

MELVILLE J. RADER

Funeral services for Melville Josephus Rader were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Waggener & Campbell chapel with Rev. R. F. Vick of the Epworth Methodist church officiating. Two beautiful selections were sung during the service by Soloist John Buslanell with Mrs. J. M. Carlson accompanying at the organ. Long-time friends of the Rader family who served as casket bearers were Ed Kaeding, Robert H. Bibb, Vernon Stiles, J. H. Agen, E. N. Dipple and O. H. Badger. Interment was made in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.

Obituary

Melville Josephus Rader was born at Council Grove, Kansas on September 19, 1884, to Mr. and Mrs. Jobe Rader. He grew to manhood in that community, living on the parental farm until his marriage to Leona B. Barnett on December 14, 1904. Soon after their marriage the young couple moved to Enid, Oklahoma.

In 1910 they moved to Malta, Montana, and lived on a homestead two miles from town. In addition to his farming operations, Mr. Rader operated a blacksmith shop in Malta and later turned it into a garage and machine shop.

In 1930 they moved to Kevin, Montana where Mr. Rader operated a garage, assisted by his son, Leo. Seeking a more element climate, they moved to the Birch Grove community in the Flathead in 1944 and have since made that their home. Mr. Rader passed away there June 18, 1948 at the age of 63 years. He had been in failing health for the past year.

Surviving him or his wife, Leona B.; two sons, William L. Rader of Polson and Leo C. Rader of Tucson, Ariz.; one daughter, Mrs. Leonard Hunt of the Birch Grove district; two brothers, Isaac A. Rader of Helena and Harry Rader of Kansas and two sisters, Mrs. Minnie McClintock and Mrs. Sadie Campbell, both of Council Grove, Kansas.

MRS. MARGARET RATH

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Rath, 377 Third avenue east north, who passed away at a local hospital Tuesday morning were held in the Johnson chapel Thursday afternoon with the Rev. A. Jordan conducting the services. Two beautiful selected solos were sung during the service by Mrs. Paul Nommenson with Miss Louise Hanger as accompanist. Friends chosen to act as pallbearers included Louis H. Koanig, G. W. Melick, Arnold Nommenson, Carl F. Grosswiler, August Grosswiler and Paul Nommenson. Interment was made in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.

Obituary

Margaret Ottenbacher was born in Russia Jan. 7, 1880 and came to the United States when she was 18 years old. In 1899 she was married to George Rath. They lived at Tur-

tle Lake, North Dakota until 1903 when they moved to Kalispell and lived on their farm northwest of Kalispell until ill health forced them to retire. Mr. Rath passed away on Feb. 28, 1926. Mrs. Rath is survived by one sister, Mrs. Paulina Shock in LaMoure, North Dakota, and several nieces and nephews. She passed away at a local hospital Tuesday morning, Jan. 20, at the age of 68 years.

MITCHELL B. RATTY

Mitchell B. Ratty was born at Fondulac, Wisconsin on October 25, 1871, the son of Max and Matilda Frochett Ratty. He came to the Flathead to make his home in 1901. He lived in Somers and was employed by the Somers Lumber company for a number of years before moving to his East Lake Shore home in 1929. From 1929 until 1946, Mr. Ratty operated his cherry orchard in the heart of the cherry belt on the east shore of Flathead lake. In January of 1947, he retired from his work and moved to El Cajon, California to make his home. He passed away there on April 26, 1948 at the age of 76 years.

He is survived by two step-sons, Thomas Horsman of Somers and Arthur Horsman of Lewiston, Idaho; one step-daughter, Elizabeth Cohen of Portland, Oregon; and a nephew, Dr. Frank Ratty of San Diego, California.

Mr. Ratty's wife, Mathilda, preceded him in death on Feb. 2, 1943.

FRANK P. REYNOLDS

Funeral services for Frank P. Reynolds were held at the Waggener & Campbell chapel Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Major James Broad of the local Salvation Army and Rev. L. P. Sanford of Hot Springs conducted the services which were attended by a large number of the Reynolds family friends.

Two requested hymns, "Saved by Grace" and "In the Garden," were beautifully sung by John Bushnell with accompaniment by Mrs. J. M. Carlson at the organ. Friends who served as casket bearers were Homer Huggins, James Peters, Dan Sullivan, Tim Sullivan, A. V. Hellman and F. B. Arnett, and honorary pallbearers included Earl Hollister, John W. Morris, G. D. Watt, E. J. Marantette, Ed Neitzling and Leon Lenon. Interment was made in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.

Obituary

Frank Pierce Reynolds, son of Elizabeth Jang and James F. Reynolds, was born in Independence, Kansas on September 24, 1883. When a young boy he moved with his parents to Niotaze, Kansas where he received his education. In 1903 when at the age of 19, Mr. Reynolds came to Columbia Falls, Montana to make his home and worked at various occupations for the next few years, including employment with the Montana soldiers' home at Columbia Falls. In the year 1909 he moved to a farm in the Bad Rock district which he operated until 1944.

In 1912 he was united in marriage to Miss Freida Heller who died the following year. In 1921 he was united in marriage to Miss Annie Wiley. Besides operating his own farm, Mr. Reynolds operated a threshing outfit to assist his farmer neighbors. Poor health forced Mr. Reynolds to sell his farm in 1944 and he moved to Kalispell to retire. He passed away here August 1, 1948 at the age of 64 years.

Surviving him are his wife, Annie Mabel; four sisters, Mrs. Rosa Prather of San Diego, Calif., Mrs. Fannie Haines of Spokane, Mrs. Nellie Phillips of Libby, Mont., and Mrs. Alice Hall of Columbia Falls, and numerous nieces and nephews.

GEORGE C. REYNOLDS

Funeral services for the George C. Reynolds, a resident of Bigfork, were held in the Johnson chapel Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. R. P. Vick, pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church, conducting the service. Two favorite hymns of the deceased were sung during the service by Don Shepard with Miss Louise Hanger as accompanist. Members of the Eagles lodge were pallbearers and included Harold M. Peterson, Roy B. Mills, Herbert Voss, Thomas A. Nelson, William H. McDonald and Tom Sullivan. Interment was made in the Lonepine cemetery near Holt.

Obituary

George Curtis Reynolds, a native son of Montana, was born in Highwood, Montana, Sept. 29, 1895, the son of George and Mary Reynolds. He had spent his entire lifetime in the state and came to Bigfork from

Bainville about two years ago. He had been employed as a machine operator on the Great Northern railroad. On Sept. 15, 1946 he was united in marriage to Ila Adams who survives him. He is also survived by four daughters, Mrs. William Martinson and Mrs. M. W. Davis, both of Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. John D. Lee and Judith Reynolds, both of Bigfork, and one son, George E., in the armed forces of this country, now stationed at Chanute Field, Illinois.

He is also survived by four grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. A. D. Pickard, Mrs. Eric Crusch and Mrs. Albert Nelson, all of Bainville, Montana. Mr. Reynolds passed away at a local hospital early Friday at the age of 52 years.

IDA M. RIDENOUR

Funeral services for Ida Mae Ridenour were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Waggener & Campbell chapel with the Rev. D. E. Allen, pastor of the Central Christian church, in charge. During the services, Mrs. Mylo Naylor sang two very beautiful selected hymns with Mrs. W. L. Dickinson as organ accompanist. Long-time friends of the Ridenour family who served as pallbearers were G. M. Moss, George C. Jensen, M. E. Emmert, T. W. Wagner, C. B. Bondurant and Robert D. Kelley. Interment was made in the family plot in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.

Obituary:

Ida May Schrom, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Schrom, was born at Leesburg, Indiana November 26, 1862. Her childhood and youth were spent in and near the town of Bourbon, Indiana. On December 24, 1882 she was united in marriage to Reuben Monroe Ridenour of that vicinity. To this union four children were born: Raymond DeFoe, who preceded Mrs. Ridenour in death about two months ago, James Henry of Belton, Montana, Mrs. Goldie M. Gilbert of Westminster, Calif., and Mrs. Ruby F. Torkelson of Whitefish, Montana; also 12 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

In October of 1890 the family moved to a farm in Sumner county, Kansas where they lived while they watched the covered wagons as the thousands of pioneers gathered for settlement of the new territory of Oklahoma a few miles away. On March 23, 1894 she saw her family settled on a homestead in Garfield county, Oklahoma where she lived the life of a pioneer, helping to organize the first Sunday school, the first school and the first church in her community. She remained active in her community until the family moved to Montana, arriving in Kalispell in August, 1914. After coming here the Ridenours established their home on a farm southeast of Kalispell where they lived until Mr. Ridenour's death in 1922. Later, Mrs. Ridenour married John W. Redingshafer who also preceded her in death. She continued to live in her own home until blindness forced her to seek refuge with her children. Mrs. Ridenour passed away in Kalispell on July 15, 1938 at the age of 85 years.

RAYMOND D. RIDENOUR

Last rites for Raymond Defoe Ridenour were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Waggener and Campbell chapel with a large group of the pioneer farmer's friends in attendance. Rev. R. A. Gripp, pastor of the West Side Methodist church, officiated at the services and Mrs. Gripp sang two beautiful hymn selections accompanied at the organ by Mrs. J. M. Carlson. Friends acting as pall bearers were G. M. Moss, M. E. Eismert, F. B. Arnett, Charles Pembie, Charles Rohman and C. A. Weaver. Interment was made in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.

Obituary

Raymond Defoe Ridenour was born near Bourbon, Indiana December 31, 1883. He passed away at the farm home nine miles southeast of Kalispell on May 15, 1948 at the age of 64 years.

At the age of seven he moved with his parents to Sumner county, Kansas and three years later he witnessed the opening race for the Cherokee Strip of Oklahoma, in which his father and other relatives participated. The family pioneered in Garfield county where sod school houses were used. Raymond graduated from the university preparatory school at Tonkawa in 1903.

He worked in Mexico several years and returned to Oklahoma to farm. He came to Montana in 1916 and homesteaded near his brother, James, at Lake Five. Five years later he moved to a farm south of Columbia Falls and later to his farm in the Lower valley where he passed away.

Mr. Ridenour is survived by his wife, Sylvia, at the home; three sons, Elmer, Floyd and Darel, and one daughter, Mrs. Ida McElroy, all of Kalispell; his aged mother, Mrs. Ida Ridenour (Redlingshafer) of Kalispell; two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Torkelson of Whitefish and Mrs. Goldie Gilbert of Westminster, California, and one brother, James, of Lake Five. There are also four grandchildren and other relatives.

GEORGE H. ROBINSON

Funeral services for George H. Robinson were held Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Waggener & Campbell chapel with the Rev. R. F. Vick of the Epworth Methodist church officiating. During the services two beautiful hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "In the Garden" were beautifully rendered by John Bushnell with Mrs. J. M. Carlson as organ accompanist. Neighbors who were chosen to serve as casket bearers for Mrs. Robinson were E. B. Scott, Ralph E. Smith, H. U. Eaton, John L. Gunderson, G. O. Owsley and A. B. Yull. Interment was made in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.

Obituary

George Henry Robinson was born April 16, 1864 at Forkston, Pa. to George and Jane Farr Robinson. He grew up in Pennsylvania and on June 14, 1894 was united in marriage to Viola May Robinson at Elmira, New York. In 1901 Mr. and Mrs. Robinson moved west from Pennsylvania and settled in Kalispell where they have since made their home, except for a short time spent east of the mountains. Mr. Robinson had been employed in this vicinity as a carpenter and sawmill operator. He had been crippled and in ill health for many years. He passed away at his home at 428 Ninth street east in Kalispell on May 27, 1948 at the age of 84 years.

Surviving him are his wife, Viola May; two sons, Riley D. Robinson

of Babb, Montana and Addison G. Robinson of Felflower, California; four daughters, Myrtle R. Ward of Los Angeles, Calif., Irene M. Eltin of Valier, Montana, Winifred M. Blair of Havre, Mont., and Lois E. Kivi of Great Falls, Mont.; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. One son, Fred H. Robinson, preceded him in death on March 24, 1927.

VIOLA M. ROBINSON

Funeral services for Viola May Robinson, pioneer Kalispell resident, were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Waggener & Campbell chapel with the Rev. M. E. Van de Mark officiating. During the services two selected hymns were beautifully presented by Don Shepard, soloist, with organ accompaniment by Mrs. W. Q. Conway. Long-time family friends who served as pallbearers were F. O. Williams, John L. Gunderson, A. D. Yuill, Ralph E. Smith, George Campbell and Dean King. Interment was made in the Conrad Memorial cemetery beside the body of her late husband, George H. Robinson.

Obituary

Viola May Robinson, daughter of Riley and Mary Irene Robinson, was born on June 8, 1875 at Forkston, Pennsylvania. She attended the schools of Wyoming county and later taught school for several years. On June 14, 1894 she was married to George H. Robinson at Elmira, New York and moved to Mechoopany, Penn., where they lived until 1901 when they came west to Kalispell to make their home. In March, 1910 they moved onto a homestead north of Galata, Montana where they farmed until 1924 when they returned to Kalispell where they had since resided.

Mr. Robinson passed away May 27, 1948 and Mrs. Robinson went to Great Falls to live with her daughter, Mrs. Kivi until her passing.

Mrs. Robinson passed away in Great Falls on October 28, 1948 at the age of 73 years.

Surviving her are two sons, Add of Bellflower, California, and Riley of Babb, Mont.; three daughters, Mrs. Winnie Blair of Havre, Montana, and Mrs. Lois Kivi of Great Falls, Montana, and one stepdaughter, Mrs. Myrtle Ward, of Los Angeles, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and one brother, Cal Robinson, of Kalispell. One son, Fred, passed away in March of 1927 at the age of 17.

It has been fittingly said of Mrs. Robinson that "during the time she was here she crowded more sunshine into the lives of others by her untiring effort and constant unselfish devotion than by most of us were we permitted to remain here for a century."

ALLAN J. ROBERTSON

Last rites for the late Allan J. Robertson were conducted in the Johnson chapel Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Russell J. Prentice, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, in charge. Two selected hymns, "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me," and "Abide With Me," were beautifully sung during the service by Cecil Chrisinger with Miss Louise Hanger as accompanist. Friends of the family chosen to act as pallbearers included J. E. Brown, C. E. Sykes, M. F. Thompson, Bill C. Heron, Lawrence Richards and Robert Rose. Interment was in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.

Obituary

Allan J. Robertson was born in Kalispell, Montana on April 4, 1920, the son of Clifford and Mary E. Robertson. Except for a time when the family lived in Eugene, Oregon and the time he served in the Merchant Marine, he lived all of his life in Kalispell. He was a member of the Lions club and a former member of the Montana national guard.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Julia, and two sons, Danny Michael, Kalispell; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Robertson; one sister, Mrs. Mary Lou Simpson, and one brother, Donald, all living in Eugene, Oregon. He had been in ill health for some time and passed away at a local hospital Monday evening, May 17, at the age of 28 years.

JOHN ROBERTSON

John Robertson was born at Carcroft, Aberdeenshire, Scotland on February 17, 1870. He spent his boyhood days at that place and later served with the British army in the imperial Yeomanry of the Scottish Horse in the Boer war in South Africa. He was discharged from the service in 1902 and in 1903 came to America to make his home. Mr. Robertson took up ranching in the Sweet Grass hills community near Chester, Montana and operated this ranch until ill health forced his retirement in 1946 at which time he moved to Kallispell to make his home.

He was united in marriage to Agnes Bond in Havre in 1921. Mr. Robertson passed away at his home in Kallispell, 565 First avenue west north, on January 11, 1948 at the age of 77 years. Surviving him are his widow, Agnes; two sisters, Mrs. James Watt and Mrs. Robert Wood, both of Scotland; two brothers, William Robertson of Scotland and James Robertson of Vancouver, B. C.; also several nieces and nephews. One niece came from England two months ago to visit her uncle.

Last Rites Held For Lt. Rongstad

Last rites for 2nd Lt. Kenneth B. Rongstad were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Waggener & Campbell Chapel with Rev. M. E. Van de Mark, pastor of the Epworth Methodist church officiating.

Two beautiful hymns were sung by Jerry Caswell during the service and one selection, "Sleep, Soldier Boy" was beautifully presented by Mrs. E. S. Marks with organ accompaniment by Mrs. W. Q. Conway.

Friends of Lt. Rongstad's who served as casket bearers were Orland Stama, Vernon Wyman, Philip Bergman, J. Wallace Bergman, Victor A. Guest and Jack Kennedy.

The American Legion Post No. 7 and Glacier Park Post No. 2252, V. F. W., conducted the last military rites for Lt. Rongstad at the graveside in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Obituary

Kenneth B. Rongstad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Rongstad, was born near Choteau, Montana, on March 25, 1922. He moved to Kallispell with his parents a few years later and received his schooling here, graduating from Flathead High with the class of 1940.

Kenneth entered the army in 1941 and was commissioned as a bomber-pilot on March 20, 1943. He arrived in Scotland in September of 1943 and was stationed there until his plane crashed in England while on a mission on November 19, 1943. Lt. Rongstad is survived by his parents; one brother, Wallace of Kallispell; twin half-brothers, Floyd W. Rongstad of Corning, Calif. and Milton C. Rongstad of Lakeside, Washington and one half-sister, Ruby Hostick of Vancouver, Washington.

Funeral Rites For Rowland, Whitcraft

Private funeral services for Eliner Earl Whitcraft and Russell Carl Rowland were held Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Waggoner & Campbell chapel with the Rev. Frank B. Hillis officiating. Beautiful prelude and postlude music was furnished for the service by Mrs. J. M. Carlson at the organ. Following the services the bodies were forwarded to Kalama, Washington where funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment following in the IOOF cemetery there.

Russell C. Rowland

Russell C. Rowland was born July 13, 1919 at Lewistown, Montana to Fred and Eltie Welsh Rowland. He moved to Kalama, Wash., with his parents and made his home there for a number of years before enlisting in the army on June 26, 1941. He served as a sergeant with the 583rd Air Mat squadron of the 81st SV-GP until his discharge on October 26, 1945. He came to Kalispell to make his home last spring and was employed in the Hungry Horse dam area until his death by drowning on November 23, 1948. Surviving him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rowland of Kalama, Wash.; four brothers, James, Frank and Melvin of Kalama, and Robert of California; seven sisters, Mrs. Earl Whitcraft of Kalispell, Mrs. Vivian Johnson of Castle Rock, Wash.; Mrs. Ernest Ziestman of Kalama, Mrs. Charles Saylor and Mrs. John Mahaffy of Lewistown, Montana, and Clara and Irene Rowland at home.