

He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was a 15-year member of the Eagles Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, at the family home; a daughter, Tina Bovee of Kalispell; two children from a previous marriage, Stan Edwardson Jr. and Marie Turner, both of Kalispell; four sis-

ters; two brothers; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and a sister.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. John Bartelmay, pastor of the Riverside Alliance Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery, where military honors will be conducted by local veterans organizations. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary from 1 to 5 p.m. today for visitation.

DI 21 APR. 1987
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G. Eggenesperger, 64

THOMPSON FALLS — Gladys Gaines Eggenesperger, 64, longtime resident of Thompson Falls, died Tuesday at Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains, following a lengthy illness with cancer.

She was born July 9, 1922, in Pullman, Wash., the daughter of Pascal C. and Blanche Henry Gaines. She moved with her family to Bozeman and graduated from Gallatin County High School. She attended Montana State College, where her father was academic vice president. She was a member of Kappa Delta social sorority and graduated magna cum laude.

She taught math at Glasgow High School and later taught at the high school in Pasco, Wash.

On April 2, 1946, she married K.A. "Doc" Eggenesperger in Bozeman. They moved to Casper, Wyo., and in 1947 to Gravette, Ark., where they purchased a newspaper. They returned to Bozeman in 1948, and moved to Salt Lake City that same year. In January 1949, they moved to El Paso, Texas, and later lived in Roswell, N.M., and Omaha, Neb., before moving to Thompson Falls in 1953, when they purchased the Sanders County Ledger. She and her husband were co-owners and co-publishers of the newspaper for 30 years.

She was past president of the Thompson Falls PTA. She was a former member of the Thompson Falls Women's Club and a member of Whitepine Grange. She served as Sanders County Republican Committeewoman, and was a member of Community Congregational Church and had taught Sunday school there.

Survivors include her husband, K.A. "Doc" Eggenesperger of Thompson Falls; three sons, James Douglas Eggenesperger of Fairfield, Conn., Jack Michael Eggenesperger of Reedpoint, and Thomas Patrick Eggenesperger of Thompson Falls; two brothers, Dr. Jack R. Gaines of Rapid City, S.D., and Dr. Robert Gaines of Ellensburg, Wash.; two sisters, Janice Carlson of Watsonville, Calif., and Jeanne Wood of

Seattle; five grandsons and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Community Congregational Church in Thompson Falls with the Rev. Gaylund Olson officiating.

Burial will follow at Whitepine Cemetery in Whitepine.

Memorials may be made to Eggenesperger-Gaines Scholarship Fund, c/o First State Bank, Thompson Falls, 59873.

Shrider Funeral Home in Plains is in charge of arrangements.

DI 29 Nov. 1987

June Elkins, 65

June McNinch Elkins, 65, died at her home in Kalispell on Sunday afternoon. She had lived in Kalispell since 1960.

Mrs. Elkins was born May 7, 1922, in Fort Benton, a daughter of Maurice and Evangeline McNinch. She graduated from Great Falls High School in 1940, and then attended the College of Great Falls.

In 1942, she married Mirran Taft Elkins in Georgia.

She worked for the federal government during World War II.

The couple returned to Great Falls in 1943, where Mr. Elkins was employed with Safeway Stores. They moved to Kalispell in 1960.

Mrs. Elkins enjoyed ceramics and handcrafts.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mirran, on Oct. 6; and a granddaughter, Darcie Baier.

She is survived by two daughters, Shirley Baier of Kalispell, and Wendy Ohlrich of Clearfield, Utah; a son, Greg Elkins of El Toro, Calif.; a sister, Laverne Gillin of Great Falls; five grandchildren; four great grand-children; and several other relatives.

Graveside services for Mrs. Elkins will be at 3:30 p.m. today at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of Lakeside Chapel, officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

DI 6 Oct. 1987

Marion Elkins, 78

Marion Taft Elkins, 78, of Kalispell, died Tuesday in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Harrison.

He was born Nov. 13, 1908, in Asheville, N.C., to Marcus and Nanny Elkins. He was educated in North Carolina.

He was employed as a mail carrier in Colorado, and had worked for Swift and Co. in Wyoming. He served in the Army in the 280th Ordinance Maintenance Co. and was honorably discharged on Oct. 12, 1945, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

He then returned to Great Falls, where he was a truck driver for Safeway Stores for 35 years until his retirement. In 1960, he moved to Kalispell.

He was a member of the American Legion of Great Falls.

In 1942, he was married to June McNinch in Jackson, Miss., and is now survived by her at the family home.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, one sister and a granddaughter, Darcie Baier.

Survivors include three children, Shirley Baier of Kalispell, Wendy Ohlrich of Clearfield, Utah, and Greg Elkins of El Toro, Calif.; five brothers, Paul and Everett, both of Ft. Collins, Colo., Cecil and Lawrence, both of Denver, and Clarence Elkins of New Market, Tenn.; five grandchildren; three great-grand-

children and a number of nieces and nephews.

Military graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services and may call for visitation at the Johnson Mortuary from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

X 15 OCT. 1987
Vera R. Ellis, 75

Vera Ruth Ellis, 75, formerly of Vista, Calif., died Thursday evening at Kalispell Regional Hospital. She had moved to the Flathead Valley two weeks ago to be with her son.

She was born Nov. 28, 1911, in Marshall, Iowa, to John and Alma Simpson. She was raised and graduated from high school in Iowa, and then taught in Iowa country schools for about 10 years. She then moved to Long Beach, Calif., and later settled in Vista.

She married James Grant Ellis in 1951 and he preceded her in death in 1974.

She was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Vista.

Survivors include her son, James G. Ellis II of Bigfork; and a granddaughter, Jamilyn Rose Ellis, also of Bigfork.

Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell has forwarded the body to Allen Brothers Mortuary in Vista, Calif. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Grace Presbyterian Church with the Rev. John Chambers officiating. Burial will be at Eternal Hills Cemetery in Oceanside, Calif.

X 27 FEB. 1987
Norman Enger, 77

Norman R. Enger, 77, Hot Springs, died Feb. 27 at Clark Fork Hospital in Plains. He was a retired logger.

He was born Dec. 16, 1909, in Park, Idaho, the son of Peter and Sadie Enger. He was raised in Park and attended high school at Deary, Idaho.

In 1933, he married Mildred Sundby in Moscow, Idaho, and they made their home in Deary.

Mr. Enger worked for the Potlatch Timber Protective Association for 18 years, then was a self-employed logger until retiring in 1975. He moved to Oroville, Wash., in 1977, and had lived in Hot Springs since 1979.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Mildred, at the family home in Hot Springs, are a son, Don Enger of 100 Mile House, British Columbia; a

sister, Mae Currier of Lewiston, Idaho; a brother, Charlie Enger of Deary, Idaho; four granddaughters; two great-grandchildren; five nephews and five nieces.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Deary Community Church with the Rev. Don Martin officiating.

Arrangements are by Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

DI 14 Nov 1987

Fern Engebretson, 70

Fern Evelyn Engebretson, 70, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Saturday.

A resident of Kalispell for most of the past 50 years, she had long been employed with Sutherland Cleaners prior to retiring. She was also a musician and played the drums for several groups and establishments locally.

She was born Sept. 9, 1917, in Havre, a daughter of Thomas W. and Bertha Copeland. She received her education in Havre and later moved to Kalispell, where she was married to Oscar E. Engebretson on Oct. 29, 1938.

She had resided in Kalispell since that time with the exception of a short time during World War II, which was spent on the West Coast.

She was a Gold Star mother, a life member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary and a 35-year member of the Eagles Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar, on Dec. 22, 1962; a son, Larry, on July 13, 1970; and a sister in infancy.

She is survived by a brother, Kenneth Copeland of Whitefish, and two nieces, Sandra Boule of Whitefish and Connie Dana of Bedford, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Howard Mars, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Ritualistic rites will be conducted by the V.F.W. Auxiliary. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. 15 Nov. 1987

DI 11 MAY 1987

Lloyd Erickson, 77

Lloyd Orlex Vernon Erickson, 77, Whitefish, died Monday at North Valley Extended Care following a lengthy illness.

He was born July 19, 1909, at Milnor, N.D. He was one of four children born to John and Margaret Erickson.

He worked at various occupations during his lifetime, including farming, country veterinarian, carpentry, woods working and railroading.

In 1929, he married Blanche Seelye. They had three children and resided in Lisbon, N.D., a number of years.

On July 17, 1937, he married Gladys Bignall and they had nine children. They resided in North Dakota and Minnesota until moving to Montana in early 1943 when he began working for the Great Northern Railway. He retired in July 1975 as a conductor with 33 years of service.

He was a member of the UTU and the Whitefish Nazarene Church.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, horseshoes, woodcraft and the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his wife, an infant son, two brothers, a sister, and two infant grandchildren.

He is survived by five sons, Glen of Waukegan, Ill., Vernon of Portland, Ore., Melvin of Wrightstown, N.J., Ronald of Howard AFB, Panama, and Roger of Columbia Falls; six daughters, Mrs. Winifred (Laura) Casewell of Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. Roger (Darlene) Adolfs of Warba, Minn., Mrs. Richard (Karen) Albrecht of Columbia Falls, and Mrs. Stanley (Lynette) Shropshire, Mrs. Jim (Phyllis) Hiebert and June Hiebert, all of Whitefish; 26 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Visitation will be at Austin Funeral Home until 8 tonight. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Church of the Nazarene in Whitefish with the Rev. Beecher Kuykendall officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests donations to the charity of the donor's choice.

X 5 July 1987
8 July 1987

Allan R. Erb, 46

LIBBY — Allan R. Erb, 46, the juvenile probation officer for Lincoln County, died unexpectedly at his home in Libby Sunday evening, of an apparent heart attack.

He was born April 18, 1941, in Conrad to Robert and Doris Erb. He moved with his family to Walla Walla, Wash., where he grew up and attended school.

Mr. Erb worked in retail trade management for 10 years and later was a corrections officer at the Montana State Prison and the Washington Penitentiary.

In 1977 he graduated from Central Washington State College at Ellensburg with a bachelor of arts degree in law and justice.

After moving to Libby he became the first adult probation and parole officer in the 19th Judicial District, a position he held for seven years. He was appointed juvenile probation officer for Lincoln County three years ago.

Mr. Erb served two terms on the board of directors of Recovery Northwest and also was a corporate officer and executive board member with the organization.

He married Jana Parrish on June 10, 1978, in Libby, and is now survived by her.

Also surviving are three sons, Kenneth of Kent, Wash.; Peter and Ernie, both of Walla Walla; two daughters, Shelley and Erin, both of Libby; his stepmother, Dorine Erb of Seattle; two sisters, Susan Erb of Helena, and Carla Bailey of Seattle; and two brothers, Darrell Erb in California, and Chris Erb of Malta.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

X 27 JAN. 1987

5 Feb. 1987

Frank Esler Sanders Co Ledger

NOXON--Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Noxon Methodist Church for Frank Esler, 77, of Noxon who died of a heart attack Jan. 27 in Noxon. The Rev. John Campbell officiated and burial was in the Noxon Cemetery.

Mr. Esler was born Jan. 25, 1910 in Princeton, Minn. to Alphonso and Mattie Gladden Esler. He grew up in attended school in Princeton. He first visited Montana at the age of 15 and later returned to live, settling in the Sidney area.

Oct. 3, 1936 he married Alta Syth in Glasgow. The couple made their home in the Sidney area while he was in construction work throughout eastern Montana.

He moved to Kalispell in 1948 and was employed by Flathead County. After moving to Noxon in 1951 he managed a mill there for eight years and also was a welder for FCS Construction. He joined

ed the Forest Service in 1961 as a fire technician and retired from the agency in 1979.

Mr. Esler enjoyed hunting. He was a member of the Noxon school board. He was active in community services and helped build the Noxon Senior Citizens Center, of which he was a member.

Surviving are his wife, Alta, Noxon; a daughter, Isabel Dyer, Kingman, Ariz.; a brother, Ray, Sacramento, Calif.; two sisters, Ethel Wetter, Sacramento, and Ruby Daniels, Williston, N.D.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Glenn and Scott, and two sisters, Ellen Trunk and Isabelle Long.

The family suggests memorials to the Noxon Ambulance, the Noxon Senior Citizens, the Noxon Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

X 5 SEPT. 1987

Sylvia Ethell, 94

POLSON — Sylvia Ethell, 94, died Saturday at St. Joseph Convalescent Center.

She was born March 3, 1893, to John P. and Matilda Oxford in Breckenridge, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers, Chuck and George Oxford; a halfbrother, Emil Nelson; and a sister, Lucy Oxford.

Survivors include a sister, Cordia Frye of Polson; a brother, Lee Nelson of Phoenix, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Mosley Funeral Home in Polson. Burial services will be at a later date.

X 9 JAN 1987

Alice Evans, 70

LIBBY — Alice Evans, 70, Libby, died Friday evening of injuries received as the result of a car-pedestrian accident south of Libby.

She was born April 4, 1916, in Big Horn, Wyo., and was raised and educated in Buffalo, Wyo.

She married Lloyd Evans in 1942 in Salt Lake City. The family moved to Libby in 1949 and to their residence on Whiskey Hill, south of Libby, in 1950.

For many years, she was a legal secretary at her husband's law firm and later at the law firm of Fennessy and Crocker in Libby.

She was active in a number of school, political and business organizations in Libby. She also was a member of and past president of the PTA, and was a member of the Band Boosters Club and Business and Professional Women's Club. In 1972, she attended the National Business and Professional Women's Convention in Atlantic City, N.J., as a delegate from Montana.

Survivors include a daughter, Claire Evans of Spokane, Wash.; three sons, Curtis Evans of Spokane, Charles Evans of Libby, and Kelly Evans of Deer Lodge; two sisters, Beatrice Smith of Buffalo, Wyo., and Ethel Seimers of Luray, Kan.; and seven grandchildren.

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

Memorials to the Libby Food Pantry are suggested.

DI 20 OCT. 1987

E.M. Evenson, 74

Everett Manfield Evenson, 74, a summer Whitefish resident, died Oct. 20 at Desert Samaritan Hospital in Mesa, Ariz.

He was born in Alma to Mabel and Melvin Evenson. The family moved to Whitefish when he was 3 years old, where he received his schooling.

On Nov. 21, 1937, he married Helen Luke and they made their home in Whitefish until his retirement on Jan. 5, 1975, after 32 years as brakeman then conductor for Burlington Northern Railroad. After his retirement, they moved to Sun Lakes, Ariz., and returned to their home on Whitefish Lake for the summers.

Survivors include his wife, Helen, at the family home in Sun Lakes; two sons, Dale of Bonner and Keith of Havre; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Millard of Sandpoint, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Roy, and a granddaughter, Julie Evenson.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Nov. 1 at Sun Lakes Chapel in Arizona with the Rev. Tom Ewing of Trinity Christian Fellowship officiating.

A memorial service also will be at 2 p.m. Nov. 27 at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Harold Peterson officiating.

Cremation has taken place at Botimer Family Mortuary in Phoenix, Ariz.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Christ Lutheran Church building fund.

27 Oct. 1987

X 2 DEC. 1987

Donald J. Eckhoff

Donald J. Eckhoff, 73, a longtime resident of Troy, died Dec. 2, 1987, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, Montana of natural causes.

He was born June 14, 1914, in Red Wing, Minn., a son of John and Antonia Eckhoff.

In 1939 he was married to Pearl Larson in Whitefish. He owned his own shingle mill in Troy from 1941 to 1964, then moved to Washington and worked as a shingle weaver until he retired. In 1985 he returned to Troy and had resided at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls for a very short time.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and life member of the Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by parents, three brothers and two sisters.

He is now survived by his wife, Pearl of Troy; one son, James Eckhoff of Tigard, Ore.; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; six sisters, three brothers and numerous other relatives.

Graveside services were Friday at Glacier Memorial Gardens under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish. The Rev. Darrel Aleson of the Whitefish Methodist Church officiated. Second service was Sunday at the Troy Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert Foote officiating.

The family has suggested Memorials to the Troy Methodist Church Building Fund.