

# Ray 'Pete' Spurzem Dies; Rites Monday

Died 9 July 1970

10 July 70

Ray "Pete" Spurzem, 69, Rt. 3, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Thursday evening.

Mr. Spurzem was born Sept. 9, 1900, to Anna and Peter Spurzem in Helena. He received his education in Helena and later joined the U.S. Marines during World War I.

In 1935 he was married to Hazel Rogers who survives him at the family home.

He worked for the State Highway Department for 43 years and had retired in 1965 as division engineer.

Mr. Spurzem was a member

of Elks Lodge 725, American Legion, World War I Barracks and National Association of Civil Engineers.

Mr. Spurzem is survived also by two sons, Pete Spurzem of Swan Lake, and William Spurzem of Kalispell; and one brother, Alfred Spurzem of Helena.

Funeral services have been tentatively set for Monday morning in the Waggener & Campbell Chapel with interment to be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

## D-28 Feb 1970 Mrs. Sorenson succumbs

Marlene Elizabeth Sorenson, age 33, a Whitefish resident, died at Salt Lake City, Utah, February 28. The body will be returned to the Austin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sorenson was born September 9, 1936, at Williston, North Dakota, a daughter of Peter and Clara Helmut. She received her early schooling at Bainville, Montana and moved to Seattle, Washington. In 1954 she moved to Lewiston, Idaho.

She was married to Donald Sorenson in 1955 at Clarkston, Washington and they moved to Bend, Oregon where she lived until returning to Whitefish in December of 1968. She and her family made their home at 522 Scott Ave.

She is survived by her husband Donald H., two sons, Donald Lee age 14, Laverne Wayne age nine, and a daughter Clara Louise age 11, all at the family home; her mother, Mrs. Clara Helmut of Whitefish; four sisters, Mrs. Max (Margie) Pursche, Bellvue, Washington, Mrs. Thomas (Virginia) Dotter, of San Leandro, Calif., Mrs. Ron (Helen Mae) Mohn, of Kalispell, and Mrs. Ed (Jeanette) Krona of Whitefish; one brother, Pete Helmut of Bellvue, Washington.

She was preceded in death by her father Pete D. Helmut in 1965.

Funeral services will be announced by the Austin Funeral Home. *Wash 5 Mar 70*

## Mrs. Howard Gibbs' Father Dies At Seattle Tuesday

D-21 July 1970

Word has been received in Kalispell of the death Tuesday of James E. H. Staten Sr., at Seattle. He was a frequent visitor in the Flathead area. Mr. Staten is survived by a son James Jr., Brooklyn; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas (Laura) Williams, Plainfield, N.J., and Mrs. Howard (Leona) Gibbs, Kalispell, and 17 grandchildren. Rites are scheduled at Seattle.

## George Stadstad, Former Resident, Dies In Boise

6 Sep 70

Funeral services for George C. Stadstad, 86, Boise, Idaho, former Kalispell resident, were conducted recently in Boise.

Mr. Stadstad was born July 11, 1884, in Grand Forks County in North Dakota. He was married to Ruth Lieburg June 3, 1909, in Grand Forks and they moved to Plentywood in 1912. Fourteen years later they moved to Kalispell where they resided for 19 years before moving to Vancouver, Wash., and finally to Boise in 1964.

He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his widow; a son, Glen T. of Boise; two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

## Mrs. Steckel Dies; Rites Announced

D-17 Apr 70

Mrs. Elizabeth Mae Steckel, 75, Hot Springs, died in Polson early Friday morning.

Mrs. Steckel was born Sept. 6, 1894, at Menomonie, Wis. She had spent her childhood in Wisconsin. In 1960, she moved to Polson from Seattle and had made her home with her daughter there. She had been employed by the St. Joseph Hospital, Rest Home Division in Polson. In 1966, she moved to Whitefish and later moved to Hot Springs where she had resided since. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Hot Springs; the Sacred Heart Altar Society and the Order of Women Foresters of Menomonie.

Mrs. Steckel is survived by four sons, John F. of Portola Valley, Calif.; Phillip J. of Rolling Hills Estates, Calif.; William A. of Hot Springs and George A. of Stevens Point, Wis.; two daughters, Elizabeth (Betty) Steckel of Libby and Mrs. Dorothy M. Amabas of Ithica, N.Y.; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rosary for Mrs. Steckel will be recited in the Mosley Chapel in Polson at 8 this evening. Requiem high mass will be celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Polson at 10 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Leonard Jensen as celebrant. The body will be forwarded to Menomonie for burial.

# Clarence Sterling, 85, Polson Area Pioneer, Dies; Rites Thursday

*D - 6 Apr 1970*

*7 April 1970*

Clarence L. Sterling, 85, pioneer Polson and Big Arm area blacksmith, died Monday at the Kalispell General Hospital following a lingering illness.

Mr. Sterling was born Oct. 3, 1884, in Cedar County, Mo., the son of William T. and Elizabeth Sterling. He moved with his parents to southern Idaho in 1898 where he was reared and educated. April 3, 1907, he married Grace M. Cook at Caldwell, Idaho.

The couple moved to Polson in 1909 shortly after the opening of the Flathead Reservation. He worked as a blacksmith at Polson until 1914 then opened up a shop at Big Arm which he operated through 1928 then returned to Polson operating his shop there until he retired five years ago.

He is survived by his widow at the family home in Polson, a son Leslie, Somers, three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Lyle Thompson, Boise, and Mrs. Nellie McGee, Seattle, and two brothers, Edwin, Pasadena, Calif., and Richard, Athens, Greece.

Mr. Sterling was a member of Mission Lodge 86, IOOF, Polson, for nearly 50 years, of the Canton Encampment, and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He was a recognized master ironsmith for more than 60 years.

Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the Moseley Chapel, Polson. Memorials to the Polson Christian Church or a favorite charity have been suggested by the family.

## Mrs. Stephens Dies; Rites In Washington

*15 July*

*1970*

*15 or 8 July 1970*

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Stephens died at 427 W. Colorado Wednesday morning.

She was born in Omaha, Neb., and had lived in Seattle, Wash. for many years before coming to Kalispell about two months ago where she has made her home with her son.

She is survived by her son, Bert Campbell of Kalispell; one sister, Mrs. Marie White of Seattle; one grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

The body will be forwarded by the Johnson Funeral Home to the Lee and Morrison Funeral Home in Acacia, Wash., where funeral services and entombment will be at a later date.

## Frank P. Stephens' Body Recovered From Whitefish Lake

*Died 21 June 1970*

WHITEFISH — Skin divers of the Flathead Life Saving and Rescue Assn. this morning recovered the body of Frank P. Stephens, 57, Birch Hill, Whitefish.

He drowned in Whitefish Lake following a collision between two boats about 10 p.m. just off shore from the Brad Seely residence.

Four divers, an aircraft and four boats were utilized to recover the body at 9:55 a.m. At the point where the collision occurred, the water was 35 feet deep.

Officers were able to mark it well last night because of witnesses who took bearing on Lion Mountain and a buoy was fixed at the site last night.

Undersheriff Charles Rhodes

said Stephens and his wife were in one boat with Glen Brown and Pete Van Aken and their wives in the other craft. Rhodes said the Stephens boat was struck on the starboard side and Stephens was thrown out. Mrs. Van Aken was thrown out of the other boat. She was fished out of the water and brought to shore but Stephens disappeared under the lake surface.

Rhodes said it is likely an inquest will be conducted.

Stephens' body was taken to the Austin Funeral Home where service arrangements are pending.

He is survived by his widow, Jessie, a son, Gary, and a daughter, Judy.

## Clifford Stenswick Dies

Word has been received in Kalispell of the death of Clifford C. Stenswick 51, who died March 30 in Kansas City, Kan.

He was born in Somers and was graduated from Flathead County High School, whereupon he entered the Civilian Conservation Corps. He was a captain and pilot during World War II. He was a contract administrator for the U.S. Army Corps

of Engineers for 33 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnt Stenswick and one sister, Mrs. Anna Drake.

Surviving are his widow Vera, in Kansas City; two brothers, Robert Stenswick, Saco, and Axel Stenswick, Kalispell; a sister, Mrs. Petra Redman, Great Falls and numerous nieces and nephews. *Died 30 Mar 1970*

# A. D. Steubs Dies; Rites Monday At 10

*30 June 1970*  
Arlen Dermis Steubs, 34, died in Reno, Nev. Tuesday.

Mr. Steubs was born Feb. 17, 1936, in Kalispell to Orin and Dora Steubs. He attended the public schools in Kalispell. He later joined the U.S. Navy and was discharged a yeoman in 1962. He attended Montana State University at Bozeman and graduated from the College of Great Falls in 1964 with a bachelor of science degree and a scholarship to law school in Missoula. Also during that time at the College of Great Falls he was instrumental in creating the Humanity Award originated by the college student body to recognize distinguished achievement by Great Falls area citizens. He participated in organizing the Montana Student President's Assn., representing student body officers of all Montana college campuses and was listed in the Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

He attended the University of Montana and graduated in 1967 with a master of arts degree in guidance and counselling. Mr. Steubs has been a resident of Fallon and had been a counselor at the E. C. Best Jr. High School from 1967 until the time of his death.

He was married on December 28, 1960, to Sarah Alice Boring in Canton, Ga., and is survived by her; two sons, Brian, 9 and Gary 6½, all of Fallon; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Steubs, Kalispell; one sister, Lou Ann Nolan; two nephews and one niece of Portland.

Memorial services are being conducted in Fallon Thursday with funeral services to be at the Waggener & Campbell Chapel Monday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Paul Jones officiating. Interment will be made in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. The casket will not be opened at the funeral service. The family suggests that memorials may be given to the Cancer Society.

In Memory of  
CLYDE W. STEWART  
Born October 14, 1893  
Burbank, South Dakota  
Passed away December 5, 1970  
Kalispell, Montana

Services at  
Johnson Chapel  
1:30 p.m., December 8, 1970

Officiating  
Dr. Odin A. Baugh  
First Presbyterian Church

Music  
The Lord's Prayer  
Safe in the Arms of Jesus  
Merrill Womach, Soloist

Pallbearers  
Martin Fetveit      Lewis Westerhaus  
William Keilar      Lawrence Bjerneby  
S. Reed Geddes      William Ellyson

Honorary Pallbearers  
Roy Daley      Bayliss Cummings, Sr.  
Hank Greve      Gideon Oursland  
Ole Braaten      Oscar D. Sundahl  
Wilbur Weiss      Glenn Manning

Final Resting Place  
C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery  
Military Graveside Rites

# Miss Stevens Dies; *Died 25 July 1970* Rites Tuesday At 2

WHITEFISH — Miss Dorothy Bert Stevens of Whitefish; one sister, Mrs. Flossie Norquay of Kalispell and several nieces and nephews.

Miss Stevens was born March 22, 1903, at Summit, S.D., a daughter of Halbert and Lucinda Stevens. As a young girl, she moved to Moston, Wis., and in 1912 she moved with her parents to Whitefish where she attended school. She continued to make her home with her parents until 1940 when she moved to Warm Springs where she had resided since that time.

She is survived by one brother,

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Vern Brown, Shirman and Alan Stevens and one sister, Mrs. Avis Flint.

Funeral services for Miss Stevens will be conducted in the Austin Chapel at 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. George Krieger, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiating. Interment will be in the Whitefish Cemetery.

## R. T. Sullivan

### Dies; Rites

### Announced

*Died 23 May 1970*  
Roger Thomas Sullivan, 75, died in Kalispell Saturday morning.

Mr. Sullivan was born Aug. 21, 1894, on a farm at Creston, to Mary and Morty Sullivan. He received his schooling at the Echo School.

June 6, 1931, he was married to Isabel Elliott at Missoula and the couple made their home on the farm at Creston until 1944 when they moved to Kalispell. They have made their residence at 328 7th St. W. since that time.

Mr. Sullivan worked for the Glacier Park Post 2252 VFW as manager of the bar and bartender until 1955 when he retired. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion and World War I Veterans.

Mr. Sullivan is survived by his widow, Isabel, at the family home; one brother, John, of Phoenix, Ariz.; and a sister, Anna Keller of Somers; and several nieces and nephews.

Requiem high mass will be celebrated Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Rosary will be recited Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Waggener & Campbell Chapel. Interment will follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military graveside rites.

## T. Sutton

### Dies; Rites

### Saturday

*Died 19 Mar 1970*  
*20 Mar 1970*  
Townsend "Tor" Sutton, 59, 946 Second Ave. W., died at his home Thursday evening.

Mr. Sutton was born April 25, 1910, in Great Falls to Asa and Mabel Sutton of Cascade. He moved with his family to Newberg, Ore., in 1918 and he received most of his schooling there. When they returned to Cascade in 1928, he finished his high school and received two years college at Intermountain in Helena.

Most of his life he had spent ranching and farming in Montana.

## Mrs. Storie

### Dies; Rites

### Saturday

*Died - 13 Aug 70*  
*14 Aug 70*  
Emma Anna Storie, 68, died in Kalispell Thursday morning.

Mrs. Storie was born April 17, 1902, in Elmshorn, Germany to Emma and John Khron. She came to the United States with her family in 1907 and settled at Fort Benton.

Oct. 28, 1922, she was married to Thomas A. Storie at Kalispell.

Mrs. Storie was a member of Adah Chapter 17, Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Storie is now survived by her widower; one son, Kenneth G. Storie of Kalispell; one daughter, Mrs. Edwin B. (Melba Colleen) Weston of Longview, Wash.; five grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. Emma Trusty of Osburn, Idaho; and 2 sisters, Mrs. Bertha Wood of Osburn, Idaho, and Mrs. Erma Linch of Beaumont, Calif.

Funeral services for Mrs. Storie have been set for Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Waggener & Campbell Chapel with the Rev. John Lewis of the Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will follow in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Memorials have been suggested by the family to the Intermountain Deaconess Home at Helena.

Jan. 5, 1941, he married Helen Ruth Johnson of San Diego, Calif., and they lived on a ranch in Twin Bridges until they moved to the Flathead in 1946. They ranched in Lost Prairie near Marion for 15 years and then moved to a farm in the Fairview area for five years. Ill health forced him to retire. The family moved back to Newberg for two years and returned to Kalispell in the spring of 1969.

Mr. Sutton is survived by his widow, Helen; two sons, Russel and Kenneth, both of Kalispell; two daughters, Mrs. Bill (Ruth) Wagner of Libby and Kathleen at the family home; four grandchildren; three brothers, Austin of Twin Bridges, Robert of Albion, Wash., and Fred of Dillon, and a sister, Mrs. R.E. (Jean) McAndrew of Chicago, Ill.

## A. Sundgren

### Dies; Rites

### Pending

*Died Jan 1970*  
Arvid Sundgren, 85, died Thursday morning at the Immanuel Lutheran Home where he had been a resident for the past seven years.

Mr. Sundgren was born Aug. 30, 1884, in Sweden. He had received his education in Sweden and came to America in 1903. He had lived in the eastern part of the United States for a short time before moving to North Dakota.

Oct. 23, 1909, he was married to Erica Lunda at Barton, N.D. The couple then moved to Joplin where they were engaged in farming until their retirement. Upon retirement, they moved to the East Lake Shore, Bigfork, where they lived until entering the Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1963.

Mr. Sundgren was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his widow, Erica, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home; two sons, Swen Sundgren of Chester and Arthur Sundgren of Joplin; four daughters, Mrs. George (Margaret) Theilman of Joplin, Mrs. Carol Ness and Mrs. John (Gladys) McNeely, both of Seattle, and Mrs. Estrid Freeland of Billings; two sisters, Mrs. Vincent (Elsie) Neptune of Santa Monica, Calif., and Mrs. Freida Johnson of Glendale, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

## Swing Funeral

### Rites Tuesday

*10 Mar 70*  
WHITEFISH — Funeral services for Edward Swing will be conducted in the Eureka Baptist Church at 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Carl Perschall officiating. Interment will be in the Tobacco Valley Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted.

The body will lie in state at the Eureka Baptist Church from noon to service time Tuesday. The casket will not be opened at the services. Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home.