

WALTER SAATHOFF *1986*

Former Kalispell resident, Walter H. Saathoff, 86, Spokane, died November 19 at a Spokane nursing home. He was born April 3, 1900 at Litchfield, Illinois, the son of George and Anne Saathoff. He attended public schools in Litchfield, and later married Ethel Owens in Carroll, Illinois. They moved to Roseville, California in the mid-1920s, where Mr. Saathoff worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad until retiring. He lived in Kalispell for three years and Spokane the last nine years. He was a life member and former officer of the Oddfellows.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. William (Frieda) Cantwell of Spokane, and Mrs. Chet (Geri) Ellingson of Kalispell; five grandchildren, four great grandchildren; and a nephew, Richard Saathoff of Roseville, California. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel, in 1980.

Private Graveside Funeral Services were November 24 at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with Les Slater officiating. Weatherford Funeral Home was in charge of services.

31 May 1986
Annie G. Sagen, 97, died Saturday at North Valley Extended Care Center.

She was born April 30, 1889, at Dunseith, N.D., a daughter of Tele-shan and Melina de Tennancour. She received her schooling at Dunseith.

She married Karl Sagen on Jan. 12, 1902, at Omeme, N.D., where her husband was employed with Great Northern Railroad.

They resided in various places in North Dakota before moving to Montana in 1910. In 1913, they moved to Columbia Falls where they resided until her husband retired in 1945 and they moved to Kalispell.

Mr. Sagen died in 1965.

For several years Mrs. Sagen worked in the Temple Tea Room at Kalispell. In 1969, she moved to Mountain View Manor in Whitefish.

She was Catholic.

Survivors include two sons, John Sagen of Whitefish, and Melvin Sagen of Marysville, Calif.; a daughter, Alice Shaw of Whitefish; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Maude Paulson of Arthur, N.D.; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by four sons and two daughters.

Rosary will be recited at 7 tonight at Austin Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Hunt-hausen as celebrant. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

John J. Sagen, 81

8 Dec 1984
John J. Sagen, 81, a longtime Whitefish resident, died Monday at St. John Lutheran Hospital.

He was born Sept. 6, 1905, in Dunseith, N.D., to Karl and Annie Sagen. He moved to eastern Montana as a child, and was raised and educated in both eastern and western parts of the state.

Sagen began his career with the Great Northern Railroad working as a water boy on his father's section crew. His job with the railroad took him to various locations throughout the state, including Troy and Whitefish. He retired from the railroad as district roadmaster. He had resided in Troy for the past several months.

On Jan. 28, 1924, he married Irene McFarland in Libby. She preceded him in death in June.

Sagen was a member of Whitefish Presbyterian Church, Troy Lodge 126 AF&AM, Vista Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in Whitefish and the Shrine Temple.

Survivors include three daughters, LaNor Johnson of Puyallup, Wash., Flora Kensler and Ann Kensler, both of Troy; a sister, Alice Shaw of Whitefish; a brother, Melvin Sagen of Marysville, Calif.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday at the Presbyterian Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Ken Peterson officiating. Committal services will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Vial Funeral Home in Libby is in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests memorials to the Presbyterian Church building fund, c/o 301 Central Ave., Whitefish, 59937.

30 June 1986
M. Sagmiller, 85

POLSON — Mathilda Sagmiller, 85, died Monday of natural causes at her home on Finley Point.

She was born Jan. 18, 1901, in South Dakota to George and Katherine Heihn Karlin. As a young child she moved with her family to North Dakota where she was reared and educated.

On Nov. 5, 1919, she married John J. Sagmiller in Mandan, N.D. The couple farmed near Hazen, N.D., until 1947 when they moved into Hazen. In April 1949 they moved to their home on Finley Point.

Mrs. Sagmiller was a member of Good Shephard Lutheran Church and the Polson VFW Auxiliary. An avid gardener, she especially enjoyed raising flowers. She also enjoyed housekeeping and being with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1976 and three sons, Clement and Eugene in infancy and Delmont on June 15, 1985. A grandson and granddaughter also preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, Norman and Gerald Sagmiller, both of Polson, and Kenneth Sagmiller of Ronan; two daughters, Lucille Buchmann and June Sorensen, both of Polson; a brother, Emil Karlin, Missoula; 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson with the Rev. Ron Bartle officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery under the

direction of Mosley Funeral Home in Polson.

The family suggests memorials to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

9 June 1986
Irene Sagen, 81

Irene Sagen, 81, Whitefish, died Monday at North Valley Hospital.

She was born July 25, 1904, at State Hill, a daughter of William H. and Myra McFarland. She was raised and educated in the Flathead Valley.

On Jan. 28, 1924, she married John Sagen in Libby.

She was a member of Whitefish Presbyterian Church, Whitefish Fortnightly Club, Whitefish Hospital Guild, American Cancer Society, Whitefish Women's Club, Order of the Eastern Star for 35 years, and active in Girl Scouts for many years.

She is survived by her husband, John of Whitefish; three daughters, LaNor Johnson of Puyallup, Wash., Flora Kensler and Anita Kensler, both of Troy; a sister, Ila Nelsen of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Austin Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken Petersen of Whitefish Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation is at Austin Funeral Home until 8 tonight. The casket will not be open at the services.

The family suggests memorials to Whitefish Presbyterian Church Building Fund.

Virginia Sanders, 66

Virginia Carr Sanders, 66, died Saturday morning at her home in Kalispell. *18 Oct 1986*

She was an expert dog trainer and handler whose prize Malamute, Nikki, became famous to millions of moviegoers who saw the Walt Disney film, "Nikki, Wild Dog of the North."

A native Alaskan, she was born May 8, 1920, in Juneau to Harold and Ella Smith. She lived in numerous Alaskan towns and villages before moving to Bellingham, Wash., where she graduated from high school in 1937. She then studied veterinary medicine at Washington State University in Pullman.

She worked for several years at Walt Disney Studios as an animal handler, and spent many years in the Arctic filming Disney productions. For awhile she taught school at an Eskimo village near Point Barrow at the northern tip of Alaska.

She mushed in the North American Sled Dog Championships, and bred and raised Malamutes for many years. She was instrumental in the recognition of the Malamute as a distinct breed.

An active member and supporter of Alcoholics Anonymous for 36 years, she pushed for the establishment of prison AA groups in Alaska.

She attended the Science of Mind Church in Kalispell.

On Sept. 4, 1966, she married Edward Sanders in Fairbanks. He survives her at the family home. Also surviving are her father, Harold Smith, Berkeley, Calif.; and a sister, Lorene Harsh, also of Berkeley.

At Mrs. Sanders' request, there will be no public services. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary.

Robert Sands ¹⁹⁸⁶

Robert B. Sands, 71, of Columbia Falls died Dec. 31 at North Valley Hospital after a lengthy illness.

At his request, no funeral service took place.

He was born May 21, 1915, in Rapid City, S.D., to Rudolph and Iva Sands. At an early age he moved with his family to Ronan where he was raised and graduated from high school.

He entered the U.S. Navy in 1939, was discharged and reenlisted in 1941. He spent more than 20 years in the service before retiring. During his time in the Navy he was an instructor for the ROTC at the University of Washington and Northwestern University in Illinois.

He served on a Navy destroyer and was with the armed service police while stationed in Hawaii. He was also stationed in San Diego, Saipan and Chicago before his retirement.

He and his wife moved to Columbia Falls in 1958, where Mr. Sands was active in VFW Post 5650 and was a past commander. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Amelia, at the family home; a son, Mike Sands of Columbia Heights; two daughters, Iva Sands of Yakima, Wash., and Susie Bradford of Salt Lake City, Utah; two sisters, Adah Sands of Puyallup, Wash., and Jean of Oregon; a brother, Dick Sands; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

Memorials have been suggested to the Heart Fund, Cancer Fund, Diabetes Association or Columbia Falls Ambulance Association.

James Saunders, 73

^{3 July 1986}
James Conrad Saunders, 73, a retired employee of McElroy and Wilken Inc., died Thursday at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 14, 1913, in Havre to James and Daisy Saunders. He later came to the Flathead Valley, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1932.

He served in the Merchant Marines from March 1944 until April 1945. He managed the Napa Valley Village Apartments in Napa, Calif., before returning to Kalispell in 1974. He retired from McElroy and Wilken in 1983.

He was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons.

In 1935, he married Laura Lenon, who preceded him in death in 1972. Surviving are two daughters, Anita Pierce of Fairfield, Calif., and Linda Lee Mefferd of Napa; a son, James, of Napa; a sister, Virginia Ingersoll of Kalispell; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by the Johnson Mortuary.

Fern Sandon, 81

^{2 July 1986}
POLSON ¹⁹⁸⁶ Fern Wiley Sandon, 81, Polson, died Thursday in Escondido, Calif., after a long illness.

She was born Feb. 18, 1905, in Cherokee, Iowa. At an early age she traveled with her family by Conestoga wagon to Whitetail.

She made her home in Whitetail until her marriage to Merle Sandon in 1922. The couple were long-time residents of Polson. Mr. Sandon died in 1976.

Mrs. Sandon was an active member of First United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile.

Survivors include a son, Capt. Kenneth M. Sandon, in the U.S. Navy; two daughters, Audrey Kirby, Stockton, Calif., and Aureta Pinkerton, Escondido; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and nine brothers and sisters.

Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Polson.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, P.O. Box 2749, Billings 59103.

31 May 1986
COLUMBIA FALLS — R. Gordon Saurey, 64, a retired Arco Aluminum Co. employee, died Saturday morning at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Aug. 29, 1921, in Columbia Falls to Robert and Rose Saurey. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1939, then attended Montana State College in Bozeman.

In 1942, he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was a P-47 fighter pilot in North Africa and Europe during World War II, and served for a year with the U.S. occupation force in Germany. He retired from the Air Force Reserve as a major in 1981.

He married Peggy Boylan on June 23, 1947, in Bozeman. They settled in Columbia Falls that same year.

For 28 years, he worked at the Columbia Falls aluminum smelter before retiring in 1983.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy, at home; two daughters, Marilyn Nelson and Nadine Ordway, both of Whitefish; two sons, Gary in Whitefish and Wayne in Columbia Falls; a sister, Ramona Graham of Evergreen; a brother, R. Maynard Saurey of Pensacola, Fla.; and five grandchildren. A sister, Rosemary Einan, preceded him in death.

A service will be held Monday at 4 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Howard Hunter of the United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

10 Jan 1986
John Schagel, 77

John Stanley Schagel, 77, a former Eureka resident who had resided in Tacoma, Wash., since 1974, died Jan. 10 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in American Lake, Wash.

He was born Sept. 14, 1908, in Eureka, a son of William G. and Theresa McGregor Schagel, a pioneer family. He attended Eureka public schools until 1926.

He was a veteran of World War II and a member of AmVets.

He married Lucile E. Nicholson in Johnson City, N.Y., on Aug. 4, 1934.

He was preceded in death by his wife; a sister, Hazel; and a brother, Manly.

10 Feb 1986
Martin Schiele, 82

RONAN — Martin Schiele, 82, longtime Ronan resident, died Monday in St. Luke Community Nursing Home.

He was born Feb. 11, 1903, in Towner, N.D., to Andrew and Christine Schiele. He attended school in North Dakota, and moved to the Pontiac, Mich., area at about age 20. He had lived in Ronan since 1944 where he was employed as a brickmason.

Mr. Schiele was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ronan.

He married Elsie Piepkorn May 22, 1927, and is now survived by her.

He is also survived by four daughters, Ilene Frazer, Ronan; Delores David, Oakridge, Ore.; Donna Toelke, Hot Springs; and Sandra Noble, Kalispell; seven sons, Marvin, Stewart, Larry and Dennis, all of Ronan; Raymon of Eureka; Harold of Kalispell; and

Ronald of Aberdeen, Wash.; 40 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Norman, in 1981.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Gordon Cummings officiating. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan.

25 Apr 1985
Martha Schikora, 76

LIBBY — Martha Schikora, 76, died Friday at her home in Libby of natural causes.

She was born Feb. 12, 1910, in Cléric, N.D., to Fredrick and Barbara Becker. She was reared and educated in Jamestown, N.D.

She married Louis Schikora on Jan. 22, 1927, in Billings. The couple lived throughout Montana until moving to Libby in 1929. Mrs. Schikora had been a Libby resident for the past 57 years.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1978.

Survivors include four sons, Willis, David and Bill Schikora, all of Libby, and Ray Couture, Troy; four daughters, Joyce Valcore of Eureka, Lillian Case of Questa, N.M., Pauline Nixon of Libby, and Kathy Schikora of Newport, Ore.; a sister, Rose Lund, in California; 24 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the City of Libby Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Grilley of the United Methodist Church officiating. Arrangements are by the Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Survivors include two sisters, Helen of Eureka, and Winifred of Tacoma, Wash.; two brothers, Sterling of Tacoma; and William (Billy) of Omak, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Burns donated his body to the University of Washington School of Medicine. Memorial services will be conducted later at Eureka with interment in Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Tobacco Valley Historical Society, c/o Kathryn Schroeder, Eureka 59917.

24 July 1986

'Fanny' Schmidt, 90

Sarah "Fanny" Gosney Schmidt, 90, Kalispell, died Thursday morning at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Feb. 24, 1896, in Grants Lick, Ky., to C.H. and Sarah Gosney. The family moved to the Deer Park area in 1908.

On June 7, 1916, she married Clyde Burton in Columbia Falls. They farmed near Creston at the Canary Ranch.

Upon her husband's death in 1952 she moved to Missoula, but soon returned to Kalispell, where she worked at the S&H Green Stamp store.

She married Curtis Shoemaker and settled in Lakeside; he preceded her in death in 1958. She helped her sister-in-law from time to time at the Pines Cafe in Columbia Falls, then on June 16, 1967, married Frank Schmidt in Missoula.

Ill health prompted the couple to move to the Montana Veterans Home at Columbia Falls in 1976. Her husband died in June 1977, and she remained at the home until May 1981, when she moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was a member of Central Christian Church in Kalispell.

Surviving are two daughters, Myldred Ruegsegger of Kalispell and Dora Mahugh of Polson; four sisters, Barbara Shryock of Bigfork, Henrietta Baker of Coeur d'Alene, Emma Fenner of Seattle and Viola Abrams of Medford, Ore.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary chapel with the Rev. Marshall Moen officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Home.



71 Mar. 1986

Ed Schnackenberg

LIBBY — Ed Schnackenberg, 54, a former resident of Marion, died Friday evening at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.

He was born Sept. 1, 1931, at Sterling, Neb., to Henry and Margaret Schnackenberg. He had resided at Sterling until coming to Marion in 1943 with his family. He attended grade school and high school in the Flathead, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1949.

He had later served with the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1954. He married Laura Leib on Sept. 3, 1955, at Kila. They came to Libby in 1956, where he had been employed as a machinist and warehouseman for W.R. Grace and Co. for the past 29 years.

He had been a member of the Libby Christian Church and the Brotherhood of Operating Engineers union.

He is survived by his wife at the family home in Libby; three sons, John of Norfolk, Neb., Steven of Litchfield, Neb., and Joseph of Libby; one daughter, Colleen Schnackenberg of Libby; two brothers, Harold and Raymond of Marion; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Libby Christian Church with Rev. Charles Couch officiating. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of the Vial Funeral Home.

RUTH SCHNACKENBERG 1986

Ruth A. Schnackenberg, 74, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Sept. 25 following a lengthy illness with cancer. She was born December 23, 1911, in Annandale, Minnesota, a daughter of Carl and Anna Sather. She was a member of the Vesta Chapter 88 Order of the Eastern Star of Annandale.

Survivors include her husband, Lyle, at home; a son, Douglas, Kalispell and two grandchildren.

There will be no visitation. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

RENO SCHNEIDER 1986

Reno Schneider, 88, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital November 10. He was born June 22, 1898 in Kulm, North Dakota, a son of Emmanuel and Magdalene Schneider. He graduated from high school in Medina, North Dakota, studied telegraphy, and was employed with the Great Northern Railroad as telegrapher until his retirement. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. On March 9, 1931 he married Liliias Madole in Spokane, WA, and was preceded in death by her on September 8, 1969. On September 15, 1970 he married Emma Sundelius in Kalispell.

Besides his wife, Emma, at the family home, he is survived by a stepson, Ralph Rundell of Chicago, IL; two sisters, Leah Rogers of Pasadena, CA and Bernice Gosling of Fargo, ND; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held November 12 at Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Darold Reiner, officiating. Burial was in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

19 Oct-1986- InterLake Sally Schroeder, 81

Sara K. "Sally" Schroeder, 81, Whitefish, died Friday at North Valley Hospital's extended-care facility.

A 41-year resident of Whitefish, she had worked as a medical technologist from 1927 until her retirement in 1970.

She was born May 18, 1905, in North Dakota to James W. and Eleanor Kendall.

After moving to Whitefish in 1945, she married Theodore W. Schroeder. He preceded her in death on June 22, 1962.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Nita M. DeVall of Troutdale, Ore., and a nephew, Don Welsh of Mathews, N.C.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Austin Funeral Home with the Women of the Moose, Whitefish Lodge No. 642, officiating. Cremation has taken place.

W.H. Schroeder, 69

^{2 Apr. 1984}
William H. Schroeder, 69, Kalispell, died in North Valley Hospital Extended Care Unit Monday evening.

He was born Oct. 18, 1914, in Great Falls, a son of William and Emma Schroeder. As a child he moved with his family to the Flathead Valley and attended local schools.

On May 20, 1939, he married Ida Fritz in Kalispell.

He engaged in farming most of his life. He also worked in lumber mills, and was employed with Superior Lumber for a number of years prior to his retirement.

He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John and a son, James.

He is survived by his wife, Ida, at home; two sons, Arthur and Victor Schroeder, both of Kalispell; a sister, Martha Koenig of Prosser, Wash.; and two grandsons.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday in Johnson Mortuary with the Rev. Matthew Cox of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Gerald Bernhardt Laurence Schultz, 76, died Feb. 3 in Phoenix, Ariz. ¹⁹⁸⁶

He was born in Fall Creek, Wis., in June 1909, to Bernhardt and Alice Schultz. He moved with his family to eastern Montana, then later to western Montana.

He worked with the family wood business and later for L.A. Pike Logging, before moving to Phoenix, Ariz. While in Arizona, he worked for and retired from the Phoenix water filtration plant. After his retirement, he returned to the Dayton area.

He enjoyed cutting wood, hunting and fishing.

Survivors include three sons, Donald and Gerald, both of Phoenix, Ariz., and James of Proctor; seven grandchildren; three-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Arlie of Dayton, Kern of Polson, and Robert of Proctor; and five sisters, Vi Burland of Kalispell, Fern Kramer of Blackfoot, Idaho, LaDyenne Allen of Salt Lake City, Utah, June Smith of Prescott, Wash., and Florence Ellington of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Memorial services were Feb. 5 in Phoenix.

d Dec 1, 1986
T. Schwada, infant

Thomas Carter Schwada, 12-day-old son of Robert and Mary Schwada of Whitefish, died Monday morning at North Valley Hospital.

He was born Nov. 19, 1986, in Whitefish.

Survivors include his parents and a brother, John Trebor, all at the family home in Whitefish; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Schwada of Palmyra, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. John Yeager of Fort Myers, Fla.

Graveside services were this morning at Whitefish Cemetery with the Rev. Ken Peterson of First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish officiating. Austin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests memorials to First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish.

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Michael Scull, 4

20 Mar 1986
Michael J. Scull, 4, son of Samuel and Sandra Scull of Kalispell, died Thursday morning at home following a brief illness.

He was born March 10, 1982, in Whitefish. He had been attending the Flathead County Preschool.

Surviving are his parents and a sister, Ivy Jean Scull, at the family home; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. S.K. Scull of Sun City, Ariz., Elizabeth Aiken of Kalispell and Ernest H. Aiken of Fort Collins, Colo.; and two uncles, Jim Aiken of Kalispell and Casey Scull of Phoenix, Ariz.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Matthew Cox officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Weatherford Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Friends of Lawrence Park, P.O. Box 2922, Kalispell 59901.



G.F. Scotten, Jr. 57

15 July 1986
George F. "Bud" Scotten Jr., 57, Whitefish, died Tuesday morning at North Valley Hospital following a long illness.

He was born Dec. 14, 1928, in Great Falls, a son of Pauline and George Scotten Sr. He received his education in Great Falls, graduating from high school in 1947. He then attended the University of Montana where he received his degree in journalism.

In the Korean War he served as a first lieutenant in the Army. After his tour of duty he returned to Great Falls to establish the Scotten Insurance Agency.

In 1972, he moved to Whitefish where he was associated with the Kilpatrick and Hansen Insurance agency, which later became Time Agency. At the time of his illness he owned and operated the Whitefish Insurance Agency. He was past president of Montana Insurers Association.

He was a Whitefish Rotary member and active in the Whitefish Congenials. He was 1979 Prime Minister of Whitefish Winter Carnival and a past president of Whitefish Winter Carnival.

He was a member of Holy Nativity Church of Whitefish.

He married Shirley Root in 1977 in Whitefish, and she survives him at the family home.

He is also survived by his father, George Scotten Sr. of Whitefish; three sons, David Scotten of Great Falls, Matthew Scotten of Whitefish, and Timothy Scotten of Ventura, Calif.; a brother, Paul Scotten of Helena; two grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at Austin Chapel with the Rev. Wendell R. Phillips of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church.

Memorials have been suggested to the American Cancer Society.



16 Jan 1986

M. Sedgwick, 100

Mollie Fay Sedgwick, 100, Kalispell, died Thursday morning of natural causes at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born June 8, 1885, in Fort Benton. Her parents, Robert and Lydia Culbertson, were early Montana pioneers and owned and operated the Culbertson Hotel in Fort Benton. She attended school in Fort Benton.

At 18, she began teaching in rural Montana schools. She taught for about four years.

She married Cortez Oren Sedgwick in Fort Benton in about 1907. The couple later homesteaded in the Chinook area. In 1922, they moved to Kalispell. At one time, she ran a coal company in Kalispell and for many years she raised and sold produce, especially corn.

She was a member of Christ Church Episcopal, VFW Auxiliary, and the Cootiettes.

She was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters; her husband in 1950; a son, George Sedgwick; and a granddaughter, Marie Job.

Survivors include three daughters, Janeva Cummings of Martinez, Calif., Mrs. Moreland (Patricia) Speyer of Eugene, Ore., and Mrs. Bert (Midge) Huggins of Newberg, Ore.; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Visitation will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at Weatherford Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Taylor of Christ Church Episcopal officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

24 July 1986
Del Seely, 72

Delmore Sannan Seely, 72, Whitefish, died of cancer Thursday at her home on Whitefish Lake.

She and her husband, Brad, operated the Glenwood Summer Resort on the north side of Whitefish for decades dating back to the early 1940s.

She was born Dec. 7, 1913, in Rugby, N.D., to Hans and Jennie Sannan. After moving to Montana, she attended schools in Alder, Virginia City, Anaconda and Helena, graduating from high school in the latter city in 1931. She also attended the University of Montana.

On Dec. 1, 1934, she married Brad Seely at Anaconda. Her husband died on Jan. 21, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Jane Solberg of Missoula; a son, Col. John Seely of Aiea, Hawaii; a brother, H.J. Sannan of Winter Park, Colo.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. Arnold Carlson of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church officiating. Cremation has taken place.

The family has suggested memorials to the Flathead Hospice or Holy Nativity Episcopal Church of Whitefish.

12 July 1986
Annis M. Searle, 92

POLSON — Annis Mary Searle, 92, Polson, died Saturday of natural causes in St. Joseph Convalescent Center.

She was born Sept. 30, 1893, in Grand Forks, N.D., to Pete and Anna McGuire. She attended school in Grand Forks.

In 1923 she moved to Glasgow where she was employed at the First National Bank. She joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1926 and retired from the agency 15 years later.

While with the BIA she met Elwood G. Searle, who was an auditor for the agency. They were married on Jan. 22, 1930, at Gonzaga University in Spokane.

Mrs. Searle traveled with her husband as his work took him throughout eight Northern states. The couple retired at Polson in 1963.

Mrs. Searle enjoyed bowling and fishing. She belonged to the Royal Neighbors.

She is survived by her husband at the family home.

Mass of the Resurrection was today at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery under the direction of Mosley Funeral Home in Polson.

Grace Sevier, 90

Grace Jane Sevier, 90, died Thursday morning in Flathead County Nursing Home following a brief illness.

She was born March 11, 1896, in Kirkcowan, Scotland, a daughter of John and Mary Muir. In 1906, the family moved to Canada and in 1910, they moved to Chester, where her father and brothers homesteaded. Her father was a Presbyterian minister.

On Jan. 11, 1915, she married Herbert Eugene Sevier in Havre. In 1921, the couple moved from the homestead at Chester to Judith Basin County, where they farmed.

In 1934, they moved to Kalispell where Mr. Sevier engaged in logging until 1951. The couple then built and operated the Pines Cafe in Columbia Falls until their retirement in 1958, when they returned to Kalispell.

Mrs. Sevier was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Kalispell Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert, on Feb. 13, 1970.

Survivors include five sons, Gene of Ronan, John, Parker and Robert, all of Kalispell, and William of



Lewiston, Idaho; three daughters, Mrs. Joe (Alice) Lamach of Kennewick, Wash., Mrs. William (Mary) Mints of San Jose, Calif., and Mrs. Olaf (Hazel) Swanson of Renton, Wash.; numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and a great-grandson.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday for visitation.

Alice Seymour, 79

^{13 April 1986}
Alice B. Seymour, 79, died Sunday evening in Granite County Nursing Home in Philipsburg, where she had resided since April 1985.

She was born Oct. 4, 1906, in Courtenay, N.D., a daughter of John W. and Florence Crawford.

On July 2, 1927, she married Allan G. Seymour in Chinook. The couple lived there until 1933, then they moved to the East Shore of Flathead Lake and had lived in the Bear Dance Community until 1976.

Mrs. Seymour was a licensed practical nurse and had been employed at St. Joseph's Hospital in Polson for 25 years prior to her retirement.

In 1976, the couple moved to Polson.

Mrs. Seymour was preceded in death by her husband, Allan, on July 6, 1979.

She then moved to Kalispell until entering the Granite County Nursing Home.

She is survived by three sons, Bert Seymour of Kalispell, Gary Seymour of Missoula, and Darrell Seymour of Port Orchard, Wash.; a daughter, Mrs. Lee (Lynne) Page of Philipsburg; a brother, George Crawford of Tabor, Alberta; nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Bret Alan Shanks, 16, died Friday morning in an automobile accident on Montana 40 near his home east of Whitefish.

He was born July 21, 1970, in Whitefish to James R. and Pamela Shanks.

He had attended Whitefish schools, and was a junior at Whitefish High School at the time of his death. He was an honor student, and a member of the high school band.

During the summer of 1986, he worked at Taco John's.

Survivors include his parents and three brothers, James, Randal and Joel, all at the family home; grandparents Wallace and Judy Evenson of Kalispell and Edwin Covell of Whitefish; and great-grandparents Lula Trospen of Kalispell and Clyde and Emma Wendt of Whitefish.

Services will be Monday at 7:30

p.m. at the Kingdom Hall in Columbia Falls. Cremation has taken place.

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Ernest Sharpe, 60

^{6 May 1986}
Ernest Jonas Sharpe, 60, of Portland, Ore., died in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Portland early Tuesday morning.

He was born Aug. 10, 1925, in Big Timber, a son of Jonas and Lucy Sharpe. He attended Bridger Creek school and in 1936, moved to Ashley Creek where he attended Mountain View School. He attended Flathead County High School and then engaged in woodwork for a time.

On July 13 1944, he entered the Army at Fort Douglas, Utah, and served until receiving his honorable discharge on Aug. 16, 1946, at Fort Lewis, Wash. He was wounded while serving in the Philippine Liberation.

He returned to Kalispell and engaged in woodwork until moving to ~~Portland in 1948~~. He engaged in farm work there.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert, who was killed in Vietnam; his father, Jonas Sharpe, and his stepfather, Walter Cartwright.

Survivors include two daughters, Colleen Lamb in California, and Ella Lucy Harvey of Spokane, Wash.; his mother, Lucy Cartwright of Kalispell; four sisters, Ellen Nutting, Mary MacDonald and Bessie Jones, all of Kalispell, and Betty Mathes of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; a brother, Bob Cartwright of Kalispell; and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Eugene Mockabee of Central Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

^{5 Aug 1986} Cleta Seybold, 53

LIBBY — Cleta May Seybold, 53, died Tuesday morning at her home in Libby of a heart attack.

~~She was~~ born March 17, 1933, in Max, Neb., to Elbert and Elizabeth Daniels. She was reared and educated in Max, graduating from high school there in 1950. She earned a teaching certificate from McCook (Neb.) Junior College and then taught for three years. She also served in the Navy.

On Aug. 22, 1953, she married Bobby Seybold in Yuma, Ariz. The couple resided in Hershey, Kimball and Paxton, Neb., before moving to Libby in 1970. They moved from Libby to Boulder in 1983, and returned to Libby in May.

Darrell D. Sheldon, 57

^{13 May 1986}
Darrell Dwane Sheldon, 57, died early Tuesday morning at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 25, 1929, in Claire City, S.D., a son of Floyd and Marie Sheldon. He moved to Montana as a child and attended school in St. Ignatius and later in Oregon.

He was employed with Arco Aluminum Co. in Columbia Falls.

He was a member of the Nazarene Church.

Survivors include three children, Vern and Patty Marie, both of Kalispell, and David of Evanston, Wyo.; two brothers, Allen Sheldon of Kalispell, and Curtis Sheldon of

Britton, S.D.; and several other relatives.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in the Nazarene Church with the Rev. John Martin officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

^{3 Feb. 1986} Harvey Shelley, 87

LIBBY — Harvey K. Shelley, 87, of Libby, died Monday in St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born July 23, 1898, in Pine River, Minn., to Francis and Mary Shelley. At the age of 14 he moved with his family to Watford City, N.D., where he attended school and later farmed. In 1917 he traveled by horseback across Montana and settled in the Fisher River area near Libby.

On Aug. 17, 1920, he married Ethel Kenely in Libby. The couple lived in Watford City a short time before returning to the Libby area. He was employed as a laborer and firefighter by the Forest Service and was an alternate ranger at the Raven Ranger Station south of Libby. In 1932 he and his wife bought

Survivors include her husband, Bobby, Libby; two daughters, Theresa Rego, Boulder, and Melinda Seybold, Fort Bragg, N.C.; a son, Gary Seybold, Missoula; a sister, Mabel Parsons, Stratton, Neb.; two brothers, Clyde Daniles, Stratton, and Ray Daniels, Benkelman, Neb.; and three granddaughters.

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

the A.E. Fosseum ranch where they lived for more than 40 years. They retired and moved to Libby about two years ago.

He was a member of Libby Lodge 85 A.F.&A.M.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Edith Carrell of Peoria, Ariz., and Jean Shelley of Libby; a sister, Ethel Sager of Kalispell; a brother, Herbert Shelley of Bigfork; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were Saturday afternoon at the Vial Funeral Home in Libby with the Rev. Dewayne Price officiating. Burial with Masonic graveside rites followed at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Frances de Longpre Shepard, 61

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Frances de Longpre Shepard, 61, died Oct. 28 in Irvine, Calif., after a lingering illness.

She was born April 20, 1925, in Kalispell, the daughter of Edward and Theresa de Longpre. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1943.

She married Lowell E. Shepard of Kalispell in 1944.

She was a member of Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church, Irvine, and was involved with the Laura Bradbury Missing Children Organization.

Survivors include her husband, Lowell, at the family home in Irvine; four daughters, Sue Cross of Oceanside, Calif., Judy Podesta and Heather Colcleasure, both of Liver-

Ethel Shelley, 84

^{of Urmah 1986}
LIBBY — Ethel M. Shelley, 84, Libby, died Wednesday afternoon in the Libby Care Center.

She was born Sept. 4, 1901, in Dexter, Minn., to George and Ivy Williams. As a small child she moved with her family to Athol, Idaho. The family later moved to Libby, where she completed her education.

In February 1921, she married Raymond U. Shelley in Libby. The couple homesteaded at Porky Pine Creek, and later resided in Silver Butte south of Libby.

Mrs. Shelley served as post-mistress at Manicpe for several years. She moved into Libby in 1950 and was employed as a cook at St. John Lutheran Hospital for many years, retiring in 1972. She later cooked for the Libby Senior Citizens Center.

Mrs. Shelley was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the Libby Senior Citizens Center. In earlier years, she was an active leader of the 4-H Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1947, a daughter, Phyllis Shelley, and a sister, Rachel Hoover.

Survivors include three sons, Raymond Shelley of Hermiston, Ore., Richard Shelley of Libby, and Trevert Shelley of Davenport, Wash.; two daughters, Marie Bustillos of Castro Valley, Calif., and Mary Ada Graham of Anchorage, Alaska; a sister, Ruth Hadwin

more, Calif., and Christina Bohlin of El Sobrante, Calif.; eight grandchildren; a brother, Joseph de Longpre of Kalispell; four sisters, Dorothy Rose of Wilmington, N.C., Irene Loveday of Castro Valley, Calif., and Elva Walters and Almeda King, both of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Amber Mero.

Funeral services were Saturday at McCormick Mortuary with R.A. St. Pierre of Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church, Irvine, officiating.

Memorials may be sent to the Laura Bradbury Missing Children Organization, in care of Jerry Nash, chairman of the board, 8915 Atlanta, Huntington Beach, Calif., 92646.

Joseph Sherry 1986

Joseph Sherry, 96, of Lakeside, died Dec. 25 in the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, where he had lived for 2½ years. He had been employed in the graphic arts field for more than 60 years in Illinois.

He was born Nov. 22, 1890, in Chicago and served in the U.S. Army during World War I.

On Feb. 19, 1919, he married Ella Necker in Berwyn, Ill., and they lived there in the same home in Berwyn until moving to Lakeside in 1981 to be near relatives.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ella, on Feb. 7, 1983, and a daughter, Joan Dahms.

He is survived by a daughter, Irene Novak, Lakeside; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and several other relatives.

Services were Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial was in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

of Roseburg, Ore.; four brothers, Fred Williams of Libby, Floyd Williams of Ocean Park, Ore., Bill Williams of Libby and Ivan Williams of Troy; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby with the Rev. Charles Roman of St. Joseph Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Libby Senior Citizens Center.

Elizabeth Shields, 62

Elizabeth E. Shields, 62, died Wednesday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital. ^{8 Oct 1986}

She was born May 9, 1924, in Outlook, to Frederick and Rosa Hoffarth. She was raised and educated in



Outlook and graduated from high school in Plentywood.

On May 28, 1950, she married Lester H. Shields in Plentywood. The couple lived in various places while Mr. Shields worked on oil rigs. In 1965, the couple moved to Libby, where she worked as a nurse's aid. In 1968, they moved to the Lake Blaine area.

She worked for Flathead County Council on Aging while in Kalispell.

She was a lifelong member of the Roman Catholic Church.

She enjoyed flowers, gardening and crocheting.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Joseph in infancy, Frank Hoffarth in 1952, and Roy Hoffarth in 1961.

Survivors include her husband, Lester H. Shields at the family home at Lake Blaine; four sons, Bradley Shields, Frank Shields, Steven Shields and Anthony Shields, all of Kalispell; four daughters, Mrs. Randy (Margaret) Lawson, Mrs. Dennis (Debrah) O'Boyle, Mrs. Russell (Cynthia) Barrows,

and Roseann Shields, all of Kalispell; two brothers, Louis Hoffarth of Great Falls, and Jake Hoffarth of Plentywood; five sisters, Barbara Ruschinsky of Vancouver, British Columbia, Mrs. John (Mary) Kohler of Plentywood, Mrs. Tony (Cecilia) Kavon of Raymond, Mrs. Bob (Eva) Brown of Plentywood, and Mrs. Wally (Evelyn) Shepard of Kennewick, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary services will be 7 p.m. Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Edmund Smith and the Rev. Stan, Malnar as celebrants. Burial will follow in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or to St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

Joyce Sikes, 62

Joyce Sikes, 62, of Libby, died Friday of cancer at St. John Lutheran Hospital. 24 Oct 1986

She was employed by the St. Regis Paper Co. in Libby for over 22 years as a clerk, bookkeeper and dispatcher.

She was born Feb. 18, 1924, in Somers to William and Mary Managhan. She was raised in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1941.

On July 4, 1945, she married Paul Sikes in Coeur d'Alene. The couple lived in Oklahoma for a short time, and then returned to the Flathead for three years. They moved to Libby in 1949.

In April of 1985 she retired from the St. Regis Paper Co. She was a longtime member of the Faith Bible Church.

Survivors include her husband, Paul; two daughters, Robin Leir of Vernon, British Columbia, and Sue Moen of Libby; three sons, Tom Sikes of Libby, and Steve and Casey Sikes of Cut Bank; a brother, Bill Managhan of Libby; a sister, Margaret Thompson of Lewiston, Idaho; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be 3:30 p.m. Monday at the City of Libby Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Olson officiating. The Vial Funeral Home in Libby is in charge of arrangements.

The family suggest memorials to the American Cancer Society.

FRANCIS SIMPSON 1986

Francis M. Simpson, 83, died at his home in Kalispell on October 20. He was born April 14, 1903, in Adams, Oregon, a son of James and Rachel Simpson. He spent his early life in Adams and Cloverland Flat, Washington. In 1935 he moved to Longview, Washington where he was employed by Weyhauser Timber Company for 31 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kalispell and served on the Board of Deacons.

Survivors include his wife, Leota, at the family home; one son; five daughters; six step-children and several grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, FLora.

Memorial services for Mr. Simpson were held October 23 in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Kenneth Mottram, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church. The body will be forwarded to the Steele Funeral Home in Longview, Washington, where services are being planned later with burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Kelso, Washington.

ELIZABETH SHIELDS 1986

Elizabeth E. Shields, 62, died October 8 at Kalispell Regional Hospital. She was born May 9, 1924 in Outlook, Montana, the daughter of Frederick and Rosa Hoffarth. She was raised and educated in Outlook and graduated from high school in Plentywood, Montana. On May 28, 1950 she married Lester H. Shields in Plentywood and the couple lived various places while Lester worked on oil rigs. In 1965 the couple moved to Libby where she worked as a nurse's aid. In 1968 they moved to the Lake Blaine area. Mrs. Shields worked for the Flathead County Council on Aging and was a life long member of the Roman Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Lester, at the family home at Lake Blaine; four sons, Bradley, Frank, Steven and Anthony, all of Kalispell; four daughters, Mrs. Randy (Margaret) Lawson, Mrs. Dennis (Debrah) O'Boyle, Mrs. Russell (Cynthia) Barrows, and Roseann Shields, all of Kalispell; two brothers, Louis Hoffarth of Great Falls and Jake Hoffarth of Plentywood; five sisters, Barbara Ruscheinsky of Vancouver, B.C., Mrs. John (Mary) Kohler of Plentywood, Mrs. Tony (Cecelia) Kavon of Raymond, Mrs. Bob (Eva) Brown of Plentywood and Mrs. Wally (Evelyn) Shepard of Kennewick, WA; 11 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection was October 11 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Edmund Smith and Rev. Father Stan Mulnar as celebrants. Burial followed in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with Johnson Mortuary in charge of arrangements. Those who wish may contribute memorials to the American Cancer Society

W.J. Simpson Jr., 74

William James "Bill" Simpson Jr., 74, a former Flathead Valley resident, died June 30 in Yuba City, Calif. 1996

He was born May 3, 1912, in Kalispell, a son of William and Nancy Simpson. He grew up and received his education in the Ferndale-Bigfork area.

In 1945, he married Karen Rasmussen and they made their home in Kalispell.

Mr. Simpson worked in sawmills, at Kalispell Mercantile and for the Janitorial Service.

In 1968, married Genevieve Brosch and they resided in Kila for several years.

In the fall of 1976, they moved to Redding, Calif., and several years later to Olivehurst, Calif.

He attended the Salvation Army Church while in Kalispell and shared his music talent with them.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Grover, Edward, Richard and Loren Simpson, and a sister, Fern Harris.

He is survived by his wife, Genevieve, of Yuba City, Calif.; four sisters, Edith Pival and Lucille Dutton, both of Libby, Vera Ballenger and Bonnie Lebert, both of Kalispell; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Monday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services. Local arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Jack Sindt, 71

5 Nov 1986
Jack D. Sindt, 71, Whitefish, died of heart problems Wednesday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Sept. 21, 1915, in Whitefish, a son of John and Grace Sindt. He was raised and educated in Whitefish and during World War II served in the Army with the 13th Field Hospital.

Following his discharge from the Army he returned to Whitefish where he was employed with Western Fruit Express, retiring in 1975.

He was a member of Whitefish Moose Lodge and Whitefish Masonic Lodge No. 64 AF&AM and was a past DeMolay adviser.

He married Faythe J. Snyder on Aug. 14, 1946, in Whitefish, and is now survived by her at their home in Whitefish.

He is also survived by a daughter, Jacquie Cuffe, and a son, Jerry Baracker, both of Whitefish; a son, Gordon Sindt of Portland, Ore.; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Doris Voermans of Whitefish, and Marjory Parnell of Hackberry, La.; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by a nephew.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Austin Funeral Home with the Rev. Wendell Phillips of Holy Nativity Episcopal of Whitefish officiating. Masonic rites will be by Whitefish Lodge No. 64. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

16 Feb 1986 Edwin Skabo, 91

POLSON — Edwin Thor Skabo, 91, Polson, died Sunday of natural causes in St. Joseph Convalescent Center.

He was born Oct. 27, 1894, in Gulbrandsdalen, Norway, to Paul and Randine Skabo. At the age of 9, he and his family immigrated to the United States and settled in the Perth, N.D., area, where he grew up and attended school.

He married Grace Rice in 1924.

For many years Mr. Skabo was a traveling salesman for heavy-hardware firms and oil companies, and lived in towns throughout Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana. He transferred to Great Falls in 1945 and later managed a propane company in Cut Bank.

In 1955, he and his wife moved to Riverton, Wyo., where they owned and operated a Coast to Coast store. They retired to the Flathead Lake area in 1963 and bought a home on Finley Point, where they planted an orchard and raised cherries. They spent 16 winters in Mesa, Ariz., and lived at Finley Point for 21 years before ill health forced the couple to move to Bellevue Court in Polson.

Mr. Skabo had been a member of the Masonic Order since 1919, the Scottish Rites since 1927, and Kem Temple Shrine of Grand Forks, N.D., since 1940. He also belonged to the Polson Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Grace, Polson; a daughter, Dona Mae Overfelt, Billings; a son, Ronald Skabo, Denver; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mosley Funeral Chapel in Polson. The Rev. Michael Turner of Polson Presbyterian Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

The family suggests memorials to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Spokane, c/o James Achenbaugh.

Sept. 1986
Lewis Sindt, 67

Lewis M. Sindt, 67, Columbia Falls, died Monday evening at North Valley Hospital.

He was born April 14, 1919, in Plentywood, to Martin and Louise Sindt. He was raised and educated in Plentywood until 1930 when the family moved to Bigfork where they homesteaded near Echo Lake.



He worked for the CCC in Montana and Washington for several years.

He married Eva Hiatt on Jan. 3, 1946, in Sandpoint, Idaho. They lived in Hot Springs where he drove logging trucks. In 1955, they moved to Anaconda where he worked in the smelter.

In 1961, they moved to Columbia Falls where he worked at Plum Creek as an edgerman. He retired in 1984.

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

Survivors include his wife, Eva, of Columbia Falls; four sons, Richard, Lewis, and Russell Sindt of Columbia Falls, and John Hewitt of Polson; a stepson of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; five sisters, Marlene Cannon of Columbia Falls, Darlene Peterson, Marcie Curto, and Jean Orr, all of Kalispell, and Gladys Meissner of Chester; a brother, Gordon Sindt of Kingman, Ariz.; three granddaughters; a grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Van Leuven Funeral Home.

1986
Andrew Sine, 28

Andrew Borden Sine, 28, Victor, son of Charlotte and Paul Sine of Victor, died from the rare Mixed Connective Tissue Disease Nov. 23 at a Missoula hospital.

He was born Feb. 20, 1958, at Pennsauken, N.J. He attended schools in New Jersey until moving to Montana with his family in June 1972. They settled in Victor where he continued his education.

In 1975, he became ill and was out of school until 1977, when he completed his senior year and graduated from Victor High School. He then attended Western Montana College at Dillon, graduating in art and music in 1982.

On June 19, 1982, he married Judith Ann Paul of Kalispell in Lakeside. They owned and operated the Music Box in Hamilton and Dillon.

He participated in drama organizations and music groups in the Bitterroot Valley. He composed music and founded and directed the Valley Singers in the fall of 1984. He had a special interest in young people and conducted musical groups and encouraged students. He sponsored a vocal jazz clinic in Corvallis in October.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Sine of Hamilton; his parents, Charlotte and Paul Sine of Victor; three sisters, Suzanne Tapper of Collingswood, N.J., Mrs. Steve (Kenie) Weiler of Lakewood, Colo., and Linda DuVal of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Nov. 26 at Dowling Funeral Home in Hamilton with the Rev. Chuck Lindley officiating. Burial was at Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton.

The family suggests memorials to Muscular Dystrophy Association, c/o First State Bank, P.O. Box 30918, Billings, 59116.

12 Sept 1986
Melvin Sink, 75

Melvin L. Sink, 75, Kalispell, died Friday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital. He was employed by Pacific Power & Light Co.

for 27 years, before retiring in 1976 due to ill health.

He was born March 31, 1911, in Bowbells, N.D., a son of Homer and Eva Sink. He received his education in North Dakota and worked on farms around Bowbells before moving to Kalispell in 1935. He worked in the woods, hauled logs and sold wood, and was employed by the city of Kalispell for several years prior to his Pacific Power & Light job.

Sink, who was a bachelor, was preceded in death by a brother, David, and a sister, Helen.

Survivors include six sisters, Clara and Olive Bradford of Kalispell, Elsie Ihmels of Kenmare, N.D., Josie Ritter of Kent, Wash., Ardeth Riggs of Springfield, Ore., and Edna Sharp of Yakima, Wash.; four brothers, Calvin of Omaha, Neb., Paul of Yakima, Wash., Kenneth of Pomona, Calif., and Harold of San Jose, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel, officiating. Cremation has taken place.

Gaylord Smith, 77

Gaylord O. Smith, 77, Homer, Alaska, died Sept. 14, 1986

He was born Nov. 13, 1908, in Kalispell, to Sinclair A. and Nellie Kelley Smith. He served in the U.S. Navy in North Africa and the Philippines in World War II.

A sheet-metal tradesman, he moved to Alaska with his family in 1956, moving to Homer in 1976.

He was past president of Anchorage Local 23, Sheet Metal Workers International Union.

On July 27, 1935, he married Luella Reimer of Creston, and she survives him at the family home.

He is also survived by a brother, Jim of Portland, Ore.; a daughter, Nancy Richarson of Ellensburg, Wash.; three sons, Bruce of London, England, Bill and Larry of Homer; and 15 grandchildren.

A brother Austin preceded him in death.

V. Skochenski, 80

Vihcent Skochenski, 80, Kalispell, died Tuesday evening in St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula following a brief illness.

He was born May 5, 1906, in Harding, Minn., into a family of 11 children. He attended parochial schools in that area. When he was 14 he left home to do various jobs including farm and woods work.

He moved to eastern Montana and worked for ranchers. He worked for the Great Northern Railroad for many years and after retiring from there, worked for the City of Kalispell until his retirement.

He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Kalispell Senior Citizens.

On May 12, 1956, he married Ida Gilbertson in Kalispell, and was preceded in death by her on May 31, 1972.

Survivors include two sisters, Anna Vilinski of Little Falls, Minn., and Sister Augusta O.S.B., St. Raphaels Convent in St. Cloud, Minn.; numerous nieces and nephews in Minnesota, and other relatives including, Mrs. Milton (Louise) Mercord, Chuck Mercord, Tana Capps, Louis Jensen, Mrs. Alden (Beth Adele) Beller, Mrs. Bob (Dode) Blake, Mrs. Clyde (Jeanine) Pederson, Mrs. Larry (Janice) McMillan, Peggy Burgess and Ted Gilbertson, all of Kalispell.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Johnson Mortuary.

Funeral services for Vincent Skochenski, 80, who died last week in Missoula, will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Howard Mars officiating.

Cremation by the Johnson Mortuary will follow the services. Burial of the cremains will take place later.