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1 July 1974
Malinda Fehlberg

KALISPELL — Private graveside services for Mrs. Malinda Fehlberg, 82, who died Monday, were held in Conrad Memorial Cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Fehlberg was born Dec. 14, 1891, in Brunner, Ont. At an early age she moved to Michigan and later to Nebraska, before settling in the Flathead Valley in 1900.

She and Bruno Fehlberg were married in 1911 in Creston. He died in 1952. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Cleo Barrie Kalispell; four sisters, a brother and two grandsons.

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2 Apr 1974
Walter Fehlberg

Graveside rites will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday for Walter Fehlberg, 83, Kalispell, who died Tuesday.

Officiating at Conrad Memorial Cemetery will be the Rev. James Engh of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Military graveside rites will also be conducted.

Mr. Fehlberg was born Dec. 6, 1890, in Germany and as a child, moved with his family to Creston. He was a veteran of World War I.

On Nov. 4, 1922, he married Edith Root in Missoula and was preceded in death by her on Aug. 27, 1941. Mr. Fehlberg was an engineer and was employed for a number of years by the Kalispell Lumber Co.

Survivors are a son, Mahlon Fehlberg, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; five grandchildren; and four sisters, including Mrs. Wanda Milne, Somers.

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Mrs. Cathryn Ferguson, 66, Missoula, died in Kalispell, May 11, 1974.

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Jerry F. Finch
14 Nov 1974

Funeral services for Jerry Francis Finch were conducted from the Austin Funeral Home Monday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Dewey Forbes of the United Methodist Church officiating.

Music was furnished by Al Olson, soloist, and Mr. George Lantz, organist.

Military honors were in charge of the Flathead Valley Veterans.

Casketbearers were Joel DeVall, Rodney DeVall, Dale Duff, Mark Duff, Dick Foster and Jerry Hanson.

Interment was made in the Whitefish Cemetery.

Jerry was born July 18, 1951 at Whitefish, Montana, a son of Norma and Douglas Finch. He received his schooling in Whitefish and then entered the U.S. Army serving in Vietnam with the Green Berets. Upon his honorable discharge he returned to the Flathead and attended Flathead Valley Community College and then Spokane Community College. In June of this year he moved to Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he was employed with the Cementation Co. of America, working with the Texas Gulf Plant at Rock Springs as a hard rock driller.

He was accidentally killed in an automobile crash Friday morning, November 8, as he was driving to work. He was 23 years of age.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Norma Brzoznowski of Spokane; his father, Douglas Finch of Seattle, Wa.; one sister, Janet Finch of Panorama City, California; three half-brothers, Michael and Steven Brzoznowski, both of Spokane, Wa., and Dwayne

Brzoznowski of Seattle, Wa.; aunts, uncles and cousins.

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P-31 March 1974
Rita Fishel
4 April 1974

Private funeral services were held from the Austin Chapel for Reta L. Fishel, Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Dewey Forbes of the Methodist Church officiating.

Music was furnished by Al Olson, soloist, and Mrs. Harry Anderson, organist.

Burial was made in the Glacier Memorial Garden cemetery at Kalispell.

Reta L. Fishel was born February 5, 1925 at Columbia Falls, a daughter of Chester and Angie Barnes.

She received her education in the Half Moon and Whitefish schools.

She was married to Clarence Fishel on May 15, 1942 at Kalispell. The family made their home at 119 Kings Way in Evergreen, where she died on March 31, 1974.

She is survived by her husband Clarence of Kalispell; one son, Gale Fishel of Kalispell; two daughters, Mrs. Roger (Sandra) Willcut and Mrs. Michael (Karen) Willcut, both of Columbia Falls; six grandchildren; two brothers, Lorin Barnes of Whitefish; Ray Barnes of Columbia Falls; three sisters, Mrs. Oscar (Ilene) Baertsch of Polson; Mrs. Bill (Shirley) Battles of Seal Rock, Oregon, and Mrs. Stanley (Vivian) Mero of Kalispell and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1965 and her mother in 1971 and also one brother Gene in 1948.

Lakeside Crash Fatal To Sailor

Gary L. Ford, 19, home on leave and married last Tuesday, died at 1:30 a.m. Sunday when this truck failed to negotiate a curve on the Lakeshore Road about a mile south of Lakeside. Ford was thrown through the

windshield, stumbled through thick brush and fell into Flathead Lake following the accident. His death is the third traffic fatality of the year in Flathead County. (Inter Lake photo)

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Frannie Ford

27 June 1974

Frannie M. Ford, age 85, died in Kalispell Monday, a resident of Columbia Falls and former resident of Dixon, Montana. D-24 June 1974

Funeral services will be conducted from the Austin Chapel at 10:30 on Thursday, June 27, with Rev. Ralph Werner of the First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls officiating. Burial will be made in the Glacier Memorial Cemetery at Kalispell.

Frannie M. Ford was born June 28, 1888 near Sage Creek in Big Horn County, Wyoming, a daughter of William and DeLaila Morris. She is said to be the first white child born in the northern part of the Big Horn Basin. Her father named the post office in this area Frannie, in her honor, in about 1890 when a stage route line was established to run from Billings down through the basin to the stage station on their ranch.

She was very active in her younger years in all things pertaining to out-of-door activities. She rode the open range after horses and cattle and gained considerable fame locally as a horsewoman by breaking and training most of her own saddle horses.

In 1902 she was married to Frank Haney to which union one daughter, Irma, was born. He preceded her in death.

She was married to Russell Ford in 1925 and they continued to make their home on the ranch where she was born and raised until 1941 when they moved to Nye, Montana. In 1948 she and her husband moved to Dixon, where they made their home until 1971 when they moved to Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her husband Russell at Columbia Falls; one daughter, Mrs. Fred (Irma) Sproul of Whitefish; two grandsons, Francis Sproul of Kalispell and Lewis Nordill Sproul of Whitefish; five great grandchildren and three great great grandsons. One grandson, Frank Sproul, preceded her in death in 1969.

30 July, 1974

Sailor Killed In Accident

LAKESIDE — Gary L. Ford, 19, home on leave from the U. S. Navy, died Sunday morning following a single vehicle accident on the Lakeshore Road a mile south of Lakeside. He had been married only last Tuesday.

Ford had left a wedding party to go for some cigarettes when he lost control of a pickup truck owned by his father-in-law. The Montana Highway Patrol reported he failed to negotiate a curve in the road.

The vehicle plunged over a steep road being bulldozed to lakeshore property. After traveling down the steep slope for about 100 feet the truck rolled once catapulting Ford through the windshield.

He landed about 50 feet away from the truck. From this point officers found evidence where Ford wandered and stumbled amid rocks and trees until he collapsed face down in about 18 inches of water in Flathead Lake. Deputy County Coroner Harold Fuller has ordered an autopsy to determine whether Ford drowned or died of serious head injuries.

The vehicle in its plunge down the development road sheared off at least one tree with the cab of the truck being smashed down. It then spun around and smashed into another tree demolishing the truck.

Ford's death is the third traffic fatality of the year in Flathead County.

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Allan Fletcher

LIBBY — Allan L. Fletcher, 27, died Friday, Nov. 22 in Libby of apparent self-inflicted gunshot wounds. He was born Aug. 31, 1947, in Libby, and attended Libby schools before joining the Navy in 1965.

Following his discharge in 1971, he worked for the Forest Service and followed construction as a carpenter rigger until his death.

He is survived by his widow, Leona; two sons, Todd and Kevin; his mother and father, Elsie and Harold Fletcher; four

brothers, Kirk, Morris, Marvin and Tony, all of Libby.

Mr. Fletcher is also survived by two sisters, Carolyn Fellenberg of Rexburg, Idaho, and Nancy Herdeggen, Casa Grande, Ariz.; grandfather Frank Eckert of Seattle and grandmother Connie Shepard of Tumwater, Wash.

Funeral services for Mr. Fletcher will be at the Vial Funeral Chapel Wednesday, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Wilford Luce officiating. Interment will follow in the city of Libby cemetery.

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Russell Ford

Russell Henry Ford, age 80, died at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, Sunday evening.

Russell Henry Ford was born August 16, 1894 at Liberty, New York, a son of Newton and Evelyn Ford. He spent his early life here until in 1912 came to Eastern Montana where he was engaged in ranching until 1913 when he returned home due to the illness of his father. In 1917 he enlisted in the U.S. Marines to serve his country in World War I.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Marines he moved to the Big Horn Basin in Wyoming, where he homesteaded and later moved to the Morris ranch where his wife gained local fame as a horsewoman by breaking and training horses for saddle riding. In 1941 he moved to Nye, Montana and in 1948 to Dixon and in 1971 came to Columbia Falls where he has resided since.

He was married to Fannie Morris Haney in 1925.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Fannie on June 24, 1974, and is now survived by a brother, Randall Ford of Evanston, Ill.; one step-daughter, Mrs. Fred (Irma) Sproul of Whitefish; two stepgrandsons, Francis C. Sproul of Kalispell and Lewis Sproul of Whitefish; five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Services for Mr. Ford are incomplete and will be announced later by the Austin Funeral Home.

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L.L. Ford

Word has just been received of the death in Seattle, Washington, of Mrs. L.L. (Ava) Ford. Mrs. Ford passed away on Saturday, June 22, 1974.

Funeral and interment will be in Roseburg, Oregon.

Mr. Ford is residing at 1224 Southwest 124th, Apt. 306, Seattle, Washington 98146.

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Sharon Forsyth

5 Sept 1974

Funeral services for Sharon Ann Forsyth were conducted from the Austin Chapel Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Father David Lundean of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral of Spokane, Washington, officiating.

Music was furnished by Al Olson, soloist, and Mrs. George Lantz, organist.

Casketbearers were Kevin Judge, Doug Hartman, Tim Moir, Doug Newman, Kevin Slaybaugh and Ken Thompson.

Interment was made in the Whitefish cemetery.

Sharon was born February 28, 1958 at Havre, Montana, a daughter of Richard and Betty Forsyth.

She moved with her parents to Whitefish in 1963 and received her education in the Whitefish schools. At the time of her death she was in the junior class. She died as a result of an automobile accident on August 30 at the age of 16 years.

Sharon was a member of the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Forsyth and one sister, Mrs. Ron (Diane) Ward of Spokane, Washington.

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-VAN LEUVEN- FUNERAL HOME

June 1974
FORKIN, James E., 56, Columbia Falls, died Friday at Whitefish. Rosary will be recited Monday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church. Mass of the Resurrection will be Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. from St. Richard's Catholic Church. Interment will be in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

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Osborne E. Francis

Osborne E. Francis, 57, who had resided at 107 W. Evergreen

Drive, passed away at the Veterans Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, Monday. He was born Sept. 11, 1917, at Crumpler, N.C., a son of Eli and Ada Francis.

He had spent his early life in North Carolina and on April 5, 1941, he entered the U.S. Army at Fort Meade, Md. He had served as a staff sergeant, Co. D, 115 Infantry until receiving his honorable discharge on Sept. 7, 1945, at Camp Pickett, Va.

On Dec. 16, 1947, he was married to Jenny Simmons at Bend, Ore. The couple had lived at Mitchell and Prineville, Ore., until moving to the Flathead Valley about 19 years ago.

Mr. Francis was a millwright and carpenter, and had been employed at various mills and lumber companies until his retirement due to ill health. He was a life member of the DAV.

He is now survived by his widow, Jenny, at home; three sons, John, James and Robert Francis all of Kalispell; seven daughters, Mrs. Pat (Myrna) Bohanann of Mitchell, Ore., Mrs. Jim (Mavis) Meyer of Swan Lake, Mrs. John (Mary) Houk of LaGrande, Ore., Mrs. Joe (Molly) Clark of Kalispell, Mrs. Allen (Sue) Johnson of Columbia Falls, Mrs. Witzel (Rebecca) Major of Kila and Lori Francis at home; 16 grandchildren and one brother in Australia.

Funeral services for Mr. Francis will be in the Johnson Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Thursday with the Rev. John Lewis, pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted by the local veterans organizations.

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Benjamin Fox, 76, East Shore, Bigfork, died May 2, 1974

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D-5 May 1974
Alice French
9 May 1974

Funeral services for Alice Jane French were conducted from the Church of the Nazarene May 7 at 2 p.m. with Rev. A. R. Pemble officiating.

Music was furnished by Joyce Emmert, organist. Singers were Thelma Hardin and Pat Schultz.

Following the services Mrs. French was forwarded to Oshkosh, Nebraska, to the Holechek Funeral Home where funeral services will be conducted May 9 at 2 p.m. from the Wesleyan Methodist Church with Rev. L.B. Reese officiating.

Interment will be made in the Big Springs Cemetery at Big Springs, Nebraska.

Casketbearers for the services in Whitefish were Roy Curry, Chet Hunt, Norman Kastle, Pete Olafson, Russell Ramlow and Bruce Reimer.

Mrs. French was born November 2, 1878 at Smith Center, Kansas, a daughter of Albert and Rebecca Meham. When a small child she moved with her parents to Adams County, Nebraska, where she received her education. In 1905 she moved to Julesburgh, Colorado, where she was married to Albert French in January, 1910.

In 1919 she and her husband moved to a ranch in Garden County, Nebraska, where they continued to make their home. Mr. French preceded her in death on December 22, 1958. She came to Whitefish 3 1/2 years ago to make her home with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell French at 624 Edgewood Place.

She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. French died in North Valley Hospital May 5 at the age of 95. She is survived by two sons, Howard French of Lewellen, Nebraska; Jewell French of Whitefish; two daughters, Mrs. Earl (Beulah) Thorton of Lewellen, Nebraska, and Mrs. Kenneth (Chrystal) Hunt of Whitefish; two nieces whom she raised, Mrs. Donald (Alice Ruth) MacPherson of Torrence, California, and Mrs. Wayne (Rebecca) Osborne of Belaire, Michigan; 16 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Hazel Swan of Lewellen, Nebraska.

One son preceded her in death in infancy.

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Jerry Fritch, 85, Libby, died April 30, 1974

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D-Oct 17, 1974
George K. Friend

DEER LODGE — George K. Friend, 87, died Thursday in the Deer Lodge hospital.

He was born at Oxford, Miss., Sept. 27, 1887. He attended schools at Sardis, Miss., and came to Montana in 1922. He married Jeannette Poston June 2, 1937, in White Sulphur Springs. He worked for the Milwaukee Road for 33 years as a substation operator at Morrell, retiring in 1954. He moved to Deer Lodge then.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, George M. Jr., Richmond, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. David Bogut, Deer Lodge; five grandsons, and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Beck Funeral Home with the Rev. Marion Horton officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery at Deer Lodge.

Memorial donations may be made to the Powell County Memorial Hospital auxiliary.

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Kenneth Friesen
26 Dec 74

Surviving, besides his widow, are two sons, William L. and Andrew Friesen, Ath, Belgium; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Layton, Lakeside; his father, John D. Friesen, Sims, Mt.; four brothers, Richard, Great Falls, T/Sgt. Leslie Layton, Havre Air Force Site, Gary Layton, Helena, Steve Layton, Bozeman; four sisters, Darlene and Charlene Friesen, both of Great Falls, Carol Friesen, Phoenix, Marilyn Layton, Lakeside; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Edna Wilson, Rudyard, Mt.; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Anna Friesen, Sims, Mt.

Mr. Friesen was born in Great Falls April 23, 1950 and attended Largent and Lewis & Clark grade schools. He moved with his family to Chester in 1961 and continued his education there, after which he worked in the Job Corps for a short time.

He joined the Army in 1967 and subsequently served in Germany and Vietnam before receiving his discharge in 1971.

He attended auto mechanics school in Great Falls. Prior to his trip to Phoenix he was a farm laborer in the Chester and Conrad areas. He married Marrienne Leglay in Ath, Belgium Feb. 28, 1969, and is now survived by her there.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel, officiating. Burial, with military honors by local veterans, will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Inez M. Fraser

Inez M. Fraser, 723 Walker Drive, died Sunday evening in a Missoula hospital. She was 68.
27 OCT 1974

Mrs. Fraser was born Aug. 12, 1906, in Florence and attended schools there and at the University of Montana. She later taught school in Fallon. She married Reuben Fraser Aug. 4, 1942, in Missoula and he died in March 1967.

Mrs. Fraser is survived by three sons, Gilbert Fornall, Reuben Fraser, and Wesley J. Fraser, all of Missoula; three daughters, Mrs. Pearl Cyr, Mrs. Vivian Pastian and Mrs. Joyce Franzen, all of Missoula; a sister, Mrs. Eula Peterson, Hot Springs; 16 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Livingston & Malletta Chapel with the Rev. Lyle Hamilton officiating. Burial will be in Florence-Carlton Cemetery.

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Walter Fehlborg

Walter Fehlborg, 83, Kalispell, died in Bigfork Tuesday evening. He was born Dec. 6, 1890, in Germany, a son of August and Augusta Fehlborg.

As a child, he moved with his family to Creston. He had received his education in Kalispell and was a veteran of World War I.

On Nov. 4, 1922, he was married to Edith Foot in Missoula and was preceded in death by her on Aug. 27, 1941.

Mr. Fehlborg was an engineer and had been employed by the Kalispell Lumber Co. for many years prior to his retirement. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Kalispell.

He is survived by a son, Mahlon Fehlborg of Wheat Ridge, Colo.; five grandchildren, four sisters, Mrs. Helen Miller of Wenatchee, Wash.; Mrs. Agnes Packer of Waitsburg, Wash.; Mrs. Freida Klawunder of Spokane and Mrs. Wanda Milne of Somers.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Fehlborg are incomplete and will be announced later by the Johnson Funeral Home.

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Waite L. Foot

Waite L. Foot, 78, Kalispell Hotel, died Saturday morning in Flathead Health Center.

Mr. Foot was born in Minnesota and moved with his parents to Kalispell in 1910. He was graduated from Flathead High School after which he entered the U.S. Army in 1917. He served overseas following military service. Mr. Foot cattle ranched many acres in the Big Draught area near Nirada. He retired approximately 14 years ago and returned to Kalispell.

He never married. He is survived by his cousins, Judge Eugene B. Foot, Mrs. Dorothy Foot, both Kalispell; Mrs. Jessie Carboneau, Katharine Foot, both Whitefish; Mrs. Murray F. (Helen) Buell, Middlebush, N.J.; nephews, Paul, James, Harold Foot Jr., all Kalispell; and his niece, Miss Margery Jean Foot, Great Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Harold, Paul, Guy and Charles Foot.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Odin A. Baugh, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial with military honors at the grave, by local veterans, will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Catherine M. Ferguson

Mrs. Catherine M. Ferguson, 66, 909 Central, Missoula, died in Kalispell Saturday evening.

She was born April 29, 1908, in Butte, a daughter of John and Johanna Lynch Glenn. She received her education and spent her early life in Butte, and on Jan. 20, 1927, she was married to George Ferguson in Butte. The couple then settled on a ranch in the Deer Lodge Valley where they farmed until their retirement when they moved to Anaconda. In October 1973, they moved to Missoula.

Mrs. Ferguson was of the Catholic faith and was a

member of the Daughters of Isabella. She was preceded in death by one son and eight brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her widower, George; a son, Father George Ferguson of Bigfork; daughter, Mrs. George (Lorraine) Aucourt of Portland, Ore.; three grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

The body has been forwarded by the Johnson Funeral Home to the Geraghty Funeral Home of Missoula where rosary will be recited in the Geraghty Chapel at 8 p.m. Monday. Mass of the resurrection will be celebrated in Christ the King Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Tuesday with interment to follow in the St. Mary's Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to the Guatemala Missions, Box 1729, Helena, 59601.

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Benjamin (Bud) Fox

Benjamin (Bud) Fox, 76, East Lake Shore, Bigfork, died Thursday in North Valley Hospital, Whitefish.

Born in Lewellen, Neb., Sept. 9, 1897, a son of B.M. and Alma Fox, Mrs. Fox attended elementary school there. He was graduated from high school in Ogden, Utah. He entered the Army in World War I and served in the 810th Motor Transportation Company. He was discharged April 2, 1919, at Ft. D.A. Russell, Wyo.

Following his military service, Mr. Fox worked for the Arizona Fish and Game Dept. and lived in Bull Head City, Ariz. He was married to Leita Rouner in Las Vegas, Nev., Aug. 29, 1953. They moved to Bigfork in 1956 and made their home on the East Lake Shore of Flathead Lake since.

Mrs. Fox established the Fox

Real Estate office in Bigfork and developed Bigfork Village. He retired in 1966.

He was a life member, Kingman Lodge No. 4 B.P.O., Kingman, Ariz.; 50-year member of Bigfork Post No. 86, American Legion, and was a charter member of East Lake Shore Lions Club.

Surviving besides his widow are two step-daughters, Mrs. Carl (Phyllis) Reber, St. George, Utah, and Mrs. Jaun Barnhurst, Bigfork; two sisters, Mrs. Calvin (Hope) Eccels Bell and Mrs. Paul (Maxine) Goddard, both of Ogden; 11 grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces.

His body was forwarded to the Chapel of Flowers in Ogden for private services and cremation. Local arrangements were under the direction of the Weatherford Funeral Home.