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Violet Rasmussen, 64

Mrs. Violet Evelyn Rasmussen, 64, who had resided at 2329 U.S. 93 S., died in Kalispell Thursday evening.

She was born March 7, 1911, in Goodwater, Sask., Canada, a daughter of William and Lilla McMurdo. At an early age, she moved with her family to Opheim where she had received her early education.

She then attended the Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Great Falls,

graduating as a registered nurse. On March 1, 1934, she was married to Alston Emmanuel Rasmussen at Glasgow. In 1941, the couple moved to the Flathead Valley where Mrs. Rasmussen was employed at the Flathead County Hospital for a time and was later employed with the Kalispell General Hospital as a registered nurse.

She had received her 15-year pin before her retire-

ment form there in 1971.

She was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alston, on Oct. 19, 1973, and now is survived by two sons, Arlee Rasmussen of Kalispell and Jim Rasmussen of Buffalo, Wyo.; three daughters, Mrs. Wayne (Sharon) McGee of Soda Springs, Idaho, Mrs. Hank (Ardis) Anderson of

Columbia Falls and Mrs. Merry Proefrock of Great Falls; one brother, William McMurdo of Grand Junction, Colo. and 18 grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Rasmussen will be in the Johnson Chapel at 2 p.m. Tuesday with burial to follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Kalispell Regional Hospital Fund.

6 Mar. 1975

Bruce W. Rauthe

Bruce Wade Rauthe, 19, resident of 22 Woodlawn Trailer Court, Kalispell, was instantly killed Thursday in a logging accident sixteen miles southeast of Grass Range, near Lewistown.

He was born June 10, 1955 in Kalispell a son of Carl and Lillian Rauthe. He had attended Kalispell schools and was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Mr. Rauthe had been employed by the Wildman Logging Company as a woodworker.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rauthe of Kalispell; one brother, Brad Rauthe of Sedan, Minn., one sister, Carla Rauthe at the family home in Kalispell; his grandparents, Harry and Mary Olson and Mr. Oliver Aurand all of Kalispell; several aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Services for Mr. Rauthe will be Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Johnson Chapel with Rev. James Engh, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment will follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Frank Redpath

Frank E. Redpath, 89, formerly of Somers, died Thursday in Flathead Health Center. He was a retired lumber mill worker.

Mr. Redpath was born Feb. 28, 1885, in Inkster, N.D., the son of Alexander and Jessie Redpath. He was educated in Kenmare, N.D.

On Jan. 19, 1911, he married Martha Peterson in Minot, N.D.

They homesteaded near Joplin, Mont., from 1911 to 1923, and then moved to Somers in 1923. He was employed at the Somers Lumber Co. and later at the Broeder Bros. Mill until he retired. He lived in Somers until two years ago when he moved to Bigfork Convalescent Home.

Mr. Redpath is survived by three sons, Howard, Somers; Gordon, Helena; and Don, Sacramento; one daughter, Mrs. William (Charlotte) Managhan, Libby; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, one daughter, his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel, officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Albert W. Reimer

Albert W. Reimer, 96, 260 Lake Blaine Road, died in Kalispell Wednesday evening.

He was born Oct. 1, 1878, on

the Island of Rugen.

In 1903, he moved to the Flathead Valley and had lived and farmed in the Creston district since that time. Mr. Reimer was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

He is now survived by one son, Harry Reimer of Kalispell; three daughters, Mrs. Lloyd (Katherine) Buck of Kalispell, Mrs. Gaylord (Luella) Smith of Anchorage, Alaska, and Mrs. Robert (Margeann) Young of Moraga, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

Services for Mr. Reimer will be in the Trinity Lutheran Church at 11 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Harold Huber officiating.

Interment will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends and relatives may call at the Johnson Chapel for visitation until 9 p.m. Friday.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church.

23 May 1975
Connie Rhodes

Connie Rhodes, 73, 121 Sleepy Hollow Drive, Evergreen, died Friday in North Valley Hospital, Whitefish.

Mrs. Rhodes was born May 5, 1902 in Tyler, Minn., a daughter of Karl A. and Rasmine Hansen. She attended schools there and was graduated from the high school in Tyler.

She married Conrad Gislason in Tyler and they lived in many Minnesota communities, including Rochester, Minneapolis, and Crookston.

He died in January of 1956 while they were living in Willmar. She made her home there a few more years before moving to Montana in 1963, when she went to work in Glacier National Park.

Mrs. Rhodes married Elmer J. Rhodes in Kalispell on Nov. 10, 1968, and is now survived by him.

Surviving, besides her husband, are two sons, Gerald W. Gislason, Palm Springs, Calif., Richard A. Gislason, Buffalo, Minn.; a daughter, Mrs. Tom (Bette) Kaul, Faribault, Minn.; two step-sons, Charles A. Rhodes, Kalispell, Cecil C. Rhodes, Lakeside; four step-daughters, Mrs. Harvey (Ella Mae) Stevens, Mrs. Velma Carlson, both of Kalispell, Mrs. Roger (Verda) Stevens, Kent, Wash., Mrs. Ruby Anderson, Roseburg, Ore.; four sisters, Mrs. A. K. Nelson, LaHabra, Calif., Mrs. V. M. Nelson, Miss Joanne Hansen, both of San Gabriel, Calif., Mrs. J. C. (Emile) Lund, Tyler, Minn.; and 16 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Everett L. Cecil, pastor of the Central Christian Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Spring Creek Cemetery.

David Rice

LIBBY — David Edward Rice, 62, died Sunday, Feb. 23, in Spokane, Wash. He was born April 26, 1912 in Libby, and attended Libby schools during his youth. He married Ruth Nixon, Sept. 6, 1933 in Libby.

Mr. Rice worked for the J. Neils Lumber Co. for 17 years and the U.S. Forest Service for 16 years. He is survived by his widow Ruth, of Libby; four daughters, Lorraine Sighting, Shirley Snyder and Carolyn Camp, all of Libby, and Judy Teufert of Spokane; three sons, Leonard and Allan of Libby, and Daniel of Sumner, Wash.; his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Rice of Salem, Ore.; one sister, Margaret DeMarious Kidd, from Leesville, La.; and 18 grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Rice will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Vial Funeral Chapel, with Rev. Ronald Clapp officiating. Burial will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery. Vial Funeral Home is conducting the arrangements.

2 Aug 1975

Ellsworth Rice

LIBBY — Ellsworth Albert Rice, 93, died Saturday in Salem, Ore. He was born April, 1882 in Oberlin, Kan.

He came to Montana as a small boy and later worked as a rancher and farmer in the Libby and Eureka areas. He also was employed by the J. Neils Lumber Co. He was married to Hattie McKinney in Portland, Ore. in 1962.

Eva M. Rigler

23 May 1975
Eva M. Rigler, 75, who had resided at 117 Birch Road, died in Kalispell on Friday evening. She was born July 31, 1899, in Livingston, a daughter of Louis and Mary Moore.

She had received her education in Livingston and California and had taught school for a number of years in the rural schools of Park County.

On June 22, 1922, she was married to Charles Rigler at Livingston. The couple had then engaged in ranching operations in the Yellowstone Valley until the death of Mr. Rigler in 1948.

Mrs. Rigler then moved to Livingston where she lived until about 10 years ago, and since that time has made her home with her children. She was a member of the Holbrook Congregational Church of Livingston.

She is now survived by one son, Charles Rigler of Phoenix, Ariz.; four daughters. Mrs. Betty Lawghridge of Olympia, Wash.; Mrs. Robert (Marilou) Lawellin of Great Falls, Mrs. Don (Peggy) Betcher of Livingston and Mrs. Ryan (Barbara) Swan of Kalispell; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Wilbur Strong of El Monte, Calif., and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Rigler are incomplete and will be announced later by the Johnson Funeral Home.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Birdsell, in 1931, a second wife, Kappa, in 1961; and a son, David.

Mr. Rice is survived by his widow, Hattie, Salem, Ore., one daughter, Margaret Demarious Kidd, Leesville, La.; two stepsons, Clayton McKinney, Oatman, Ariz., and Sidney McKinney, Longdale, Calif.; one brother, Ray, Libby; two sisters, Etta McCallum, Libby and Wandy Parker, Bonner's Ferry, Idaho; seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Vial Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery. Vial Funeral Home in Libby is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Roy Ripke

18 June 1975

Roy Ripke, 88, of Bigfork, died at the Bigfork Convalescent Home on Wednesday morning.

He had been a resident of the home for the past three and a half years.

He was born Nov. 8, 1886, in Missouri, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ripke. He had received his schooling in Missouri and in 1903, he came to the Flathead Valley where he had farmed in the Swan River Community for a number of years.

He then moved to Holt where he continued to farm until selling and moving to the Bigfork Convalescent Home.

Mr. Ripke had served as a deputy county assessor for many years, and had also served as caretaker of the Lonepine Cemetery for many years. He was a member of the Little Brown Church of Bigfork and had been active in the activities of the church.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister. On May 3, 1917, he was married to Jessie Gates in Kalispell and now is survived by his widow at the Bigfork Convalescent Home. He also is survived by a nephew, Murray Raymond of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Francis

Ripke of Bigfork and Mrs. Ralph Ripke of Missoula and two nephews in California.

Services will be in the Little Brown Church of Bigfork at 11 a.m. on Saturday with the Rev. Halden Curtiss officiating. Burial will be in the Lonepine Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Lena May Rives, 98

12 Aug 1975

TROY — Lena May Rives, 98, died Tuesday at the St. John's Hospital in Libby.

She was born Oct. 11, 1877 in Arkansas. She moved to Troy in 1916 and was one of first and longest residents of the area. She built and operated the Great Northern Bar and the Rives Court until her death.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ernest "Bam."

Graveside services will be at 2

p.m. Friday in the City of Libby Cemetery. The Rev. Perry Dunn will officiate.

Survivors include niece Betty Brown of Troy, two sisters, Opel Mullins and Julia Coldewey, both of California; one nephew, Anthony Coldewey, Nevada. She has two great-nieces and one great-nephew.

Vial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

George Robbin

23 JAN 1975

George K. Robbin, 76, 725 S. Main St., died in Kalispell Thursday night. He was an active businessman and banker for many years in Kalispell.

Mr. Robbin was born Jan. 23, 1899, in Clitherall, Minn. He attended grade school there, later moving to Kalispell in 1915 with his family and was graduated from Flathead High School in 1917.

He was associated in the Robbin Bros. Hardware business with his brothers, Hector and Rudy before attending the University of Chicago. He returned to Kalispell and entered the clothing business with his brother, Ray. He was in the clothing business for more than 30 years.

Mr. Robbin was one of the charter members of the First Federal Savings and Loan and was an officer of it until he retired in 1969. The officers made him director emeritus in 1974 after having remained a director since retiring. He also



GEORGE ROBBIN

was a director of the Bank of Columbia Falls.

Mr. Robbin was married to J. Marie Reid in July 1926 in Missoula. She died in January 1951. He then married Mary Kimms McDevitt in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in August 1951. She died here February 1972.

Mr. Robbin's memberships included: Bethlehem Lutheran Church; Kalispell Lodge 42, AF&AM; Scottish Rite; was Past Exalted Ruler of the Kalispell Lodge 725, BPOE. He was also active in the DeMolay youth activities. He also was a Shriner and a member of the Jesters; and the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Sharon) Herron, Columbia Falls; four brothers, Ray, Rudy, Arthur, all Kalispell, Walter Robbin, Creston; four sisters, Mrs. Amanda Edmiston, Mrs. Selma Dodge, Miss Elinor Robbin, Mrs. Hulda Hough, all Kalispell; his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Helgard McDevitt, Kalispell, four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. H. Peder Waldum, pastor, officiating. 27 JAN 1975

Burial, with graveside rites conducted by the Masonic Lodge, will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, under the direction of the Weatherford Funeral Home. The family suggests memorials to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the Montana Lung Association or the American Cancer Society.

Doliver Roberts *June 1975*

Doliver Roberts, 64, of Startup, Wash., died there Wednesday. Roberts was born March 27, 1911 in North Dakota. He later moved to Washington, worked there for many years as a builder contractor.

He is survived by his wife Ruth at Startup; a son, Dennis Roberts of Seattle and a sister, Mrs. Viola Wiley of Arizona.

Graveside services for Mr. Roberts will be held in the Woodlawn Cemetery on Wednesday morning at 11, with the Rev. Ray Davis, pastor of the United Methodist Church, officiating. Local arrangements are under the direction of the Van Leuven Funeral Home.

Minnie Robertson *28 Oct 1975*

Mrs. Minnie Vose Robertson, 88, who had formerly lived at 388 2nd Ave. E.N., died Monday in Kalispell.

Mrs. Robertson was born Aug. 6, 1886 in Wyoming County, Penn., a daughter of Oliver L. and Jennie Elizabeth Vose. She came to the Flathead Valley with her parents in 1889 and homesteaded northwest of Kalispell.

On May 23, 1911 she was married to Clyde A. Robertson and was preceded in death by him Sept. 16, 1947.

She was a member of the Daughters of American Revolution.

She is now survived by two sons: Robert of Kalispell and Vose of Somers; two daughters; Mary Jane Panick of Kalispell and Beulah E. Stearns, also of Kalispell; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Wednesday afternoon at 2 in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, officiating. Visitation is tonight from 7 to 9 in the Johnson Chapel. Memorials to the Flathead County Nursing Home have been suggested by the family. Friends and family will meet at the Johnson Chapel before going to the cemetery.

John A. Roberts, 20

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John A. Roberts, 20, 379 Managhan Lane, Kalispell, died Saturday in a one-vehicle accident near Grand Junction, Colo., where he was visiting.

He was born June 23, 1955, the son of Henry W. and Bonnie Carrol Roberts. He attended schools in Evergreen and was graduated from Flathead High School in 1972. During the summer vacation while attending school he worked on tree farms and lately had worked for Alpine Nursery. He had worked for a while in Colorado.

Surviving at home are his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Henry W. Roberts, two brothers, Paul Allen and Duane Arlin Roberts; his sister, Mrs. Walter (Christine A.) Burrows, Evergreen; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Bernice McKellar, Kalispell; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Roberts, Kalispell and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Lonepine Cemetery, Bigfork, with Danny Roberts, a close family friend of Kalispell, officiating. The family and friends will meet at the Weatherford Funeral Home before going to the cemetery.

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Margaret Robertson

Funeral services for Margaret Leila Robertson were conducted in the Austin Chapel at 2 p.m., Monday, October 20, 1975 with the Rev. Robert Laird of the United Presbyterian Church officiating.

Music was furnished by organist Mrs. George Lentz, and soloist Al Olson, Casketbearers were Ken Bell, Tony Hecimovich, Bill Henry, Cecil Nelson, Glen Nelson and Joe Pettinato.

Interment was made in the Whitefish Cemetery.

Margaret Robertson, 93, died in Missoula on Thursday. She was born June 8, 1882 in Chicago, Ill.

In 1896, she moved with her family to Canton, Ohio, and in 1905, they moved to Kalispell, later moving to Whitefish.

While in Chicago, Mrs. Robertson had attended the Chicago Music School and had later done post graduate work. She had taught piano lessons in Kalispell and Whitefish for many years.

In 1910, she moved to Nyack, Montana and was employed with the Great Northern Railroad. She continued to live there with the exception of a short time when she served as agent for the Great Northern Railroad at Olney and Fortine.

In 1916, she was married to John M. Robertson at Nyack. They homesteaded there, and continued to live there until after Mr. Robertson died in April of 1951.

In 1969, Mrs. Robertson moved to Hillside Manor in Missoula where she had resided since.

She was a member of the Operating Railroad Telegraphers Union.

Mrs. Robertson is survived by three sons, John C. of Missoula, Gordon K. of West Glacier, and Donald A. of Eldridge, Calif., two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Graf of Los Angeles, and Betty Lou Showen of Whitefish; 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Millie Rowlee

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13 FEB 1975

The Pilot was informed of the death Tuesday of a long time Whitefish resident, Mrs. A.G.--Millie--Rowlee, aged 90, at a nursing home in Evergreen, Colorado.

Mrs. Rowlee, a former Kalispell teacher, was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the P.E.O.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two daughters.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Woods Mortuary Friday followed by burial in Golden, Colorado.

Gifts may be given to the Memorial Fund at the Presbyterian Church.

Oneta Roy, 78

Oneta Roy, 78, died at her home at 530 Sixth Avenue East, Kalispell, on Monday evening. She was born Feb. 12, 1897, in Portland, Mich. In 1901, at the age of 4 years, she moved with her parents to the Madison Valley in Montana near Ennis. In 1914, she moved to Belgrade where she completed her high school education and was then employed as a telephone operator.

On Aug. 2, 1917, she was married to Dr. Wilfred Roy at Bozeman, Montana. The couple lived at Belgrade, Great Falls and Plentywood where Dr. Roy practiced dentistry and Mrs. Roy was a licensed dental hygienist.

In 1945, they moved to Kalispell where Dr. Roy continued to practice dentistry until his death on Aug. 2, 1961. Mrs. Roy was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell and Adah Chapter No. 17 Order of the Eastern Star.

She is now survived by a cousin in Portland, Oregon. Funeral services for Mrs. Roy will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel 1:30 p.m. Thursday with the Rev. Dr. Odin Baugh, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Carl Rudolph

5 May 1975

EUREKA — Carl L. Rudolph, 39, died of a heart attack Monday morning at his residence in Eureka. He was born Jan. 16, 1936, in Chester, Mont.

He came to Stryker in 1943 and then to Eureka in 1945. He was an ironworker in construction.

Mr. Rudolph is survived by his son, Daniel A. Rudolph of Havre; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steele Worley, Meridian, Idaho;

and one sister, Mrs. Wilma Helms of Boise, Idaho.

Funeral services will be at the Vial Funeral Home in Eureka, Friday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Wilson Smart officiating. Interment will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery.