

Leander J. Eckert, 67

28 Dec 1975

Leander J. Eckert, 67, died at his home southeast of Whitefish on Sunday. He was born Nov. 30, 1908, in Glendive.

When he was three years of age, he moved with his parents to Canada where he had received his education. He later moved to Montana where he was employed at the Fort Peck Dam.

In 1928, he moved to Whitefish and was employed in the Bridge and Building Department of the Great Northern Railroad as a crane operator. He retired from

the railroad in 1973 after 32 years of service.

On Dec. 6, 1929, he was married to May Jeurl Samuelson at Boulder and is now survived by her at the family home.

He also is survived by three sons, Gary and Lee J. Eckert both of Kalispell and Bill Eckert of Denver, Colo.; two daughters, Mona Robison of Whitefish and Mrs. Robert (Barbara) Wiprud of Malta

and twelve grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Eckert will be conducted in the Austin Chapel 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Father John Cronin of St. Charles Catholic Church officiating.

Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

7 Oct. 1975

Elbert Egan, 82

Elbert Egan, 82, who had resided at 75 N. Foy Lake Dr., died in the Veterans Hospital at Fort Harrison Tuesday morning.

He was born Oct. 24, 1892, in McKing County, Penn., a son of Frank and Emma Egan.

At an early age he moved with his family to Butte, where he received his education. He was then employed as a credit manager for Hennesseys there

and also was a life insurance salesman.

On Dec. 11, 1917, he entered the U.S. Navy and served as a Seaman 2C until receiving his honorable discharge on Feb. 28, 1919.

In 1920, he moved to McGinnes Meadow, near Foy Lake.

On May 17, 1936, he was married to Sophia J. Klauk in Kalispell. The couple then moved to their present home where they have since resided. Mr. Egan had

been employed by the Pacific Power and Light Company until his retirement in 1957 as credit manager.

He was of the Catholic faith and was a member of the World War Barracks #362.

He was preceded in death by his parents and now is survived by his widow, Sophia, at home; one son Francis Egan of Seattle, Wash.; one daughter, Eugenie Zorb of Montclair, Calif.; four

grandchildren and several other relatives.

Rosary for Mr. Egan will be recited in the Johnson Chapel at 7 p.m. Monday. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated in St. Matthew's Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Father James Moe as celebrant. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted by the local veterans organizations.

Adney Elletson

LIBBY - Adney E. Elletson, 23 Oct 1975, 26, has been missing at Lake Kooocanusa since April 23 and is now presumed dead.

Born Nov. 16, 1948, at Kalispell, at the age of two he and his family moved to Libby. He is a veteran of the Vietnam war and had been working as a sawyer for St. Regis Paper Co. He married Joannette Anderson on July 22, 1972, at Kalispell.

He is survived by the widow at Libby; a daughter, Niki, also of Libby; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Elletson of Libby; a brother, Rodney, of Libby; three sisters, Arlowayne Burrell of Missoula, Georgia and Tina of Libby; his grandparents, Mrs. Edgar Palmer of Spokane, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Adney A. Elletson Sr. of Billings.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Christian Church, Libby, with Pastor Dan Brossman officiating. Vial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Arvid Erickson, 84

Arvid W. G. Erickson, 84, died Dec. 8, at his home in Billings.

He was born March 17, 1891, in Sweden. In 1910, he came to Eastern Montana, where he homesteaded until 1921.

On Jan. 4, 1921, he married Ruby Marian Cole in Glendive.

He farmed in Eastern Montana until 1933 when he moved to the Fortine area. In 1952 the couple moved to Kalispell and in 1971 they moved to Billings.

Mr. Erickson was the oldest charter member of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church of Montana.

Survivors include seven daughters. They are Dorothy Curtis of Libby; Irene Ross of Portland, Ore.; Edith Thomson of Kalispell; Helen Brown and Anna Lee Stewart, both of Monte Carlo, Monaco; Lyna Perkins of Warsaw, N.Y., and Nellie Wilson of Winnipeg, Manitoba; two sons, Arvid of Yakima, Wash., and Harold of Billings; and one brother, Frank of Joliet, Ill.

Services were last Thursday in the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Billings, the Rev. James B. McFadden officiating.

Robert W. Erickson

Robert W. Erickson, 61, Hungry Horse, died at Coram Thursday from injuries received in an accident.

Mr. Erickson was born in North Dakota on July 19, 1914, the son of Frank and Ida Erickson.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served with the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Erickson had made his home in Spokane and for the past seven years, had worked as camp supervisor on the North Slope in Alaska on oil drilling operations. He had retired and moved to Hungry Horse three months ago.

He is survived by his widow, Winifred White Erickson, at Hungry Horse; three sons, William Erickson of Seattle, Frankie Erickson with the U. S. Air Force in Korea and Larry Erickson of Spokane; one daughter, Mrs. Donna Shilaim of Anchorage; five sisters and four brothers.

The body of Mr. Erickson was forwarded to Spokane where graveside services were conducted Saturday afternoon in the Fairmont Memorial Park. Local arrangements were under the direction of the Van Leuven Funeral Home.

Helen Ettinger

Mrs. Helen R. Ettinger, 73, of Kalispell, died in Whitefish on Tuesday morning.

She was born Sept. 6, 1901, in Loveland, Colo., a daughter of William and Nancy Putney. She had been a resident of Missoula for over 30 years prior to her retirement in 1967.

She had served with the Forest Service for 14 years, and prior to that time she had been Forestry School librarian at the University of Montana for 10 years.

She is now survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dale (Nancy) Harvey and three grandchildren all of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery 11 a.m. on Saturday with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel

officiating. Friends and relatives will meet at the Johnson Chapel before going to the cemetery.

Ruby Erickson

Ruby Marian Erickson, 79, of 3215 Central Ave., died Tuesday, April 1, at her home in Billings.

She was born May 26, 1895, in Bloomfield, Neb., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cole. She married Arvid W.G. Erickson in 1921 in Glendive.

They lived in Kalispell for 18 years before going to Billings in 1971.

Survivors include the widower; seven daughters, Dorothy Curtis of Fortine, Irene Ross of Portland, Ore., Edith Thomson of Kalispell; Helen Brown and Anna Lee Stewart, both of Monte Carlo, Monaco; Lyna Perkins of Warsaw, N.Y.; Nellie Wilson of Waterloo, Ont.; two sons, Arvid of Yakima, Wash., and Harold of Billings; 34 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services were April 3, in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Billings with the Rev. James B. McFadden officiating.

Participating in the service were District Superintendent Rev. Malm of Billings and Rev. Milton Erdmann of Kalispell. Messages were brought by sons Arvid and Harold. Music was furnished by the church choir, and James Black a grandson sang "I Trust In God."

The Evergreen Alliance Church of Kalispell has started a memorial fund in memory of Mrs. Erickson to be given to foreign missions.

Those wishing to give to this fund please contact Rev. Erdmann.

Frank James Evans

D-13 Jan. 1975

Frank James Evans, 71, Browning, died in Whitefish Monday evening.

He was born Sept. 28, 1903, in Browning, a son of Joseph and Mary Evans.

He had received his education at Browning, Genoa, Carlisle, Pa., and Chenawa, Ore.

He then moved to Heart Butte where he engaged in ranching operations for a time before returning to Browning. He was then employed by the Great Northern Railroad until his retirement at age 65.

He was a member of the St. Ann's Catholic Church of Heart Butte.

In 1958 he was married to Louise Blackburne of Heart Butte and is now survived by her at the home in Browning.

He is also survived by two sons, Frank Evans Jr., in Washington and Richard Evans of Browning; five daughters, Lena Champine, Alla Lou Marceau, Mary Webster, Rita Bird and Joey Reevis all of Browning; two brothers, Aloyisus and Henry Evans of Browning; three sisters, Irene Shoate and Clara Mountain Chief both of Cut Bank and Jeanette Marshall of Heart Butte and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The body is being forwarded by the Austin Funeral Home to the Riddle Funeral Home of Browning where funeral services and interment will be at a later date.

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Kester Evans

16 Apr. 1975

Kester L. Evans, 61, who had resided at 1602 - 6th Avenue West, died in Kalispell on Wednesday evening. He was born August 4, 1913, in Lufkin, Texas, a son of William Charles and Mary Elizabeth Evans.

He had received his education in Texas and was later employed as an aircraft mechanic having been employed by Convair Corporation and Boeing Company in Seattle.

In 1958, he moved to the Flathead Valley where he has since resided. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge of Kalispell.

He now is survived by six sons, Kester Evans, Jr., Bill H., John and George L. Evans all of Seattle, Charles N. of Thomasville, Ga. and Edward E. Evans of Weatherford, Tex.; 10 grandchildren; three brothers, Nealie B. Evans of Dufkin, Tex., Herschell Evans of Crane, Tex. and Rev. Glenn Evans of Nashville, Tenn. and three sisters, Amy Hopper, Edna Brown and Hazel Brown all of Lufkin, Tex.

The body has been forwarded by the Johnson Funeral Home to the Gipson Funeral Home of Lufkin, Tex. where funeral services are being planned for Wednesday. Burial will be in the Evans Family Cemetery there.

Wesley Evans

18 Mar. 1975

Wesley H. Evans, 63, 1086 Trumble Creek Rd., died in Kalispell Tuesday evening.

He was born Aug. 11, 1911, in Maroa, Ill., a son of Maroa and Lucy Evans.

A Navy veteran of World War II, in 1951 he married Marie Miller. After moving to Kalispell, Mr. Evans had been employed as a salesman until his retirement. He was a member of the Ottawa Masonic Lodge No. 51 of Marysville, Mont.

He is now survived by his widow, Marie, at home; one son, Michael E. Evans in the U.S. Navy at Charleston, S.C.; one brother, Scott Evans of Bryan, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Bernadine Kinsey of Angola, Ind. and Mrs. Louis Read of Long Beach, Calif.

Services will be in the Johnson Chapel at 11 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. M.R. Ermann, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military graveside rites.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Shodair Crippled Children's Hospital of Helena.

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Minnie Evans

D-11 Mar. 1975

Mrs. Minnie K. Evans, 78, formerly of Kalispell, died in Portland, Ore. on Tuesday.

She was born Feb. 5, 1897, in Dennison, Iowa. She married Evan John Evans who preceded her in death on Nov. 18, 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans had been longtime residents of Kalispell where Mr. Evans had been grocery department manager for the K.M. Company for many years.

Mrs. Evans is survived by two sons, Robert James of Colorado Springs, Colo. and John Arthur of Redland, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Brander of Grass Valley, Ore. and Mrs. Wayne Daggett of Portland; one brother, Art Jepsen of San Francisco, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Leona Peterson of Whitefish; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be in the Johnson Chapel at 11 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Paul Taylor of the Christ Church (Episcopal) officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Maxine Ewert

1 July 1975

Maxine Joann Ewert, 43, of 135 West Reserve Drive, died Tuesday.

She was born Oct. 8, 1931, at Plentywood. She attended school at Medicine Lake and finished her schooling in Kalispell.

She married Robert Ewert at Raymond, Wash., Sept. 7, 1950.

She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church and a member of Eagles Auxiliary 234. She had clerked at Stoick Drug and Evergreen Drug before her illness.

Mrs. Ewert is survived by her widower, Robert and son Robert Jr., at the family home; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Vetrone of Kalispell; her mother, Mrs. Margaret Madsen, Kalispell; two brothers, Les Madsen, of Hobson and Weldon Madsen, Stanford, and a sister, Mrs. Virginia Peterson, Kalispell.