

Duane LaBrant, 62, Dies; Funeral Rites Monday

Duane LaBrant, 62, Rt. 4, Kalispell, died Thursday afternoon.

He was born April 15, 1909, at Vancouver, Wash., a son of Arthur and Hilma LaBrant. As a child, he moved with his family to Belden, N.D., where he received his education and was engaged in farming.

Jan. 6, 1939, he was married to Virginia Hawes at Stanley, N.D. The couple continued to live in North Dakota until about 23 years ago when they moved to the Creston area.

Mr. LaBrant has been engaged in farming operations at Creston and has also been employed as a mechanic for the Broeder Lumber Co. He was a member of the Eastside Grange.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, one sister and one son, Harlan, in June of 1968.

He is now survived by his widow, Virginia, at the family home; two sons, Floyd of Stevensville and Larry of Chatanooga, Tenn.; two daughters, Mrs. Dale (Lois) Lauman of Somers and Mrs. Don (Ardis) Baker of Denver, Colo.; five grandchildren; three brothers, Gene of Seattle,

Darold of Minneapolis and Millford of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and eight sisters, Nadine Fouch and Helen Goodner, both of Portland; Nina VanVorst of Phoenix; Marie Huss and Esther Waldrip both of Seattle; Marilyn Karelson of Brush Prairie, Wash., Dorothy Kannanan of Belden, N.D. and Donna Johnson of Steele, N.D. and his stepmother, Mrs. Anna LaBrant of Belden.

Funeral services for Mr. LaBrant will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 11 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Russell A. Hillman, pastor of the Bethany Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Byron Lamey Dies Saturday, Rites Wednesday

EUREKA—Byron F. Lamey, 58, owner of the Phillips Creek Ranch, Eureka, died Saturday at the Kalispell General Hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Eureka Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Evans officiating. Interment will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Lamey was born July 4, 1913, at Libby. He married Juanita Bozarth Oct. 2, 1935, at Flagstaff, Ariz. The couple moved to Eureka in 1948 to establish their ranch.

He is now survived by his widow at the family home; one son Fritz, Eureka; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Titchbourne, Eureka, and Mrs. Patricia Biegler, Seattle; one brother, John, Spokane, and 11 grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Gompf Funeral Home.

Elvera Lampman Dies Sunday, Rites Wednesday

Elvera Grant Lampman, 70, died at her home, 143 Zimmerman Road, Sunday. She was born July 7, 1900, at Elgin, Ill., a daughter of Albert and Anna Grant. When she was six years of age, she moved with her family to Dillon where she completed her education graduating from Normal School at Dillon.

She taught school in Eastern Montana for several years. In 1924, she married Clarence Lampman at Miles City. The couple made their home near Miles City until 1934 when they moved to Kalispell and have resided here since. Mrs. Lampman was a member of the Christ Church (Episcopal).

She is survived by her widower at the family home; two sons, Clayton, Olympia, Wash., and Sidney, Agoura, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Carl (Helen) Wurst and Mrs. James (Wilma) Fleming, both of Kalispell; two sisters, Alice Backstrom and Marian Holmquist and one brother, Leonard Olson, all in Illinois; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be in Christ Church (Episcopal) at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Father Thomas Best officiating. Interment will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. The body will lie in state at the Johnson Chapel until 10 a.m. Wednesday. The family suggest memorials to the American Cancer Society or to Christ Church (Episcopal).

James Ladenburg Rosary Tonight

COLUMBIA FALLS — James L. Ladenburg, 43, died Sunday from injuries received in a car-pedestrian accident on the LaSalle Road. He was born March 6, 1927, in Kalispell.

He attended schools in Columbia Falls. Mr. Ladenburg was a veteran of World War II. Following his service he returned to Columbia Falls where he continued to make his home for a number of years. He was an electrician.

He is survived by five brothers: John and Martin, Columbia Falls; Tom, Bigfork, Francs, Tacoma, Wash., and Mike, Clifton, Ariz.; one sister, Mrs. William (Ellen) Lynch, Uniontown, Wash.

Rosary for Mr. Ladenburg will be recited this evening at 8 in St. Richard's Catholic Church. Funeral mass will be celebrated Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in St. Richard's with Rev. Robert Hartman celebrant. Burial will follow in St. Richard's Cemetery.

Janice Lane Dies Friday, Funeral Service Monday

Mrs. Mel (Janice) M. Lane, 45, Columbia Falls, died in Whitefish Friday.

Mrs. Lane was born April 15, 1925, at Box Elder, a daughter of Lydia and Jack Brown Sr. She attended schools in Box Elder and Kalispell.

April 4, 1946, she married Melvin Lane at Glasgow. The couple had lived at Olympia, Wash., and Needles, Calif., prior to moving to Kalispell in 1953. In 1954, they moved to Columbia Falls where Mr. Lane has managed the B&B store.

Mrs. Lane was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Columbia Falls, and was Cancer Society chairman at Columbia Falls for seven years. She was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Melvin, in January 1950. She is now survived by her widower at home; two daughters, Taryn Lee, at home,

and Mrs. Rex Buehring, Billings; two grandsons; one sister, Mrs. Arnold Beck, Tacoma, Wash.; one brother, Jack Brown Jr., and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown Sr., all of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be in the Johnson Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Monday with Rev. Ray Davis, pastor of the Columbia Falls Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to North Valley Hospital.

James Lankford Dies At Seattle, Funeral Monday

James William Lankford, retired Lt. Col., U.S.A.F., 51, Shady Lane Trailer Court, died in Seattle, Wednesday. He was born Feb. 10, 1919, at Henning, Tenn., a son of John and Luella Lankford.

June 27, 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at Las Vegas where he served as a pilot. He had received training in electronics and radar and had helped with the planning of the Kalispell Air Force Station, Lakeside. March 31, 1965, he received his honorable discharge.

June 12, 1965, he married Shirley Mae Mead at Las Vegas. The couple then moved to the Flathead where they have since resided. Mr. Lankford was a member of the Bigfork Masonic Lodge 150 and the Order of the Eastern Star 128. He is survived by his widow at the family home; three daughters, Martha Dell Barney, Vancouver, B.C., Nancy Ruth Rinstein, Dover, N.J., and Carol Jean Roland, Atlanta, Ga.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lankford, DeWitt, Ark.; one sister, Juanita Miller, Stuttgart, Ark.; three grandchildren and two nieces.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 10 a.m. Monday with the Rev. T. C. Buckle, pastor of the Church of God officiating. Ritualistic rites will be conducted by the Bigfork Masonic Lodge. Following the services the body will be forwarded to the Custer National Cemetery, Hardin, for military graveside rites and interment.

Lansberry Funerals Monday

Dual funeral services for David LeRoy Lansberry, 10, and his sister, Janann Marice, 8, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Masters, pastor of the Assembly of God Church of Bigfork, officiating.

The two died Wednesday evening from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Swan Lake.

Interment will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

David was born March 18, 1961, at Libby, and shortly thereafter moved with his family to Columbia Falls. Janann was born Feb. 21, 1963, at Whitefish. The family then moved to the Swan Valley area and Bigfork. David was to enter the fourth grade and Janann the third grade at the Bigfork Elementary School.

They are survived by their parents, Calvin and Lillian Lansberry of Bigfork and one sister, Teresa, at home and their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith of Ruppert, Idaho.

Lorene Lanway Passes at 71, Rites Wednesday

POLSON — Mrs. Lorene Lanway, 71, Dayton, died in Polson Thursday. She was born Feb. 20, 1900, at Kansas City, Kan.

She married Tom Lanway in 1944 in Kalispell and had resided in Dayton since where she had owned and operated a stock ranch. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women of Polson; the Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W.; the Western Montana Horsemen's Assn. and the Chief Cliff Homemaker Club, Dayton.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1969 and is now survived by two sons, Jack Lingle, Kalispell, and Eugene K. Hagerty, San Jose, Calif.; one stepson, Russell Lanway, Creston, Wash.; one brother, Bruce Funkskov, Westminster, Calif.; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Mosley Chapel in Polson at 2 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Chauncey Biffle officiating. Friend and relatives will meet at Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 4 p.m. Wednesday for graveside rites and interment.

Irwin Larson Dies Saturday, Rites Wednesday

WHITEFISH — Irwin William Larson, 73, 840 First St., Whitefish, died Saturday. He was born Dec. 12, 1897, at Ogden, Utah, a son of Fred and Augusta Larson. He had received his education at Ruppert, Idaho.

In 1922 he moved to Montana and had lived at Eureka, Saco and Conrad where he had been employed as a signal maintenance man for the Great Northern Railway, having retired in 1963. In 1964 he moved to Whitefish where he has since resided.

He was a member of the Whitefish Masonic Lodge 64 AF&AM and the Scottish Rite. Dec. 6, 1917, he married Doris Nickerson at Twin Falls, Idaho and is now survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by one son, Ellis Larson, Fort Benton; two daughters, Mrs. D. S. (Laurece) Childers of Burlingame, Calif., and Mrs. Bill (Dorothy) Bell of Glasgow; 12 grandchildren and a number of other relatives. The body is being forwarded by the Austin Funeral Home to the Bell Funeral Home at Glasgow where funeral services will be Wednesday morning. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery.

Hans P. Lauman Dies Friday, Services Tuesday

Hans Peter Lauman, 70, died in Kalispell Friday. He was born May 18, 1900, at Lake Blaine, a son of Adolph and Hattie Lauman.

He had attended local schools and had been employed in logging and woodwork most of his life. He was a single man and is now survived by six brothers, Dean and Carl Lauman, both of Kalispell; Clayton, Albert and Willis Lauman, all of Somers, and Niels (Chris) Lauman in Alaska; four sisters, Helen Tower, Midland, Mich.; Karen Severson, Kalispell; Lillie Belden, Sandpoint, Idaho, and Mary Ann Scott, Smelterville, Idaho, and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Lena Duffy, April 4, 1968.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 11 a.m. Tuesday with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

James Leaphart Dies Friday, Service Monday

WHITEFISH — James Donald Leaphart, 76, died Friday at his home, 521 Kalispell Ave. He was born Feb. 25, 1895 at Brookfield, Mo., a son of Charles and Sarah Leaphart.

He received his education at Brookfield and in 1917 he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, he moved to Clearmont, Wyo. He was engaged in farming there until 1928 when he moved to Missoula, where he was employed with the Missoula Mercantile as a hardware buyer.

In 1962 he retired and in 1968 moved to Whitefish where he has since resided. He was a member of the American Legion Post 108 of Whitefish and the First Christian Church of Whitefish.

Sept. 15, 1921, he married Marie Samson at Clearmont, Wyo. and is now survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by two sons, Charles D., Moscow, Idaho, and Clark, Whitefish; two daughters, Mrs. Norman M. Haas, Albany, Ga. and Mrs. Raymond O'Brien, Poplar; 14 grandchildren; two brothers, C. W. Leaphart, Missoula, and F. E. Leaphart, Florence, Ore.; two sister, Mrs. C.J. Hash and Miss Helen Leaphart both of Brookfield, Mo.

Funeral services for Mr. Leaphart will be in the Austin Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Monday with the Rev. George Krieger, pastor of the First Christian Church officiating. Interment will be in Whitefish Cemetery with military graveside rites being conducted by Veterans of World War I.

Jetta Lebert Rites Thursday

Mrs. Jetta Mary Lebert, 77, 703 Fourth Ave. E., died in Browning Monday. She was born Feb. 2, 1894, at Kimball, S.D., a daughter of Andrew and Harriett Gregory. She had received her education in Minneapolis and in about 1910 she moved to Montana.

Aug. 18, 1912, she married Samuel Lebert at Glasgow. The couple had lived at Nashua and Glasgow and Valley County until about 1948 when they moved to the Flathead Valley. They had owned and operated a farm at Somers until several years ago when they moved to Kalispell.

Mrs. Lebert is survived by her widower at home; one daughter, Mrs. Carl (Maxine) Pepper, Hillsboro, Ore.; two sisters,

Marie Olsen, Cranbrook, B.C. and Helen Davids, Vancouver, Wash., three grandchildren and several other relatives.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lebert will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Fred Paxton, pastor of the Central Christian Church, officiating. Interment will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Thomas L. Lee Rites Saturday

COLUMBIA FALLS — Thomas F. Lee, 80, Columbia Falls, died in Spokane Wednesday. He was born at Columbia Falls Feb. 25, 1891, the son of George and Teresa Lee. He grew up in the Bad Rock area and received his education.

He and his brother later owned and operated a livery stable and operated the first taxicab in Columbia Falls. He logged for a while and then owned and operated the Cozy Corner in Columbia Falls with the late James Everin.

He was a lifelong member of the Elks Lodge 725.

In August 1916, he married Georgiana Zorzi, who died in December 1966. Aug. 12, 1969, he married Alice Lecher at Columbia Falls and is now survived by her at their home. He is also survived by two brothers, William Lee, Cheney, Wash., and Robert Lee, Walla Walla, Wash.; two sisters, Mrs. Stasia McAlear, Fallon, Nev., and Beatrice Lee, Kalispell, and a number of nephews and nieces.

Requiem funeral mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Richard's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hartman as celebrant. Interment will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Rosary will be recited at 7 this evening in St. Richard's Catholic Church.

Ted Leighty Killed In Truck Accident

Word was received Tuesday of the death in a truck accident of Ted Leighty, 39, Pasco, Wash. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Brad Leighty, longtime residents of Deer Park and a former Kalispell resident.

He is survived by his widow, Gloria; son, Dwayne; three daughters, Pamela, Cheryl and Brenda, all at the family home in Pasco.

Other survivors include 11 sisters, Mrs. Lester (Ellen) Ford in Connecticut; Mrs. Eugene (Ethel) Vandevanter, Columbia Falls; Mrs. Adolph (Nellie) Mitsch, Columbia Falls; Mrs. Bertha Peterson, Everett, Wash.; Mrs. Todd (Thelma) Carter, Columbia Falls; Mrs. Robert (Esther) Ingram, Kalispell; Mrs. William (Irene) Broad, Kalispell; Mrs. Larry (June) Kinney, Addie, Wash.; Mrs. Violet McLees, Aloha, Ore.; Mrs. Ed (Laura) Harwood, Auburn, Wash.; and Mrs. Hank (Ardith) Barnhouse, Addie, Wash.; five brothers, Sam Leighty, Sebastopol, Calif.; Earl and Charles Leighty, Kalispell; Jim Leighty, Roseburg, Ore.; and Andy Leighty, Kent, Wash.; also several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Alma.

Services are tentatively set for Saturday at 2 p.m. in Pasco, with burial to be in a cemetery there.

William Leitch Dies Tuesday, Rites Thursday

HUNGRY HORSE — William Leitch, 74, Hungry Horse, died in Whitefish Tuesday. He was born in Canada July 11, 1897. While a young boy he moved to Calumet, Mich., where he made his home and received his education.

He then was employed by the Cadillac Motor Car Co. at Detroit as a tool and die maker. He continued his employment there until retiring in 1959 and in 1960 moved to Hungry Horse where he had since made his home.

May 16, 1960 he married Goldie M. Thomas at Hungry Horse and is now survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by one step-daughter, Mrs. Velta Steward, Sumner, Wash.; one step-granddaughter and by one nephew, James Bowden, Downers Grove, Ill.

Funeral services for Mr. Leitch have been set for 2 p.m. Thursday from the Van Leuven Chapel in Columbia Falls with Rev. Frank Simms, pastor of the Assembly of God Church, officiating. Interment will follow in a local cemetery.

W. A. Lewis Dies; Rites Announced

Wilbur A. Lewis, 44, 770 Fourth Ave. W. N., died in Seattle Monday.

He was born June 5, 1926, at St. James, Mo., a son of Andrew and Adoline Lewis. He was preceded in death by his parents and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McWhorter became his foster parents.

When he was four years of age he moved to Illinois and in 1936 he moved to Montana where he attended elementary schools in Kila.

Sept. 20, 1944, he entered the U.S. Army and served until receiving his honorable discharge Nov. 13, 1946, at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

He returned to the Flathead Valley and had been employed as a line foreman for the Pacific Power & Light Co. for the past 23 years.

He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and was president and business manager for the Local 768, IBEW.

Aug. 23, 1947, he married Verna Morgan in Kalispell and is now survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by three children, Sandra, Kathy, and Kevin, all at home.

Funeral services will be in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Highway 93 North, at 9:30 a.m. Friday with Elder Wayne Moore officiating. Interment will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

John Livengood Dies Sunday, Rites Wednesday

John Roy Livengood, 76, 1322 Utah Ave., Libby, died in Kalispell Sunday. He was born May 9, 1895, at Richfield, Mo., a son of John and Alice Livengood. He had received his education in Kansas and Oklahoma.

In 1915 he married Minnie Daharsh at Pryor, Okla. In 1916 the couple moved to Conrad for four years and in 1920 they moved to Lincoln County. Mr. Livengood had served as a policeman at Eureka for 10 years and was then sheriff of Lincoln County for four years before serving as deputy police judge for four years before his retirement.

He is survived by his widow; one son, Roy A. Livengood, Raymond, Wash.; four daughters, Mrs. Charles (Bernell) McClay, Reeds Port, Ore.; Mrs. Gertrude Schneider, Seattle; Mrs. Charles (Mary) Daril, Columbia Falls, and Mrs. Leonard (Lois) Emmert, Kalispell; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Livengood will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. G. Ray Davis, pastor of the Columbia Falls Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Mary Loeffler Dies At 90, Rites Wednesday

COLUMBIA FALLS — Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Loeffler, 90, Columbia Falls, died in Missoula Saturday. She was born at Benson, Minn., July 15, 1880. She moved to Columbia Falls in 1909 and had made her home there since.

She was a member of the Methodist Church of Columbia Falls, Royal Neighbors, and Rebekah Lodge and a former member of the Bad Rock Busy Bees.

Jan. 17, 1912, she married Gottlieb Loeffler who preceded her in death in 1949. She was also preceded in death by one sister Mrs. Emma Leighty in 1969.

Mrs. Loeffler is now survived by one son, Henry Loeffler, Missoula; one daughter, Mrs. J. Ted (Lulu E.) Rogers, Columbia Falls; five grandchildren and one brother, George Mattheisen, Kalispell.

Funeral services for Mrs. Loeffler are planned for Wednesday at 2 p.m. from the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls with interment to follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Chauncey Lord Dies Monday, Funeral Friday

Chauncey C. Lord, 85, Kalispell, died in Ft. Harrison Monday. He was born April 12, 1886, in Courtland County, New York. As a young man he moved to Kalispell and had resided here since.

He was a veteran of World War I enlisting in the U.S. Army Oct. 4, 1917, at Kalispell, and served as a private until receiving his honorable discharge Dec. 31, 1918, at Vancouver, Wash. In 1961 he married Florence Mitchell and was preceded in death by her in 1968.

Mr. Lord had been a farm laborer until his retirement. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He is survived by a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rathbun, Whitefish.

Funeral services for Mr. Lord will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday in the Johnson Chapel. Interment will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted by Veterans of World War I.

Ludvig Lorenson Dies At 85, Funeral Monday

Ludvig Lorenson, 85, 1520 Sixth Ave. W., died in Hot Springs Wednesday. He was born Jan. 21, 1885, at Tromso, Norway, a son of Loren and Elizabeth Lorenson.

When he was 14 he came to America and had lived in Iowa. He later moved to Minnesota. Oct. 27, 1913, he married Martha Holth at Crafton, N.D., and the couple continued to live in North Dakota until 1933 when they returned to Minnesota.

In 1945 they moved to Kalispell and have resided here since. He was a blacksmith and carpenter having operated his own shop in North Dakota and Minnesota 40 years. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

He is survived by his widow; one son, Palmer, Thief River Falls, Minn.; two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Leone) Foster, Kalispell, and Mrs. Evelyn Walberg, Grygla, Minn.; nine grandchildren; three great-granddaughters; two brothers, Peter and Rasmus Lorenson, both of Strathcona, Minn., and two sisters, Mrs. Julia Johnson of Middle River, Minn., and Mrs. Henrietta Sands, Kalispell.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Johnson Main Street Chapel at 3 p.m. Monday with the Rev. Ellwood Grissom, pastor of the Assembly of God Church officiating. Interment will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Lucille Lowitz Dies Friday, Services Pending

COLUMBIA FALLS -- Mrs. Lucille Anna Lowitz, 58, Rt. 1 B, Columbia Falls, died in Whitefish Friday. She was born July 9, 1913, at Minneapolis, Minn. a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Angerhofer. As an infant she moved with her family to Aberdeen, S.D. where she received her education and spent her early life.

April 4, 1933, she married Delbert Lowitz at Aberdeen. The couple then moved to Rygate where they lived until 1938 when they moved to their present home at Columbia Falls. Mrs. Lowitz was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her widower at home; three sons, Bud, Kalispell; Richard, Columbia Falls, and Mark in the U.S. Navy in Japan; three daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Frieda) Pritchard, Columbia Falls; Mrs. Leroy (Gloria) Miles, Tranquility, Calif., and Mrs. Larry (Naomi) Torgerson, St. Paul, Minn. 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Eldon Angerhofer, Aberdeen, S.D. and one sister, Mrs. Harris Kruse, Wetonka, S.D. and a number of other relatives.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Lowitz will be announced by the Austin Funeral Home.